



HERE SINCE 1939—In center, general manager Harold Mercer hands Emmie A. Tompkins her watch, in token of 20 years' service. Others receiving awards were (from left): Buford Tate, Noah Rowland, Leon Dawkins, Anderson Lynn

(second from right) and John Hall (not in picture). Comptroller E. J. Mechem (behind Mr. Mercer), and R. B. Hull, Quality Control manager (right) offered congratulations.

FOR OCTOBER

Service Milestones Listed

The Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco and the New York World's Fair were about to become memorable events of 1939, when Noah A. Roland came to work at Firestone in Gastonia for the first time. Besides Mr. Roland of Carding, five others on the job here worked their first shift 20 years ago in October. They are: Leon Dawkins and John P. Hall of Carding; Anderson Lynn of Spinning; Buford A. Tate of Weaving (synthetics); and Emmie A. Tompkins of Main Office.

Also in October there were 17 others who received service pins commemorative of employment records ranging from 5 to 15 years.

The list:

Fifteen Years

Ernest Harris, Warehouse; Oliver E. Hardee, Twisting (synthetics); Robert B. Hull, Quality Control.

Ten Years

Glenn A. McMillon, Twisting (cotton); Haracell T. Tate, Weaving (cotton).

Five Years

Callie Reece, Coy R. Briggs, Johnny N. McFee, Paul E. Peeler, Twisting (synthetics); Royal G. Chandler, Jack Woody, Twisting (cotton); Earl E. Buchanan, Shop; Thomas M. Jones, Quality Control; Ernest N. Meek, Louise Medlin, Sara W. Smith, Virginia E. Marr, Winding.



RECORD SURVEY

When Firestone passed the 20-year milestone in Gastonia during May of 1955, there were 200 men and women recognized as those who were working here during the plant's first year of operation—and still employed at the time of the two-decade anniversary.

On that occasion, more than 15 per cent of the employee strength had been with the organization 15 years or longer. Another 15 per cent then held records of between 10 and 15 years of service.

To revise the service record statistics as of October and the close of another fiscal year, a summary shows the total number of service pins distributed here as:

Years	No. Pins
20	334
15	638
10	1,266
5	2,436

Altogether, there have been 4,674 service pins issued across the years.

The roster of 20-year people alone represents 6,680 years of continuous service.

Employee loyalty and efficiency always have been considered priceless assets in the Firestone organization. The company is proud of its people with long records of service.

The Outer Banks — barrier islands lying off the North Carolina Coast — were once inaccessible. Today, they are open to the world, with a network of paved highways and free ferries. Vacationists and sportsmen flock to this area, where salt water fishing and waterfowl hunting are supreme.

Bayou News Joins Firestone Papers

When Firestone Bayou News was issued for the first time at Lake Charles, La. in October, it became the 12th newspaper of the company's family of employee publications in the United States and Canada.

The new publication is scheduled each month to serve the 750 employees at the Firestone Synthetic Rubber & Latex Company, of which Paul A. Boley is plant manager. This division of the company is 12 miles southwest of Lake Charles and 35 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico.

Editor of Bayou News is R. J. Ruble, formerly of the Ravenna Arsenal Firestone operation in Ohio.

Other company publications are issued at plants in Akron and Ravenna, Ohio; Pottstown, Pa.; Fall River, Mass.; Des Moines, Iowa; Gastonia, N. C.;

Winter Tour Season *TRAVEL* Begins In November *NOTES*

While autumn color moves down the mountains and across the Piedmont and Coastal Plain areas, November brings a new winter season to Mid-South resort sections of North Carolina. Golf, hunting, horseback riding and fishing are big attractions this month, while festivals and other harvest time events beckon the traveler to the outdoors.

Aware of the value of going places and seeing things while away from the job, Plant Recreation again this month posts some travel suggestions for Firestone employees and members of their families.

At Lake Mattamuskeet and other popular hunting areas along the North Carolina coast, the season on geese and brant opens November 10, with duck hunting beginning November 20. Bear, boar, deer, and ruffed grouse seasons began in October. The season for quail, woodcock and rabbits opens November 26.

The Sport of Kings

Riding to hounds—one of the most colorful of sports — is a November-through-March attraction at such centers as Southern Pines, Tryon and Sedgefield, where formal opening hunt meets are Thanksgiving Day tradition.

Salt and fresh-water fishing are good in November, too, with five coastal angling contests lasting into December. For Firestone fishing enthusiasts going to the coast, here are the contests and dates: N. C. Salt Water Sports Fishing, and Southeastern N. C. Fishing Rodeo, both through November 30; Hatteras Island, through December 1; Topsail-Surf City Area, and

Wyandotte, Mich.; Memphis, Tenn.; Noblesville, Ind.; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Cape Fear Region, both through December 31.

Colonial Elegance at New Bern

Since the winter travel season of 1958-59, Tryon Palace at New Bern has been added to the list of year-round historical sites in North Carolina. The Palace, restored to its original splendor as a Colonial and State capitol, is open to the public weekdays except Mondays, and on Sunday afternoons. A folder in full color, now in distribution, is available through the Recreation office.

Carrousel and Other Festivals

Among leading events in the Gastonia area during November are the mammoth Carolinas Carrousel at Charlotte, with the 13th annual Pageant Parade on the 26th; and the 6th annual Rutherford County Harvest Festival at Rutherfordton, the 22nd.

Other state events of a festival nature include Harvest Square Dance at Pinehurst, 27; third annual Piedmont Festival, Thomasville, 28; Gymkhana and Pet Show, Pinehurst, 29.

At the new Greensboro War Memorial Coliseum there is a Lions Club Horse Show, November 27-29. You can attend professional ice hockey games there during the winter.

Projecting into early December, these important notes appear on the travel calendar: December 1-January 4, "Star of Bethlehem", in its 11th annual showing at Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill. In Raleigh at the N. C. Museum of Art, December 3-January 3, "N. C. Artists' Competition" exhibit.

Now available is a safety cap designed to prevent children from opening bottles or containers of pills, poisons, insecticides, bleaches, and other hazards. The cap comes in three sizes.

In This Scientific Age: A Dynamic Faith

Instead of limiting the importance of the spiritual life, modern scientific advances underscore a need for a more dynamic, vital faith. In the attempt at conquering space, wise men do not lose sight of the things in life that really count—moral and spiritual values.

It is generally agreed that the United States should have a good system of military defense. But her real security is based on the spiritual strength of her people.

Someone has observed that we grow stronger as we come to depend more upon God's help for

the courage and patience to meet the problems of life in our age.

That is why we cannot entrust the safety of our future altogether to our military might. Our future is in God's hands. We must look to him in prayerful humility for the disciplined strength of character and spirit needed to win a world of peace and justice.

We live in a remarkable age. Tremendous discoveries cause us to look hopefully to even greater scientific revelations and achievements. As the universe yields her secrets, new and immense dimensions will be added to man's knowledge of God's Creation.

In November each year, the national Religion In American Life program emphasizes the rich rewards in store for those who worship regularly in the House of God.

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