

STELLA'S DOLLS Making & collecting

Dolls of all sizes and many kinds — collecting them from lots of sources and many places, and making them, too. Stella Anderson believed that her more than 500 dolls make up the largest collection of its kind in Gaston County (NC).

Stella lives near Bessemer City. She retired from Firestone Textiles in 1970, with almost 25 years service. Her last work was as a respoiler in TC Twisting.

Mrs. Anderson with a few of her dolls. Some of these are her own handiwork; others she outfitted for display and sale at a Gastonia arts and crafts show.



Pageants, parades, golf tournament, arts-crafts, squaredancing, clogging, record race, sidewalk sales. All this and more at the NC Apple Festival, Hendersonville, Aug. 25 - Sept. 7.

Other events on the NC August calendar: Soldiers' Reunion, Newton, 20; Strange Seafood Exhibition, Beaufort, 20; Summertime Arts & Crafts, Asheville, 20-22; Andrew Jackson Festival, Waxhaw, 22; Street Dance, Hendersonville, 31; Iredell County Agricultural Fair, Statesville, 31 - Sept. 5.

Early Sept.: Stumptown Festival, Matthews, 4-6; Piney Woods Festival, Wilmington, 5-6; NC Botanical Garden Annual Open House Demonstrations, Chapel Hill, 7; Catawba Fair, Hickory, 7-12; Macon County Fair, Franklin, 10-13; Gourd Festival, Cary, 12-13; Starving Artists Festival, Gastonia, 13; Rowan County Fair, Salisbury, 13-18.

Piney woods and strange seafood



'In everything we make . . .'

A conference on Quality Assurance in Akron earlier this year was part of a continuing program in the company's "commitment to make products of excellence and the most serviceability."

Besides the people at corporate headquarters, representatives were from North American Tire Group plants at Gastonia, Bennettsville, Bowling Green, Memphis, Oklahoma City, Wilson, Des Moines, Russellville, Orange, Hopewell,

Lake Charles, Bloomington, Albany, Decatur, Nashville; Hamilton and Joliette, Canada.

Presentations emphasized the company's belief in and its promise-in-practice for the customer: Quality Uniformity in everything

Been travelin'

Evelyn Mayfield has been traveling quite a lot, as part of her retirement-life program since 1976. Her first outside-U.S. trip was to London in 1978. Then she spent several days in New England and Nova Scotia.

Evelyn had an extended stay in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas last summer. In recent weeks she traveled with some cousins from Greer, S.C., to visit relatives in the Lake Country of Wisconsin and several other places along the way.

A Quality Control laboratory technician for most of her 39 years at Firestone-Gastonia, Evelyn retired in May 1976. For a while she was a winder operator and an inspector (QC) in Weaving.

Three managers in Quality Assurance of the company headquarters in Akron studied methods and practices of product quality with Quality Control and other personnel at Firestone-Gastonia recently.

Here (from left): Raymond Wachniak, corporate director of Quality Assurance; Carroll M. Cloer, manager Quality Control-Gastonia; Ralph King, division (textiles) factory manager; William L. West, Division Vice President - Quality Control, NA Tire Group; E. H. Brink, manager of Quality Control.

we make to sell. Gastonia Quality Control manager C. M. Cloer, reviewing the conference, said:

"The old notion 'They shall not pass' (product inspection) has been changed to 'Prevent Defects' at every stage of making a product." Raymond Wachniak, corporate director of Quality Assurance, emphasized:

Quality means 'Fitness for Use.' The product user — not the producer — judges the Fitness."

Service

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40 Years

Marshall R. Stiles
Weaving Supervisor
TC Weaving

35 Years

Robert F. Hager
Section Supervisor
TC Weaving

Helen W. McCarter
Cloth Burler
Cloth Room

Buster G. Stiles
Weaver
TC Weaving

William L. Tench Jr.
Unifil Mechanic
TC Weaving

30 Years

Fred J. Davis
Senior Scheduler
Production

Thomas O. Gibby
Twister Operator
TC Twisting

Wilma L. Smith
Frame Changer
TC Twisting

20 Years

James G. Burr
Jr. Engineer
Industrial Engineering
(Omitted by mistake from
June list in July paper)

15 Years

Retta Gentry
Reclaimer
TC Twisting

Arvil Hodge
Section Supervisor
TC Twisting

Martha J. Mackins
Lookknotter
TC Weaving

10 Years

Allen D. Dockery
Section Supervisor
TC Weaving

Diane S. Kester
Reclaimer
TC Weaving

Andrew C. Plyler
Section Supervisor
TC Weaving

Barbara M. Plyler
Style Changer
TC Weaving

Bobby L. Wilson
Section Supervisor
TC Weaving



Waiting for the folks • On a summer afternoon in July, these youngsters waited for parents and grandparents to come from first shift at Gastonia Firestone mill. Front, from left: Robert Shannon, And and Pippin Lynn; back, Donna and Carol, Robert's sisters. Their parents are Mason Meek Shannon, section supervisor in TC Weaving; and Barbara, re-weaver in TC Weaving. Pippin and And are the twin grandsons of C. Ralph Carpenter, section supervisor in TC Twisting; and Amanda (Sally), respoiler operator, TC Twisting.

'The tough tire' . . . special price

Through Aug. 29, Firestone's 721 steel belted radial tire is available at Firestone stores at a

reduced price. "The tough tire to top" is selling to Firestone employees/retirees at 10% off the promotional price. And the company rebate plan adds another \$10 per-tire saving.

Employees/retirees are not charged for mounting, balancing nor valves on the 721 purchases.

Get rebate form (S-7430) at plant Personnel offices, from the company stores, or by calling Employee Communications in Akron: 216-379-7723.

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