

Stressing Energy-Saving Prizes March 3

Selection of winning posters with their U. S. Savings Bonds prizes and a drawing for a Bond in a Suggestions promotion will close the Gastonia plant's emphasis on energy conservation during February. Winners will be selected March 3.

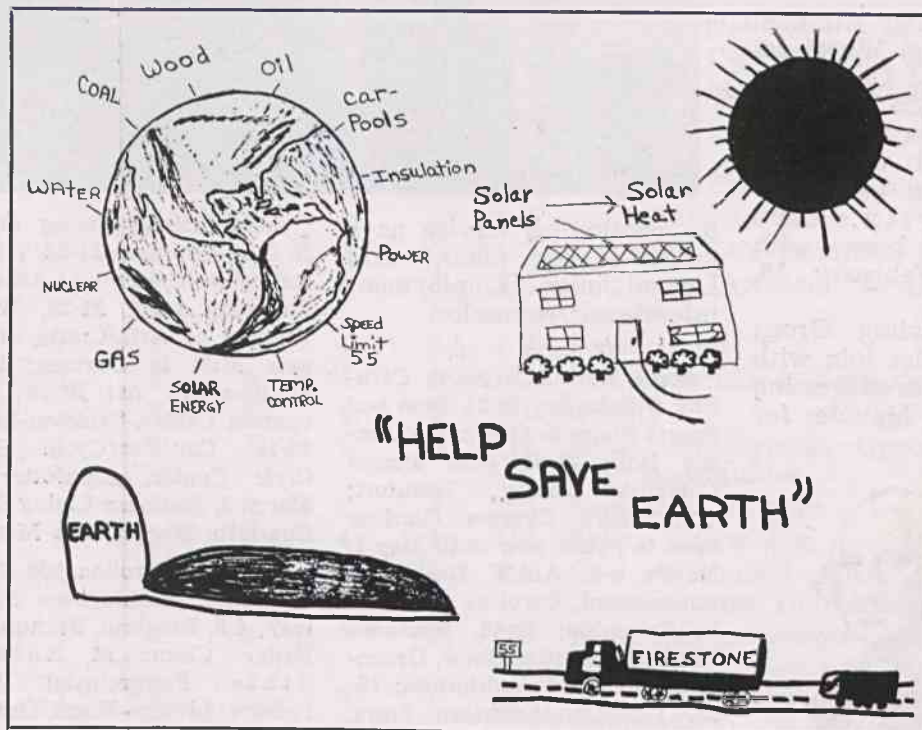
FEBRUARY is designated as stressing energy-saving awareness and practice at work, at home, in travel and recreation.

During the month, employees who turn in suggestions on energy-saving are eligible in a numbers drawing—the prize a \$75 Savings Bond. And during the month, all adopted ideas on energy are paying 20 percent of the annual saving resulting from each suggestion. The usual rate-base is 10 percent for all suggestions.

The poster contest is open to all employees and members of their families. Requirements: Make it an Energy theme, put on standard 22 x 28-inch poster board. Present to plant Personnel on or before closing date, February 29.

All posters submitted will be on view in the mill center entrance until winners are chosen. Members of plant supervisory staff have selected the judges.

PRIZES for the best 3 posters are U. S. Savings Bonds, \$100, \$75 and \$50. Winning entries will be posted on plant safety boards into midsummer.



"... was third from the Sun and one of the most beautiful of all the planets."

"Obituary" and drawing by Von Clemmer, 9th-grade student at Gastonia Highland Junior High School. Her mother, Janet, is Secretary in Industrial Engineering.

Marlboro UW 1980 president

Ezra Perkins last month became president of Marlboro County (S. C.) United Way. Last year the Firestone Textiles-Bennettsville plant manager was vice president and the '79 United Way campaign chairman.

The funding campaign ended last month with \$63,318.86—more than \$1,000 above the \$62,095 goal.

Outgoing United Way president John Napier presented Perkins with an award plaque recognizing his leadership and service.

At the victory luncheon meeting, Perkins noted that the success of the '79 campaign "is something everyone can be proud of. We have raised more

money than some larger counties better-off economically than Marlboro."

The Industrial Division contributed \$36,297.00, more than \$2,000 above the goal. Bennettsville Firestone people were 98.3 percent in their United Way giving.



Von Clemmer



32 AWARDS

● The 33rd annual NC Department of Labor Safety Awards presentation is coming in April. For 32 years Firestone Textiles-Gastonia has qualified for the recognition. The Gastonia Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the awards locally since 1947.

Here, Wanda Thomasson shows the last two of the long series of Firestone plaques. Wanda, part-time clerk/typist in Industrial Relations, is a senior at Gastonia Ashbrook High School. Her work in industry is part of a school business course. She has been working afternoons at Firestone since last September 4. Her father, Clyde Thomasson, is department manager of TC Weaving.

The Earth's 'LAST RITES'

June 20, 2,500 A.D.

● Yesterday, at 4½ billion years of age, the Earth died grimly. The cause was misuse and overuse of Earth's resources, some of which were oil, coal, trees and minerals.

Earth's death was one of the most major disasters in the history of all the galaxies. Earth was the third from the sun and one of the most beautiful of all the planets.

The only survivors are two scientists who had just left in a rocket ship heading toward planet Mars. Earth's last rites will be held at Milky Way Funeral Home on South Space Street, with burial in Universe Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Father Star, Pluto, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn—all good friends of Earth. If you would like to send flowers in memory of Earth, direct them to Milky Way Funeral Home, or to Universe Memorial Park, where they will be placed on the grave.

TV series: 'Free to Choose'

● More than 200 TV stations of Public Broadcasting Service are airing the 10-part "Free to Choose" series on economics, begun in mid-January. Firestone and 14 other companies and corporations are underwriting the programs hosted by Nobel laureate economist Milton Friedman.

All areas of Firestone Textiles Company's 3 U. S. plants have PBS stations carrying the programs. Viewers can check locally for stations and times.

The series was taped on locations in the U. S. and several foreign countries specifically chosen because they best illustrated the economic problem or principle being discussed. The first half of each 1-hour program has comments by Dr. Friedman, followed by a discussion between Dr. Fried-

man and his guests, including persons with opposing views.

OPENING PROGRAMS were "The Power of the Market," "The Tyranny of Control," "Anatomy of Crisis," and "From the Cradle to the Grave." Completing the series of weekly programs:

● "Created Equal"—conflict between freedom and equality; distortions in the meaning of equality.

● "What's Wrong With Our Schools?"—difficulties in American education; alternatives to the present system.

● "Who Protects the Consumer?"—how free markets are the consumer's best protection. Are government consumer

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In the U. S., industry spends some \$415 million a year on printed material, just one means of communicating among people.