

SERVICE MILESTONES

20-Year Roll Call Lengthened To 263



Ernest A. Givens, Shop; Walter Jolly, Spinning, Palmer N. Waters, Carding.

These men moved into the honored 20-year employee classification during August, bringing the total in that category to 263. A gold watch and a 20-year pin have been presented to each of them, as token of the Company's appreciation for their two decades of service.

Also in August, pins recognizing other long-term employment periods were distributed, ten of them for 15 years of service. The list:

Fifteen Years

Irene W. Anthony, Eula Lee Church, Corrine C. Ballew, Spinning; Bessie Chastain, Helen T. Mason, James O. Thomas,

Hazel A. H. Stewart, Rayon Twisting.

Nettie E. Reeves, Jessi F. Liles, Cotton Weaving; Arthur G. Wilson, Cloth Room.

Ten Years

Mary N. Bolick, Leila C. Wilson, Spooling; Sadie Glance, Rayon Twisting; Cora L. Sneed, Rayon Weaving; Margie L. Waldrop, Cloth Room, James C. Butler, Shop; Thurman Clark, Quality Control; Girthel C. Davidson, Winding.

Five Years

Will Brown (military service), Floyd Thompson, Ruth H. Carpenter, Will C. Humphries, Effie Mae Boyd, Everett Watson, Sallie M. Brewer, Rayon Twisting; Walter C. Gilmer, Jr., Cotton Weaving; Mae W. Grindle, Ruth C. Hill, Ernest B. Dellinger, Winding; Grace T. Reeves, Industrial Relations; Ethelene J. Nichols, Cloth Room.

Outdoor Movie Season Ended

The seventh consecutive season of free outdoor movies at the plant closed September 6, rounding out an entertainment schedule this year of 15 full-length shows and continued story of 15 weekly chapters.

The starlight picture shows, begun in late May, were presented free to employees, members of their families, and the general public of the plant village.

At first, the movies were booked for children only. In recent years, the variety of entertainment has come to appeal to both children and grownups.

Each year during the summer season the pictures are shown on Friday nights in the open-air area adjacent to the recreation park in front of the plant.

Employment Manager C. M. Ferguson, veteran projectionist for the movies, recorded that shows each week were well-attended.

The summertime movie entertainment is part of the year-round program of the Recreation Department.

Mitchells At Home In Greenville

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin David Mitchell are at home at 707 Piedmont Park road, Greenville, S. C., after their wedding August 3 in Firestone Wesleyan Methodist Church, Gastonia.

Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Johnson of Gastonia. The mother is employed in Rayon Twisting; the father in Spinning.

The recent bride was graduated from local schools and was one of the first recipients of a Transylvania scholarship. She



IN AUGUST, three were added to the select list of persons who have passed the 20-year milestone of employment. Here, Palmer N. Waters (center), and Ernest A. Givens receive their watch and service pin from General Manager Harold Mercer. Walter Jolly, the third 20-year record

holder as of August, was not present for the picture. Looking on are Cotton Division Superintendent F. B. Galligan (left), and George Chastain, retired. Mr. Chastain was on hand to accept his initial pension check, following his retirement a few weeks ago.

Company Makes Lightweight Truck Rim

Firestone engineers have developed a new lightweight truck rim that weights 8 to 12 per cent less than most standard rims in use today.

A tractor trailer unit equipped with 10 of the new rims would weigh about 120 pounds less than if it were equipped with standard rims.

"This means the operator can increase his payload by 120

pounds, resulting in greater revenue per mile," said L. J. Campbell, president of Firestone Steel Products.

He noted that the new design will be known as the Firestone Challenger two-piece rim. Company engineers developed the new rim through careful laboratory analysis, making it meet requirements of the tire and rim association. With electric strain gauge equipment, high stress points were discovered and reinforced for extra strength. Only low-stress points were lightened. Also, extensive road tests were conducted before the rim was released to the trucking industry.

When mounted on duals, the rims allow approved spacing between units and can be used with tire chains.

Challenger rims, which are for use with tubed tires, are of simplified construction. There is only one piece to remove when changing tires.

ARRIVALS...

Robert Adrian Hinkle began his earthly pilgrimage at Gaston Memorial Hospital, July 26. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Adrian J. Hinkle. Robert's father is a drawing tender in Carding.

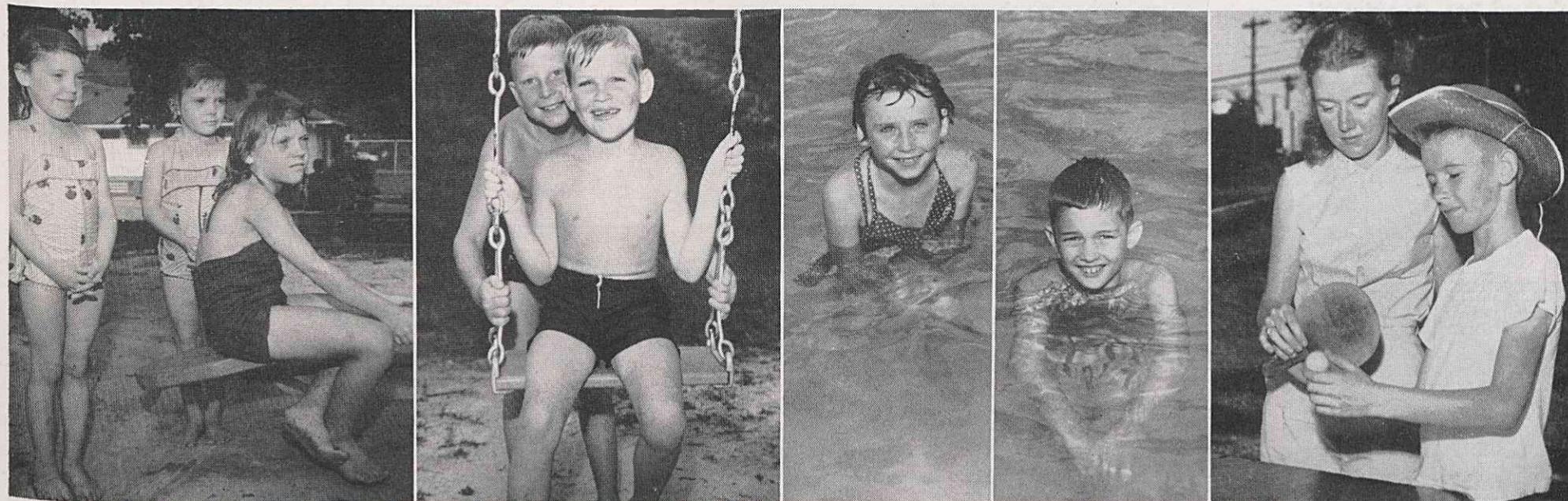
Ardin Medlin of Carding, and Mrs. Medlin became parents of a daughter, born at Gaston Memorial Hospital on August 9.

August 9 was arrival date of a son, born to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Steele at Gaston Memorial Hospital. The father is a picker tender in Carding.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mendenhall are parents of a son, born July 17. The recent arrival, named Robert, is the grandson of Mrs. Nervie Barbee who works in Ply Twisting.

Patricia Ann Hardin put in her appearance at Garrison General Hospital on August 7. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Newell Hardin.

Roy Hardy, Weaving, and Mrs. Hardy are parents of a son who arrived July 30 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.



CLOSING DAY BUSY AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Youngsters in and around the plant community made the best of closing days at the Company-owned playground area. Firestone Park ended its 10-week season of operation on August 17. The playground here is one of more than a dozen public recreation facilities operated by the Gastonia City Recreation Department. Its equipment, for use by children through 12 years of age, includes a wading and swimming pool, swings,

horseshoe pits, chinning bars, seesaws, and a ping pong table.

Just before the playground closed for the season, the camera recorded these activities of employees' children. From left: Rebecca, Tommie Sue and Barbara Jane McLeymore preferred the seesaws. Their father, Clinton McLeymore, works in the Shop; their mother, in the Cloth Room.

Linda Howard, daughter of W. R. Howard, SYC Weaving; and Michael Lunsford, son of Mrs. Charles Lunsford, Quality Control, took a final dip in the pool. Ronnie Howard, Linda's brother, helped Charles Collins to swing high. Charles' father, Percy Collins, is employed in Rayon Twisting.

Jane Elliott, playground supervisor, discussed the technique of table tennis with Clyde Foy, Jr., whose father is a plumber (Shop).