

IN AUGUST

Six Names Added To 20-Year List



The number of employees to earn a 20-year record of service here mounted to a total of 233 in August, when 6 were added to the long-term roster. During the same month, 4 were added to the 15-year list; 9 to the 10-year; and 15 to the 5-year roll. Those observing the 20th anniversary were Emory Beaver, Carding; Ben T. Hanna, Jr., Rayon Twisting; Frank Brown, Marvin E. Robinson, Shop; Leona L. Dameron, Quality Control; and Leonard B. McAbee, Industrial Relations.

Each of these 6 persons was honored with a gold watch and the appropriate lapel service pin.

Following is the remainder of the service anniversary listings for August:

Fifteen Years

Walter E. Lyles, Carding; Henry Barfield, John H. Stevens, Rayon Twisting; William R. Rainey, Warehouse.

Ten Years

Robert K. Pinkard, Carding; Roland B. Jolly, Spinning; Lillie C. Spencer, Annie B. Parks, Lela R. Mitchell, Spooling. Juanita Beddingfield, Rayon Twisting; Ansel C. Waldrep, Rayon Weaving; David L. Hager, Cotton Weaving; Mary Helen Spencer, Main Office.

Plant Featured In New Directory

An aerial photograph of the Firestone Textiles plant was chosen to represent Gastonia's industrial supremacy, in the introduction to the 1956 edition of the Gastonia City Directory. The plant here was treated as one of the 48 textile manufacturing establishments in the city and "one of the largest tire fabric plants under one roof in the world."

Firestone contributes substantially to Gastonia's annual textile payroll of almost \$50 million.

Safety Shoes Prove Value In Mower Accident

A few months ago Lewis Montgomery invested \$8.85 in a pair of safety shoes. What happened recently to the Sales Yarn Twisting employee convinced him of the value of foot protection—at home as well as on the job at the mill.

The other day he was mowing the lawn at his 509 West Allison avenue home. The gasoline power mower was wading through a patch of slippery grass and Montgomery's right foot slid under the machine, coming in contact with the high-speed rotary blade. Because of the protection afforded by the steel plate in the toe of the shoe, he came away from the accident with only a slight injury.

After this experience, Montgomery is convinced that protecting one's feet—like so much of safety—is a matter of common sense and precaution. We have learned to handle material and equipment at home and around the mill, the employee agrees, but we often neglect the available means of protecting ourselves from injury in those acci-

LEWIS MONTGOMERY (left), and Safety Director Alvin Riley exhibit the shoe which saved Montgomery from serious injury.



dents which occur, even though we try to prevent them.

THE STORY of Lewis Montgomery suggests further comment on the subject of foot safety. Accompanying foot injuries in a great majority of instances are (1) Pain; (2) Loss of income, if the injury results in lost-time from work; and (3) Danger of permanent disability. An injury to the feet can be one of the most difficult to correct. There are 26 relatively small bones in each foot and if one is injured, it will affect the function of the whole member.

The plant stockroom makes available to employees various styles of safety shoes. This footwear is sold at cost and may be bought either for cash or by payroll deduction.

There are some styles of shoes, though not usually available in stock, which can be had on special order.

PREVENTING foot injuries is not a matter of being lucky. Sooner or later the law of averages will catch up with everyone. Against this, wearing safety shoes is commonsense protection.



A CLOSEUP of the damaged shoe. The mower blade was stopped by the steel toe plate.



JOIN SELECT GROUP—Seven who, in July, reached 20-year employment milestones look over their gold watches and service pins, commemorating their lengthy records with the Company. Standing in front row, between General Manager

Harold Mercer (left), and Cotton Division Superintendent F. B. Galligan are Emma Reese, Gatha Piercy and Ruth Posey. Behind them are, from left, Henry Chastain, O'Dell Helms, William P. Reeves and J. M. Piercy.

Five Years

Dixie D. Griggs, Samuel A. Grisson, Harvie E. Hamilton, L. T. Humphries, Esther G. Butler, Bobby Joe Smith, Dautha L. Lane, Frances G. Deaton, Rayon Twisting.

Margaret E. Ware, Rayon Weaving; Tom J. Neal, Russell V. Carpenter, Shop; Gaddis H. Owens, Supply; Fred B. Sparrow, Winding; James M. Cooper, Time Study; Roxie M. Newton, First Aid.

Each 15, 10 and 5-year record holder for August has received a pin commemorating the individual's length of service with the Company.

Wins Distinction In Athletics



Julius Reeves, stepson of Mrs. J. B. Reeves, Jr., first shift nurse, spent part of the summer vacation in Gastonia, and will return to Carlisle Military School, Bamberg, S. C., for his sophomore year.

As a freshman student at CMS last academic year, Reeves was named in May the "outstanding player of the month" on the Golden Cyclones baseball team. The honor came to him because of his outstanding performance as a catcher during the year. He had one of the top batting averages for his team.

The past school term was his first year at playing baseball. Before going to Carlisle, he attended University High School in Columbia, S. C. Last year he

lettered in baseball and was one of 8 to be voted into the Block "C" Club, honorary athletic group at Carlisle.



Keep Children Safe From Fire

Carelessness may number your child among the 1,500 American youngsters five years and under who die in home fires every year. And the tragedy of these figures is all the greater because most of those fires would not have occurred if there had been proper care to do away with fire hazards.

Researchers have found that the rate of juvenile loss from fire has not been reduced for many years. A checklist of the following items can help you to keep your children safe from fire:

Never leave a small child unattended. Mothers should be sure that baby sitters are able to deal with unexpected emergencies such as fires.

Young children should be taught never to play with matches, and that homes should be carefully surveyed for fire hazards which can be done away with. Among these hazards are closets filled with rubbish, trash and other inflammable material in closets, attics and basements; defective electrical equipment and heating units, frayed electrical cords, and careless smoking habits.

NCVTS Has Evening Course

A special class in the mill maintenance department has been scheduled at North Carolina Vocational Textile School, Belmont, for the fall term, beginning September 4. This class, which runs from 5 to 9:30 p.m., five nights a week, has been arranged for textile employees whose work shift lasts through late afternoon and who are not able to attend morning classes.

Other special classes will be started when a sufficient number of students apply for enrollment, Principal Chris E. Folk has announced.

At the fall session of the school, students will be accepted

in all classes: yarn manufacturing, weaving and designing, mill maintenance, knitting and tailoring.

ALSO, students may enroll for the morning shift, 8:20 a.m., to 1 p.m., or 3 to 6:30 p.m. Veterans who wish to receive full benefits from the Veterans Administration, six hours per day, may arrange for the benefits in some of the school's departments.

Anyone who wants to enroll in the classes for the fall term may get in touch with the school office which is open from 8 a.m., until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.