



Serene Beauty By The Way

GASTONIA
NORTH CAROLINA

BENNETTSVILLE
SOUTH CAROLINA

BOWLING GREEN
KENTUCKY

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•• One of the major continuing projects of Variety Garden Club of Firestone is the Oriental Garden on Franklin Boulevard in front of the West Gastonia textile plant. The carefully-designed and planted narrow plot has thrived since early 1964.

The 2 x 30-foot strip of earth and stone is hemmed in by concrete alongside busy Franklin at West Branch of First Union National Bank. The original development was a project of the national HAND (Home and Neighborhood Development) program.

Members of the company-sponsored garden group, with help of the plant mechanical department, excavated the plot to make room for deep placement of peat moss, humus and good "growing dirt" for original landscaping and planting.

CLUB MEMBERS maintain the garden as one of several ongoing projects. In Oriental tradition, the development is made in three sections—mountains, plains and coast. Shrubs, trees, groundplants, flowers and textured stones and lantern all lend symbolic meaning to the layout.

Most of the original plantings are still thriving. Growing things today include a flowering Oriental crabapple, mosses, ferns, hauga, cacti, pampas grass and a variety of herbs; also nandina, iris, phlox and chrysanthemums.

Stone placements (some of which are not showing in these photos) are in keeping with Oriental garden design. There is a kneeling stone, representative of the spiritual dimension of life. Other stones symbolize heaven and earth.

5 Retired June 1

•• Well more than a century is represented in the aggregate service records of five men who retired as of June 1 at Firestone, Gastonia. Leading the latest group of retired at Gastonia, in terms of time, was George Barnett of TC Twisting. He ended 25 years and 7 months service.

Next was Harley R. Brockman of TC Twisting, with 23 years and 2 months on the job.

Jack W. Moore of the Shop retired with 22 years and 8 months. Dillard Gilbert of TC Twisting closed his work record with 19 years and 5 months; while Ralph Cable of Chafer Weaving had 12 years and 9 months.

SCOUTS

Riggs 27th Medallion Winner

For noteworthy excellence in Scouting, 14-year-old E. Daniel Riggs of Gastonia has received the 1972 Raymond C. Firestone Scouting Award. The son of Mrs. Ruby Riggs became the 27th recipient of the coveted Firestone Company award in Gaston County.

Presentation was at the annual Scout dinner meeting in the Gastonia plant Recreation Center, May 30.

The award, presented by James B. Call, president of Firestone Textiles Company, is symbolized by the prized Silver Medallion. Daniel also received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a company check for \$25.00 toward a week's stay at Schiele Scout Reservation in Polk County, or for his purchase of scouting equipment.

Daniel was selected from among 29 Gaston County Scouts who were all recognized for outstanding achievement in nine Scout troops over the past year.

The other 28 each were presented a Certificate of Merit and a \$25.00 check for camp expenses or for equipment.

This year's winner of the Raymond C. Firestone Scouting

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**POLSON
OUTSTANDING
AT BENNETTSVILLE**



• Firestone Textiles Company President James B. Call with Mike Polson (left), Outstanding Scout of Bennettsville Troop 631; and Daniel Riggs, Gaston County's 1972 Raymond C. Firestone Silver Medallion winner.

Pollution Control Coming

Construction of a tower for mounting an electrostatic precipitator and assembly of parts for the pollution-control device began in early June at No. 8 treating unit of Firestone's Gastonia plant.

The project, planned for completion and equipment testing by early July, promises 99 per cent cleanup of emissions from the fabric-treating operation.

The job, contracted to Tailor and Company of Bettendorf, Iowa, will cost in excess of \$140,000. A similar waste-cleaning plant is planned for later construction at Firestone's Bowling Green, Ky., fabric-treating unit.

Resembling a huge silo, the precipitator will be mounted on a platform tower some 30 feet above the traffic-way between the Gastonia treating unit and plant warehouses.

According to plant engineer J. G. Tino Jr., the cleaning device works this way:

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• Huge metal tubing, ducts, a blower unit and steel girders were the first two loads of equipment for the pollution-control device to be installed at No. 8 fabric-treating unit.

