HANDBOOK

for

**EMPLOYEES** 

of

Firestone

PLANTATIONS COMPANY



Addresses of Offices Transacting
Business on Behalf of
Firestone Plantations Company

FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY
Akron, Ohio
Telephone: Hemlock 1671

FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY
17 State Street :: New York City
Telephone: Bowling Green 9-4837

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER CO., Ltd.
Great West Road
Brentford, Middlesex, England
Telephone: (London Exchange) Ealing 3456

WORLD-WIDE CARRIERS, Ltd.
(Shipping Agents)
2, Mincing Lane, London, E. C. 3, England

FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

> BANK OF MONROVIA, Inc. Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa

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## FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS CO.

- 1. Application for passport should be made at the county courthouse nearest the employee's place of residence. Applicant should be accompanied by a person who has known him for more than two years and who can certify his identity, and should take with him the following:
  - (a) Certified copy of birth certificate; or, in lieu thereof, affidavit of mother or father or other person having knowledge of the facts, certifying the date and place of birth of applicant. Printed forms for this affidavit may be obtained from the county courthouse.
  - (b) Two passport pictures, three inches by three inches.

The county passport officer should be requested to advise the Department of State in Washington that applicant desires that the passport be forwarded to:

Firestone Plantations Company, 17 State Street, New York City. Upon arrival in New York, employee should call at our New York office, 17 State Street, and obtain passport and steamship tickets.

- 2. In addition to the two prints required for his passport, each employee should obtain eight additional prints of his passport photograph. Of these, two should be forwarded to the Akron office for its files, and the remainder should be taken by the employee to Liberia for use in accordance with instructions which he will receive from the central office on the plantations. An employee's wife need obtain only the two prints required for her passport and two to be taken to Liberia.
- 3. Every employee must comply with recommendations of the Company's medical department before he will be accepted by the Company for service in Liberia. Wives of employees are required to obtain, before their departure for Liberia, certificates of health satisfactory to the Company's medical department.
- 4. Employees going to Liberia are informed that inoculation against typhoid, smallpox and yellow fever are believed to be advisable, as a precautionary measure. They should confer with the Company's medical

department, well in advance of the date of departure, as to the proper time and place for obtaining these inoculations.

- 5. Employees and their wives who are American citizens must register with the American Consulate in Monrovia as soon after their arrival as possible. Employees who disembark at Monrovia should register before leaving Monrovia for the plantation, 45 miles distant.
- 6. The maximum time of stopover in New York, enroute to or from Liberia, for which the Company will reimburse to employees their living expenses, is one day. Total allowable expenses for hotel room and meals in New York shall not exceed \$6.50 per day per person.

Whenever the steamer upon which an employee is to sail from New York is scheduled to depart in the afternoon or evening, the employee should arrive in New York the morning of the day on which he is to sail.

Morning sailings from New York are infrequent, and in such instances timely notice thereof will be given to the employee. In the absence of such notice, our New York office will advise the employee the exact hour of his departure when the employee calls for passport and steamship tickets.

Upon arrival in New York or other port when returning from Liberia, if the steamer docks in the morning or early afternoon, employees will be allowed no expenses for hotel accommodations for stopover. Excessive gratuities will not be reimbursed to employees. Transportation allowable from New York or other port to employee's home shall not exceed regular train and Pullman fare, and all additional expenses incident to travel on extra-fare trains or by airplane shall be borne by the employee.

Employees living west of Akron should arrange to stop in Akron on the way home from New York, in order to avoid additional expense incident to trips from their homes to Akron.

Baggage in excess of the weight allowed by railways (150 pounds for each first-class ticket) to be checked upon employee's ticket or tickets without charge, must be shipped by freight or, alternatively, excess baggage charges thereon borne by the employee. The Company will reimburse each employee (regardless of whether he is accompanied or later joined in Liberia by his wife) for freight charges, based upon a minimum valuation, between his place of residence and Liberia upon additional baggage or household goods not to exceed 800 pounds, gross weight.

Any duties payable under the Liberian tariff upon personal property taken into Liberia shall be payable by the employee.

- 7. An employee holding an automobile driver's license should take such license with him to Liberia. This will avoid the necessity of his passing a driver's test in Liberia in order to obtain a Liberian driver's license.
- 8. The Company reserves the right to return employees to the United States by the most economical route consistent with reasonable comfort. Currently, this is via all Elder Dempster boats except those of the "A" class, with transhipment in Europe to boats of the American Merchant Lines or steamers of like class. In case any employee desires to secure his own passage via other routes or other lines, the following amounts will be paid in commutation of passage unless by the time leave is due lower rates are available to the Company:

For men: Liberia to England .......£27- 8-0
For women: Liberia to England ...... 22-16-0
For men or women, England to United States:
Summer rate, Aug. 1 to Sept. 21 .....26- 0-0
Winter rate all other times .......21- 0-0

In addition, each person, man or woman, entitled to passage will be allowed £20-0-0 2000 to cover gratuities, hotel and other expenses from pier in Liberia to pier in the United States.

- 9. Employees can secure legal permission to own firearms in Liberia upon payment of a nominal registration fee for each arm. Before leaving the United States, or Europe if employed there, notice should be given to the Company of the firearms being taken with complete description of make, dalibre, type and serial number of each arm, together with the total amount of ammunition. The Liberian Government at present charges an import duty of £2-0-0 on each firearm. The Company will insist that such firearms be declared and duty paid thereon in accordance with the law.
- 10. The Company will gratuitously assume the risk of fire loss of each employee's personal property in Liberia and loss of or damage to such property in transit to and from Liberia, up to a value not to exceed \$250.00.
- 11. Employees should inform relatives and other correspondents of their proper mail addresses and postage rates. The post-office address of the Harbel plantation is:

Firestone Plantations Company Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa

The address of the Cavalla plantation is:

Firestone Plantations Company Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa Regular mail letter rates are,  $5\phi$  for the first ounce plus  $3\phi$  for each additional ounce.

Air mail letter rates are the regular mail letter rates as above plus 28¢ per half ounce.

12. Experience has proved that the following household equipment is ordinarily required, whether for a single employee or married couple:

#### Kitchen

Complete set of utensils, as company supplies only kitchen stove, table and chairs.

- 2 frying pans, 1 large and 1 small.
- 1 large knife.
- 1 small knife.
- 1 flour sifter.
- 1 cooking spoon.
- 3 bread pans.
- 2 pie pans.
- 3 stew pans, different sizes.
- 1 coffee pot.
- 1 tea pot.
- 12 "chore girls."
- 24 dish towels.
- 24 dish cloths.
  - 1 grater.
- 1 set mixing bowls.
- 1 lemon squeezer.
- 1 tea kettle.
- 1 meat grinder.
- 1 can opener.

#### Dining Room

3 table cloths 72"x90".

1 dozen napkins.

1 set dishes for six.

1 set silverware for six.

Glassware for six.

Salt and pepper shakers of glass or metal.

# Bedroom and Bathroom (per person)

- 3 pairs sheets for 39" beds.
- 3 pairs pillow cases.
- 2 medium weight blankets.
- 1 dozen bath towels.
- 1 dozen face towels.
- 1 dozen wash cloths.

Rugs and curtains are not furnished by the Company, nor does the Company recommend the purchase of these articles prior to an employee's arrival in Liberia. If, after employee has been assigned to living quarters, he desires to purchase rugs and curtains, they may be obtained from one of the stores in Liberia.

13. The following is a suggested list of wearing apparel:

### Work Clothing

- 4 pairs work shoes. Any kind worn in the United States will be suitable.
- 24 pairs cheap cotton work socks.
- 18 cotton work shirts.
- 18 cotton work trousers, preferably khaki.
- 18 suits of light cotton underwear.

#### Dress Clothing

- 3 white suits, each with extra pair of trousers. Linen suits are generally worn, but other suitable materials are White Duck, Seersucker and Palm Beach.
- 12 shirts.
- 24 handkerchiefs.
  - 2 pairs low-cut shoes—white, two-tone, black or brown.

A number of our staff, instead of dress shoes, wear mosquito boots, which are made of soft leather and extend to just below the knees. These boots are worn inside the trousers. They cannot be obtained in the United States but may be purchased in Liberia.

- 12 pairs socks.
- 1 sun helmet. The two types generally worn are: (1) Rubber and cork. (2) Pith. An oiled silk covering must be worn over the pith helmet in the rainy season to prevent its absorbing water. A good sun helmet may be obtained from the M. O'Neil Company, Akron, Ohio, at a cost of about \$5.00.

For ready identification, it is advisable that all wearing apparel and bed clothing be marked with name tapes.

A tuxedo and its accessories may be taken, but it is not essential.

Woolen clothing is not suitable for wear in the tropics. All woolen clothing taken to Liberia for wear enroute should be stored in an air-tight tin trunk for protection against moths and humidity. Such trunks may be purchased in Liberia.

14. Through a subsidiary, the United States Trading Company, the Company maintains on the plantations general stores for its employees, which carry leading brands of tinned goods, shaving supplies, tobaccos and other staples. Several European firms maintain stores in Monrovia and Harper.



This handbook is subject to amendment in any particular from time to time by the Company.

January 1, 1939.

Effective April 1, 1939

Receipted Hotel bill, Pullman ticket stub and freight bill must accompany each employee's expense report submitted for reimbursement of any of these items of expense.



Firestone Plantations Co., Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Of the salary of \$450° monthly, payable under my contract of employment with your Company, dated November 28,1931, please arrange for monthly payments of \$150° to be made to me in Liberia and credit the remainder each month to my checking account in the Firstone fare Trust 4 armas Bane, except such salary payments as may become due after my departure from Liberia, which will be held in abeyance pending adjustment of accounts upon my return to the United States.

Yours very truly,

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Tire & Rubber Company HARVEY S. FIRESTONE FOUNDER FACTORY AND GENERAL OFFICES
FIRESTONE PARK
AKRON, OHIO AKRON, OHIO September 6, 1939 Mr. M. F. Tandy, Glen Ferris, W. Va. Dear Mr. Tandy: With further reference to our Hydro-electric project in Liberia and our recent conversation in connection with same, we are pushing forward with this project as fast as possible and are very anxious to purchase the major equipment in a very short time owing to the turn of international affairs. Therefore feel that we can offer you immediate employment in connection with same at a salary of \$450. per month. Would appreciate your advising whether you are interested in employment on this basis, and if so, when you could report to Akron. Very truly yours, THE FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WTR:271

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CHARLESTON, W. VA. November 16, 1939

Mr. Milam F. Tandy 264 West Market Street Akron. Ohio

Dear Milam.

I was very glad indeed to receive your letter and the enlarged picture of our yacht. After sailing around with me the trip across the Atlantic Ocean should seem very mild indeed.

Louise and I were awfully sorry we missed connections with you the last time you and Gladys were in Charleston and think it would be an excellent idea, inasmuch as the driving time down this way is only about six hours each way, if you would come down once more before you take off for "darkest Africa".

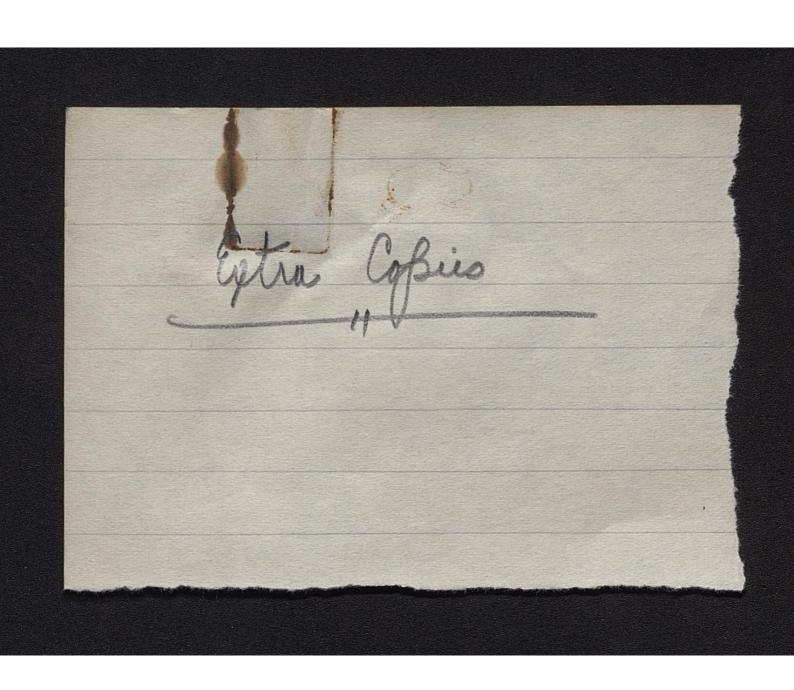
I am expecting to be away from next Wednesday night until the following Sunday or Monday and, incidentally, it is possible I might be in New York next Friday or Saturday so you might see what could be done toward having the sailing date of your steamer set up a few days so we could make connections in New York.

I haven't been playing a great deal of golf lately but my ping pong game is getting pretty good, if I do say it myself. I understand there is a golf course of sorts which you will have access to in Liberia so no doubt you will be able to keep in practice.

Louise and I are keenly interested in your adventure and earnestly hope you will let us hear from you from time to time in return for which we will of course be only too glad to keep you posted as to things here in Charleston.

If you find it impossible to get down this way again before you leave I suppose I will have to take this means of wishing you both the best of luck and a successful adventure. Louise of course backs me up in this.

- 2 -11/16/39 Be sure to let us hear from you, and I might say that any snapshots of your trip and new home you might care to send will be received with much interest. Sincerely, Bir Dabag CWD V



October 3d, 1933.

C. H. Locher, Esq., Glasgow, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Your recent appointment as Consultant on construction of the Cove Creek Dam prompts me to write you in regard to the possibility of securing a position in your organization in which I could apply the training and experience I have had in power development. In the event that any such position is open, I request that this letter be considered a formal application.

I am a native born American, single, twenty-nine years old, and a Protestant. I am free of physical defects.

I attended public schools in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and graduated from the high school there in 1922. In 1923 I received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Georgetown College and in 1928 I graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Glen Ferris, W. Va., October 17th, 1933. Mr. E. C. Ferriday, Manager Contractors Section, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Wilmington, Delaware. Dear Sir: Mr. P. H. Faulconer has forwarded to me your letter of September 25th and the enclosed application form. I am returning the filled in application to you directly, as you suggested. In order that you may have a more detailed account of my experience record I am also enclosing a copy of my letter of application to Mr. C. H. Locher. I wish to thank you for your interest and to assure you that I shall indeed appreciate your effort in my behalf. Very truly yours, MFT:M

COPY E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company Incorporated Wilmington, Delaware September 26, 1933. Mr. P. H. Faulconer, Rinehart & Dennis Company, Charlottesville, Va. My dear Percy: I found yours of September 22nd on my return after several days' absence from the office, and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to interest myself in Mr. M. F. Tandy, about whom you write. I am enclosing an application blank and while it is one used by the du Pont Company, at the same time Mr. Tandy can use it as it will give me certain concrete data which I will have in front of me when I speak to Mr. Locher about him and if you will forward it to him at his permanent address and tell him to get in touch with me direct, I will appreciate it. I want to say, however, that the spirit of the Tennessee authorities is to draw from labor and talent in the immediate vicinity where the project is located, just as in California on the Aquaduct local men are being given first consideration. This does not mean that they wont consider Mr. Tandy favorably, but I know that even men in the Tennessee basin are much incensed over the fact that the Tennessee Valley Project has not gone along with more speed. On your recommendation, however, I know Mr. Tandy must be a good man and you may be sure I will do what I can for him. With kindest regards and trusting that you and yours are well, I remain Yours very truly. (Signed) E. C. Ferriday Manager-Contractors Section. ECF/EHC

COPY RINEHART & DENNIS COMPANY, INC., Charlottesville, Va. September 22,1933. Mr. Owen M. Jones, Glen Ferris, West Va. Dear Mr. Jones: Have yours of September 18th. I will be glad to do anything in my power to assist you in locating a job for any of your engineers, especially Tandy. I know Mr. Locher very well and will write to him at once. If I am not mistaken, Mr. Ferriday, of the duPont Powder Company, is a very good friend of Mr. Arthur E. Morgan, Chairman Tenn. Valley Authority, and I will ask Mr. Ferriday to write a letter in behalf of Tandy. Mr. Ferriday is also a very good friend of Mr. Locher's, and I will ask him to speak to Mr. Locher in Tandy's behalf. With very best regards, I am Very truly yours, (signed) P. H. Faulconer

September 9th, 1933. Dr. A. E. Morgan, Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tenn. Dear Sir: Mr. M. F. Tandy, with whose letter this is enclosed, has been employed by New-Kanawha Power Company since July 1,1929 as Assistant to the Chief Engineer. He is a graduate of Georgetown College in Kentucky and also of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We have been engaged in water power development on New River. Mr. Tandy's work with us has included studies of river hydraulics, and the testing of hydraulic models: supervision of construction in connection with the dam, tunnel, power house and transmission lines. He has also handled office work and reports. Mr. Tandy has a gift for organizing and instructing assistants which has been very valuable during the past four years. We should like to be able to retain him permanently, but are in accord with his desire to find an expanding field of service rather than mark time after the completion of this work. I earnestly commend him to your favorable attention. Very truly yours, Chief Engineer. OMJ : M

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# EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY, hereinafter called the Company, has agreed to employ MILAM F. TANDY , hereinafter called the Employee, and MILAM F. TANDY has agreed to accept employment in the service of the Company in the Republic of Liberia upon the following terms and conditions: 1. The Company will provide transportation to a Liberian port by such vessels and routes as it may select and will reimburse to the Employee all expenses incident to such travel which the Company shall deem reasonable and necessary. 2. The Company will pay to the Employee salary at the monthly rate of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00) Dollars for the duration of this contract; and should the contract be extended beyond two years as provided by Section 7, or at the request of the Employee acceded to by the Company, monthly compensation for such additional period shall be at the rate last above named. Salary due hereunder shall be paid, on or before the fifth day of the month following each completed month of service, and shall be payable, at the Company's option, in U. S. currency, or its equivalent in English sterling at the rate of exchange current on each day of payment. 3. The Company will provide the Employee with living quarters in Liberia in such places as may be designated by the General Manager, such quarters to be supplied with furniture. The Employee will provide himself with all linens, blankets, china, silverware, kitchen utensils and lighting equipment required by him. 4. Upon completion of two years or more of continuous and satisfactory service in Liberia, such service dating from the day of arrival at a Liberian port, the Company will: (a) Provide the Employee with return transportation to the port at which he embarked under this contract on such vessels as it may select, and rail transportation by the most direct route from such port to Glen Ferris, West Virginia In lieu of such transportation, the Company, at the Employee's option, will pay to the Employee in cash or by draft or order payable in the United States or Europe the equivalent cost of such transportation.

(b) Grant to the Employee vacation leave on full salary at the rate last earned, such leave to accrue during the period of employment at the rate of six weeks for each year of service in Liberia and pro rata for any lesser period served in excess of two years; provided, that such accrued leave pay may, at the option of the Company, be paid in advance in a sum not to exceed one-half of the amount due, upon the Employee's departure from Liberia, the balance to become payable upon the expiration of one-half of the leave period due; otherwise to be payable monthly

during the leave period.

In case of termination of this contract under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section 9, the Employee shall be entitled to return transportation, traveling allowance, and proportionate accrued leave, then earned, at the rate stipulated in Section 4.

- 10. The Employee agrees that all amounts owing to the Company, United States Trading Company, Bank of Monrovia, Inc., or any subsidiary or affiliate of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company shall be deductible from salary when thirty days past due, or before any leave or termination settlement is made.
- ll. The Employee agrees that no leave settlement as provided in Section 4 shall become due or payable until a clearance shall be issued to him by the Central Office in Liberia showing that proper accounting has been made for all Company property, monies, and records, and that all formalities required by regulations governing the transfer of responsibilities to his successor have been complied with.

FIRESTONE PLANTATIONS COMPANY.

Dated Akron, Ohio, this 28th day of November, 1939.

Milau J. Jand Employee

In the presence of:

Anna M. Farley