



TWO EMPLOYEES passed lengthy-service milestones in December. Here, Delona Stacy Taylor receives her 20-year service pin and watch from General Manager Harold Mercer. Will A.

Brown looks approvingly at his pin and watch. T. B. Ipock, Jr., (left), Director of Industrial Relations, adds a congratulatory word.

January Service Records Listed



The Firestone ownership of the plant was just a little more than one year old when Eliza Jolly, Spinning, and Clarence Case, Shop, went to work for the Company here. Since January of 1937 these employees have each accrued a continuous record of 20 years' service.

Each of these long-term employees has received a service pin and a gold watch.

At the same time, in early January, 21 others marked lengthy employment anniversaries. The list includes:

Fifteen Years

Rayon Twisting: Frank F. Gal- loway, John Stowe, Wallace W. Floyd. Cotton Twisting: Scott M. Crisp. Cotton Weaving: Roy J. Ward, Audrey Mathis, Esten Montgomery.

Ten Years

Carding: Joseph Brewer. Ray- on Twisting: Myrtle G. Berry- man, Claude C. Carpenter. Cot- ton Twisting: Ola Austin. Ray- on Weaving: Claudie Clark, Mary A. Gibbie. Quality Control: Jackie E. Gates. Main Office: Novella James.

Five Years

Rayon Twisting: Harley R. Brockman. Cotton Weaving: Willie C. Savage, Ida Bell Stew- art, Will R. Howard. Winding:

Hazel R. Patterson. Main Office: Homer Hall.

All employees with five years' service, or more, are presented the appropriate service pin.

Chosen Queen Of Nurses

Therese Galligan was crowned Queen at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Charlotte, January 11. A senior at the school, she is the daughter of F. B. Galligan, Superintendent of the Cotton Division, and Mrs. Galligan. Dr. George Page, chief of staff of Mercy Hospital, presented the crown to Miss Galligan at the annual winter ball—this year named "Rhapsody in Blue."

The Sodality Club, a national Catholic girls organization, was sponsor of the dance and the selection of the Queen.

Guesswork Pays In Football Contest

When Vernon Lovingood walked away with the top prize of \$15 in the plant's annual Football Bowl Guessing competition on January 1, he proved that you don't need "inside track information" in order to win in the contest.

The overseer in Sales Yarn Twisting pitted his pure luck against seasoned gridiron fans among employees here, to emerge victor and to break his "never-have-won-anything" unlucky streak.

"It was all purely guesswork", he admits. When Recreation Director Ralph Johnson handed him an entry blank, Lovingood went down the list, picking scores out of the air.

RECORDS SHOW that in past years contest winners have proceeded on a more scientific basis. It was true, also, of the 1957 second-place winner, James Cooper, senior Time Study engineer. He—like many other contestants this year—kept a close tab on

the teams involved and noted what the professionals predicted on the New Year's Day scores.

Lovingood, who professes to know almost nothing about foot- ball, has never seen a "live" game. He says that his interest in the sport was kindled when TV came along, and now he enjoys watching the games quite a bit.

The first-place winner was the only one of the more than 1500 entrants who picked all winners of the nation's top 10 teams that played in major bowls this year.

THE ANNUAL Football Guessing contest consists in at- tempts at predicting the winning teams in the nation's major foot- ball clashes on New Year's Day. Winners in the contest are pick- ed by the highest number of team victors chosen. In event of ties, the most nearly accurate prediction of scores in the bowl games is a determining factor for the winning contestants.

In the case of the second-place contest winner, Cooper picked four out of five winning teams. J. C. Crisp, Ply Twisting, also picked four winning teams, but came in third in the contest be- cause he fell short of Cooper in attempting to predict the correct scores.

The second-place winner re- ceived \$10; third, \$5.

Fifty-five other contestants re- ceived honorable mention each for picking four winning teams out of five.

The guessing competition is sponsored each year by the Rec- reation Department.

YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

See Historic Charleston When Azaleas Bloom

Signs of the beginning of Nature's resurrection season can be seen during February in the Carolinas. Warm sunshine over mid-South resorts and along the Southeastern Coast make for pleasant travel, outdoor sightseeing and play.

Along the coast of North and South Carolina, and inland as far as the Sandhills and the Piedmont, camellias begin to bloom in Feb- ruary. These glossy evergreens with roselike blossoms herald the spring flower pageant which moves westward across the two states and reach- es its zenith in early April, with the flowering of dogwood, wisteria, azalea, cherry trees and blos- someing bulbs.

As an example of spring flower events, you may attend the 14th annual Camellia show at the North Carolina port city of Wilmington, Febru- ary 23 and 24.

FROM FEBRUARY into April, South Carolina —particularly historic Charleston and vicinity— takes on special interest to those who appreciate the beauties of Nature. World-famed gardens offer travelers a picnic of sightseeing in the bloom- ing season of camellias, azaleas and hundreds of other flowers.

Most renowned of these gardens are Middle- ton, Cyprus, and Magnolia. Other outstanding gardens in the Magnolia State include:

Belle Isle, 5 miles south of Georgetown; Brook- green, 10 miles south of Myrtle Beach; Mateeba, 17 miles north of Charleston; Pierates Cruze, Mount Pleasant; Dunnedell, 10 miles northwest of Sumter; Edisto, near Orangeburg; Jones Lotus, 10 miles northeast of Mullins; Kalmia, 2 miles west of Hartsville; Swan Lake, Sumter; Wil- liamston Park, Darlington.

Additional information on gardens in the state is contained in the folder "South Carolina's Fa- mous Gardens", obtainable from South Carolina State Development Board, Box 927, Columbia. Maybe you would like other brochures on South Carolina attractions. You can have these free from the Development Board: "See South Caro- lina", State Park Folder, Beach Folder.

THE PORT CITY of Charleston, with its at- traction of gardens displaying the first camellias and azaleas brought to American shores, features history vividly alive and authentic.

For the sightseer, the architecture of yesteryear has been tenderly preserved, and on street after street the elegant old town houses attract the visitor. Here people live with their history, so you will find it uncommercialized. The historic public buildings, the old churches and the famous houses are always open to visitors. Personalized, guided tours of the city are available the year around.

Settled in 1670 by the English, Charleston has preserved more of the landmarks and the legends of her gallant and gracious past than any other colonial city.



William C. Ramsey (front right), oiler in Spin- ning, went on a hunting trip not long ago and helped his fellow sportsmen bring home a total of 25 rabbits, taken from Gaston County fields. The men bagged five rabbits each, reaching their quota by early afternoon. Showing the animals are (from left, front): Paul Collins and Mr. Ram- sey; and (standing): Ed Richards, John Gaddy and Claude Bailey.