

The inescapable price of liberty
is our ability to preserve it from
destruction.

—Douglas MacArthur

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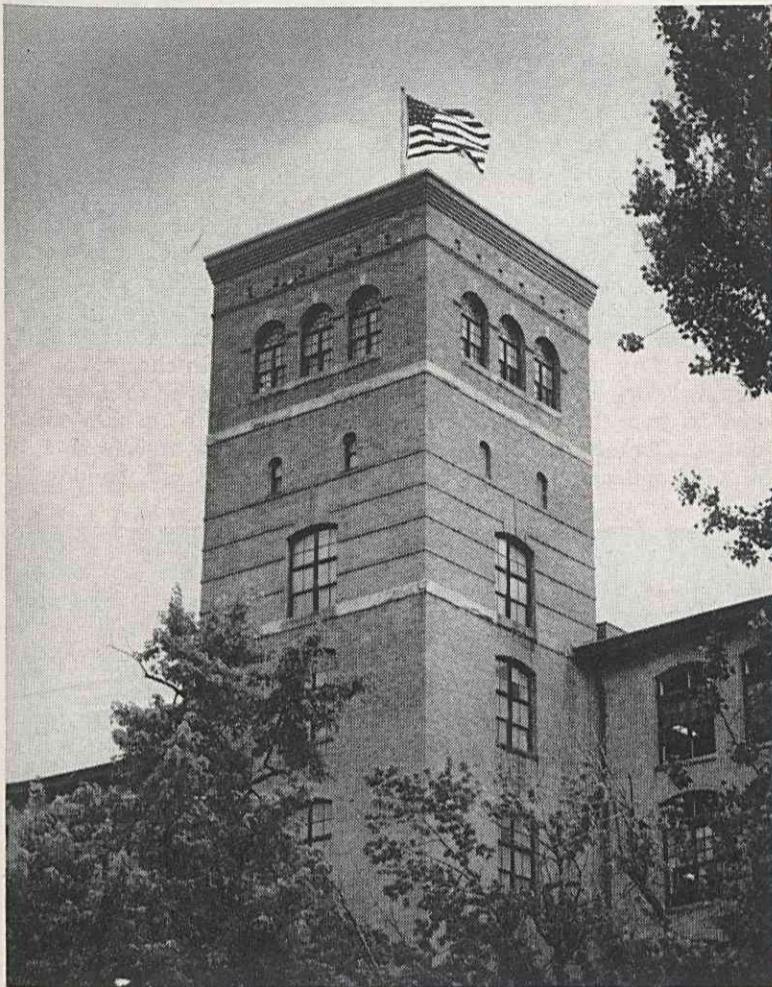
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Liberty is the only thing you
can not have unless you are will-
ing to give it to others.

—William Allen White

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SO PROUDLY WE HAIL

The Stars and Stripes atop the plant tower—an Independence Day reminder of our belief in the American tradition of freedom and self-government.

ADVICE TO GRADUATES

Diploma No Success Guarantee—W. A. Karl

There is no shortcut to success in industry, William A. Karl told the graduating class of the North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont, at commencement exercises, June 13.

The Firestone Textiles Presi-

dent was introduced by General Manager Harold Mercer, chairman of the school's advisory committee.

Speaking to an audience of around 300, Mr. Karl pointed up the subject, "What Does Indus-

try Expect From You?" He declared that industry expects its leaders to take orders before giving orders.

"There is no difference between knowledge and education," he said. "Knowledge is the acquisition of facts. Education involves the use of what one knows. Both knowledge and education together are not necessarily enough."

ELABORATING on the point that "a diploma is no guarantee of success," the speaker listed some other demands which industry places upon its leaders at all levels. These, he said, include punctuality, maintenance of good health, thrift, continued study, loyalty, productivity, civic responsibility, use of 'buried' assets, technical ability, aggressiveness, energy, vigor of intellect, initiative, and the drive to start and carry a project to a successful conclusion.

FOLLOWING the address 31 honor students were recognized, together with seven who had an unbroken attendance for 1,150 class hours each.

The school's second annual award to its outstanding graduate went to James R. Young of Gastonia, who had completed 2,300 hours of study with straight "A" grades. At the time Young



SEVEN EMPLOYEES were among graduates of the North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont, who received diplomas June 13. Shown here looking over their diplomas, from left, sitting: William Roberts, employed in Rayon Weaving; Morgan A. Guffey, Spinning. Standing: Bobby A. Rogers, Rayon Weaving; Gary P. Lyles, Rayon Weaving; J. C. Mahaffee, Rayon Twisting. Graduates not in the picture: G. W. Horne, Rayon Twisting; William Vandervord, Carding.

Gastonia Area Boy Scouts Honored At Annual Banquet

John Knox 11th To Receive Top Achievement Award

Fifty Boy Scouts from the Gastonia District of the Piedmont Council received Certificates of Merit for excellency in scouting, and one of them—with the most outstanding record of all—was recipient of the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award. The scouts were honored at ceremonies following a dinner in the plant recreation center June 14.

In addition to the Certificate of Merit, each scout received a check from the Company covering expenses for two weeks at Piedmont Boy Scout Camp near Tryon, N. C.

The Company makes these awards each year to Boy Scouts who have distinguished themselves by meeting requirements set up by the Company. Awards are given in the American cities in which the organization operates major plants.

The program was started at the Gastonia plant in 1946.

AS WINNER of the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award, John Law Knox of Troop 14 is the 11th

scout to be so honored. The 12-year-old Eagle Scout, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Knox, pastor of Second AR Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. The father is scoutmaster of Troop 14. His son holds 29 merit badges.

The award includes an engraved silver medallion, a \$100

bond, and a check for \$25.75 to sponsor two weeks at the Tryon scout camp.

Young Knox will be an eighth grade student at Myrtle School this fall. He is active in the Intermediate Society and participates in other activities of the Second ARP Church. At present

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OUTSTANDING SCOUT—John Law Knox (seated at center), holds his Merit Certificate and engraved silver medallion representing the Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Award for Scouting excellence. The award was presented by General Manager Harold Mercer (standing second from left). At the winner's left sits his father, the Rev. L. P. Knox. Scouting officials and leaders are Dan LaFar (seated at left); and (standing), R. M. Schiele, Piedmont Council executive, Mr. Mercer, Charles D. Bryant, D. R. LaFar and J. Crawford Poag.

Variety In Movie Catalog For July

Western, comedy, sports and adventure are included on the fare of the mid-way schedule in the summer lineup of outdoor movies at the plant.

The pictures are being shown to employees and members of their families at dusk on the dates scheduled. Show place is the recreation park in front of the plant. The majority of the movies are shown during the season on Fridays. Vacation period the first two weeks of

entered school he was a Firestone employee.

The graduating class was made up of 100 men, and two women. In addition to those who received diplomas, 52 students were presented certificates.

July necessitates a realignment of the schedule for the entire month.

Movies for the next few weeks are listed as:

July 17: Four Guns To The Border, with Rory Calhoun.

July 20: Wistful Widow of Wagon Gap, with Abbott and Costello.

July 24: Roogie's Bump (baseball), with Robert Merriot.

July 27: Tanganyika (in color), with Howard Duff and Van Heflin.

August 3: All American (football), with Tony Curtis.

On each of these schedules a chapter in the Deadwood Dick series will be presented.

Begun June 1, the movie program will continue through September 7.