

Boy Scouts 1973 Awards

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Charles Willis received Scholarship from plant manager Ralph King at Bowling Green.



The first Firestone College Scholarship to be granted in the Bowling Green, Ky., area went this year to Charles W. Willis who will enter Western Kentucky University this fall. His parents, Charles and Pearl Willis, work at Firestone's Bowling Green textile plant.

A second scholarship this year within the company's textile division went to Barry Robinson,

whose father is Warehouse manager at Firestone, Gastonia. Barry will enter Eastern Carolina University this fall.

Charles and Barry are among 46 high-school seniors nationwide to receive Firestone company scholarships this year. Each scholarship is renewable annually, and is worth up to a total \$7,000 while the recipient earns a degree.

Each was presented a Certificate of Merit and a gift check of \$27 toward expenses of a trip to Schiele Reservation, or for equipment.

Gary, the top winner for 1973, lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Howe at 910 Dogwood Drive in Gastonia.

In Scouting since February of 1968, he has earned Eagle rank with 22 merit badges. His project for the Firestone competition was the required work for the Historic Trails Award. Gary attends Ashbrook High School and Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian Church.

AS EAGLE SCOUT, Gary is a very active member of Troop 25. He has been with his troop on one of its trips to Philmont in New Mexico.

Gary has completed the SPLTC contract, has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader; has been head of the Leadership Corps a member of Gaston District Operation Reach Training Team, a member of District Planning Committee for the Camporee.

He presented to Gov. Bob Scott the annual report of Boy Scouts of America in 1972, an honor earned for having won the state level of the BSA Reader's Digest Public Speaking Contest.

Gary is an Ordeal Member, Order of the Arrow. He was Troop 25 Scout of the Year for 1971. He will serve as Campfire Master of the 1973 Camporee in the Gaston District.

Some of Gary's chief interests are backpacking, rock-climbing, whitewater canoeing, basketball and public speaking.

AN HONOR-ROLL student,

he will be a senior at Ashbrook next school term. A member of the Junior Civitan Club, Gary is past vice-president of his Sunday-school class at Armstrong Church.

In addition to the Raymond C. Firestone Award winner for 1973, 17 Scouts from troops in Gastonia and Cramerton were presented Certificates of Merit:

GASTONIA • Troop 6: Phillip K. Price Jr., David Mark Hall. **Troop 8:** Rodney Kale, William P. Caldwell, Roy E. Smith. **Troop 25:** Robert Culp Jr., Tommy Wallace. **Troop 313:** Russell Gobel.

Troop 310: David Lynn Glover, Glenn Hall. **Troop 349:** Frank Fuller, Andy Hicks, John Kraft, Scott Martin.

CRAMERTON • Troop 72: Kenneth Dillard, Mike Fitzgerald, Brady Lee Polk.

Mike Polson was named Scout of the Year of Troop 631, sponsored by Firestone Textiles Company's South Carolina plant. It was the second consecutive year that the 14-year-old Bennettsville Life Scout received the award. He was presented a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

He has an outstanding Scout, school, church and personal-achievement record. With Life rank, Mike has earned 12 Merit badges.

Besides the Gaston County Scouts honored last month, Firestone awards included recognition of the outstanding member of Troop 631, Bennettsville.



•• Special guests at Scouting awards meeting were the Brewer twins, Tim (left) and Tom (right), and Ralph Johnson, Firestone manager of industrial relations and head of the company's Gaston Scouting awards program, discussed the achievements of the two Eagle Scout brothers of Troop 76, Lincoln. The twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brewer, each have 92 merit badges. Their goal: To earn every merit award offered by Boy Scouts. "I know they'll do it," Johnson said.

She Was Mill Village Nurse

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On her recent visit, she'd gone to Greenville, S. C. to be with friends and decided to travel with some of them on to Gastonia for a week's stay.

MISS EMILIE still drives her car—and quite safely, thank you! Last year she traveled more than 44,000 miles.

Originally from White Plains, N.Y., Miss Schultz was graduated from the nursing program of New York City's Mount Sinai Hospital in 1918.

"Where to my first job?" she asked herself, checking around for an opportunity to try her skills. She chanced to contact the YWCA in New York, and thereby hangs the story of how she came South to Loray Cotton Mills for two years. (In later years the giant textile manufactory was known as Manville-Jenckes Company; and since 1935, Firestone.)

As visiting nurse on the mill village, it was Miss Emilie's challenge to do general duty at the old mill clinic (housed in what is now the plant Recreation Center), go in and out among the people of the village houses, as she instructed in health care and elementary sanitation.

And midwifery was a goodly portion of her work in those days.

REVIEWING those times, she talked of typhoid and diphtheria epidemics, of the hard climb upward in coping with the folkways superstitions of people who'd migrated from the hill-country to take their first job

at "public works" in a cotton mill.

Miss Schultz shared a memorable story of how some of the village employee families would slaughter hogs and salt them down in the bathtub!

On one occasion when she went to an employee home to help a woman birth a baby, the house almost caught fire. Down in the furnace room was an elderly man who'd had too much "white lightning", stoking the fire to the melting point and all the while chanting something about "the flames of Hades."

WITH COTTON MILL nursing experience behind her, Miss Schultz left Loray in 1920 and went to China as a missionary nurse. For five years she labored there under auspices of the Northern (now American) Baptist Convention.

Returning to the States, she worked in public and in school nursing jobs. Entering Columbia University in 1932, she by 1937 earned a degree in public school nursing. For six years she was in public school nursing on Long Island. For the next 18 years she worked in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

In 1961 Miss Emilie retired, but not "for real." In her home state she helped train candy-strippers for volunteer hospital work.

In 1969-1970 she was associated with Calvary Baptist College at May Pen on Jamaica. That job completed, she went to live at Penney Farms, Fla., in 1970.

There she keeps busy—and useful—sharing her long experience with others, expanding her horizons with craftwork and other projects, visiting and helping people, and working some in the Penney Farms Clinic.

Historic Product • The Firestone company introduced the first angular non-skid tread in 1909, with the words "Firestone Non-Skid" molded diagonally across the tread.

\$1-Billion Payroll For SC Textiles

A \$1-billion payroll for the textile industry has been reported for the first time in South Carolina history. The State Textile Manufacturers Association announced in June that Employment Security Commission data show a payroll last year of \$1,022,812,140.

Association president R. M. Hicklin said that rising wages and a growing work force boosted the payroll more than \$100 million above the \$904,982,694 in 1971.

Hicklin predicted that the 1973 payroll might reach \$1.2 billion. He said the growth pattern will continue for several

years as the industry builds and improves plants.

He noted that payroll figures included only production of the textile mills and not related industries such as allied chemical fibers, textile machinery and apparel manufacturing.

Included in this picture for the 1972 production figures was Firestone Textiles Company's plant at Bennettsville. The Bennettsville facility is one of South Carolina's leading producers of tire fabrics exclusively.

Service Milestones • GASTONIA

When Coy E. Brewer of Quality Control had his work anniversary in mid-June, he became the 118th person at Firestone, Gastonia, to have been employed 35 years. A few days earlier, Ella M. Whitaker of Preparation also completed her 35th year of employment.

There were others with long work records in June:

Thirty Years • Blanche McGinnis, TC Weaving.

Twenty-Five Years • Miles T. Michaels, Earl W. Queen, both TC Twisting.

Twenty Years • Earl W. McMillan, TC Twisting.

Ten Years • Eunice T. Payeur, TC Twisting.

Five Years • Ray D. Mackins, Susan E. Davis, TC Twisting. Nancy Marie Tignor, TC Weaving. Wayne E. McMillan, Shop.

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Belted-Bias Tires Popular

• As the year 1973 began, the belted-bias tire had become the most popular type on the market, somewhat ahead of the plain bias tire.

The belted-bias should continue to be the leader for some years to come, observed Edward F. Carter, a vice president of the Firestone company. Carter added:

"However, the radial tire is starting to make a strong showing and it is destined to become the dominant type of tire equipping new cars by the mid-1970s."