

More Service Milestones

FROM SEPTEMBER

September's 'crop' of persons with long-term service at Gastonia added 20 names belonging to the 10 through 30-year categories. H. N. Freeland, Annie Hubbard, Clarence Case and Harry

Parton marked 30-year records. They are presented here along with the 7 others who celebrated 25-year milestones of work.

The remainder of the September list:

Twenty Years Clyde Rainey, warehouse.

Fifteen Years Charles E. Walker, Jerry D. McMillan, Earl Owensby, all twisting (synthetics); Benjamin F. Massey, weaving (synthetics); Ida Bell Stewart, weaving (cotton); Neazel Weathers, shop.

Ten Years William T. Hallbrook, twisting (synthetics); Clara W. Sudduth, weaving (cotton).



James Reel Weaving (syn)

Roy Stiles Twisting (syn)

Emily Smith Twisting (syn)

Giles Emmett Weaving (syn)

Rosy Walker Weaving (syn)

Leola Chambers Twisting (syn)



Harry Parton Spinning (syn)

Carolyn Sanders Mair Office

H. N. Freeland Spinning

Annie Hubbard Spinning

Clarence Case Shop

Sweeney With 42 Years

When E. F. Sweeney retired Oct. 1 as manager of the Firestone Textiles plant at Bennettsville, S. C., he closed 42 years of service with the company.

Joining Firestone in 1924 as a member of the cotton fabric department, he had his first assignment at the company's Fall River, Mass. operation. He later worked at New Bedford and Newburyport, Mass., before going to the textile plant at Woodstock, Canada.

He transferred from Woodstock to Bennettsville to become manager there in 1948.

Their Work Totaled 59 Years

Household chores and "just taking it easy" as the schedule permits make up the pattern of life for Marvin and Mrs. (Pearl) Chastain, both recently retired from Firestone.

Marvin, who put in 29 years here as a millwright, officially ended his work record in late August. Associates in the mechanical department "wished him well" during a supper get-together at a local fish camp.

Mrs. Chastain retired from weaving (cotton) in July after 30 years here. The Chastains, originally from Oconee county, S.C. live at 105 N. Weldon St., Gastonia.

Over the first few weeks of retirement, Marvin's report was "just resting and working a little at home."

"I used to do quite a bit of

Plan Well For High School Success

Many children of Firestone families will prepare themselves for trades or other skilled occupations. Many will plan to go on to college after high school. Still others hope to qualify for Firestone scholarships.

The Firestone Scholarship Committee has some helpful suggestions for beginning high-school students. In planning the future . . .

Have regular conferences with your principal and/or advisor about course of study. Take school work seriously, develop good study habits, read good books outside of school and in addition to textbooks.

Recommended courses: Four years of solid English courses,

THE DONORS at recent bloodbank collection

The 'life' bank was enhanced by 158 pints on the second of two regular yearly stops of the Red Cross bloodmobile at Firestone Textiles recently. The majority of donors were off-time repeaters, but 11 of them "made a gift of life" for the first time.

A number of community people joined members of Firestone families to make the bloodmobile visit one of the most successful of the year in the Red Cross collections program. Those who gave:

Simeon Adams, MD; David Alm; Daniel Atkinson. Carl Bailey, J. C. Barnes, S. P. Bolding, Leon Bowman, Bobbie Boyd, Coy Bradshaw, David Britton, Luther Brown, William Brown, John Bryant, Sam Bunton, Sammy O. Bunton, James Burr, Ray Burnell, Lt. Col.; Ida Byers, Ray Byrd.

Frank Capps, Melvin Carpenter, Wade Carpenter, Cornelia Carringer, Edward Carson, Edna

trout fishing and bird hunting," he said. "Now that I've got time — think I'll re-discover those hobbies for extra enjoyment in the days that are pretty much all mine."

to help you better express yourself, no matter what field of work you enter; four years of mathematics and three years of physical sciences, including chemistry and physics; at least three years of a foreign language.

It is very worthwhile to take part in extra-curricular activities which will help you develop leadership, cooperativeness, self-confidence, reliability, creative talents. In every way you can, strive to develop good character and a consideration of others.

Human experience is the lesson-book from which we cannot graduate.—Edith Hamilton

Champion, Paul Chastain, Roy Chastain, Henry Church, Virgil Collette, Dorothy Couick, John Craig III, Eva Nell Crawford, Samuel Crawford, Eugene Crumpton, Earl Cunningham.

Albert Davis, Fred J. Davis, Roy Davis, William Davis, Ralph Dalton, David Deas MD, James Dixon Jr., Clarence Donaldson, Eula Dunlevy. Ray England, Jack Faile, Ralph Farrar, John Fletcher, Leo Foxx, Edgar Foy, Dolores Fritton.

F. B. Galligan, Paul Gann, Jackie Gates, Ernest Givens, James Givens, Joe Givens, Ida Glass, John Goff Jr. George Hager, H. G. Hall, Ben Hanna, Pauline Hanna, Wiley Hardin,

F. B. Harrison, Floyd Hawks Jr., George High, Jess Hodge, Doris Hollifield, Lloyd Hope, Theron Houser, Jerry Howie, Mildred Hoyle, Horace Hughes.

Roy Jackson, George Jenkins Jr., Ray Jones, Thersa Jones, Clarence Jolly, Herschel Jordan, Jerry Keisler, Lennel Keenum, A. C. Kessell. Betty Laughlin, Alvin Ledford, James Lewis Jr., Jesse Liles, Ollie Liles.

Charles McArver, Helen McCarter, Marcus McCluney Jr., Earl McComb, Cramer McDaniel, Juanita McDonald, Andrew McKay, Richard McMillan, J. Q. McPherson, William Martin, Benjamin Massey, Robert Melton, John Mitchell, Karen Mitchell, Karen Mitchell, Billy Moore, Olive Moretz, Bonnie Moses, Warren Mullinax.

George Nelson, Gladys Nygard. Dillard Palmer, Jesse

Parks Jr., Mattie Passmore, Robert Paxton, Donald Payne, Kenneth Phillips, Beatrice Plyler, Charlie Plyler, George Plyler.

Milligan Ramsey, Deuel Redding, Ralph Reep, Margaret Rhyne, Alvin Riley, Alvin Riley Jr., Ruby Riley, Horace Robinson, Jack C. Robinson Rev., Bobby Rogers. E. M. F. Sartin. Anne Sharp, Walter Sharpe, James Sills, Robert Slover, James Smith, James Smith Jr., Norman Smith, Lorina Spearman, Mack Stafford, W. O. Stephenson, David Stewart, Elton Still, Charles Stowe, Marguerite Styers, Thurman Summey.

James Tate, Luell Thomas, Ray D. Thomas, William Turner Jr., Johnnie Weaver, James Welch, Emory Wheeler, Tracy Whitener, Brady Whitesides, Barbara Whitworth, Hansford Wilkes, P. R. Williams, Eula Wilson, H. Clayton Wright, Virginia Young.

First Bonds Purchasers—And Still Buying

The 25th anniversary of offering U.S. Savings Bonds to the public also marks the 25th year that people of the Gastonia Firestone Textiles plant have been "investing in their personal future and in the strength of America."

It was Sept. 13, 1941 when the payroll department here sold the first Defense Bonds, as they were then called. On that date, 10 persons bought their first bonds here.

Of that number, the five still working here continue buying U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll accounting. These "originals" are Leon Keistler, Vesta Lewis, Margaret Matthews, William A. Payne and W. O. Stephenson.

Retired of that original group are Robert Passmore, Nell Robinson, William B. Smith and Johnnie D. Wood. One of the group has gone to work elsewhere.

RECORDS show the first year of bonds sales amounted to 541, with a payroll deduction of \$4,730. The most recent year's sales volume was \$374,000.

By mid-1942, 32 others had joined the original purchasers in buying "shares in America." From 1941 on, purchasers have seen the interest rate on Series E bonds increased on four different occasions, to the current 4.15 per cent when held to maturity.

They have seen other improvements in Savings Bonds, such as the fewer years it takes for a bond to mature now, and higher rates for the E and H series.

Firestone people have set an outstanding record throughout the history of bonds purchasing at Gastonia. In the mid-1950s the plant was cited by the Treasury Department for noteworthy bonds-saving participation. More than once during the years, purchase participation rate of employee strength has gone to 100

per cent. The current rate is close to 88 per cent.

"**CHARTER** members" of the bonds program here and all other purchasers who joined them across the past 25 years, have been involved in many a heart-warming story, observes Mrs. Eula Wilson, payroll supervisor. She has been overseeing sale of bonds here since the 1941 beginning.

"With each buyer of bonds there have been stories of realized dreams, the good feeling of strengthening the nation's security and the financial security of the purchaser's own future."

"Houses and lots, cars, major appliances and many more things that make life better, have been possible through bonds purchasing. Sons and daughters of employees have realized an education or some other major goal through the investment power of U.S. Savings Bonds."

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Plant Offices
Warehouses

REPORTERS

Twisting (synthetics)—Elease Cole, Katie Elkins, Catherine Fletcher

Warp Preparation—Elmina Bradshaw, Nell Bolick

Warehouse—Harold Robinson, Israel Good, Roosevelt Rainey

Weaving (cotton)—Ruth Veitch

Weaving (synthetics)—Ann Cosey, Mayzelle Lewis

Carding—Payton Lewis
Industrial Relations—Shirley Greene
Main Office—Bea McCarter
Mechanical Dept.—Rosie Francum
Quality Control—Sallie Crawford, Louella Queen, Leila Rape

NEXT MONTH . . .

YOUTH APPRECIATION

week this year is

November 13-19.