



**TWENTY YEARS**—Dezy S. Helms of Spinning was added to the honored list of 20-year employees in March. Here, she receives her service pin from General Manager Harold Mercer.

## More Employees Honored For Long Service Terms

Dezy S. Helms of Spinning came to work here on March 14, 1938. When she was added last month to the growing list of persons with 20 years of service, she received the usual recognition: a gold watch, her service pin, and congratulations.

At the time Mrs. Helms marked her score of years on the job, there were several others who pushed into the 15, 10, and 5-year categories.

The March list included:

### Fifteen Years

Walter Jones, Carding; William Kennedy, Shop.

### Ten Years

Billie O. Caskey, Carding; Lawrence R. Brown, Spinning; Sarah M. Nall and Floy J. Green, Rayon Twisting; Pauline Patterson, Rayon Weaving.

Ernest E. Austin, George Adams, Shop; Hazel L. Johnson, Refreshment; Sam Ware, Winding.

### Five Years

Edd E. Meeks, Spooling; Luther A. Lanier, G. W. Horne, Vincent Jones, Joe H. Givens, James C. Champion, Winston C. Phillips, Rayon Twisting.

## Clean House

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2. Throw away all flammable materials, or at least keep them in safe containers.
3. If you must keep oily rags and mops, store them in closed, metal containers.
4. Check all electric fuses. Never use a coin or other metal substitute.
5. Don't let dried grass and leaves pile up on your premises.
6. Have furnace, chimney and flue checked and cleaned.
7. Find out if your wiring system is sufficient to carry the additional load of present electrical appliances. If inadequate, make necessary installations.
8. Replace frayed electric cords.

Although fire can strike in many other ways, clean homes are seldom gutted by fire. Should uncontrollable circumstances create fire, your fire department can quickly put it out without the complication of trash, rubbish and other flammable materials.

Fighting fire is a year-round proposition. A good time to give it emphasis is during Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Week, April 13-20.

Howard L. Allen, Billy R. Phillips, J. B. Warren, Henry B. Phillips, Rayon Weaving; Earl Redding, Charles B. Hall, Shop; Spurgeon Webber, Ruth Allison, Ervin L. Worthy, Warehouse; Ruby P. McCoig, Viola L. P. Webb, Mildred L. Kelton, W. R. Canipe, Winding.

Each of these persons received a service pin in March.

## She Keeps Television Set To See Company Program

The following story has special meaning for Firestone people. Concerning one "Voice of Firestone" fan, it was written by Bob Foster, television columnist for the Press Democrat of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Each week for nearly the entire nine years I've been pounding out this daily effort, a little old lady has called the office late in the week asking if I could tell her what might be scheduled for the following Monday's "Voice of Firestone".

Each week I carefully and slowly listed the music for the show.

Last October the calls stopped coming and I feared something might have happened to my "Voice of Firestone" friend.

A couple of weeks ago, however, another call came to the office.

"Mr. Foster," she said, "I'm sorry I haven't been calling you about 'Voice of Firestone,' but I just got my glasses and my son has given me a television set."

Then it came out. Our wonderful little friend had missed the "Voice" because it had been dropped from radio.

"I just could not go without hearing the program," she said, "so I finally let my son buy me some glasses and a television set. I'd like to know what is on the program for next Monday night, if you have time to tell me."

Fishing through my files, I found the advance program notes and slowly read them off to her.

When through, I casually ask-

## Pan-American Day Is April 14

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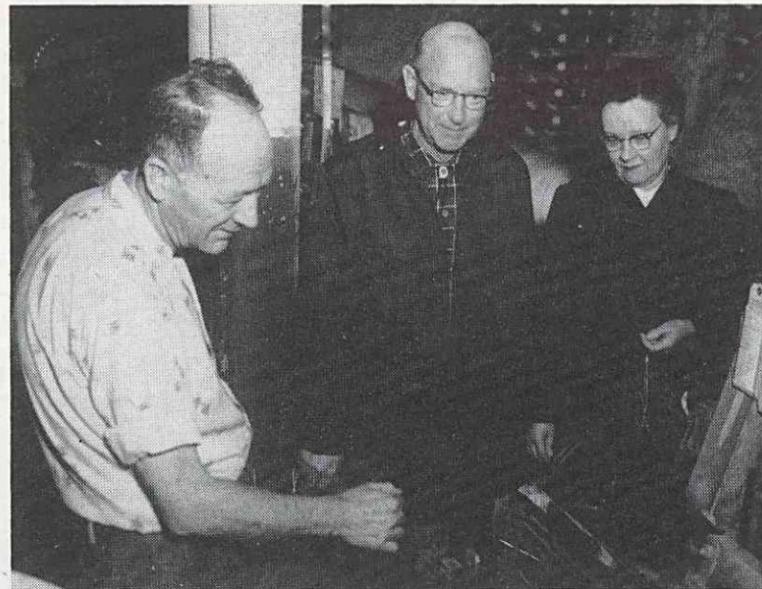
The United States will join other republics in the Americas in observance of Pan-American Week, April 13-20. The week is always set to include April 14—the date commemorating the first International Conference of American States, held at Washington in 1890. At that time a resolution was adopted which resulted in formation of the organization known today as the Pan-American Union.

Pan-American Day is marked each year by Presidential proclamation "to give expression to the spirit of solidarity and to the sentiments of cordiality and friendly relationships which the government of the United States entertains toward the peoples and governments of the other republics of the American hemisphere."

**Not everyone with a green thumb is a good gardener — some are just careless painters.**

## ARRIVALS . . .

A/1C Russell Morrison and Mrs. Morrison of Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., are parents of a daughter, Donna Lynn, who arrived early this year. The child's grandmother is Mrs. James Scruggs, inspector in Spooling.



## FLORIDA VISITORS TOUR PLANT

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sherman of Lake Wales, Fla., stopped in late March for a tour of the Firestone Textiles plant. He, of Sherman's Service, Inc., Lake Wales, has been a Firestone dealer for the past 25 years. In 1954 and 1955 he was a member of the National Dealer Council. The Shermans came by Gastonia on their way home from a tire dealer meeting in Winston-Salem. They had already visited the Firestone home plants in Akron, and the tire-building factories of the Company at Memphis and Los Angeles, but the visit here was their first look at a textile operation.

In the picture, weaver Dillard Bradshaw (left), explains to the Shermans how nylon cord is converted to tire fabric.

## Serves On Board Of United Fund

Jack V. Darwin is serving on the board of directors of the Greater Gastonia United Fund and Council. The manager of Plant Sales was named to a three-year term at the fifth annual dinner meeting of the United Fund, in Masonic Temple recently.

As a member of the board of directors, Mr. Darwin will help to shape policies and operating procedures for the local UF. The organization seeks to combine in one annual drive for funds an appeal for the majority of community welfare organizations and charities.

General Manager Harold Mercer is a director, and a past president of the Greater Gastonia United Fund.

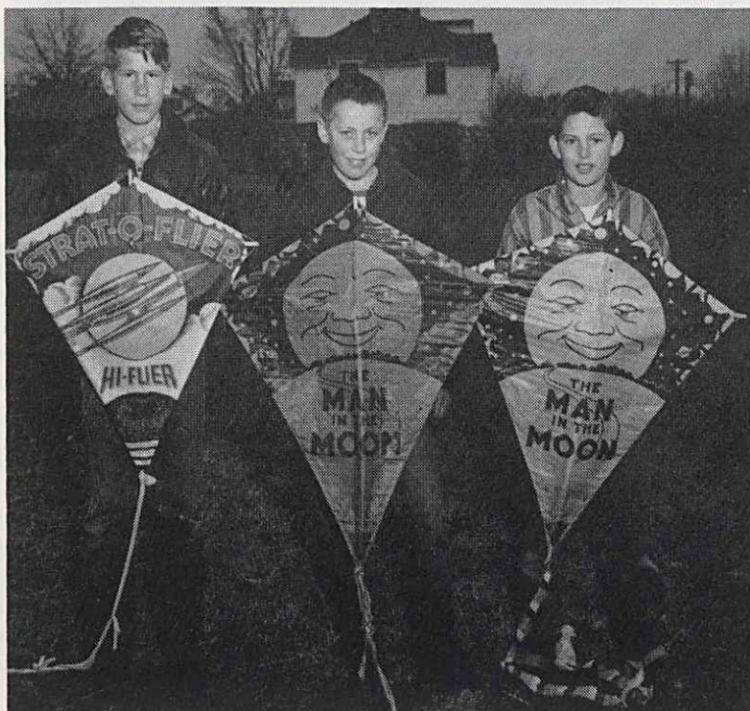
The daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. John Carr arrived March 5 at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. Mrs. Carr is the daughter of Leon and Edna Dawkins, both of Carding.

Richard Douglas Cloninger arrived March 4 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, the son of Pete Cloninger, warper; and Mrs. Cloninger of the Quality Control laboratory.

A newcomer to country newspaper editing expressed his thanks for a basket of oranges which a thoughtful subscriber left at his office. The editor said in his weekly "Main Street" column: "We have received a basket of oranges from our friend, Gus Bradley, for which he will please accept our compliments, some of which are nearly six inches in diameter."

ed how she liked television otherwise. She replied, "Oh, I watch only the 'Voice of Firestone.' Other than this program, I like my radio better."

I'll bet she is the first person ever to own a television set for the purpose of watching a single show.



## WINNERS IN KITE CONTEST

Three sons of employees were named winners in the March Kite-Flying Contest at Firestone Ball Park. They are, from left: Furman Pearson, Jr., best decorated kite; Mike Jordan, strongest puller; and Johnny Lowery, highest altitude. Held each year, the kite-flying exhibition is a part of the plant recreation program.

## Car Air Cooler

The answer to upcoming months of hot summer driving can be had in a lightweight car air conditioner recently added to the Firestone merchandising line at dealers and stores in all areas of the country.

It is available through order service of the Gastonia Firestone Store at Franklin avenue and Marietta street. The unit fits neatly under the dashboard of most 1956, 1957 and 1958 model cars.

The Firestone car air conditioner was in the design-and-testing stages for a number of months. The compact evaporator or cooling unit is mounted under the center of the dashboard, over the floorboard "hump." A thermostat automatically controls the cooling apparatus.

Air delivery is controlled by a three-speed blower. Adjustable circulators guide the flow of air in any direction. The unit contains filters which remove troublesome pollen from the air.

Another outstanding feature of the air conditioner is that it can be easily transferred from one car to another.