

SERVICE MILESTONES

Two-Decade List Gains A Name



For Mafor M. Sanders, Supply Room clerk, his recently-completed 20 years of employment here seem like only a beginning. It was in early June of 1937 when he came to work here, and his joining the ranks of the honored 20-year people last month pushed the catalog of long-term employees to 263.

Like all others who reach the two-decade mark of service, Sanders has received his gold watch and service pin.

Also during the month of June, there were 23 others who received pins for terms of service ranging from five to fifteen years. The list:

Fifteen Years

Elvin R. Galloway, Carding; Virgie C. Pryor and Lillie L. Brown, Spinning; Lucille M. Baker, Spooling. James W. Weaver and Marie E. W. Tart, Rayon Twisting; Furman F. Pearson, Charlie M. Parham and

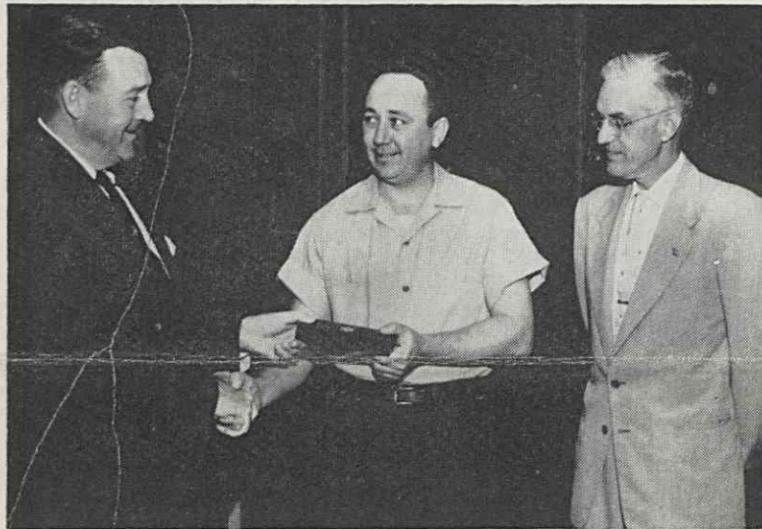
Bryant Elders, Shop; Ellie H. Easter, Warehouse; Alvin V. Riley, Industrial Relations.

Ten Years

Elsie L. Chastain and Fred Johnson, Carding; Martha Lee Vaughn, Rayon Twisting; Mason King, Cotton Weaving; William I. Alexander, Jr., Shop.

Five Years

Buren Tate, Jr., Spinning; Mary D. Newton and Estie Dills, Spooling; Gertrude C. Price and Ada B. Helton, Rayon Twisting; John H. King, Shop; Paul M. Cloninger, Winding.



From left: General Manager Harold Mercer, Mafor Sanders, and Sales Manager J. V. Darwin.

I Didn't Have Time To Think

Talking about an accident the other day, an injured man said: "It all happened so quickly I didn't have time to think."

He was right. The purpose of safety-consciousness is to forestall and eliminate the conditions which add up to an accident when it is too late to think.

Although some accidents are unavoidable and seemingly inevitable, an accident will not usually happen until conditions are created that make it possible. We often have control over these conditions—which can be and often are in the mind and in the physical surroundings in which one works.

Under usual circumstances there is plenty of time to correct or avoid the conditions which make accidents happen.

If we are aware of safety and practice its principles we can control accidents.

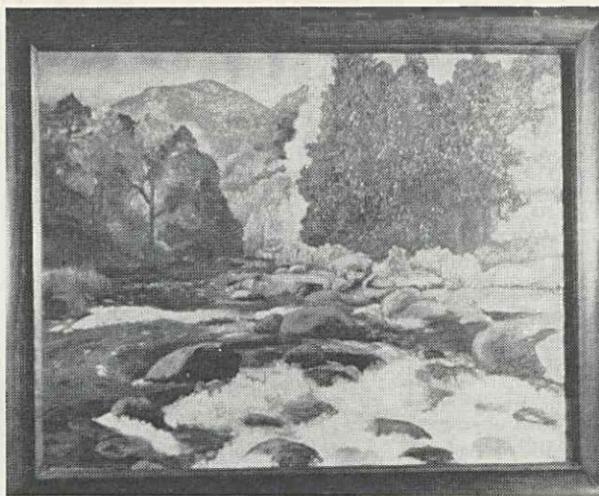
Someone has wisely said: "One thought before is worth a thousand after an accident happens."



Every year there's the screen and storm windows to change, painting to be done, the lawn to be cut, other chores. To stay safe use ladders in good condition and securely placed. Avoid climbing too high, reaching out too far, working on a ladder on a windy day. Nearer the ground, be sure stepladder spreaders are in place, that ladder won't tip over. Be sure also that any scaffolding is firm and strong. For mowing the lawn, gardening, or using a wheelbarrow, take it easy, lift correctly, get assistance for heavy loads. Avoid over-exhaustion from working too hard or long during the heat of a hot day.

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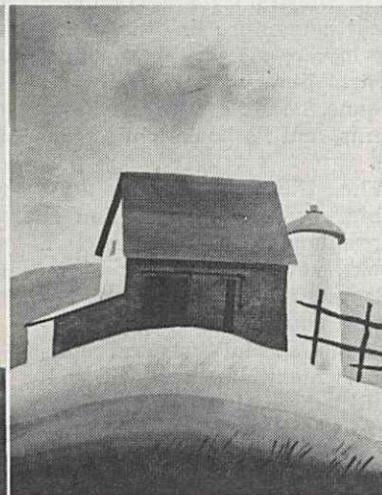
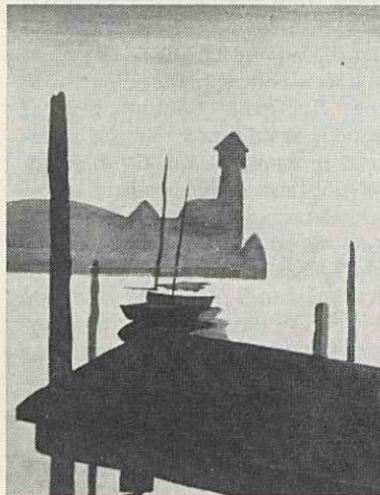
GET YOUR HOME JOBS DONE SAFELY



October Splendor (above): This painting in brilliant autumn hues is among the several of Barbara Abernathy's adventures in oil colors.

Fruits and Nectar: Barbara puts the finishing touches on a still life in oils.

Harbor Shadows and Hilltop Barn are wash drawings in variations of black. Intensity of gray is controlled by the amount of water on the artist's brush.



INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SECRETARY

Art Crowns Interests Of Barbara Abernathy

Ever since as a child she had her first box of wax crayons and a handful of cut-out dolls from a mail order catalog, Barbara Abernathy has cultivated her artistic talent.

The Industrial Relations secretary who hails from Connelley Springs, N. C., modestly displays only a few of her many drawings and paintings.

"I used to sit in school and make pencil sketches when I should have been studying my lessons and paying attention to the teacher," she recalls with a capricious grin.

This encroachment upon her school requirements did not affect her academic pursuits, for she continued her hobby of drawing and painting throughout her school days, managing to make "pretty good grades" through Drexel High School and Clevenger Business College in Hickory.

SOME MONTHS ago a friend introduced her to a correspon-

dence course in commercial art from a well-known Norwich, Conn., school. This summer she is in the home-stretch assignments of the three-year course.

Through the study, Barbara has been introduced to commercial art in the form of techniques in wash drawing, pen and ink, ink brush, pencil and opaque media. To this she has added her own experiments

with oil, specializing in still life, landscape and portraiture.

The art student came to Firestone over four years ago from a job as secretary to the superintendent of Hickory City Schools. In her free moments off the job here, she manages—in addition to her art hobby interests—to spend some time practicing on the piano, playing beginners' golf, and traveling.

Employee's Mother Back From Panama

To Mrs. Gus Cothorn, the Republic of Panama is a tropical land of plenty, blending the old world of South America with the cultures of the North American Continent. The mother of Mrs. Hazel Hice, warper tender in Spooling, returned recently from an extended trip to the isthmus connecting Central and South America, where she visited her son, Allen Gregory, Mrs. Gregory and their two daughters. Mr. Gregory has been a construction worker in Panama for the past several years.

Mrs. Cothorn made her trip by plane, arriving on the Pacific coast side. There, her son was waiting to take her across the isthmus to the Atlantic (Caribbean Sea) side.

"The only disadvantage I ex-

perienced on my trip to Panama was the language barrier," recalls Mrs. Cothorn. Spanish is the official language and is compulsory among the natives, although English is taught in the schools.

The Gastonia visitor was most impressed by the historic sites of the Republic, especially the ruins of old forts and reminders of pirating days, the balmy climate and blooming flowers, and the distinctive Spanish architecture.

"I was fortunate to visit there during the dry season," Mrs. Cothorn said. She explained that in Panama, bordered on the east by Colombia and on the west by Costa Rica, the rainy season lasts about eight months of the year.

ARRIVALS...

June 17 was arrival date for David Bradford Harrison at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harrison. The father is Chief Accountant at the plant.

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