

News In Brief Continued

SUPERINTENDENTS' OFFICE

S. L. Owens, Carding overseer, is very proud of his son, Billie Edwards, who graduated with a B. S. degree from Appalachian Teachers' College, Boone, N. C. Billie is now bookkeeper for Swift & Co.

Freddie Kessell, waste control, is a bachelor these days. His wife, Bobbie, is vacationing in New Mexico.

Minnie Kilby, Insurance office, was entertained at a lovely stork shower on May 9th at the Girls' Club.

Virgil Stiles, watchman, keeps the office girls happy with the pansies he gives them. The beds are very beautiful this year. Congratulations.

Sue Van Dyke celebrated her birthday on May 25th.

R. L. Graham spent the week-end of May 10th with his mother, Mrs. J. B. McKinney, in Atlanta, Ga.

MAIN OFFICE

Anyone who dropped in at Main Office, Tuesday, May 21st, found the personnel in one of its most excited happy moods. Mr. R. M. Sawyer of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was there. Mr. Sawyer is a former Comptroller and is loved and admired by all who know him, and especially those who worked with him. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer call Gastonia "home" even though they hail from Massachusetts. They are always welcome here.

Mr. J. V. Darwin, main office, was a week-end guest, May 17th and 18th, at Cherry Beach of Mr. D. C. MacLutosh of Pilot Freight Carries, Inc. Those present in the group were from Gastonia, Shelby, and Charlotte. The group went especially to engage in deep-sea fishing, and Mr. Darwin had the honor of catching the largest fish.

Beatrice McCarter of the Payroll Dept. and Howard McCarter of Spinning Dept., had as guests the week-end of May 17th, Mrs. George Meredith and children of Arlington, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edge, Jr., of Spartanburg, S. C.

Employees of Main Office will miss the cheery presence of Miss Beaufort Jones, who is leaving our employ, June 1st. Beaufort will be married Aug. 3rd to Harvey Bost, Jr., of Hickory, N. C. If we must lose her we are glad there is a good purpose for it. Our best wishes for a long and happy life go with her.

Members of the Payroll Department were entertained at the home of Mrs. Eula B. Wilson, Monday evening, May 19th, the occasion honoring Mrs. Norwood Le Fever, the former Miss Frances Gillespie, of Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Le Fever is a former member of the Payroll Dept. She was accompanied to Gastonia by her two small sons.

We really made a swell showing at Chimney Rock over the week-end of May 17th. Those representing us with their individual parties were: Mrs. Dan Craig, Miss Margaret Howard, and Mrs. Gladys Nygard.

We continue to miss Mrs. Tommy Tompkins, (Emmie), who has been ill for several weeks. We are happy to know that she is getting along nicely now.

CABLE RESPOOLING

Henry Jenkins, yarn man, and family spent a two day fishing trip in Wateree, S. C. He caught

four Carp which varied in weight from 3 lbs. to 8 lbs.

Will Howard, frame tender, spent a two day fishing trip at Fontana Dam. He caught one catfish that weighed 17 lbs. and it was caught on a trot-line.

Charles Plyler, frame tender, his son, and four other boys went to Myrtle Beach for a few days.

WINDING

Paul Oats, husband of Faye Oats, winder tender, received head injuries when the truck he was driving hit a telephone post. His condition is not serious.

Ramona Haney, creeler, is out on a leave of absence.

Sandy King, yarn man, is back at work after spending a few days in the hospital.

Meet Your Reporter

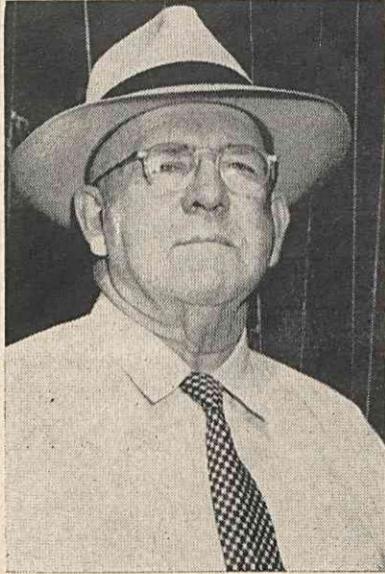


MRS. CARL (LEILA) RAPE, speeder tender, is first shift reporter for the carding department. She and her husband, Carl, carding second hand, will complete their fifteenth year at Firestone in September. They live at 106 North Ransom Street and have one son, a prep-school student. Their spare time is devoted to hobbies: raising tropical fish in her case, breeding show quality rabbits in Carl's.

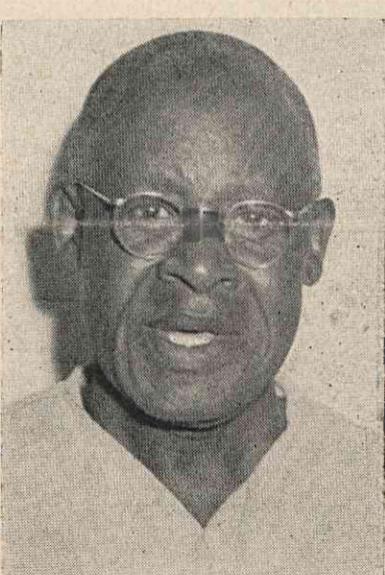


SARAH HANNA, splicer, is one of three employees to reach retirement age so far this year. She was retired March 15, at the age of 65, after having worked here since 1941. She lives with her niece at 315 S. Vance Street. Flowers are her hobby and she expects to have a "real flower garden" now that she has more time to spend at it. A broken arm sustained in a fall at her home will sidetrack her plans about the garden for a few weeks — no longer we hope.

... Just Retired



JAMES R. CLINE, oiler, became the third employee to reach retirement age this year and on May 17, his sixty-fifth birthday, donned a new suit—a gift from his fellow workers—as befits a man with plenty of new found leisure time on his hands. Mr. Cline served in various capacities in the carding department during his 17 years at Firestone. He and his wife and daughter live at 112 Dix Street, their residence for 15 years. He was born in Newport, Tenn., and got his working start in life as a railroad guard.



GEORGE JACKSON, sweeper carding, joined Firestone Textiles a second time in 1946 after having been employed previously for a period of five years. George has been preaching part time for years and will devote more time to this work now that he has more time. His record of attendance and faithfulness to his job at Firestone since 1946 is almost without parallel. During this period he missed work only one day to attend the funeral of a close relative.

Materials Handling

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ciency. A visitor, who for example may have visited our plant five years ago and returned in recent months, would note the ease with which an electric tow tractor pulls five or six box trucks of yarn compared with the former method of pushing one box truck at a time and expending a great deal of energy in doing so. Or comparing the old method of dumping yarn in the spooler troughs, with its interference to the spooler tender, damage to the troughs, box trucks, and floors, and heavy lifting compared to the new method of dumping and filling the troughs by mechanical means.



LOYD TURNER, yarn man spooling, remembers that when he came to Firestone in 1949 all yarn was being "poured up" at the spooler frames by hand methods. The hydraulic lift and spooler conveyor has proved itself a very considerable aid. Says he, "works fine. . . it's easier and I like it."



GRADY COOK, truck driver weaving, pulls six times as many boxes with his battery powered truck as he could push by hand, and he gets them to their destination sooner. Grady has developed considerable skill in maneuvering long trains of boxes into confined areas. He knows exactly how to position them to start in order to make sharp turns without mishap—not as easy to do as it might appear.

SCHEDULES

SECOND SHIFT SOFTBALL

Tuesday, June 10—Carding vs Spinning	9:30 A. M.
Wednesday, June 11—Twisting vs Carding	9:30 A. M.
Thursday, June 12—Twisting vs Spinning	9:30 A. M.
Tuesday, June 17—Carding vs Spinning	9:30 A. M.
Wednesday, June 18—Twisting vs Carding	9:30 A. M.
Thursday, June 19—Spinning vs Twisting	9:30 A. M.

FIRST SHIFT SOFTBALL

Tuesday, June 10—Spinning vs Carding	4:45 P. M.
Twisting vs Weaving Shop	6:15 P. M.
Thursday, June 12—Twisting vs Carding	4:45 P. M.
General vs Spinning	6:15 P. M.
Tuesday, June 17—Spinning vs Weaving Shop	4:45 P. M.
Carding vs General	6:15 P. M.
Thursday, June 19—Spinning vs Twisting	4:45 P. M.
General vs Weaving Shop	6:15 P. M.

INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Monday, June 9—Smyre at Firestone	5:00 P. M.
Wednesday, June 11—Cramerton at Firestone	5:00 P. M.
Monday, June 16—Bernside at Firestone	5:00 P. M.
Wednesday, June 18—Firestone at American Thread	5:00 P. M.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Monday, June 9—Optimist vs Firestone	8:00 P. M.
Thursday, June 12—Firestone vs St. Michaels	8:00 P. M.
Monday, June 16—G.C.Y. vs Firestone	6:30 P. M.
Thursday, June 19—Optimist vs Firestone	6:30 P. M.

(Sponsors: June 9, Roland Conrad; June 12, Dorcas Atkinson; June 16, Payton Lewis; and June 19, Alvin Riley)

LITTLE BIGGER LEAGUE BASEBALL

Tuesday June 10—Red Shield at Firestone	4:00 P. M.
Friday, June 13—Firestone at High Shoals	4:00 P. M.
Tuesday, June 17—Optimist at Firestone	4:00 P. M.
Friday, June 20—Firestone at Temple	4:00 P. M.

SECOND SHIFT HORSESHOES

Tuesday, June 10—Carding vs Twisting	1:30 P. M.
Weaving vs Carding	2:00 P. M.
Friday, June 13—Weaving vs Twisting	1:30 P. M.
Tuesday, June 17—Carding vs Twisting	1:30 P. M.
Weaving vs Carding	2:00 P. M.
Friday, June 20—Weaving vs Twisting	1:30 P. M.