

In Pilot Training At Georgia Base

Second Lieutenant Donald M. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Thompson of 110 North Liberty street, is assigned to Bainbridge Air Force Base in Georgia, for initial flying training as a pilot.

Lt. Thompson's father is a second hand in Twisting (synthetic). The young AF officer recently completed training in the Officer Pre-Flight School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. A graduate of Ashley High School, he received his Air Force commission last June through the Reserve Officer Training



Corps Program while attending NC State College. There he majored in forest management.

THE HILLS BEYOND

Lawson R. Mauney, Retired Mechanic

Funeral for Lawson R. Mauney, 79, of Cherryville, was held May 21 at First Baptist Church there, and burial was in Shady Grove Baptist Church cemetery. Masonic rites were offered at the service for the retired Firestone employee, who was a mill mechanic here for 13 years. Mr. Mauney was among the first to retire from Firestone, Gastonia.

His first wife, Camilla Barney-castle Mauney, died in 1919. Surviving from this union are three sons: William L. of Nashville, Tenn.; Boyce of Charlotte, and Rush L. Mauney in military service in the Far East; also two daughters: Mrs. Aaron Stroup of Cherryville and Mrs. Maude Lail of Gastonia.

Also surviving are his second wife, Mrs. Hattie Kirby Mauney; three half-brothers, six half-sisters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Eli P. Lineberger

Funeral service for Eli P. Lineberger, 79, was held at Olney Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, May 9. Mr. Lineberger lived on South Broad street with his wife, the former Ella D. Thomas, and his nephew, E. P. McArver and his family. Mr. McArver is a second hand in Winding.

Mr. Lineberger and his two brothers, Robert and Will, gave the City of Gastonia some 40 acres which were developed into the community's first public park.

Lineberger Park, as it is known today, was first called "The City Park," and later named for the men who gave the property. It was developed in the late 1920s.

Beginning in 1928, he served two terms as sheriff of Gaston county. A religious leader, having served 47 years on the board of deacons at Olney Presbyterian Church, he was also an elder.



Cloth Room

Mr. and Mrs. Grady McAbee, their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dan Jordan, and her children Martha and Pat spent a few days in Macon, Ga., recently. Mrs. McAbee works in the Cloth Room; Mr. McAbee, in Twisting (sales).

Mrs. Bonnie Moses visited her family in Asheville on a recent week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Johnson went by plane to Cleveland, Ohio for a few days' visit in May. Mrs. Johnson works in the cloth room.

Mrs. Mildred McLeymore is back at work in this department after a three-week sick leave.

Main Office

Miss Myrtle Bradley spent a recent week end in Rocky Mount, N. C., where she attended the District 6 convention of Pilot International. Going with Miss Bradley to Rocky Mount were Dr. Mary Ellen Nelson, Mrs. Itara Little, and Mrs. Leo Stewart. Miss Bradley was recently installed as president of the Gastonia Pilot club.

Mrs. Earl Redding of Payroll and Mr. Redding of the Shop had as guests in mid-May Mr. and Mrs. John O. Van Dyke. Mrs. Van Dyke (Joyce) is the Reddings' daughter. Mr. Van Dyke, a Pfc. in the Army, was scheduled to leave June 4 for a term of service in Germany.

Kathleen Rhyne, Payroll, entertained her daughter Debbie on her sixth birthday anniversary recently. Twenty-one guests attended the party. Balloons and "blowouts" were favors. Ice cream, cake and a variety of cold drinks were served.

Hollis Falls, daughter of Cicero Falls, Shipping, and Mrs. Falls of Payroll, was honored with a party May 16, celebrating her 11th birthday. Refreshments included grilled hamburgers, ice cream and cake, and cold drinks. The 12 guests played games on the lawn and concluded the evening with a theatre party.

Miss Doris McCready of Payroll, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCready, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rhodes and their son Terry of Hendersonville, N. C., visited relatives in Hartwell, Ga., on a recent week end. Mr. Rhodes is Mrs. McCready's brother.

Mrs. J. O. Van Dyke, daughter of Earl Redding, Shop, and Mrs. Redding, Main Office, received a bachelor of science degree at the May 24 commencement exercises of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Personnel

Retired personnel manager J. E. Spencer is back in Gastonia after having spent last winter and part of the spring in Florida. He and Mrs. Spencer toured extensively in the Sunshine State, going as far south as Key West.

The Spencers have made plans for construction of a seven-room house here. The split-level ranch type dwelling will be located in the 1800 block of Linwood road.

Miss Sybille Jessie Ray was one of the 33 students who were awarded Master of Arts degrees in education at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, at commencement exercises May 24. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray. Her father is employed in plant protection here.

Mrs. A. T. Newton presided over the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Association of Industrial Nurses, which convened for a day at Biltmore Dairies, Asheville, in late May. The third-shift First Aid nurse is president of the NCAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Deuel Redding of 1506 West Overman avenue celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding on June 3. Mr. Redding came to Firestone in 1941, and first worked in the recreation department. He is now a member of the refreshment service staff.

Warehouse

Henry Gordon, power truck operator, is back on the job after a sick leave of two weeks in May.

Trucker Elwood Shaw was back at work in late May, after a week's illness.

Winding

Miss Billie Kay Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, was graduated from Dallas High School June 2. Billie's mother works in Winding.

Mrs. Bonnie Fletcher of this department was recovering nicely in late May, after an illness. She received treatment in a Gastonia hospital.

Contest Money Pot Growing

Announcement of a safety contest among the three Firestone's North American textile mills has heightened interest in the Gastonia plant's own accident-prevention emphasis which began in January.

Under the slogan "Make the Thermometer Rise in 1959," the safety effort is building up a cash jackpot to be distributed five ways in a lucky-numbers drawing at the end of the year.

When the record of man-hours without a lost time accident reached a million in early April, \$100 was placed in the "kitty." Program rules

allow for \$25 to be added each month the plant operates free of a lost-time injury. If a lost time injury occurs, no money goes into the collection that month.

The money till had grown to \$150 at the end of May.

At the close of 1959, names of employees—excepting supervisors—will be placed in a drawing. Thirty per cent of the total amount will go to the first person whose name is drawn. The next four persons whose names are drawn will be awarded the percentage of the money in this order: Second—25; Third—20; Fourth—15; Fifth—10.

Ralph Johnson At NIRA Meet

Recreation director Ralph Johnson appeared on the program of the 18th annual National Industrial Recreation Association Conference at Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., last month.

During the May 24-27 meeting, Mr. Johnson was on the panel which discussed "Recreation for

Office Employees," before 600 leading industrial recreation authorities from the United States and Canada.

He was selected for the Philadelphia appearance because of the outstanding program offered employees here, and on his participation in NIRA activities during the past year.

Mr. Johnson is serving a second one-year term as chairman of the North Carolina committee, National Industrial Recreation Association.

\$12,500,000 Vacation Is No Fancy Dream

A \$12,500,000 vacation. This may sound like one of those dreams you hear about quite often. But not so. It's the vacation that Firestone employees throughout the United States will have this year.

The \$12,500,000 figure is the total the company will pay out for vacations for 40,000 employees in the Firestone plants, offices and sales organization.

Paid vacations will total 102,000 weeks, or 1,962 years, for employees who have completed the required amount of service. A whopping amount of leisure!

Vacations are scheduled at various times during the fiscal year which begins on November 1, but the majority of vacations come during the summer months. Annual vacation shutdowns are scheduled for many plants, with thousands of employees taking off to travel or just relax at home without concern for hours, schedules, or work.

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It has been confirmed that the plant shutdown for vacation will be the week ending July 4. Informed of this, Deborah Whitesides proceeded to get all wrapped up in travel suggestions while trying to give the family a hand at vacation planning. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whitesides Jr., 711 South Dalton street. Her father is a humidifier attendant at Firestone.

The company wishes you, the employee, a happy vacation—with a reminder: Be careful. Because many, many more accidents occur off the job than on the job, it is especially important that you make safety the first consideration while off the job for vacation, whether at home or on the road.

