

# Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

Firestone has one of the finest safety records in the industrial world—an achievement that each employee can look upon with pride. It is well to remember, however, that records like this aren't made in a day, neither will they survive a moment of tragic carelessness.

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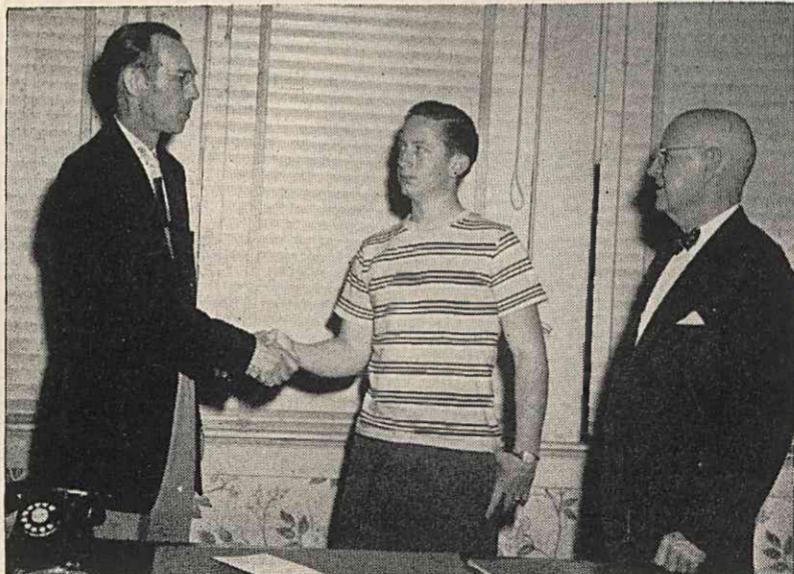
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FIRST shift fire brigade: Front row, left to right, G. V. Tindall, Troy Jones, Rufus Hughes, and Joe Burris. Second Row, E. G. Bulman, Joe Champion, Leon Kistler, and Howard Moore. Standing, left to right, Assistant Chief Cramer Little, Ed Foy, J. E. Fletcher, and Chief W. G. Henson.

## New Gaston Technical Institute To Offer Training In Four Textile - Related Fields



FIRST student—Gordon Clary of Lowell is the first applicant for admission to the new Gaston Technical Institute. Extending a welcoming hand is James I. Mason, director of the Institute. C. C. Dawson, right, is chairman of the local advisory board which sponsored the founding of the new school in Gastonia.

THE Gaston Technical Institute at 510 West Airline Avenue in Gastonia will open its doors to students for the first time on September 22.

The Institute, operated by the Extension Department of North Carolina State College, offers high school graduates one-year technical courses in Internal Combustion Engines, Building Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, and Textile Technology. The Institute will be able to confer certificates from State College to the pupil when he successfully completes his one year of work.

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ACCORDING to latest statistics, a concern needs five technicians for every engineer it employs. This section of the state is growing industrially and technicians are in demand. The textile industry is urgently in need of technicians with the "know how" of engineering practices. The Institute offers intensive one-year courses in the four specific technological fields listed above instead of a general knowledge of the entire engineering field as is done in a four year college.

The curricula are essentially technological in nature, based upon principles of science beyond high school. During the first term from September 22, to December 16, all students will take the same course: Engineering Drawing, Algebra, Physics, Internal Combustion Engines, Electricity (Direct Current), Oxyacetylene Welding and English (Grammar and Composition). During the second and

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## Fire Brigademen Drill Twice Monthly To Keep Up Fire Fighting Efficiency

Standing ready to fight fires on all shifts are groups of employees who ordinarily are considered fixers, doffers, weavers, and shop men, etc., but at the sound of a fire alarm are quickly transformed into a well trained fire brigade.

A fire alarm has a special meaning for these 15 to 20 employees on each shift at Firestone Textiles. For them it is a signal to leave their jobs in other hands and quickly form a fire brigade. During a fire they are real fire fighters—disciplined, trained, and equipped in the manner of professional fire fighters.

It is essential that a large plant using combustible materials in production have, among its employees, persons who are thoroughly familiar with the plant's fire fighting

equipment and who are immediately available to combat fires anywhere in the plant. The three fire brigades were established at Firestone Textiles, therefore, as a practical necessity.

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Fire Brigades at Firestone are made up of an assistant chief, a captain, and 15 or more fire fighters, each having a specific responsibility or post of duty during a fire. While actively engaged in fire fighting or fire drilling they come under the direction of Fire Brigade Chief W. G. Henson or First Shift Assistant Chief Cramer Little.

Drills are held twice monthly to maintain the proficiency of brigade members. These drills take place

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## Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Receives Liberia's Highest Honor For Service

Highest honor of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, was conferred upon Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Chairman of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, in recognition of the "salutary and beneficial effect" which the Firestone development in Liberia had upon the life of the country.

In presenting the Grand Band of the Order of the Star of Africa in the African Republic Embassy in Washington, D. C., Liberian Ambassador C. L. Simpson said that the Firestone Company's activities in Liberia "actually marked the beginning of genuine American interest in the natural resources of Liberia, and it also revolutionized its internal economy for which the government and people of Liberia are most grateful."

Upon receiving the honor, Mr. Firestone, Jr., said, "to me it sym-

bolizes the mutual respect and the high esteem which have characterized our joint endeavor for more than a quarter of a century."

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company was the first American organization to go into Liberia, beginning its development of rubber plantations in 1926.

The Liberian Ambassador also praised the establishment of The Liberian Institute of the Amer-

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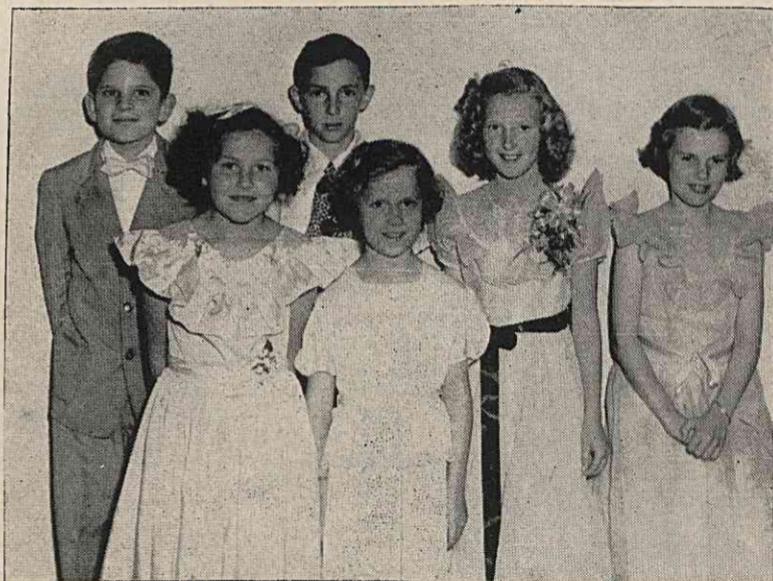
THE first annual R. L. Sanborn Award Trophy was presented to Scout Troop 20 in a ceremony held recently at the West Avenue Presbyterian Church, sponsor of the troop. Left to right, are Superintendent Francis Galligan, who made the presentation; Rev. W. C. Neel, pastor of the church; and Bruce Sanborn, Scoutmaster of the winning troop, and son of the late R. L. Sanborn in whose memory the award was established.

Troop 20 received the award as a result of its scoring highest at the May 17 Firestone Jamboree for community Boy Scout Troops.

## Bartlett Honored At Luncheon

ROBERT A. BARTLETT, general accountant, was entertained at the Girls' Club at a luncheon on Monday, June 30 — the date of his retirement under the Firestone Retirement Program. Mr. Bartlett is the first salaried employee at Firestone Textiles to retire under the provisions of this program.

Attending the luncheon were his friends and associates from main office and plant. As a token of esteem he was presented a leather two-suit travel bag.



MUSICAL TALENT was displayed by these boys and girls at a recital recently at the Main Street Methodist Church. In the front row are Minerva Chandler (left), daughter of M. A. Chandler, speeder tender; and Barbara Kilpatrick, daughter of Weaver H. C. Kilpatrick. In the back row (from left) are Tommy Ipock, son of T. B. Ipock, Jr., Director of Industrial Relations; Aaron Hicks, son of Speeder Tender T. L. Hicks; Brenda Hogan, daughter of Shop Employee Floyd Hogan; and Betty Ann McAbee, daughter of Safety Director L. B. McAbee.