

Firestone NEWS

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How a man plays the game shows something of his character. How he loses shows all.

Don't underestimate the value of a smile. It is remarkable how contagious it can be.

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FOREST DELLINGER, Shop, places one of the permanent signs in the new Company parking area between Franklin and Second Avenue. The parking lot, now in use, is of much benefit to the increasing number of automobile owners employed by the Company.

Madden Here For 15 Years; 23 Others Have Long Records

As of June 1, Grover H. Madden, of the Spinning Department, became the 372nd employee here to complete a 15-year record of service with Firestone Textiles.

Also on June 1, five completed 10-year records, and 18 completed 5-year periods of service. The list includes:

TEN YEARS

Carding: Fred Westmoreland; Spinning: Maude Johnson; Cotton Twisting: Clyde H. Savage; Cotton Weaving: Alice W. Tate and Gertrude Sanders.

FIVE YEARS

Spooling: Eugene R. Loftin; Rayon Ply Twisting: Stella Coth-

ern, Elizabeth Howell, Joseph R. Cote, Eugene C. Kincaid. Rayon Weaving: Martha C. Webb, Rachel S. Dugan; Cotton Weaving: Earlene H. Gordon, Betty W. Cloninger, Rufus G. Carpenter, Colsia O. Truesdale, Katie F. Webster.

Warehouse: George Pendergrass; Quality Control: Bonnie H. Ledford; Supply Room: John W. Owens; Winding: Ernest W. Coleman, Katherine K. Davis and Catherine Huffstetler.

The service record box score, as of June 1, stood at: 372 for 15 years' service; 847 for 10 years; and 1,954 for 5 years.

Canady First To Retire From Quality Control

Home to 61 Smith Street, Gastonia, was the destination of E. F. Canady, when he retired from Firestone on May 31. There, the veteran textile employee has turned his attention to gardening and to routine chores around the house.

He is the first employee here to be retired from the Quality Control Department.

Canady moved to Gastonia from Greenville, S. C., in 1929, and began working at the plant here that same year. After the Firestone Company took over operations in 1935, he remained on the job until 1938, leaving to work at another textile plant in Gastonia until 1942. Returning here that same year, he resumed his period of employment. For 13 years he was in the Weave Room, as a weaver and loom fixer.

The last two years of his service was spent in the Quality Control Department where his assignment was that of inspecting fabric from the looms.



AT THE END of his long period of service here, E. F. Canady received the well-wishes of fellow workers of the two departments in which he had been employed through the years. Here he exhibits a check for \$12.36 and \$33.06 in cash, representing gifts made by his friends in SYC Weaving and Quality Control. At left, Manager R. B. Hull of Quality Control; right, Overseer E. D. Bagwell of SYC Weaving.

Boy Scouts Honored At Banquet Hudson Winner Of Firestone Award

Fifty Boy Scouts from the Gastonia District were awarded Certificates of Merit for excellency in scouting, and one of them—with the most outstanding record of all—received the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award, in ceremonies at the Recreation Center June 10. Besides the Certificate of Merit, each scout received a check from the Company covering expenses for two weeks at Piedmont Boy Scout Camp, Lake Lanier, near Tryon, N. C.

The Company makes these awards each year to outstanding Boy Scouts in American cities in which the organization operates major plants.

As winner of the 10th annual Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award, Carroll C. Hudson, Jr., was presented a silver medallion and a \$100 savings bond.

Hudson, a 16-year-old Eagle Scout with 31 merit badges, was rated on his superior record in scouting, church and school activities, and project work. For his special project this year, he constructed a floating pier at the Catawba River.

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THE WINNER is a member of Troop 6, Gastonia, which is sponsored by First Baptist Church. He will be a senior at Ashley High School next year.

The presentation of Certificates and the Award June 10, followed a dinner served at 7 p. m. Present for the occasion were a number of scouting officials of the Piedmont Council, BSA, and several representatives of Firestone Textiles. General Manager Harold Mercer presided at the meeting, and Industrial Relations Director T. B. Ipock, Jr., introduced special guests. General Superintendent

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Highways for survival and economic progress in the United States. Read what you can do to help promote the program to build an adequate highway system.



TENTH TO RECEIVE AWARD—Eagle Scout Carroll C. Hudson, Jr., receives the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Scout Award from General Manager Harold Mercer. Hudson's Scoutmaster, John E. Wiley, Jr., of Gastonia Troop 6, looks on.

Nelson Kessell and Comptroller Everett Mechem presented the Certificates of Merit.

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THE FIRESTONE scouting Award program was originally called the John W. Thomas Award, in

honor of a former Company Chairman, who was first to promote scouting emphasis in the Company on a national basis. Since Mr. Thomas' death, Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., has carried on the Company's interest in scouting.

Individual Is Most Important In Industry, Trainer Asserts

A reduction in employment caused by automation (the increased use of automatic machines and equipment) should be more than absorbed in jobs which provide more and better things for each member of our increasing population, J. E. Trainer, Executive Vice President of the Company declared recently.

Speaking to the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of The American Society of Safety Engineers, meeting in Pittsburgh, Mr. Trainer pointed out that the increasing use of automatic machines "has been going on for years."

"The future effect of automation on manpower will be no different than it has been in the past," he said.

He referred to the telephone industry as an example in which automation has played a big part. During the period of 1940-1950 there was an increase of 159,000 or 79 per cent in the number of telephone operators employed, he noted.

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MR. TRAINER DEVOTED most of his talk, "Making The Best Use of Our Human Resources," to accident prevention and its function of

conserving "our country's most valuable asset, its manpower."

"In the conflict of the Free World with the countries behind the Iron Curtain," he said, "the winner will be the country or combination

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of countries that can produce the most and best implements of both peace and war. We are outnumbered in manpower by a ratio of at least five to one in the present alignment of world powers. For this reason I believe that everyone present here tonight will agree that it is imperative that we make the best use of our manpower in the production race."

Effective industrial safety programs in plants throughout the

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