

# February Service Records Listed



## Six Added To 20-Year Roll

During February, 6 more employees were added to the growing roster of honored 20-year record holders at the plant. These persons brought to 211 the total number who have served the Company a score of years. They are: Fred S. Chastain, Carding; Alice Eva Odom, O. K. Forrester, Spooling; Wilbur E. Posey, Rayon Weaving; and Clyde A. Hager, and Loyd T. Metcalf, Cotton Weaving.

Each was honored recently with the awarding of a 20-year service pin and 20-year watch.

Others receiving service pins include:

### Fifteen Years

William Q. Murray, Rayon Weaving.

### Ten Years

John Roach, Carding; David H. McGinnis, Wayne M. Dillinger, Norma S. Hopper, Spinning; Addie L. Sapp, Spooling.

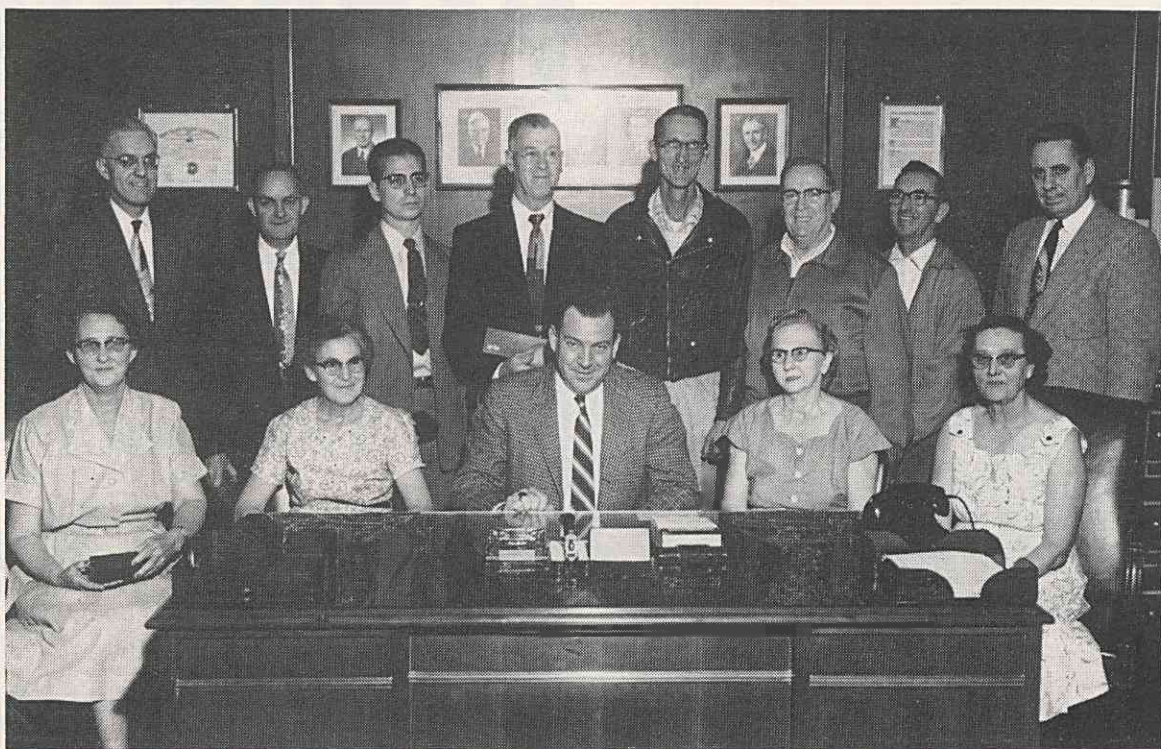
Floyd G. Whitaker, Rayon Weaving; James A. Dunham,

Cotton Weaving; Ida W. Byers, Girls Club.

### Five Years

James A. Mauney, Walter F. Alexander, Spinning; James C. Massey, Lorene M. Owensby, Emily P. Smith, Banna L. Booth, John C. Owensby, William G. Ginn, Eula Tucker.

Mae A. Capps, Cotton Weaving; Martha G. Robinson, Rayon Weaving; T. S. Huffstickler, Shop; M. Louise Sutton, Plastic Dip; Ralph E. Deal, Winding; Christine C. Clark, Main Office.



**JANUARY ADDITIONS** to the list of 20-year record holders included 10 employees, shown here with Harold Mercer, General Manager; and Francis Galligan, Superintendent of the Cotton Division. Seated, from left: Gettie H. M. Davis,

Jennie Ivey, Mr. Mercer, Emily Canady and Margaret Davis. Standing, from left: J. V. Darwin, J. B. Beaver, Willard Stiles, J. H. Brooks, Francis R. Welch, Cletus O. Starr, Clarence D. Houser and Mr. Galligan.

## IF YOU GAVE...

# Your Contribution Extended Red Cross Program In 1955

Firestone employees here who contributed to the American Red Cross through the United Fund campaign purchased for themselves a vital share in the Gaston County and North Carolina Red Cross program for 1955.

Figures released on expenditures for hurricane disaster in the state during the 1955-1956 season amounted to \$462,327. Of that amount, \$110,000 was donated by North Carolinians and the remainder was supplied from other states. Some 3,224 persons, were serviced in the states during that period.

From July 1954 to June 1955, 50,500 pints of whole blood were put to use. At \$25 a pint this

would have amounted to approximately \$1,428,200.

**RED CROSS** expenditures for disaster and the blood program are only two examples of the numerous humanitarian services performed by the Red Cross. Although employees here have given to the Red Cross through the recent United Fund, any individual may contribute again if he wishes, during the Red Cross Month drive in March.

Local officials point out that contributions earmarked for disaster, such as floods and hurricanes, are set aside for such purpose and do not go into a general fund.

## Bond Drive

From page 1 savings bonds does double duty. It not only works for your country but also works for you. In less than ten years, you get back one-third more money than you pay for the bonds and their cost value is guaranteed by the United States Government. This truly represents one of the safest and surest investments in the world.

By investing to the limit of your ability in United States Savings Bonds you help finance your government in the way that best strengthens our whole economy and, at the same time, strengthens your personal financial security in the years to come.

*Harvey S. Firestone, Jr.*

## For Best Results, Keep Garden Record

Whether you are a new gardner or an old one, you will profit much by keeping a garden record or "diary." This advice comes from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

As soon as you have purchased your seeds and have sent out orders for supplies for this year's planting, it is then time to start keeping a record of what you buy, how much, how much it costs, and so on. Keep a record of when you planted what, and how much. This information recorded can then be added to the record of how successful your crops turn out to be. You will want to include in your record such entries as fertilizers, insecticides, and other data that would help to evaluate your season's work.

The record you keep this year will be invaluable as a guide for a better garden next year. It can save you time and money and make possible better rewards for your labors. Because you will have recorded the useful details that are so easy to forget: variety names, dates, quantities, costs, and the fruits, vegetables, and flowers that you did or didn't grow.

## Danger Tags Put Emphasis On Plant Safety



How often have you seen a conspicuous Danger Tag fastened to an electrical switch or some other equipment in your department? And have you ever stopped to think just why the tag was there? This question is one that needs attention and explanation.

Failure to cut off the power supply at the main or master switch is one of the frequent causes of serious—or fatal—injuries. Neglecting to lock out the switch or attach a Danger Tag has often been the cause of someone's starting a switch or operating the piece of equipment concerned. Result: one or more injured workers.

**MANY EMPLOYEES** are not concerned because they are not required to use Danger Tags. But everyone should be concerned with the reasons for their use, since concern may mean the difference between safety and injury, life or death.

All persons performing work such as maintenance, construction, repair or extensive cleaning on machines and equipment are required to attach a Danger Tag on the switch before beginning the work. The switch must be in the "off" position and when deemed advisable, also padlocked.

Under no circumstances should one tamper with or remove the tag without authorization. It is a warning that someone is working on the equipment and the person responsible for the work will remove the tag when the job is completed.

**DANGER TAGS** will be used on jobs other than switches or machinery where there is possibility of an employee's being exposed to injury.

When you see these tags in use, you know that they are there for a purpose—to prevent injury. One may not be aware of the hazard existing but he will know that the Danger Tag is a warning, saying:

"Obey me and be safe; disregard me and be sorry."

May we never be guilty of disregarding a Danger Tag.

**THROUGH THE YEARS**, a lot of us become indifferent about



**RED TAG FOR SAFETY**—Ed Taylor, maintenance foreman, right, explains to Roy Chastain, Shop, importance of an attached red tag to an electrical switch in the "off" position. This is a standard safety measure practiced while work is being done on electrical circuits, machinery and other equipment where there is danger of accidental or careless starting of the machinery. When deemed advisable the switch lever may be padlocked as an extra precaution.

this matter of personal safety. Information on safety which we read and hear sounds all right to us at the time, but it is easy to think of it as being meant for the other fellow.

It often takes an accident or an injury to jolt us into realiz-

ing what has happened to our sense of values. Then safety becomes more than a word that we have come to think of as "some kind of program the Company is trying to put across."

Safety is a living thing—something real—and personal.

## Salesmanship A Factor In Safety

Safety is a matter of salesmanship, Dr. Lawrence I. Stell, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, told some 300 in attendance at a joint meeting of the Gaston Personnel Association and the Blue Ridge Safety Council in Masonic Temple recently.

Fifteen persons from Firestone were present.

The Blue Ridge Safety Council is one of the 8 regional councils sponsored by the N. C. Industrial Commission as a means of promoting safety education within industries. The Gaston Personnel Association is an organization composed of individuals affiliated in personnel work or in a supervisory capacity in Gaston County industries.