

DEPARTMENT NEWS

TWISTING: Recently, we have hired twenty trainees to doff ply. We will continue to hire ply doffers until we can maintain 170,000 lbs/day. In order to keep the cable doffers working 5 days each week, we must meet our goal of 170,000 lbs/day.

During October the production in the Twisting Department increased, waste declined and quality improved. Thanks for contributing to a better performance.

The first floor, EE, has been painted and the floors refinished. When completed it will house thirty cable twisters and one respooler. We are looking forward to making this a show place for the Twisting Department.

New oil rings have been installed on all 44 cable twisters on the 2nd floor WF. This will reduce the excessive amount of oil on the floor; therefore, we will have a safer place to work.

We have put into production approximately 12,000 new 5x12" bobbins and as soon as the additional 8,000 are balanced, they will be in production. Twenty-four Utex twisters on 2nd floor have been changed from a 14" stroke to a 12" stroke, this should result in better running conditions with less bad work. Please give me your comments.

We had a couple of safety incidents this past month. Everyone please put forth an extra effort to work safely. Remember, safety is an important factor in manufacturing our product.

WEAVING: DRAPER/SULZER WEAVING:

Efficiencies:

	October	
Draper	79.0	{Good job!}
Sulzer	72.0	

Production bonuses have been made for many weeks running. Keep doing a great job!

Work is being completed on improving appearance of the 1st floor MM. Let's work together to keep this area looking nice.

Reweaving continues to work hard on reducing inventories. They have come together and established a goal of reducing inventories to a level of 20 by the end of November and are looking for single digits by the Christmas holidays. Good luck!

INDUSTRIAL WEAVING: Good efforts and good quality continue to come from this area. Work is being started at increasing production in this area.

QUALITY ASSURANCE:

We continue to have quality problems with the fabric we are purchasing from Uniroyal. As of now, we are not accepting any Uniroyal fabric but they are working to correct the problems and should be supplying to us again soon. This points out to us that Firestone has fabric quality standards that exceed those of most of our competitors, and in most head-to-head quality trials, we do very well. You can be proud of the material we ship to our customers.

Oh, I'm not saying we are perfect. Oh, no! But, we are good! We only need to get just a little better and we will be making 100% first quality material. As in most cases, the last little bit of improvement is always the hardest. But, you can do it. You do it right the vast majority of the time. Please try a little harder and get it right every time.

TREATING:

#8 Efficiency:	90.2%
#3 Efficiency:	79.5%
Chafer Efficiency:	66.4%

Construction of our new Bridgestone dip ramp is now 95% completed. Our #3 unit multi-skilled program is now in place.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING:

Congratulations to DENISE GLENN for completing the Multi-Media First Aid course from the Gaston County Red Cross.

MAINTENANCE: During the months of October and November, we have been installing a new Computerized Control System on the #8 Treating Unit. The computer will control the speed of the machine and the tension or stretch applied to the fabric during the treating process. We expect to try this system out in December and January. Future plans are to add Computerized Temperature Controls to the Treating Unit ovens in 1989.

We have just completed the installation of the dip mixing facility for Bridgestone. This new equipment will automatically weigh out the proper amount of chemicals used in the dip mixing process. We intend to mix our first batch of dip in late November or early December.

The 1st floor, EE, has been painted and the floors have been refinished in anticipation of the installation of new cable twisters.

SERVICE AWARDS - OCTOBER

	Department	Years Service
CHARLES W. MAY	Weaving	30
MELVIN SIKES	Twisting	30
WILL E. TOMBERLIN	Weaving	30
BILL E. FRONEBERGER	Twisting	25
JIMMY G. SWANSON	Shop	20
BUD A. WENTZ	Q.A.	20
HUGH J. ADAMS	Twisting	15
JOHN F. ADAMS	Treating	15
MELVIN D. BOONE	Twisting	15
FLORENCE E. BYRD	Twisting	15
BOBBY R. HARRIS	Supply Room	15
RACHEL R. HARTNESS	Twisting	15
JACKIE R. HUGHES	Warehouse	15
RONNIE L. PARKS	Shop	15
DAVID ROBBINS	Twisting	15
DAVID E. COSTNER	Twisting	10
A. RICK THOMAS	Technical	10

NOVEMBER

HAZEL K. HAYES	Twisting	25
LINDA S. COSTNER	Quality Control	15
JOE B. BELL	Shop	15
BARBARA M. RICHTER	Administration	15
PETE POWELL	Treating	10
BARBARA BATCHLER	Administration	5

RETIREMENTS - NOVEMBER

CARL W. WALLACE	Twisting	41 Yr. 2 Mo.
WILBURN E. SUMMEY	Twisting	38 Yr. 9 Mo.
WILLIE C. SUMMEY	Twisting	37 Yr. 2 Mo.
CHARLES R. LUNSFORD	Twisting	34 Yr. 7 Mo.
CHARLES J. WATTS	Twisting	17 Yr. 1 Mo.
JOHN F. ADAMS	Twisting	15 Yr. 0 Mo.

