

Boy Scout Honors

Gastonia • Troop 6: Jimmy Dean Eddings, Michael Sparks, Timothy Edward Hatcher, Robert Andrew Hatcher, William Scott Spargo, Ralph Henry Jordan IV, Ronald Blair Payseur and Paul Hadden Avery Jr.

Troop 30: Cleveland Lewis Clark, Timothy Lawson Shermer, Alford D. Forbes and Eddie Goodwin. **Troop 35:** Charles Alfred Dixon, Omer Heracklis, Gregory Clyde Auten, Brinkley A. McArver, Tommy McCarter and Douglas Lee Stover.

Troop 313: Tony Mull, Joseph E. Gettys, Charles Michael Brooks, Daniel W. Willis, Kenneth Henderson and Jerry Long.

Bessemer City • Troop 37:

Scott Sarvis, Ronald Watt, Randy S. Rhyne and Kenneth R. Rayne. **Troop 54:** Danny Gamble.

Stanley • Troop 49: Robert E. Navey, Mike Caldwell, John Robert Murphey and Dean Coley.

The company's top award for Scouting is named for Raymond C. Firestone, chairman and chief executive officer. For many years the award honored Harvey S. Firestone Jr., another son of the company Founder and now honorary chairman. Originally, it was named the John W. Thomas Award, in honor of the company's first chairman.



SC Scout

Charles Sweatt III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweatt Jr., Bennettsville, S. C., received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond when he was recognized as Most Outstanding Scout of Troop 631 in his hometown.

The honor came at the 1970 Firestone Scouting Awards dinner meeting in Gastonia, May 21. F. B. Galligan, a former manager of the Firestone Bennettsville plant and now division general factory manager of Firestone Textiles Company, introduced the award winner and his father. While in Bennettsville, Mr. Galligan was a leader

in the SC Pee Dee Area BSA Council. Charles' father, employed in ply twisting at Bennettsville, is Scoutmaster of the Firestone-sponsored Troop 631.

The Marlboro County Scout is the first to receive the award which the company makes to the outstanding member of Troop 631.

IN MEMORY • Henson, Smith, Donaldson

Spring 1970 deaths, Firestone people, Gastonia:

• William G. Henson, plant engineer from 1935 to 1964. For many years was active in Loray Baptist Church, Gideons International, and local retired people's group. Among survivors is his widow, Eva, retired from the cloth room at Firestone.

• John Palmer Smith, a Firestone retiree who last worked here in plant protection service. Was a member of the musical band of Golden Years Club. Outstanding in local Boy Scout leadership. Had been Scoutmas-

ter and Neighborhood Commissioner in Piedmont Council.

• Roger Donaldson, former Marine Pfc., had worked at Firestone after returning from Vietnam in 1969. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Donaldson, work at Firestone. When in Vietnam, Roger wrote a letter home which the Gastonia Gazette published as an article on Roger's views of patriotism. That story, also published in Firestone News, was later reprinted in the national Disabled American Veterans magazine.

Plant Offices
Warehouses

REPORTERS

Warp Preparation—Elmina Bradshaw, Nell Bolick

Warehouse—Harold Robinson, Israel Good.

Weaving (cotton)—Ruth Veitch

Weaving, (synthetics)—Ann Cosey
BENNETTSVILLE PLANT
Faye Shankle, Mary H. Oliver, Sylvia Lockamy, Louise S. Preston—Reporters.

Industrial Relations—Dale Callahan
Main Office—Bea McCarter
Mechanical Dept.—Rosie Francum
Quality Control—Louella Queen, Leila Rape
Twisting (synthetics)—Elease Cole, Katie Elkins.

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• GASTONIA

Claude C. Callaway, Editor

Monthly publication of the Gastonia, N. C., plant of Firestone Textiles Company, a division of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. Division headquarters, Gastonia, N. C. 28052. James B. Call, president; Phillip R. Williams, Gastonia factory manager.

• Gail Chastain (standing) received a 1970 Firestone College Scholarship Award from James B. Call, division president. Presented a Certificate of Merit and U.S. Savings Bond (from left): Katherine Ann Shull, Prenella Neely, Betsy Goebel, Murphey Ann Moore.



One Scholarship; Four Merit Certificates

"I'm so grateful to the Firestone company for this opportunity to further my education, that it may help me to make the most of my life. Hoping that I can live up to the trust the company has placed in me, I'll do my best."

It was Susan Gail Chastain's response when she was presented a Firestone College Scholarship Award at the Gastonia plant recreation center in late May.

At the luncheon, the Frank H. Ashley High School graduate received the Scholarship certificate from James B. Call, president of Firestone Textiles Company.

Mr. Call also presented a Certificate of Merit and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond to four other 1970

high-school graduates from the area. They, and their schools:

• Murphey Ann Moore, Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia.

• Katherine Ann Shull, Bessemer City High School, Bessemer City.

• Prenella Neely, Dallas High School, Dallas.

• Betsy Arrainer Goebel, Frank H. Ashley High School, Gastonia.

ATTENDING the awards program with the students were their parents, principals and/or assistant principals of the students' schools, and those representing the Firestone company.

Mr. Call noted that Miss Chastain is the 16th Gastonia-area student to win the Firestone Scholarship since the company began the program in 1953.

Nationwide, 39 students won Firestone Scholarships this year, bringing the total awarded to 521.

A SCHOLARSHIP is worth up to \$1,750 per year toward

tuition, fees, required textbooks, and up to two-thirds room-board expenses during four years at college.

The Scholarships are renewable up to four years, dependent upon the recipient's acceptable achievement and record in college.

A student receiving the grant may attend any accredited college or university in the United States, and pursue any desired course leading to a degree.

Miss Chastain, who plans a career as teacher of Spanish, will enter Appalachian State University at Boone later this year.

ALL FOUR area Certificate of Merit winners plan to enter college this fall. They, and their chosen schools:

Murphey Ann Moore and Prenella Neely, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem; Katherine Ann Shull, Gaston Community College, Dallas; Betsy Goebel, Brevard College, Brevard.

HERALD-ADVOCATE

Praise For Bennettsville Story

An editorial in the May 12 Marlboro Herald-Advocate, Bennettsville, S. C., had words of praise for a Firestone "Traveler" feature in a late-April edition of Firestone NON-SKID, Akron.

Referring to the feature, "There's Only One Bennettsville," the editorial called it "one of the nicest articles we've seen published about Bennettsville. It went on:

"The article says that . . . Rand McNally Atlas shows there is only one Bennettsville, and that is in the heart of Marlboro County, S. C.

"The paper goes on to report that Firestone has had a textile plant—a good one—here for 27 years. Included with the article are two photographs: One of Firestone's textile plant in Bennettsville and one of the Claudius Pegues home, Marlboro's old-

est house, built in 1770.

"The history of Marlboro County is also included in the write-up and many interesting facts of the county are mentioned.

"Yes, the Firestone plant in Bennettsville weaves tire fabric for many tire manufacturing plants, but the people there weave a bit of friendship into your life, and they also weave a desire to stay and enjoy, enjoy."

"Bennettsville has a proud past and a growing future. The Traveler (Firestone travel writer) salutes the area on this and all other anniversaries" (Bennettsville's sesqui-centennial year).

Concludes the editorial: "Thank you, Ed Fuller, Firestone plant manager, and your publication, Firestone NON-SKID, for your grand article on our wonderful county."

ON THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE



TRAVELING ON VACATION? Outdoor dramas and pageants are in season across the Southland and elsewhere. "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" story of a proud mountain people in the Appalachians is adapted from John Fox Jr's famous novel. It is staged at Big Stone Gap, Va., on the site where the story lived.

For notes on "drama under the stars" and other travel cues, see "People Going Places", page 4.

'Exotic Dancer...'

Marine S/Sgt. Truitt McNabb participated in "Exotic Dancer III" war games with the Second Marine Division near Camp Lejeune, N. C., this spring.

Truitt's wife, Roxie Marie, works in twisting at Firestone.

The Lejeune joint-services training exercise involved nearly 60,000 support troops operating against an opposing force of Atlantic command units.