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You Cared Enough To Share —

The Employees' Community Fund Campaign, held in conjunction with the Greater Gastonia United Fund drive, was conducted here from October 17 through 31. A report from General Superintendent Nelson Kessell who was Chairman of the campaign, indicated that a good response was expected from employees here.

AT THE TIME this issue of the plant newspaper was prepared for publication, it was not known the amount that had been contributed in the drive this year.

General Manager Harold Mercer, President of the Gastonia United Fund drive this year, in commenting on the plant drive here said: "The continued generous response indicates that the united way of giving has been well accepted by our employees, as a means of doing a successful job for the worthy community agencies which the drive helps to support."

CHAIRMAN Kessell and Co-chairman Francis Galligan both were encouraged by the early response to the solicitation effort in the drive which sought to raise $94,024.03 in the Gastonia area this year.

Last year, employees gave $9,982.75 the united way, toward the support of 17 organizations and charities.

The results of this year's fund-raising campaign will be recorded in the next issue of the plant paper.

National Education Week Set

President Eisenhower has called on the nation to observe the week of November 6-12 "as a pledge of citizen interest in better education."

"Our people have a right to take pride in our nation's education system, and an obligation to demonstrate a desire and capacity to meet the major problems facing American education," the President said.

The National Education Association is sponsoring the week along with the American Legion, the U. S. Office of Education and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Claudette Taylor Honored At Duke

Claudette Taylor, Firestone scholarship winner for 1953, was recently awarded an honorary class scholarship which is granted to both men and women students for top scholastic records at Duke University. The award went to her for having the highest scholastic average in the junior class of the undergraduate school.

Miss Taylor is the daughter of Claude Taylor, supervisor in the Twisting Department, and Mrs. Taylor, Cord Weaving.

She received the award at an honor assembly held in the women's auditorium, with Dean Roberta Florence Brinkley recognizing Miss Taylor's achievements and presenting the award.

The Gastonia Firestone scholarship holder also received one of the gold D's given by the Womans' Student Government Association to members of each class of the woman's college attaining first and second highest scholastic averages.

Company To Sponsor Scout Awards Program For 1956

The Firestone Company will again sponsor the Harvey S. Firestone Scout Merit Awards program for the Gastonia area in 1956, General Manager Harold Mercer has announced.

Boy Scouts of the Gastonia district may enroll for the contest, based on a list of qualifications including scoutcraft, scouting record, scholastic record, church record and proficiency and senior scouting.

FIFTY SCOUTS are selected each year from among those who enter the contest. Each Scout who qualifies will be given the Firestone Certificate of Merit together with a cash award to be used in attending camp, or for buying scouting equipment.

From among the winners of the Firestone Certificate of Merit, one scout will be selected on the basis of outstanding merit and receive the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award. It will consist of a silver medallion appropriately inscribed and a special prize to be made at a banquet next June at which time the winning contestants will be guests of the Company.

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'And For The Precious Things Of The Earth And Fulness Thereof...'

SETTING THE STAGE for the harvest season is this photograph taken on the Union Road farm of Frank Sparrow of the Shop.

Mr. Sparrow stands between his two sons, David (left), and Harry, as they survey a portion of their 62 acres and reflect upon the blessings that come to those who live close to the land.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow are the parents of seven children. The oldest son, William Henry, holds a degree in animal husbandry from N. C. State College, where he is doing graduate work on a scholarship. A daughter, Louise, is attending Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn. Jerry and Shelby Jean are students at Ashley High School, while David and Harry attend Robinson School: and Brenda Victory School.

The Sparrows attend Robinson Memorial Presbyterian Church near their farm.