

Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

He who chooses a road must
choose the place it leads to.

No man is rich enough that he
can do without a neighbor.

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Number Of 20-Year Employees Now 127

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Addition of 28 names to the roster of 20-year employees brought the number in that category to 127 on July 1. This number of persons represents a total of 2,540 years of service to the Company.

The 28 persons who became eligible on July 1, were each awarded a 20-year pin and a gold watch, at a ceremony in the plant conference room Friday afternoon, July 8. General Manager Harold Mercer, assisted by Industrial Relations Director T. B. Ipock, Jr., made the presentations. In presenting the watches, Mr. Mercer commended the honored employees for their loyal service during the past two decades.

The 99 employees who held 20-year service records as of June 30 of this year, were formally honored at the "20 Years of Progress" anniversary banquet here on May 5. At that time each person honored received a 20-year service pin and a gold watch. Their photographs were published in the Anniversary Edition of Firestone News.

Named Top Player On Optimist Team

Bobby Barton, whose mother, Mrs. Irene Barton, is employed in the Cloth Room, was chosen June 21, as the most outstanding baseball player on the Optimist Team in the Harold Mercer Little League. Bobby, who received a trophy donated by a senior member of the Optimist Club, was selected for the honor from among 14 other members of his team. He has played on the team for three years.

An "outstanding player" on the Optimist Club Team has been chosen each year since the team joined the Little League five years ago.



THE 28 EMPLOYEES who each completed a 20-year period here on July 1, represent a total of more than five centuries service with the Company.

Here in first row, from left, are: Addie Smith, Pearl Aldridge, Ray Thomas, General Manager Harold Mercer, Maude B. Webb, Sarah E. Fullbright and Mattie Giles.

Second row: Luther Lee Shehane, Pauline Hanna, Waymond Robinson, Luther Foy and Mae

Whitener.

Third row: Roy Carver, Myrtle Bradley, Roscoe Mauney, Mattie McDaniel and Annie S. Gallo-way.

Fourth row: Mattie Briggs, Robert Spencer, Clara Conrad and Mae Bell Keisler.

Fifth row: Thomas G. Stacy, Horace Robinson, Lydia Davis, Lizzie Bolick and Ruth McGhee. Ina Stiles, Ila Webster and Howard McCarter were not present when this picture was made.

AT FALL RIVER

Worker Is Awarded \$4,000 For Prize Suggestion

An employee at the Firestone Foamex plant in Fall River, Mass., has received the largest suggestion award ever made in the Firestone Company.

Mrs. Lillian Ferrucci received the sum of \$4,000 for her idea suggestion to improve the quality of Foamex cushions and pillows. The cash award went to Mrs. Ferrucci in late June.

The idea came to her one day

"almost in a flash," said Mrs. Ferrucci. Her prize-winning suggestion was the only one she had turned in for consideration.

Previously the highest suggestion award by the Company was one for \$3,000 which went to Frank B. Bowen of the Los Angeles plant in 1953 for his suggestion for improving the manufacturing process for aircraft fuel cells.

Attends College

W. G. Henson, Jr., Shop mechanic, is attending Charlotte College five evenings a week, taking the pre-engineering course. After two years there, he will enroll at State College for two additional years.

SCIENCE FINDS PREVENTION, BUT —

Precaution Good Insurance Against Threat Of Polio

Don't be misled by a false sense of security should your child receive the Salk anti-polio vaccine. And don't get too optimistic and forget that there is always the ever-present threat of the polio menace.

This warning was issued recently by the North Carolina State Board of Health, which also advises that commonsense precautions against polio must not be overlooked while scientists continue their quest for further measures for the control of the disease.

Sensible rules for good health are always important. Now that the polio season is here, parents should see that a child avoids:

Fatigue and chilling

Long and unnecessary travel
Dirty hands during meals
Crowds and new contacts
Other people's soiled towels, dishes or tableware.

If polio should strike, be on the lookout for these symptoms: Fever, headache, upset stomach, stiff neck or back, sore throat. A person suspected of having polio should be put to bed promptly. It is well to remember that at least half of all polio patients get well without crippling effects.

Get in touch with your local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis if you need help for a polio patient. The local address is: 311 East Main Avenue; Telephone UN 5-1286. If no answer, dial UN 5-4487.

Undefeated Team Bids For Championship



UNDEFEATED TEAM—As of July 25, the Firestone Girls' Softball Team was undefeated after having played 10 games on the season's schedule. The 12 members of the team this year appeared most likely to capture the Gaston County championship, with only 3 games scheduled for the remainder of the season.

In the photograph, from left, are: Doris McCready, Llew Adams, Joyce Gragg, Vicky Bolick, Gladys Hamrick, Jeanette Faris, Glenna Hamrick, Gretchen Putman, Marlene Steward and Dorcas Atkinson. Not present for the photograph were Betty Hanna and Beverly Riley.

'Francis' On Movie Program

On the outdoor summer movie schedule for the next two billings are: Francis Covers the Big Town, starring Donald O'Connor, July 29; and Return of October, with Glenn Ford and James Gleason, August 5.

The summer movie schedule, which runs through September 9, booked 15 full length features—two in technicolor; and a continued story of 15 installments.

Pictures are shown each Friday evening at dusk in the Recreation Park behind the Firestone Dormitory.