

# ALMANAC

The trees of the Lord are full of sap; . . . O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: The earth is full of thy riches.—from Psalm 104

## WEATHER

PICTURE Blossom on the plum, wild wind and merry; Leaves upon the cherry and one swallow come. —Nora Hooper

## Lo! The Winter Is Past

March is a season of beginnings. There are the early peepers and many another mark of spring. In the plant world, there is a stirring of new life after winter sleep.

Now, this is the month we plant the first seeds outdoors, and venture to transfer plants to yard or garden for their permanent summer place.

Like a magnet, the weather draws us outside. Spring comes officially this month, and Easter is early this year (March 26).

Now is a good time to make garden in earnest, plan the summer's recreation. Share some seeds with a friend. Maybe write a letter (one you may have put off), send along some seeds, identified, with instructions for planting.

March claims some memorable dates in American history. In 1789 (March 4) the U. S. Constitution was declared in effect, and George Washington became the country's first President, although not inaugurated until April 30 of that year. On March 3, 1931, The Star-

Spangled Banner was officially designated our National Anthem.

March is birthmonth of many great Americans, among them Alexander Graham Bell, Luther Burbank, Andrew Jackson, James Madison, John C. Calhoun, Grover Cleveland, John Tyler, Robert Frost.

Founding date of Girl Scouts of America was March 12, 1912.

March is Red Cross Month. Not to be overlooked is St. Patrick's Day. Less known is St. David's Day, March 1, when people of Welsh ancestry wear a leek in honor of their patron saint.

**You've Heard It Said** • A farmer noted his team of mules could outpull anything else in the county. And they could take the prize when it comes to kicking. Added the mule owner: "But they never pull and kick at the same time."

Uncle Fillmore told Aunt Melissa: "It's a heap sight better to go on the conviction 'this one thing I do' than on the notion 'these 40 things I dabble at'."



## Gaston College Courses

Seven employees last month received refunds on tuition for

courses completed in the adult-program at Gaston College. Front, from left: Myrtle Collette, English; Barbara Gallo-way, English; Cornelia Car-ringer, accounting; Geneva Ballenger, typing; Don Sills,

business law. Second row, from left: Fred J. Davis, business math; F. B. Harrison, English, C. W. Donaldson, business math.

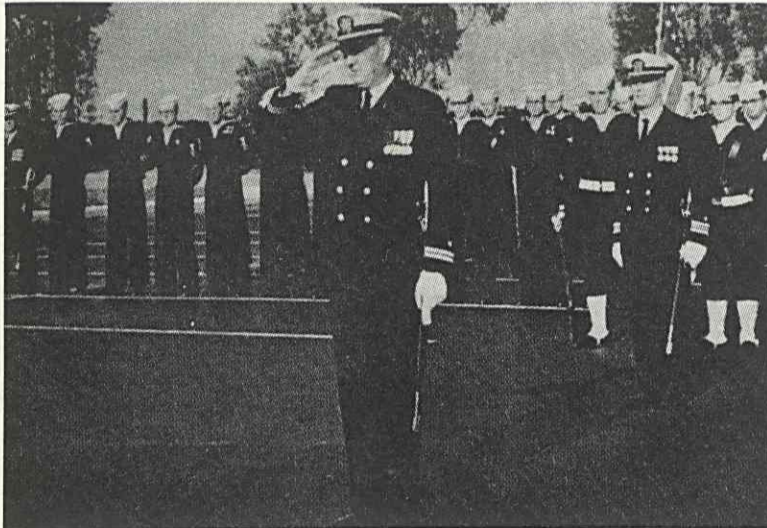
The industrial relations office has information on the college-tuition-refund program.

## NOTES AND FOOTNOTES

## People-Places

Lt. Guy Keenum (front) was presented the "Joint Services Commendation Medal" at recent ceremonies aboard the U. S. Naval Security Group Activity at Skaggs Island near San Francisco.

The award is for meritorious service in Europe. Lt. Keenum, whose brother Lennell is in the industrial relations department at Firestone, is administrative officer at Skaggs Island. Lt. and Mrs. Keenum, both from the Clay-Cherokee counties area of North Carolina, have four children. He worked at Firestone, Gastonia, before beginning his service career—now in its 21st year.



Mrs. Walter O'Neil, the former Miss Mary Kerrigan, in February became executive director of Western Reserve Council of Girl Scouts of America, headquartered in Akron, Ohio. For the past several years Mrs. O'Neil had been director of Firestone employee publications in the United States.

She is well known at the

Gastonia plant through her work with special public relations-publicity projects here.

Under her leadership, the Firestone family of employee publications in the U. S. won several awards for fostering and promoting the American Way of Life, the honors presented by The Freedoms Foundation.

Michael Boyd, studying his first year at Duke University on a Firestone Scholarship, was among students who made the Dean's List for the first semester, recently ended.

Michael is pursuing studies in pre-law. His long-range plan is to be a teacher of law on the college level.

The scholar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius H. Boyd Jr. She works here in twisting (synthetics).

## Citizenship Award

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At the annual meeting, Mr. Stewart on behalf of the local UF organization, received a trophy recognizing the 1966 campaign as "the best in its classification" in North Carolina.

F. B. Galligan, Firestone Textiles operations manager who retired as president of the United Fund, announced that K. A. Bowen will be campaign chairman for the upcoming fund drive late this year.

AMONG the 22 new directors elected to two-year terms was J. V. Darwin, Firestone division general manager.

UF officials praised volunteer workers in the last campaign which gathered financial support for 30 community agencies. That campaign was the first which incorporated areas out-

side Gastonia, Lowell joining for the first time.

Mr. Bowen reported that a move is underway to include the entire county of Gaston in one United Fund.

ALSO HONORED at the meeting were individual volunteers in the last campaign. Ralph Johnson, manager of employee relations at Firestone, was among sub-division chairmen awarded a citation for "100 per cent" performance on UF collections last year.

"Citizenship Awards" go to participating firms with 15 or more employees, which have a payroll system of paying UF contributions with at least 80 per cent of employees giving to the Fund, and contributions averaging at least \$10 among the employment.



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Eva Plyler Twisting (syn)

Luther Blaylock Twisting (syn)

Mae Massey Twisting (syn)

## 158th Added to 30-Year List

Luther Blaylock in February became the 158th person to reach the 30-year service milestone at Gastonia. During the same month, three others attained records of 25 years each—and all four are presented in pictures here. They received service lapel pins, as did the 10 others in February who marked work anniversaries of 10, 15 and 20 years.

J. V. Darwin, division general manager, presented lapel pins and the engraved watches to those of the 20-year group; lapel pins and the company "appreciation gift check" to mem-

bers of the 25 and 30-year groups.

### Twenty

Years Marguerite Styers, main office; Boyd Gibby, twisting (synthetics); Essie M. Honeycutt and Rose M. Dodgen, weaving (cotton); Paul Gilbert and Robert P. Wallace, shop; Mason King, main office.

### Fifteen

Years George Jackson Jr., warehouse.

### Ten

Years Rachel L. Baldwin, weaving (cotton); Marion G. Davis cloth room.

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