

14 More On Service List

Maford M. Sanders "put in" his first shift of work here June 1, 1937. And before that month was over, Dillard Bradshaw had started work, along with many others. But he and Maford are still on the job and last month they marked their 30th work anniversary.

During the same month there were five others who passed 25-year milestones; and seven more with records of 5 to 20 years.

The 25 and 30-year people are in photos here. The remaining list:

Twenty Years Edward T. Dailey and Newell E. Hardin, twisting (synthetics); William I. Alexander Jr., shop.

25, 30 Years



C. M. Parham Shop



Mildred K. Mack Main Office



Furman Pearson Shop



Cornelius Lowery Twisting (syn)



Maford M. Sanders Supply



Dillard Bradshaw Weaving (syn)



Arthur C. Bradley Plant Protection

Fifteen Years Gertrude C. Price, twisting (synthetics).

Five Years Joshua Brice, twisting (synthetics); Paul W. Adams and Roy A. Postell, weaving (synthetics).

All "long-timers" received the lapel service pin. The 20-year record-holders also received the engraved gold watch, gift of the company. Those with 25 and 30 years service were each presented the company's appreciation gift of a \$100 check.

People-Places

Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Johnson was in June appointed chairman of the Gastonia Mayor's Recreation Advisory Commission for a two-year term. Councilman Johnson, manager of employee relations at Firestone, is widely known in recreation circles. Serving on the 21-member commission with Mr. Johnson is another Firestone man, Samuel Crawford, employment interviewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Williams went to live in Richmond, Va., following their wedding June 10 in Loray Baptist Church of Gastonia. Mrs. Williams is the former Glenda Sue Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace R. Hughes. Her father works at Firestone. Glenda is a graduate of Ashley High School.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr H. Williams of Georgetown, S. C. A graduate of the technical division of Gaston Community College, he is employed in Richmond by the Virginia Electric and Power Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Turner Sr. visited in Tennessee and Kentucky for several days this spring. Among highlights of their travels: Guided tours of industry in the Louisville area, stops at the horse farms in the Bluegrass country around Lexington, and a visit to "My Old Kentucky Home" at Bardstown. Mr. Turner is retired from Firestone.

Chuck Keller of Boy Scout Troop 9 last month attained Eagle Rank. He was among the 29 Scouts honored for achieve-



'Along About Sundown'

• Music and dancing in the traditional style of the Southern hillcountry will take the stage at the 40th annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival early next month. At this—the oldest

festival of its kind in Eastern U.S.—exciting things get underway "long about sundown" for three evenings in Asheville, Aug. 4-6. Above Firestone News photo is of a Georgia "bluegrass" band putting out with "Keep My Skillet Good and Greasy All the Time" at last year's colorful festival. Check Travel Notes on page 4.



Music: It's A Family Affair

As a youngster, Helen Spencer Foy was too short to reach the pedals of her grandpa's old pump organ and touch the keys with her hands at the same time. But she grew up to study organ and piano, and to make music a 'second career' to her work in payroll at Firestone.

The wife of Luther Foy, plant refreshment service manager, Helen is organist at Pisgah AR Presbyterian Church—has been for the past four years. Before going to Pisgah, she was organist for a time at Loray Baptist Church. Some years ago she was director of a then-active Firestone choral group.

THIS YEAR Helen shared with other members of her family in tributes from the Gastonia Music Club, on observance of National Music Week. A feature in The Gastonia Gazette told of the Spencers and Foy's "who celebrate National Music Week all-year-round."

Helen's mother, Mrs. C. B. Spencer, sang in the church choir until her family began to grow in numbers. Helen's father, the late Mr. Spencer, sang in the church choir for 50 years—

TUNING UP • Helen Foy at Pisgah ARP Church organ strikes a chord as family members tune up to sing. From left, Helen's nieces Melinda and Jane Alyce Spencer; two of her brothers, Haskell Spencer (Jane Alyce's father) and Sheldon Spencer (Melinda's father).

right up to the time of his recent death. Soon after his passing, a memorial fund was started at the Pisgah church which led to the purchase of a new organ.

Helen's brother, Haskell Spencer, plays trumpet and is choir director at Pisgah, sometimes sings tenor. Her brother Sheldon, employed by WBTV, plays baritone bugle in the Gastonia Drum and Bugle Corps, and sings bass in the church choir.

Another brother, Howard of McAdenville, majored in music at Erskine College, specializing in violin. He now plays viola in a stringed ensemble and sometimes sings tenor.

Helen's niece, Melinda, is taking piano lessons; and another niece, Jane Alyce, last year played clarinet in the band at Ashley High School. Both girls sing in the church choir.

Helen has been a member of the Gastonia Music Club for 10 years. She once served two years as secretary of the group.

ment at the recent Firestone Scouting Awards Banquet. Chuck has earned 21 merit badges in his four years of scouting. Troop 9 is sponsored by Loray Baptist Church. Raymond Varnadore of the Firestone mechanical department is scoutmaster.

Don R. Grant received a diploma in Yarn Manufacturing I at the June 14 commencement exercises of North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont. Don, whose father Thomas A. Grant is manager of Firestone methods-time study, was working here in twisting (synthetics) during part of his study at NCVTS. He is a graduate of Hunter Huss High School.

Charles L. Heffner, a veteran of 17 years with the Gastonia Police Department, was this spring promoted to the detective

division. Mrs. Heffner is employed in warp preparation at Firestone. The Heffners have a son, Charles Von, stationed with the U.S. Air Force at Homestead, Fla. Mrs. Heffner's father, John Freeman, is retired from Firestone.

A teaching career beginning this fall is in the plans of Mervin Nicky Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin F. Huffman of Gastonia. Nicky received a degree with major in English from Appalachian State Teachers College last month. His father works in Firestone twisting (synthetics).

Good Ideas

People of a machine age won't appreciate it as much as great-grandpa would have. He had to make his own shoes, or get someone else to do it in the slow hand process of his day.

We can thank L. R. Blake of Abington, Mass., because he patented the first machine to manufacture shoes. That was July 6, 1858.

Put this down as another example of a great idea paving the way for man's progress.

And remember Henry Tibbe of Washington, Mo., who on July 8, 1878 became the first commercial manufacturer of corn-cob pipes. Think of the contentment he brought to the world with his idea put to work.

What a step forward was the invention of the tape measure! Credit goes to A. J. Fellows of New Haven, Conn., with his patent July 14, 1868.

Then there was D. R. Averill of Newburg, Ohio, who came up with the first practical ready-mixed paint in July of 1867. What a blessing his contribution has been!

Ideas are all around. Sort them out. Write them down. Share them with your Suggestion System. You could earn some money through an approved suggestion. When your ideas are harnessed, they make things better.

How's That For Service?

The fire department at Waldron, Ark. had a flat tire earlier this year. It was a Firestone tire and the department reported it to Earl B. Hathaway, president.

That was fair enough, because when you're operating a fire department, you need dependable equipment—including tires.

Even when you're in a town of 1,600 away yonder in the northwest corner of Arkansas—down the road from Hon and a few miles from Needmore, but a long way from a big city.

Now notice. The Waldron firemen were returning from a fire call—not going to one. And it was their first flat tire. The tires and wheels were mounted on the 1942 Ford truck just as they were when it was delivered to Waldron in August, 1944.

The nearly 23 years of trouble-free service brought a letter of praise from H. O. Sims, Waldron mayor; Albert Yates, fire chief; and Jerry Martin, Chamber of Commerce president.

Replied Mr. Hathaway: "I hope you don't have another flat tire in the next 23 years!"

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