



George Foy Shop William Cosey Carding Jess Parks Sr. Weaving (syn) Ralph Johnson Ind. Relations Austell Smith Carding Otis Thompson Twisting (syn)



Louise H. Dill Twisting (syn) C. M. Ferguson Ind. Relations Joe Finger Shop Raymond Mack Ind. Relations R. F. Piercy Mech. Service Henry Spencer Weaving (syn)



Lewis R. Clark Spinning W. L. Owens Mech. Service Margaret Matthews Spinning David Lowery Carding Coy Bradshaw Carding Whit Webster Twisting (syn)

30 Years
38 Work
Anniversaries



Maude Jenkins Twisting (syn) Tracy Whitener Weaving (syn) Nina Dilling Preparation W. H. Dilling Weaving (syn)

thetics); Gertrude C. Sanders, weaving (cotton).

Fifteen Years

Betty Webb Boggess, preparation; Elizabeth T. Howell and Catherine Huffstetler, twisting (synthetics); Rufus G. Carpenter, weaving (cotton); George Pendergrass, warehouse; John

favors and story books to patients of one of the units.

The hospital trip was a part of the club's garden-therapy projects. Another aspect of this program is the cultivation of annual blooming plants around one of the Orthopedic Hospital units.

Featherston, Janice McElveen, Deborah Creasman, Jerileen Hardin, Diane Hardin, Brenda Sims, Kathy Laughlin and Paula Strickland.

After the music there was additional entertainment by Mrs. C. P. Hawkins, then refreshments served by Mrs. Harold Robinson (he works in warehouse), and Mrs. Herman Wiley of main office.

The worst thing about crossing a bridge before you get to it is that it leaves you on this side of the river.—Change Hand

Walter Owens, supply.

Ten Years

Eugene B. Jolly, preparation; James L. Hawkins, Helen H. Kiser, Harry L. Stewart, Thelma Hardy, Harold L. Baker and Hunter Gale Wylie, all twisting (synthetics); Charles K. Cauthen, warehouse.

USC Honored Leonard Firestone

Leonard K. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of California, in June received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Southern California.

The honor recognized Mr. Firestone's outstanding service to the university, the American

Leave It Longer . . . & Keep It Healthier

To keep your lawn good-looking and healthy, feed it well and don't chop it to death with the mower. The word is from Variety Garden Club of Firestone, offering these principles: 1) Fertilize according to instructions obtainable from your county agent, agricultural college or other

reliable sources; 2) Set your mower at the 2-inch cutting height.

Cut it shorter than this and it may look good for a while, but eventually it will lose to weeds. The shorter the cut, the more the grass will dry out and the more the ground temperature will rise to germinate undesirable seeds.

Food upon which grass greatly depends is produced in the green leaves (tops). When the top is restricted by too-short cutting, you reduce food supply to the root system and entire plant.

VISITING OPHTHALMOLOGIST

Taking Care Of The 'Light'

The eye is the light of the body and an index to a person's health and well-being. And if you would conserve your 'light', practice eye safety, have periodic professional examinations, and get prompt medical attention in case of injury.

The words were counsel from Dr. Martin J. Kreshon, Charlotte ophthalmologist. Speaking on sight conservation at a June safety meeting here, he told the supervisory audience that most eye injuries are preventable and conditions leading to loss of sight can be controlled with basic education and practice in eye care and safety, and medical treatment—if in time.

Using projection slides, the surgeon discussed the anatomy and function of the eye, pointing to actual examples of eye injury and diseases.

"Sight conservation ought to go all the way from the person on the job to members of his

family and his acquaintances," he said. "For example, a word of encouragement from a supervisor might lead an employee to have his child's cross-eye corrected in time—before age 6."

Dr. Kreshon discussed some common eye hazards in industry and off the job, stressing dangers of rotary mowers, BB guns, firearms, explosives and other hazards. He had some general suggestions for sight-saving:

- Have your eyes examined at least every two years. If over 40, have examinations for glaucoma.
- Always wear eye protection in hazard areas.
- Never ignore even the slightest eye injury—get medical treatment quickly.
- Home remedies on your eyes, or anyone else's, are an invitation to blindness.
- Your eyesight is precious—guard it well.

Optimist Club Chartered

The Optimist Club of Firestone received its official papers in June at a charter meeting and installation of officers in the Optimist Clubhouse of West Gastonia.

Presenting the charter was Optimist NC District Governor James Barker. Firestone employee relations manager Ralph Johnson was master of ceremonies at the dinner meeting. Johnson, an Optimist leader and member of the Gastonia City Council, brought greetings from Mayor Dan Gunter Jr.

Other special guests besides Gov. Barker were Optimist NC District Lt. Gov. Jeff McArver; past Gov. Earl Yarborough, and past Lt. Gov. Grover Ritchie,

who was the featured speaker.

Thomas Gibson, supervisor in nylon treating at Firestone, was installed president of Firestone Optimist Club. Other officers installed were Freddie Elkins, first vice president; Payton Lewis, second vice president; Luther Brown, secretary-treasurer and Alfred Caskey, sergeant-at-arms.

Firestone Optimist Club, meeting twice monthly since April at the plant recreation center, is one of Gastonia's newest civic organizations. Sponsored by the Gastonia Noon Optimist Club, it had 45 charter joiners. Membership is made up of men who work at Firestone, and others living in the plant community.



Of the 1558 motor vehicles checked at Firestone's recent free inspection lanes, 316 of

economy and culture. The citation referred to him as "representing an ideal combination of enlightened businessman and public servant . . . a statesman of American private enterprise and a champion of private higher education."

them were rejected because of one or more unsafe mechanical conditions. There were 179 vehicles re-checked and approved after defects had been corrected.

Greatest number of check-items needing correction were 185 tag lights, followed with 23 front lights. Other points found defective were parking lights, brake lights and rear lights, turn signals, tail lights, brakes, horns, tires, stoplights, exhaust systems, and windshield wipers.

Of all the vehicles checked, 445 of them were equipped with safety belts.

PLANT REPORTERS

- Carding—Payton Lewis
- Main Office—Bea McCarter
- Mechanical Department—Rosie Francum
- Quality Control — Sallie Crawford, Louella Queen, Leila Rape

Warp Preparation—Elmina Bradshaw, Vera Carswell, Elsie Cole, Annie Cosey, Katie Elkins, Catherine Fletcher

Warehouse—Harold Robinson, Israel Good, Rosevelt Rainey

Weaving (cotton)—Ruth Veitch

Weaving (synthetics)—Irene O'Dell, Mayzelle Lewis

Winding—Nell Bolick, Ruth Cloninger

Think On This . . .

Millwright Furman Pearson recalls a gem of wisdom instilled in him by his mother when he was a child: No matter how high a man rises, he still needs something to look up to.