

Nine Added To List of 20-Year Records

391 Now On 15-Year Roll



Nine more men and women have joined the ranks of 20-year employees. As of January, 1956, these individuals added to the growing list, brought the total figure of 20-year people to 205. Included in the January number who were honored with service pins and watches were:

Twenty Years

Cletus O. Starr, Frances R. Welch, Carding; Margaret Davis, Spinning; Gettie M. H. Davis, Spooling. Clarence D. Houser, Emily Canady, Rayon Weaving; Willard P. Stiles, J. H. Brooks, J. B. Weaver, Cotton Weaving.

Also during the month of January the 15-year employee record list grew to 391, when six names were added.

Fifteen Years

George Lightner, Truman Lutz, Carding; Delia Buchanan, Charlie O. Stiles, Rayon Weaving; Nelson C. Jackson, Shop; Duel L. Redding, Refreshment.

Other service records posted for January included:

Ten Years

Lala G. Rogers, Spinning; Earl L. Clark, Dorothy Baber, Rayon

Weaving; Pearl Chastain, Monroe Smith, Anna B. Blaylock, Cotton Weaving. Thurman B. Davis, Shop; Vernon R. Martin, Supply; Lloyd L. Maxey, Quality Control.

Five Years

Lloyd G. Hollifield, Carding; Blanche B. Newton, Spooling; John D. Nix, C. B. Terry, Jr., Jack Barker, James Burris, Johnne Bowens, Tommy Taylor, Lonnie J. Mitchell, Rayon Twisting.

Billy D. Fritts, Cotton Twisting; Faye B. Huffstetler, Ozell Neely, Samuel E. Hill, Rayon Weaving; Ethel Robinson, Darius Nixon, Elrees K. Liles, Edna E. Emmett, Cotton Weaving. Flay D. Huffstetler, Shop; Woodrow B. Wooten, Quality Control, Fannie H. Black, Winding.



TWO DECADES OF SERVICE was credited to each of a group of employees here in December. In this photograph, taken at the awarding of 20-year service pins and watches, are, from left: Nell W. Robinson, T. B. Ipock, Jr., Director of Industrial Relations; Gladys Nygard, James

M. Smith, Charles B. Hipps. Back row: William T. Miller, Henry Boyd, Mausby Hyleman, James T. Ballew, Sam F. Honeycutt. Not present for this picture: Jennie R. Ivey, Tom Sipes, and B. J. Bumgardner.

Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, To Launch 'Onward For God And My Country' Program

The nation's 4,100,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders will launch their Four-Year Program, "Onward for God and My Country," during Boy Scout Week, February 6 to 12, marking the organization's 46th anniversary.

In The Firestone Community, there are four active Boy Scout Troops, members of which will participate in the 46th Anniversary program.

Dr. Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scout Executive, says the new program seeks "through organized and trained man power to give an increasingly better program to an increasing number of the nation's youth" and to "help today's youth to 'Be Prepared' as citizens of character, to be prepared in body, skill, spirit, will, and as a member of a team."

He says it will give youth

further opportunity to develop physical fitness, self-reliance, the fulfillment of one's obligation to God, a sense of personal responsibility, a spirit of helping people, a willingness to share, and an understanding of the government's democratic processes.

DURING BOY SCOUT WEEK

plans will be completed for the strictly nonpartisan 1956 National Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign which the Scout organization is sponsoring jointly with the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge. Scouts distributed in 1952 more than 1,000,000 posters and placed 30,000,000 Liberty Bell doorknob hangers in their first nationwide get-out-the-vote effort. This was said to be an important factor in the record turnout of sixty million voters.

THE CAMPAIGN seeks to instill in adults the determination and responsibility to exercise their franchise as free people and take a more active part in their government. Each Scout will have an opportunity to participate and better understand his responsibility as a citizen.

Since a major reason for not voting is failure to have registered, the Scouts' campaign will first try to get citizens to register. Colorful posters encouraging registration will be displayed in accordance with local registration dates. Just before Election Day, Scouts and their leaders will distribute 35,000,000 Liberty Bell doorknob hangers to homes across the nation. These hangers read: "Heed

youths' call. Vote as you think, but vote November 6, 1956. Use your freedom to vote."

Boy Scout Week is the largest annual single event observed by young citizens.

Most of the nation's 36,000 Cub packs, with 1,430,000 members, will hold blue and gold pot luck banquets with each family bringing a part of the menu. These eight, nine, and ten year old members follow a home-centered program in their homes and backyards.

Each unit will train its members in common-sense things they should do in case of fire, panic, or flood, simple things one should do for himself and his family. Interesting objects made by Cub Scouts will be shown in window displays. Cub Scouts will put on dramatizations, tableaux, and pantomimes, based on Cub Scout ideals, the history of Scouting, and persons important to its progress.

MOST OF THE 54,000 Boy Scout troops, with 1,160,000 members who are eleven, twelve and thirteen years old, will celebrate with annual parents' and Scouts' dinners at which individual advancement and achievements will be recognized. They will also thank local organizations and parents whose support makes Scouting possible.

Explorers in the 14,000 Explorer units and in Explorer crews in troops, with their 440,000 members fourteen years and older, will demonstrate before adults and young people the outdoor, social, service, and vocational elements of their program.

Business Seen Good In 1956

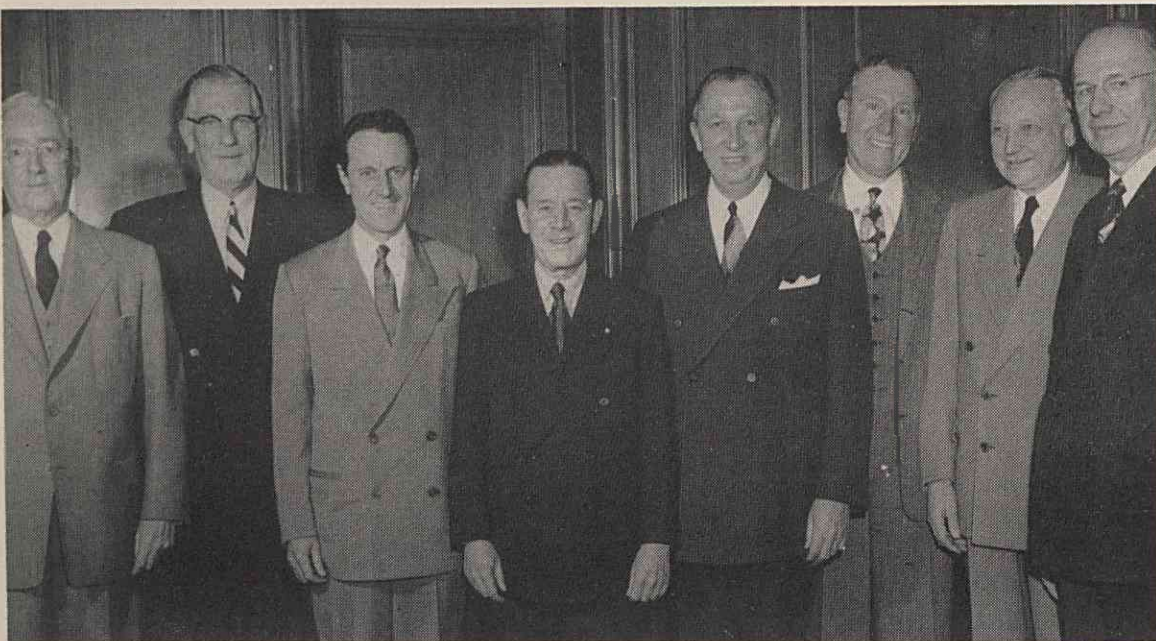
No slowdown—not for six months at least—is expected in production at the plant here this year, General Manager Harold Mercer said in an interview with local newsmen early this year.

"We will continue to operate at full capacity six days a week for an indefinite period," he pointed out.

The General Manager, in looking to the future as it might affect production here, said that the automobile industry expects a 15 per cent reduction during 1956. He explained that this could result in a slight tapering off in production of tire cord the last half of this year. Approximately half of the 2,300 workers here are on tire cord, and half on cotton production.

The year 1955, he noted in retrospect, was "about the best in the last four years." Prices were better, volume of business was up, and 1955 showed a tremendous improvement over the previous year.

Chairman Honored for 35 Years Of Service



The Chairman of the Company recently joined a select group of those who have received diamond-set pins in recognition of 35 years of service to the Company. Actually, the anniversary date for Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., was November 1. But at that time he was on an inspection tour of Company plants in Europe. While abroad he attended the International Rubber Study Group conference in Liberia for the U. S. State Depart-

ment. Upon his return, President Lee R. Jackson presented the pin in the presence of Company executives. Shown, left to right, are: J. J. Shea, Vice-President; H. D. Tompkins, Vice-President, Trade Sales; Raymond C. Firestone, Executive Vice-President; Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.; Lee R. Jackson; C. A. Pauley, Comptroller; H. M. Taylor, Vice-President, Manufacturers Sales, and H. H. Hollinger, Treasurer.

Annual Financial Statement In Special Issue Of News

The 1955 year-end statement by Company Chairman Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., will be made available to employees through an annual issue of Firestone newspapers. Firestone News, Gastonia edition of the publication, will be mailed to employees near the close of February. This edition of the News, published in Akron, will highlight significant points of the Company's progress during the past year.