

Long Work Records Finished

Five persons at Gastonia and one at Bowling Green ended long work records with the company as of June and early July. Leading the list of those latest to retire was Ella Whitaker of Preparation at Gastonia. She had 36 years service.

Next was Leroy L. Posey of TC Weaving at Bowling Green, with 35 years and 1 month at Firestone. Almost 30 of his service years were spent at Gastonia before transferring to the Kentucky plant. Leroy and Mrs. Posey have returned to Gastonia to live in retirement.

Others—all from the Gastonia plant—to retire in recent weeks: Ollie D. Smith, TC Weaving, 28 years and 4 months; Luke Sadler, TC Twisting, 27 years and 11 months; Essie Honeycutt, Cloth Room, 27 years and 4 months; Hazel Clark, TC Twisting, 26 years and 11 months.

THREE PLANTS

Buying Savings Bonds

Salaried and clock people at Firestone, Bennettsville, reached 100 per cent participation in purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds during their recent Bonds-buying review.

Of those already buying Bonds when the campaign got underway, 20 per cent increased the amount being purchased through payroll deduction.

Stan Tomlin, chairman of the Bowling Green plant Bonds drive reported employee participation at 71.4 per cent. There were 94 new enrollments and 71

employees who increased their Bonds purchase rate through payroll deduction.

People in the Savings Bonds canvass at the Gastonia plant increased participation from 61 to 71 per cent. And many who were already buying, began investing larger amounts, as of the May Savings Bond emphasis. Said Gastonia factory manager Philip R. Williams.

"If you didn't take part in the Bonds drive, we urge you to check with your supervisor and 'get on the Bond Wagon'".

Speaking 'Bumperese': **GOD GRADES ON THE CURVE. LEGALIZE BLUEGRASS.**

Summer Rec Program **GASTONIA**

Firestone, Gastonia, summer recreation activities include Little League baseball, softball, ceramics art, and "things going" at the company-owned children's playground in front of the plant.

The company sponsors a team in the six-team Harold Mercer Little League this season. The league name is a memorial to the late general manager of Firestone Textiles Gastonia plant.

Also sponsored is a girl's softball team and a men's softball team, playing in the summer inter-industry leagues of the county.

The playground, with wading pool, swings and other attractions, is operated by the city as

a part of the municipal parks and playgrounds system, summer season.

Ceramics art offers decorating and finishing instruction and 'do-it-yourself' craft each Tuesday evening in the building inside the playground area at Dalton and Second Avenue.



• Playground Fun: Splashing and Swinging



Textile School Summer Courses

Courses in basic metrics, data processing, fabric analysis and color-matching are examples of how North Carolina Vocational Textile School is meeting needs brought on by change in the textile industry.

The Belmont, N. C., school offers its sixth annual summer program of short courses in two four-week sessions: July 15-Aug. 9 and Aug. 12-Sept. 6.

Other courses are in yarn manufacturing, lab techniques, supervisory problems, job training, fiber identification, comber-fixing, pattern-drafting & tailoring, dressmaking, sewing-machine practice, weaving design, and mechanical shop practice.

The summer program of short courses is intended to update manufacturing trainees and supervisors in the industry.

Also offered this summer is an eight-hour Red Cross first-aid course on an 'arranged' basis.

Details on these and other courses at NCVTS are available at the school on Wilkinson Boulevard; or telephone 825-3737.

Clyde E. Moss

Memorial service for Clyde E. Moss, 61, was at South Marietta Street Baptist Church and burial in Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia, June 18.

Moss, who spent 35 years with the Gastonia Firestone Textiles plant, pioneered the product and processes work at the plant before it became a department. He had taken early retirement in 1970 to become a representative of Coats & Clark Co.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson Moss; sons Clyde Jr., Dan, James and Allen; daughter Mrs. Howard Hicks; sisters Mrs. Margaret Floyd and Mrs. Mary Elliott; half-brothers Bill and Jim Moss; half-sister Mrs. Betty Prather, who works in main office, Firestone.



Recalling ••

25 Years Ago In a "Backward Glances" column of Marlboro Herald-Advocate, Bennettsville, S. C., last month was this reprint from an early-June issue in 1949:

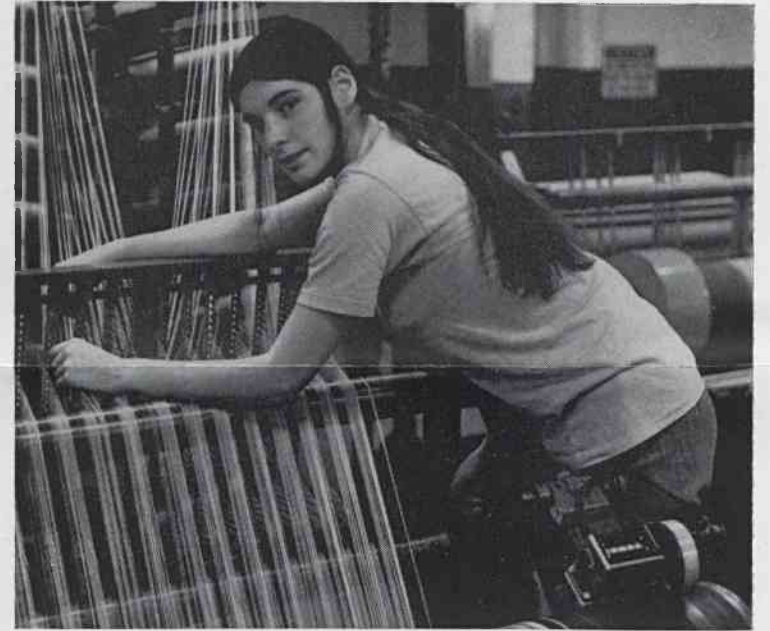
George Alexander Bowie, author and lecturer of the public relations department of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, is to be guest speaker at the Eagle Scout Presentation in the Carolina Theater, Bennettsville, June 12 at 8 p.m.

•• Too many folks are so heavenly-minded that they ain't no earthly good, Uncle Jule told Parson Barlowe, as they waited for the mail at the postoffice.



•• Robinette (Robin) Caldwell, 1974 Firestone college scholarship winner from the Gastonia area, is working this summer in data processing at Firestone. Robin plans to major

in communications at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, beginning this fall. Her mother, Mrs. Lee Hollifield (Doris), works in Methods & Standards.



•• Laura Ann Hall is working in TC Weaving at Firestone, Gastonia, during summer. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hall (he is plant production manager), Laura has finished her sophomore year at Duke University, studying on a 4-year Firestone company scholarship. Zoology-chemistry is her major field of study. During the past two summers Laura worked in splicing at the Gastonia plant.

Barry majoring in music therapy at ECU, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Robinson. His father is Warehouse manager at Firestone, Gastonia.

• Samuel Rhyne finished his freshman year in pre-law at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. Samuel is working his third summer at Uniroyal Chemicals, Gastonia. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rhyne. Mr. Rhyne works in Firestone's wire-weaving unit.

• Charles M. Willis completed his freshman year at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, his field of study physics-astronomy. He worked full-time at Farmer's Market during the year at WKU and earned an overall grade point average of 3.5. Charles' mother, Mrs. Pearl Willis, works at the Bowling Green Firestone plant. He continues working at Farmer's Market this summer.

The Others

Three other company scholarship students from Firestone Textiles Company families are employed during school vacation.

• Barry Robinson, who finished his first year at East Carolina University, Greenville, is working his second summer as organist at First Baptist Church of Bessemer City, and leader in the church recreation program.

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BENNETTSVILLE PLANT
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BOWLING GREEN
Fred De Hoag

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