

OTHERS HAVE LONG RECORDS

John W. Hartgrove Here 20 Years



On June 23, 1936, John W. Hartgrove of the Spinning Department worked his first day at the plant here. And when he reached his 20th anniversary of employment last month, he was Number 219 on the select list of those who have served the Company a score of years or more. As customary, Hartgrove received his 20-year pin and a gold watch, presented in the office of the General Manager.

NEXT in length of service were two employees who noted 15-year anniversaries during June. They are: Letha Hammonds, Spinning; and Jessie Glover, Shop.

Others marking anniversaries for ten and five years were—

Ten Years

Alfred A. Caskey, Carding; Columbus J. Wall, Spinning; Roy A. Bolynn, Nancy A. Burlison, Fred K. Herndon, Rayon Twisting.

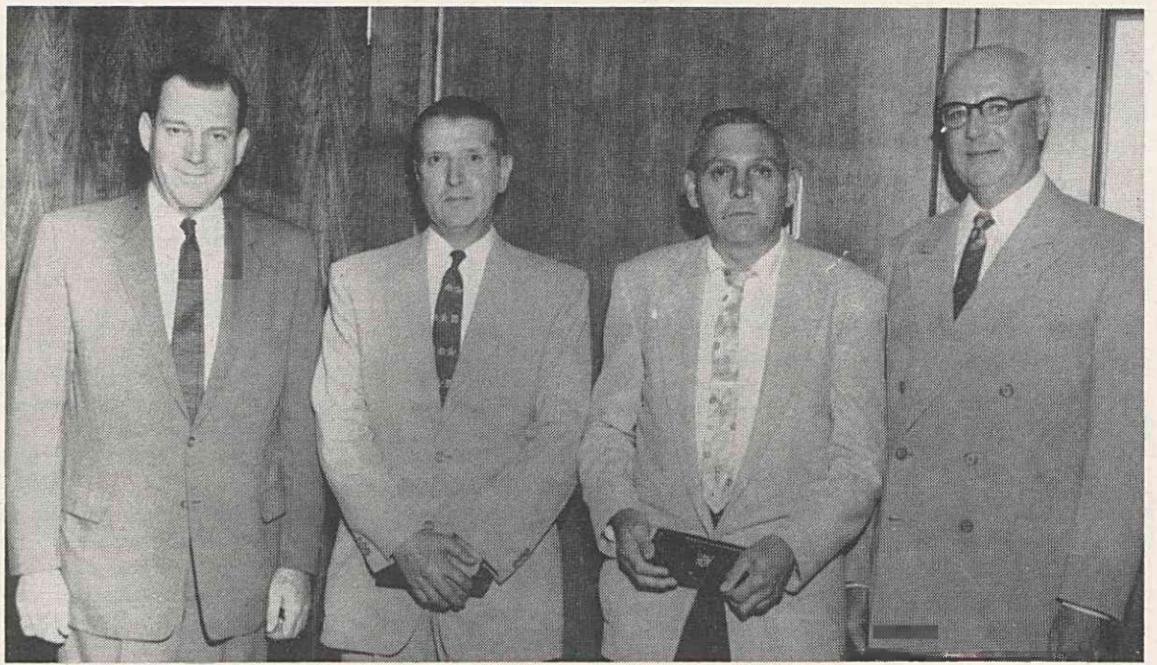
Milliard F. Goins, Ross M. Laughridge, Rayon Weaving; Clarence M. Horton, Cotton Weaving.

Five Years

Theodore W. Morgan, Spinning; Robert C. Jones, Spooling; Sidney W. Self, Marvin Jolly, Hattie P. Moore, John W. Garner, Dessie B. Arney, Thomas E. Bradley, Lloyd Hope, Rayon Twisting; Julia P. Beal, Skipping.

Charles A. Pennington, Loy J. Champion, Cotton Weaving; Loy Leonhardt, Rosie Francum, Thomas W. Turner, Shop; Belle-donna Barker, Quality Control.

Those with records of 15, 10 and 5 years of service have received the customary service pin.



THREE WERE HONORED on their 20-year service anniversary in May. Here photographed between General Manager Harold Mercer (left)

and Firestone Textiles President William A. Karl, are: Carl J. Stewart (second from left), and Floyd Kelly.

YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

July Ushers In Park, Fair and Camp Season

Horse shows, outdoor plays, folk festivals and a craftsman's fair make up a sampling of events in the Traveler's Notebook for July.

By the time you read this, the season will be well underway in the 10 state parks of North Carolina. The parks, which had a recorded attendance of nearly 1,600,000 last year, have been improved and offer users many opportunities for healthful and relaxing recreation. All are easily reached over paved roads.



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ACTIVITIES include such diversions as swimming, fishing, picnicking, limited camping, hiking, boating, tent and trailer camping, and nature study under direction of trained park naturalists. Here is a list of the 10 State parks:

Cliffs of Neuse, near Goldsboro; William B. Umstead, Raleigh; Fort Macon, near Morehead City; Hanging Rock, near Danbury; Jones Lake, for Negro use, near Elizabethtown; Morrow Mountain, near Albemarle; Mount Mitchell, between Asheville and Marion; Pettigrew at Creswell; Reedy Creek for Negroes in Wake County near State Fairgrounds; and Singletary Lake, near White Lake in Bladen County.

OF FESTIVE occasions on the July travel docket The Watermelon Carnival, week of July 10 at Pageland, S. C., across the state line near Monroe, N. C., is an annual attraction. Planned features include the Plug Horse Derby, July 6; Barefoot and Apron Day; with the main attraction July 10 being a contest for "Beauty Queen". At 6 p.m., there will be a parade. Closing features of the Carnival will include a procession of beauty queens, music by a well-known band, a stage show and coronation ball in the school gym, plus a free square dance in the market commission shed.

ON THE OUTDOOR drama list, closest one to Gastonia is "Thunder Over Carolina." The play, centering around events of the Revolutionary War, has scheduled its second season at Lincoln-ton, for June 21 through July 14, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30.

Of the numerous other attractions in the region during July, maybe some of these will interest you:

Junior Sandhills Invitational Tennis Tournament, Southern Pines, July 11-15; Carolina PGA Pro-Amateur Golf Tournament, Shelby 12; VFW Folk Festival, Canton, 12-14; Horse Show, Asheville, 14; Craftsman's Fair of the Southern Highlands, Asheville, 16-20; 17th annual Horse Show, Hendersonville, 26-28; All-Breed Dog Show, Asheville, 27-28.

1955 Scholarship Winner In Summer School At Abbey

Bobby Eugene Sellers, Firestone College Scholarship winner in 1955, is attending the summer session at Belmont Abbey College. He is taking a course in engineering mathematics in the June 25-August 3 term.

The scholar has completed the Freshman year at North Carolina State College, where he is studying Chemical engineering. During last school term, Sellers was a member of the Freshman track team and played halfback on the Freshman football squad. He competed in the half-mile

race in a track meet held at Clemson College.

The scholarship holder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Sellers of Bessemer City.

ARRIVALS...

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby A. Purkey, at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Monday, June 18. The child, who weighed nine pounds and eleven ounces, has been named Jeffrey David. His father is assistant to the plant Recreation Director.

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Stem-Foliage Color Enhances Show Flowers

Raise exhibition flowers to be proud of, to share and to enjoy! Such is the counsel of members of the plant's Variety Garden Club.

Club members are being urged to enter some of their flowers in the "Harvest Harmony" show at the Spindle Center Agricultural Fair this September. Here, Mrs. W. R. Turner discusses value of color in stem and foliage, and mentions some aspects of specimen judging.

"Green—the color of plant life and of Spring—is the symbol of freshness, youth and joy," Mrs. Turner writes. "Evergreen plants are associated with many traditions."

ON THE scientific side, green is a secondary spectrum color, being half-way between the primary colors of yellow and blue. It contrasts with all the flower colors. It stimulates and complements.

In a bouquet a good proportion is two-thirds flowers, one-third foliage on greenery. In cut specimens for display in flower shows, the green foliage and stem are very important. With cultural perfection based on 100 points, the scoring points range from one-tenth to one-third of a possible score.

Phlox, marigold, petunia, zinnia, dahlia all rate 10-20 points on stem and foliage. Roses rate 20; sweet peas, 25; African violets, 35.

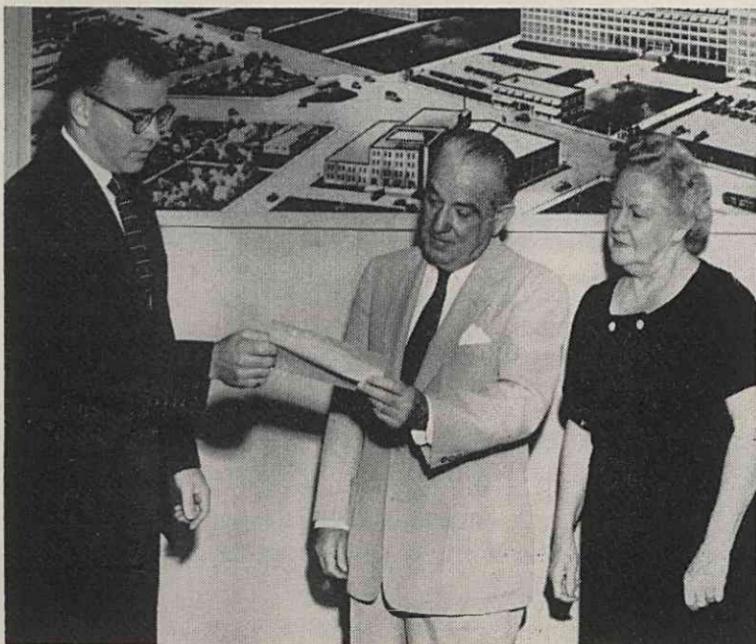
Here is an example of the lineup of points on which roses are judged: General consideration—form, color, substance, size, stem and foliage.

LET US CONSIDER merits in flower judging. These include perfection of form for type; pure rich luminous colors; firm and crisp petals; clean, healthy foliage; long stems; large blooms for type and variety; high centers in exhibition varieties; and most nearly perfect phase of possible beauty.

Flowers are judged on faults, too. Common faults are: Improper stage of development; over-groomed or overdressed; petals wilted or too soft, weak or faded; blued or dull in color, petals too small; weak stems; foliage too open or sparse; stems not disbudded; weather stains; insect and disease injury; conspicuous spray traces on foliage.

If you would make a good exhibit with your flowers, select stems that are sturdy, straight, and of a good length in proportion to size of flower. Let colors be good, healthy and clean. The leaves should be of good form, size, substance, texture and color. Side buds on limbs need to be broken out when very small so wound will be healed by blooming time.

Fertilize for good growth and color. Spray and dust to keep off diseases and insects.



GIFT TO COMMUNITY AGENCY

Philip R. Williams, (left), Assistant to the Superintendent of the Cotton Division, gives a check for \$561.25 to the Gaston County Tuberculosis Association. The check, representing employee contributions to this cause accepted by C. D. Gray, Sr., president of the Gaston County Tuberculosis Association. Looking on is Mrs. Blanche Gray Hamner, executive secretary of the TB organization. The money was collected in the last Employees' United Fund Campaign.