

## Dedicated Men and Women

"The greatest asset the company has is the outstanding people who make up the organization. I attribute the growth and success of the company over the years to all the men and women of Firestone who have devoted their time and efforts to continually improving our products and serving our customers in such a way as to insure our steady progress.

"We are most fortunate to have developed, and to be able to continually renew, an organization of dedicated men and women who work with great energy and zeal to advance the ever-growing sales and profits objectives of the company year after year and to insure its future progress and success."

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• Statement by Harvey S. Firestone Jr., upon his retirement as a director of the company. (See obituary, page 3).

## GARY HOWE

# 1973 Top Scout

Before the summer is over, two major experiences will have become a part of the eventful life of Gary Howe. The 17-year-old Eagle Scout of Troop 25, Gastonia, last month became the 25th in the Gastonia area to receive the Firestone company's highest award for Scouting excellence. And upcoming soon is his planned trip to the American West—backpacking, rock-climbing and exploring.

Gary will visit the Grand Canyon, Teton National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, the Painted Desert and other places of interest.

Gary received the Raymond C. Firestone Award at the annual Scout Banquet in Firestone Recreation Center, June 20.

Recommending him for the honor, Scoutmaster Jim Stroupe said:

"A hardworking, cooperative and alert young man, Gary Howe is certainly deserving of

your serious consideration for this high award."

He received the Silver Medallion, symbol of the award, a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a \$27.00 check for an expense fund to Schiele Scout Reservation in Polk County, or for purchase of scouting equipment.

Besides Gary's recognition, 17 other Scouts from Gaston County were named Merit Winners for their noteworthy achievement in Scouting.

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•• Firestone Textiles Company President James B. Call presented 1973 Silver Medallion to Scout Gary Howe.

## Gallons Of Generosity

Eighteen employees at the Firestone Gastonia plant were honored at a luncheon recently, for their contributions to the Red Cross Regional Blood Program. Records of donating blood were from 1 to 4 gallons.

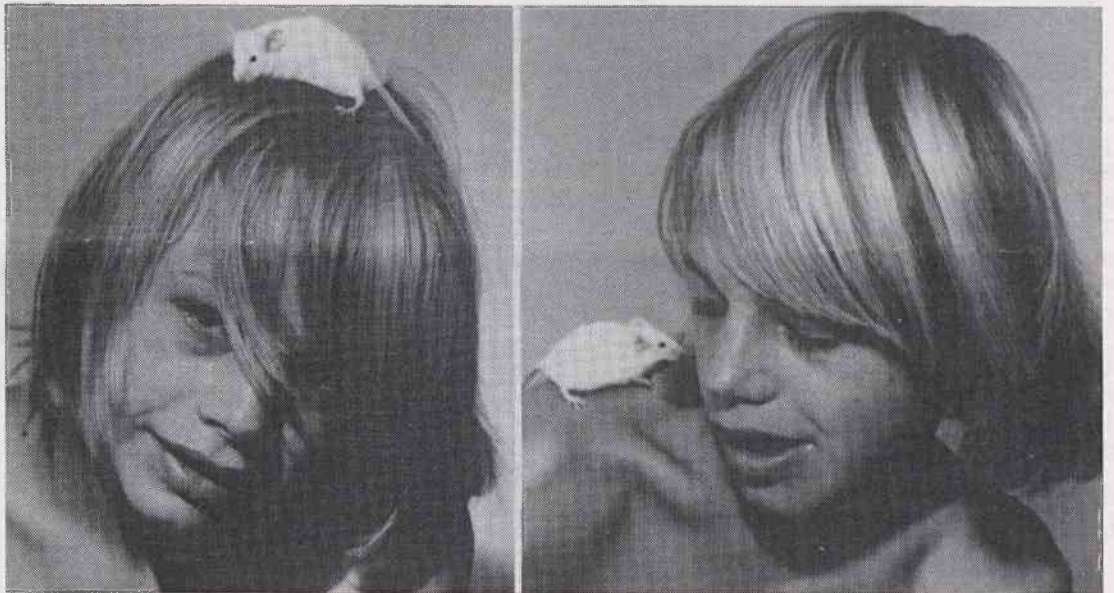
Those who have given 1 gallon: Fred H. Holloway, Larry M. Stevens, Ronald L. Franks, Dorsel J. Saylor, Paul Whitfield, Bea McCarter, Edward Crisp. For 2 gallons: Jerry S.

Mitchell, Doris C. Hollifield, Roy L. Davis, Algie Warren, Melvin Carpenter.

Those with records of 3 gallons: Dorothy Couick, Eula Wilson, Ida Byers, Helen McCarter; and 4 gallons: James Thomas, Fred Davis.

Company appreciation gifts are to 1-gallon donors, a sterling pencil; 2-gallons, a sterling pen; 3-gallons, a leather billfold; and for 4-gallons, a portable radio.

# Firestone NEWS



## Come along with me

"Wolf" Williams, grandson of Burley Williams (a Firestone retiree), added some special interest to the Firestone Playground at the Gastonia plant when he brought his pet white mouse one

day last month. Wolf was frisbee champion at the playground last year. He has other pets in addition to his mouse: Five dogs, a bird, a snake, a hamster and a guinea pig. What does he call his albino mouse? "Blackie"—of all things! The little animal rides on his master's shoulder and head; listens and obeys Wolf's commands.

## Some Reasons Why Women Work

Why do women work at Firestone? For a host of reasons, and many of them not too clear-cut and some overlapping. But some are basic.

A sampling of 15 women surveyed at Firestone's Gastonia plant last month gave these reasons for working:

- . . . "To earn money (either as primary or supplemental income), and

- . . . To satisfy a need to be creative, and to feel that my work is appreciated for its quality."

Nine of the number surveyed chose "the need to earn money" as main object for their working. The other six said they work to meet "the need to be creative and have satisfaction in a job well done."

A THIRD reason suggested on the survey was: "I work to develop interests outside my home, so as to become (or continue to be) a well-rounded person." Although none of the number interviewed selected this as a primary reason for working, most agreed that this reason is a factor somewhat embodied in

the other two basic reasons mentioned in the survey.

Women in production, offices and supervisory jobs at Gastonia are represented in the survey. Age range is from 19 to 62 years. The survey was a portion of a larger survey being conducted by the Firestone Non-Skid.

## RETIRED

Giles Emmett of TC Twisting completed a long career with Firestone, Gastonia, in June. He went into retirement with a record of 31 years and 8 months service, all at the Gastonia plant.

Henry Church who was among those who retired and were reported in Firestone News, June, had 33 years and 3 months service, the last several of that time in the Shop at Gastonia. The June paper erroneously reported his service record as 23 years.

## Miss Emilie Came Back For A Visit

It had been 53 years, and not many of the old-timers were still around. Changes—scads of them, yet much that was familiar.

A flood of memories came rolling back when Miss Emilie Schultz returned for a visit at the Firestone Textiles mill in Gastonia last month. She had departed what was then Loray Cotton Mills for work in the Far East in 1920.

The pioneering company nurse and advisor in health and sanitation back in the old Loray Mill days, now lives at Penney Retirement Community near Jacksonville, Fla.

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•• At 79, Emilie Schultz continues to find avenues of service, ways to keep her days interesting and rewarding. Handbag in her lap is one she wove of Florida longleaf pine needles. Katie Elkins, beam knitter in TC Twisting and wife of Freddie Elkins, general foreman in that department, shows a tiny bell-shaped necklace which Miss Emilie received as a gift from her nursing-school alumni friends.