



JANUARY-FEBRUARY holders of 20-year employment records each received a watch and service pin. Eliza Jolly (center), is handed her watch by General Manager Harold Mercer. Others, (from left), are Clarence Case, William C. Ramsey, John Bryant, and Bertie Stiles. Plant Engineer W. G. Henson (extreme right), was on hand to add his congratulations.

Three Are Added To 20-Year List



For two decades of uninterrupted employment with the Company, the names of three more persons have been added to the mounting list of 20-year record holders here. For February, the long-term service of William C. Ramsey, Spinning; Bertie Stiles, Rayon Weaving; and John Bryant, Shop, was commemorated with the awarding of service pins and watches.

Also during February, three employees reached the service milestone of 15 years. They are: Eva N. Plyler and Mae Minnie Massey, Rayon Twisting; and David Sylvester Smith, Personnel (plant guard).

Others receiving service pins for February included:

Ten Years

Shufford Turner, Spinning; Aletha D. Davis and Alice J. Bell, Spooling; Annie M. Donaldson, Clarence Donaldson and

George C. High, Rayon Twisting. Annie B. Kiser, Rayon Weaving; Paul Gilbert and James L. Hemphill, Shop; Lonnie Gwinn, Warehouse; Marguerite Styers, Main Office.

Five Years

Clyde L. Hayes, Carding; Coy E. Brewer, Rayon Twisting; George Jackson, Jr., Warehouse; Esther M. Green, Quality Control; and B. J. Magner, Main Office.

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It's Back To 'The Good Earth' For Retiree John C. McCraw

During the more than 30 years that John C. McCraw was a card tender, weaver and dyehand in textile mills of the South, he watched a lot of changes come to the industry.

When the retiree recently put in his last shift at the plant, his memory went back to the day he first began working—at the age of 19—in a cotton mill at Clifton, S. C. There the most laborious part of his job was the

hand-stripping of the card. In the years that have passed since then, mechanical operations have put an end to time and labor-consuming operations. The present-day vacuum stripper on the card leaves the tender free to watch after the overall operation of the machine which forms an early link in the long process of cotton fiber refinement.

A NATIVE of Cleveland County, the retiree spent almost 15 years in the Carding Department here. After his first job at Clifton, he worked in mills at Cliffside and Mooresville, N. C., spending altogether around 16 years in mills before coming to Firestone. In the late 1930s he had a brief recess from textile work, when he operated a farm in Cleveland County. With the exception of a little while in the dyehouse and in the weave shop of a Mooresville plant, he has spent his factory years as a card tender.

McCraw has two sons and a daughter who are former employees of Firestone.

Mr. and Mrs. McCraw, who have been living at 1207 West Hooper street, Gastonia, have moved to their 16-acre farm in the Cherokee community near Gaffney, S. C. There the retiree plans to raise some pigs and to do some truck farming.

6. From the most northern city to the most southern city of Palestine.
7. From lachrymose activity to merriment.
8. From the majestic to the ludicrous.
9. From an architectural column supporting a portion of a super-structure to the upright part of a fence.
10. From a liquid food consisting of the broth of meat or vegetables or both, to dry fruit having a kernel of meat.
11. From the lower level of a building to the space under the roof.
12. From infinite time to infinite time.

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Long Distance From East To West

"From Manteo to Murphy" is a familiar expression which refers to the length of the Tar Heel State. It suggests this more-universally-known list of expressions making use of the word "from." When stripped of their disguise, they take their place among commonly-known figures in American speech. Can you convert them to their familiar form?

1. From the Pine Tree State to the Golden State.
2. From worn-out clothes to financial fortune.
3. From one extremity of the earth's axis to the other.
4. From a baby's bed to a cavity in the earth.
5. From the first to the twenty-sixth letter of the English alphabet.



REMINISCING—John C. McCraw (background) and Carl Rape, Carding second hand, compare present-day features of carding machines with those of the same kind of equipment 30 years ago.



LAB-GENERAL TEAM WINS

The Laboratory-General team won top honors for performance among men of the duck pin leagues of first and third shifts, in the season which ended February 5. For second shift, the Weaving team was victor. The Laboratory-General team (above), came out as top dog for their superior performance in a series of 36 games. From left: A. C. Kessell, Ernest Hubbard, Reid Crouch, Don Sills, M. L. Ramsey and Lane Creasman. Team members not in photo: Ralph Johnson, Bob Purkey and Luther Brown.

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