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The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Firestone Textiles June 16. Be a DONOR!

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## Graduation Time



MISS Claudette Taylor and Clyde Moss, Jr., both members of the 1953 Gastonia High School graduating class, stand, for their last time as students, at the entrance of the school. Miss Taylor, winner of a Firestone Scholarship, will enter Duke University this fall. Mr. Moss may enter the University of Miami on a music scholarship.

Interviewer Finds. . .

## Two GHS Scholarship Winners Look Confidently Into Future

—MISS TAYLOR

THE 1953 Firestone Scholarship Award winner, Miss Claudette Taylor, has decided to attend Duke University under her scholarship. She plans to major in mathematics.

The 17-year old scholarship winner, and valedictorian of her graduating class, says: "I'm thrilled as can be to have won a scholarship. I hope I'll be able to make a good record in college and be deserving of it."

As for Duke University, she says, "As early as I can remember I've wanted to go to Duke. Naturally, I think it's the finest school anywhere."

Miss Taylor is planning tentatively to teach school after graduating from college. Her choice of math as a major subject reflects that desire, inasmuch as she believes that there will always be a greater demand for math teachers than for other kinds. "More than that," she adds, "the first 100 I ever made in school was in math."

For hobbies she likes reading, novels especially, and classical music. She is an accomplished musician, being able to play the piano, clarinet, and trumpet. Her favorite composer is Chopin.

Her classmates at GHS have honored her with numerous distinctions. In addition to being valedictorian, she was chosen: (1) Most Outstanding Science Student, and (2) Most Likely to Succeed.

—MR. MOSS

CLYDE MOSS, JR., is perhaps typical of the employees' sons who graduated from school this month. He is 18 years old, a football player for two years, a band member for six years (junior high and high school). Mr. Moss is the son of Clyde Moss, Sr., assistant to the General Superintendent.

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## Vacation Service Offered Employees

A new information service is being established by the Recreation Department for the benefit of employees who desire information and advice in connection with vacations. This service will be handled on an individual basis and will give employees assistance in such matters as (1) routes, (2) accommodations, (3) scenic places, (4) special events, and (5) general information about the area the employee plans to visit.

Questionnaires are available at the Industrial Relations Office, and the two employee clubs, to be filled out by the employee seeking information two weeks in advance of the time he must have the information. These questionnaires are to be given to the Recreation Director who will return it to the employee with whatever information the employee requests.

## New, Tuition-Free Classes Begin July First At North Carolina Vocational Textile School

### Students Mix Work & Study

A complete practical education in textiles is available to those who ask for it—tuition free—at the North Carolina Vocational Textile School in Belmont. Classes are scheduled to allow textile workers to continue their jobs, regardless of shifts, while they study textiles.

New classes, according to Principal Chris Folk, will be started July 1st in all courses, namely: Yarn Manufacturing, Weaving and Designing, Knitting, Mill Maintenance, and Tailoring. The morning shift class is from 8:20 a. m., until 1:00 p. m., Monday through Friday. The afternoon shift meets on those same days from 3:00 p. m. until 6:30 p. m. It takes one year to complete a course on the morning shift; about 4 months longer on the afternoon shift.

The only cost to the student in addition to transportation expense is the cost of textbooks. This cost varies from \$12 to \$16 depending on the course studied.

The school requires no specific amount of formal education for admission. "It takes very little previous education," says Mr. Folk. "If a man went as high as the 6th or 7th grade in school, he can profit from the instruction offered here."

This textile school has just completed another successful year under the leadership of Mr. Folk and his staff of 11 instructors. A total of 478 students were enrolled in the school during the school year which ended with graduation

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## Scout Field Day Set For June 13

BOY SCOUT TROOPS of the Firestone Community will meet for a general Field Day and Demonstration in Scoutercraft at the Second Avenue Field, Saturday, June 13, at 2 p. m. In case of rain the event will be held the following Saturday.

The Recreation Department Trophy now in possession of Troop 20 will be awarded to the scout troop winning the most points in the following events:

- (1) Inspection of Troops
- (2) Knot-tying relay race
- (3) Signaling
- (4) First Aid
- (5) Fire-by-friction
- (6) Flint and steel fire
- (7) Rope throwing relay
- (8) Tent pitching
- (9) Water boiling
- (10) Flapjack making
- (11) Dressing race

The public is invited to attend this Field Day and Demonstration in scoutercraft.



AERIAL VIEW of the North Carolina Vocational Textile School located in Belmont.

## Worshippers At Loray Baptist Enjoy Air Conditioned Church

"HOT WEATHER" will no longer serve as even a weak excuse for members of the Loray Baptist Church who fail to attend church services. If it weren't undignified for a church to advertise in such manner the Loray Baptist church could with justification borrow the cherished summertime slogan of air conditioned business firms, "It's Cool Inside". The new Loray Baptist Church has recently added, for the comfort of its worshippers, a \$10,000 "freon system" air conditioner.

From a humble beginning in a small school house at Arlington Mill—the church's first meeting place in 1905—the Loray Baptist Church has prospered and grown to the extent that its 1,000 members can lay claim to the largest air conditioned church in Gastonia.

As is true with any growing church, the Loray church has had strong leaders in its pastors through the 48 years it has been established. The first pastor was Elder J. A. Hoyle, about whom it was said, upon his passing in 1918: "He did much of his preaching under arbors, in school houses, and dwelling houses. . . . He prepared the way for many churches that are now strong organizations and are now doing much for the cause of Christ. . . . Brother Hoyle was a man who was firm in what he believed was right. He was a good citizen, a faithful preacher of the gospel, and an affectionate husband and father."

The present pastor, the Reverend Frank H. Malone, ThD., has served the Loray Church since 1947.

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## In The Sanctuary



THE LORAY BAPTIST CHURCH with its pastor the Reverend Frank H. Malone, ThD., shown in the inset.