

# Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

There is nothing better for a man, than . . . that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

—Ecclesiastes 2:24

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

—Samuel Johnson

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## Scout Banquet Set For June 10

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The annual Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Awards Banquet honoring outstanding local boy scouts will be held June 10 in the Recreation Center.

Fifty boy scouts from the Gastonia District will be awarded Certificates of Merit for excellency in scouting, school, church, and project work. Each will get an engraved certificate and a two-week, trip to Camp Lanier, Tryon, N. C., with all expenses paid.

Of the scouts to be honored, one will receive the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award for the most

outstanding record of them all. The winner will receive a gold medallion and a \$100.00 savings bond.

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CERTIFICATES and the Award will be presented following a dinner to be served at 7 p. m.

Expected to be present for the occasion are a number of scouting officials of the Piedmont Council, BSA; and several supervisors at Firestone Textiles.

Winner of the top award in scouting for 1954 was William Sayers of Troop 7, Gastonia.



## Here When Company Acquired Plant In 1935

Among the employees who were honored for 20 years' service at the recent 20th Anniversary program were these individuals who were here on April 2, 1935—the actual date that the Firestone Company took over ownership of the plant from Manville-Jenckes Co. From left: Robert Passmore; Hugh

Wright; Eula Wilson being congratulated by General Manager Harold Mercer; Lonnie Barber; R. L. Tompkins and Troy Jones.

Included in this group and not present for the picture was Fred T. Morrow. R. L. Sanborn, eighth of this original number, died several years ago.

## Camp Firestone Season Open

Camp Firestone on Lake James in Burke County opened the summer season on May 19, to accommodate Firestone employees and members of their families.

On the opening day of camp the Industrial Relations Department began taking reservations. The Department states that only one reservation may be made at one time, and adds that—

After you have used your reservation, you can ask for another. This is necessary in order to make the camp available to as many people as possible.

If you make a reservation and find that you cannot use it, please notify the Industrial Relations office as soon as possible. There is usually a list of people waiting to use the camp. Your cancellation may enable some one to use a cabin who otherwise would not have the opportunity.

## Plant Earns 8-Year Safety Achievement Record

Firestone Textiles has received an award certificate for completing 8 consecutive years of outstanding safety achievement. The presentation was made at the eighth annual Industrial Safety meeting at Gastonia's Masonic Temple, in late April.

A total of 73 industrial plants, representing all parts of Gaston County, received State Labor Department Safety Awards for outstanding achievements in accident prevention during 1954.

The presentation dinner was an unofficial kick-off for other such meetings that will be held throughout the state this year.

At the meeting some 200 safety conscious industrial leaders heard State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane declare Gastonia to be the "City of Growing Safety," and heard him pay tribute to the county for its "splendid progress in all phases of industrial development."

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L. B. McABEE, Safety Director at Firestone, presided at the meeting which was held jointly with the Gaston Personnel Association. The Gaston Personnel Association is composed of individuals in personnel work or in a supervisory capacity in Gaston County industries.

Commissioner Crane in his talk singled out T. B. Ipock, Jr., Fire-

stone Industrial Relations Director, as one who has done an outstanding job for his company, and one who has rendered statewide safety service to industry as a member of the Safety Advisory Board of the Department of Labor.

## 27 Complete Long Records

As of May 1, three employees each completed a record of 15 years service with the Company. Also, there were 5 who rounded out 10 years of service; and 19 who completed 5 years of service.

The list includes:

### Fifteen Years

Spooling: Loma T. Lyles. Rayon Twisting: Luther Blaylock. Warehouse: Albert Meeks.

### Ten Years

Spinning: Bonnie Hammonds, Lucille J. Woodward. Rayon Twisting: Wiley Hardin, Louis A. Hart, Herbert G. Splawn.

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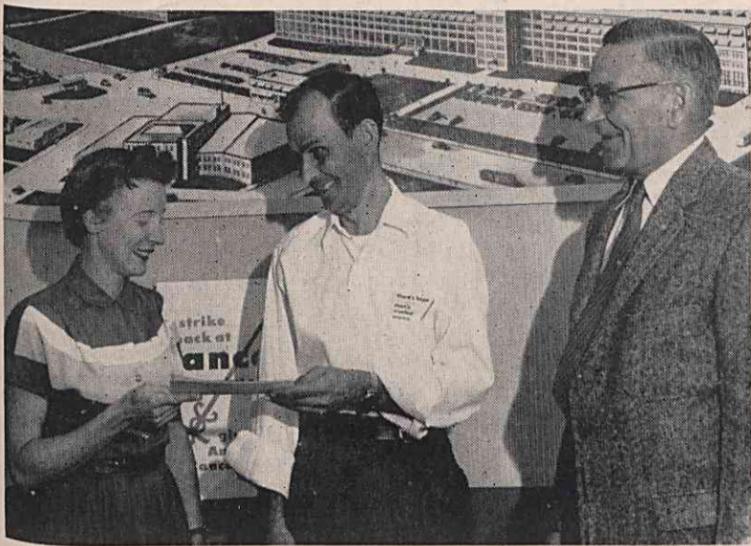
## McAbee Heads Safety Group

L. B. McAbee, Safety Director here was chosen president of the North Carolina Society of Safety Engineers at a dinner meeting held preceding the opening session of the 25th annual North Carolina Industrial Safety Conference in Winston-Salem, May 18.

Approximately 150 delegates and 800 persons interested in all phases of safety registered during the three-day meeting of the Industrial Safety Conference.

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ELECTED to serve with Mr. McAbee as officers of the N. C. Society of Safety Engineers were T. M. Barnes of Carolina Casualty Insurance Company, Burlington, vice-president; and H. S. Baucom of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh, secretary and treasurer.



ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION to community agencies went on record recently when Alden Hass of the Rayon Twisting Department presented a check for \$1447.95 to the American Cancer Society. Receiving it was Mrs. Harry D. Riddle, Gaston County Commander of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Hass has had treatment for cancer, and a substantial amount of the expenses was paid for by the fund. The money given here represented that collected through the Employees' United Fund. Looking on, at right: General Superintendent Nelson Kessell.

## Outdoor Movies Begun; Complete Schedule Listed

Fifteen full-length movies, including a serial of 15 chapters, make up the schedule of motion picture entertainment to be offered during the summer season at the Firestone recreation park behind the Men's Club. The schedule which began June 3, will continue through September 9.

The pictures will be shown each Friday evening at dusk. In case of rain the feature schedule will be shown the following Monday. In

the four years of the motion picture summer program here, rain has interfered with the showing only once.

According to the Recreation Department, sponsor of the program, the lineup of pictures has been carefully selected to appeal to both children and grownups.

In addition to the scheduled movie each Friday, there will be an installment of the serial, "Congo Bill."

HERE is a listing of the movies booked for the remainder of the season:

June 10: Thunder Bay, with Jimmy Stewart.

June 17: Abbott and Costello Go to Mars, with Mari Blanchard; June 24: The Palomino, Jerome Courtland and Beverly Roberts; July 1: Father Is a Bachelor, William Holder and Stu Erwin; July 8: Texas Rangers, George Montgomery and Gale Storm.

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## Wins In Contest



Miss Irva Smith, daughter of David S. Smith, plant guard, was declared regional winner in the Young Peoples' Speakers Tournament at Loray Baptist Church, recently. Representatives of all Baptist churches in the Gaston Association participated in the tournament.

Miss Smith, a senior at Gastonia High School, also took part in a speaking contest of the Region Eight Baptist Training Convention, held at First Baptist Church, Marion, N. C., May 6. Since winning the contest at the Loray church here, Miss Smith has given her prize-winning talk at other Baptist churches and also churches of other denominations in the area.