

Service Records Listed For March



Lewis Compton, Spinning; and Roland E. Conrad, Rayon Weaving, joined the select group of 20-year employees here during the month of March. The addition of their names to the roster brought the total of 20-year record holders to 213.

The two who completed a score of years of service with the Company in March were honored, each with a 20-year service pin and a gold watch.

OTHERS in March receiving recognition for long-term service included:

Fifteen Years

Claude H. Clark, Carding; George H. Sadler, Rayon Twisting; Thelma Gilreath, Rayon Weaving.

Ten Years

Clifton Glenn, Carding; Her-

man A. Eaker, Virgil W. Self, Spinning; Lillie P. Brown, Spooling; Henry J. McDaniel, Rayon Twisting; John M. Chastain, Isaac Moss, Lawrence Wilson, Shop.

Five Years

William R. Deal, Grover B. Head, Spinning; Hattie C. Anthony, Spooling; Hyme Jackson, Rayon Twisting; Audrey S. Seymour, Cotton Weaving; Howard V. Martin, Shop; Miriam E. Cable, William L. Moody, Ruby L. Chapman, Winding.



IN FEBRUARY, six employees were added to the mounting list of 20-year record holders as the Firestone plant approached its 21st year of operation in Gastonia. Here, General Manager Harold Mercer presents a gold watch to Alice

Eva Odom. Others who received watches in February are, from left: O. K. Forrester, Loyd T. Metcalf, Wilbur E. Posey, Fred Chastain and Clyde Hager.

Nelson Kessells Report On Life In India

The new Republic of India is a most exciting and romantic land of legend, according to reports from the plant General Superintendent Nelson Kessell and Mrs. Kessell, who are in the East on business for the Company.

Mr. Kessell has been assigned for several months to the Firestone subsidiary tire plant in

Bombay, where he is serving in an advisory capacity on tire fabrics manufacture.

THROUGH LETTERS to relatives and friends in Gastonia, the Kessells, who are on their third trip abroad, describe India as a land of contrasts, especially socially and economically. Famine and disease take a heavy toll

of life each year despite measures taken to increase food production and control birth and death rates.

Approximately 82 per cent of the population are without any education, although the Kessells observe that there are some 30 universities and more than 650 colleges. Provision is being made for future free education through age 14.

The part of the country in which the Kessells are living is included in the new Republic of India which embraces the larger geographic and population division of the sub-continent of India. Population of the whole of the country is in excess of 372 million.

Almost 3 million persons live in Bombay, a port on the Arabian Sea and on the west coast of India.

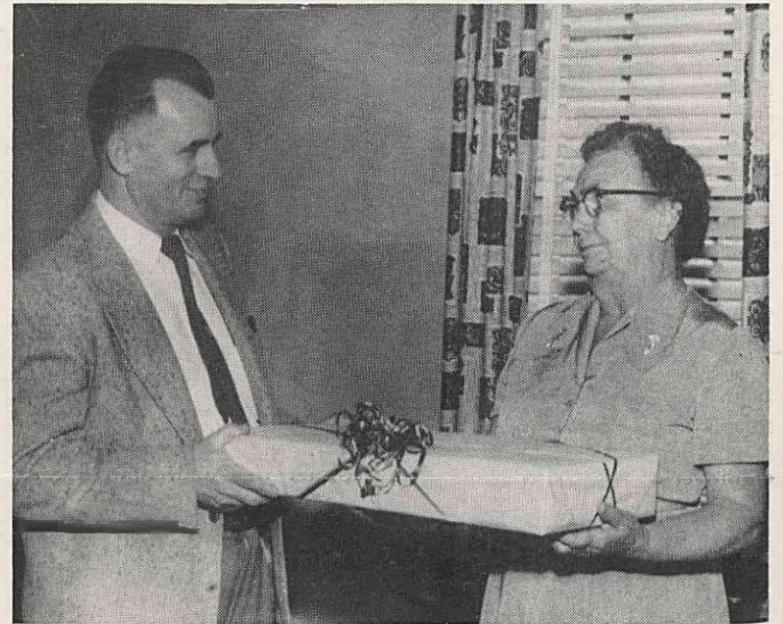
IN INDIA, the medium of exchange is the rupee, with an exchange value equivalent to 21 cents in the United States. There are 14 different languages, with more than 200 variations in dialect. More than 85 per cent of the population follow the Hindu religion, with the remainder being Moslems, Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsees and Christians.

"Here they do not kill the cows, because they are sacred," writes Mrs. Kessell, "but the poor sheep are most unfortunate. Always on the menu there is mutton in some form."

THE KESSELLS departed Gastonia January 29 and traveled by TWA Airliner. Describing the trip over, they wrote:

"We stopped briefly at an airport in Ireland and in Switzerland; and at Paris, Rome, Athens, Cairo, then to Bompay. A portion of the trip by train was a trying experience. We had to sit up for a long while, because there was no sleeperette available."

In Bombay, Mrs. Kessel is especially interested in the native shops. She writes of the exquisite products on sale, observing that most goods are quite expensive on account of the tourist trade. For example, there are black and silver-woven scarves for the equivalent of \$15 in American money, and beaded handbags for \$150.



GIFT OF APPRECIATION—Mrs. Dell Morgan receives of Spinning Overseer Sam Guffey a package containing several articles of clothing, given her by fellow employees at her retirement.

AT MARION COLLEGE

Student 'Who's Who' Lists Son Of Employees Here

William A. Dilling, son of W. H. Dilling, Supervisor in Cord Weaving; and Mrs. Dilling, quilter in Cord Weaving, is one of 8 students named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges at Marion College, Marion, Ind., for 1955-1956.

The student was at one time employed in Main Office here. He will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in education from Marion in June, and plans to further his education toward the Master of Arts degree.

AT THE Indiana college, Mr. Dilling has earned a number of distinctions, including recognition as president of the Student Council. A future teacher, he attended Central College, Central, S. C., before enrolling at Marion. In addition to his work in school, he is employed on the second shift of a wire manufacturing plant in Marion. Mrs. Dilling, the former Udine Clark, of Gastonia, is manager of the snack shop at the college.

For the honor of being named to Who's Who, Dilling was chosen from among 12 candidates, for his outstanding scholastic record, exemplary character and participation in school activities.

MEMBERS of Who's Who are selected through nominations of the Student Council and a vote by the college faculty members. Final approval is made by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Those selected must be enrolled at a four-year,



degree-granting institution, and must be members of either the Junior or Senior class. Names and biographies appear in an annual publication which is the official directory of distinguished students in American universities and colleges.

Case-Wilson

Ernest B. Case and Ruby D. Wilson were married in a ceremony recently performed in York, S. C., by Probate Judge Charles F. Nunn. At the time of their marriage, the bride was employed by a Lexington, N. C., company. Case is employed by Firestone as a machine oiler. After the wedding, the Cases visited relatives in Andrews, N. C., and stopped at points of interest in Western North Carolina. They will live in Gastonia.

After 55 Years In Textiles-- Back Home To South Carolina

Her last stick of roving was set in the creel. Mrs. Dell Morgan surveyed her final piece of work on the job in Spinning, and closed the book on her 55 years of history in textile mills in more than a dozen states.

When she walked out of the plant at the close of her shift on March 5, her record in the mills encompassed jobs in states from New York to Alabama and from South Carolina to Missouri.

THE RETIRED WORKER grew up in Fairfield County, S. C., and started working in a cotton mill when she was just

a girl—in fact small enough that she had to stand on a wooden box in order to reach the creel.

With the exception of about four years which she spent as a weaver in a mill in Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Morgan worked all of her 55 years in textiles as a spinner.

While in Gastonia, she lived at 108 South Ransom street.

In retirement, she is with a daughter, Mrs. B. R. Hennessee, in Winnsboro, S. C. She plans to spend her retirement days enjoying her grandchildren, doing projects around the house, and perhaps traveling a little.

Help For Your Tax Reporting

Remember that date: April 16. It is the absolute deadline for reporting your income tax.

To help you during the few remaining days before the deadline, the Special Income Tax Department will continue to be at your service through April 16.

The days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Girls Club. Trained personnel who are operating the free service for employees remind you to—

Bring with you the W2 Income Tax form and the tax return form supplied you by the State and Federal Governments. If you plan to fill in the long form, have with you all information necessary for completing the form. This will include all allowable deductions such as interest, contributions, and taxes.