

Service **GASTONIA** Milestones

• David Loyd Hager of TC Weaving worked his first day at Firestone (Gastonia) January 11, 1945. So, last month he marked his 30th anniversary of employment. And joining him with service records of the same length were James E. Gaultney of TC Weaving and Ira Neil Broadway of TC Twisting.

While these were beginning their 31st year on the job, 11 others at Gastonia "passed milestones" of 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years. They are:

Twenty-Five Years • Wilburn E. Summey, TC Twisting; and William C. Shull, Chafer Weaving.

Twenty Years • Larry Zane Thomas and Lee R. Palmer, TC Twisting.

Fifteen Years • Glen Marshall Walker, Geraldine Beaver, TC Weaving; Cornelia W. Carringer, Scheduling.

Ten Years • James W. Hallbrook, TC Twisting.

Five Years • Julice C. Cope, Edward E. Seagle, Lindsey J. Atchley, all of the Shop.

HOMETOWN

United Fund

Kings Mountain (N.C.) United Fund campaign for 1975 began in January, reaching for a total budget of \$35,100. A number of Firestone (Gastonia) employees live in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

This United Fund is an example of programs which have separate funding drives to which Firestone people contribute in addition to their giving to the Gaston County United Way drive at the Gastonia plant each year.

The Kings Mountain United Fund money goes into 13 separate budgets: Ministerial Helping Hand, Piedmont Council Boy Scouts, Pioneer Council Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, Kings Mountain High Band, Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, Kings Mountain High Chorus, The Salvation Army, Cleveland County Association for Retarded Children, Cleveland County Community Organization for Drug Abuse, N.C. Community Services, Emergency Fund, and KMUF Administrative Costs.

Some other Firestone (Gastonia) employee hometowns with separate United Way programs are Clover and York, S.C.; Shelby, Belmont, Lincolnton and Bessemer City, N.C.

Sign on truck passing by Firestone, Gastonia • REJOICE! and EAT CHITLINS.



Reclaiming

•• Elene L. Dodgins (left) and Flora Jean Michaels are beam knotters in TC Twisting at Gastonia. Sometimes they work as reclaimers.

In the operation here, they "at least partly undo what went wrong" with plied cord at the spool-wound stage of tire-fabric production. In this case it was improper winding.

Reclaiming is a way to keep what material can be salvaged—in this case either as cord to be spliced and used in the weaving stage, or in the form of waste. Depending on the material involved, some waste is worth saving for secondary uses. An example is leader material to thread up ends of fabric going through the treating units.

OTHER WASTE such as tangled masses of cord, sometimes can be sold to outside customers for use in (for example)

reprocessed materials and for filler in certain kinds of filters.

But at best, reclaiming is an attempt to recover a portion of the loss in "bad work." With the reclaiming in all phases of fabric production at the Gastonia plant, a recent month's loss through "material gone wrong" amounted to \$95,000.

Factory manager Philip R. Williams pointed out that "if we make 2¢ profit on a pound of finished shippable fabric, it would take us 16 days to produce 5,000,000 pounds of material in order to recover this \$95,000."

"Think of it. Make less waste . . . keep our product clean and in good shape to go out. . ."

**February 23:
Restore Daylight-
Saving Time**

MEMORIES OF

Old Abernethy

•• The passing of Old Abernethy Elementary School, a part of the Gastonia Firestone village scene for more than a half-century, 'replays' many a memory.

Examples: The goat 'mascot' outside the schoolyard fence, a third-grader's artwork and a composition salvaged from days when the old school was in its glory.

Abernethy, built in 1918, was closed in 1970, and now remains of the old structure are being cleared away. A sign among the debris reads: "Antique Brick For Sale."

January 16, 1966

Back in Summer I had a experience. I went to Asheville. After we got there, my Papa took us to the Craftsmans Fair. We saw lots of interesting things. There was a lady at the Fair who was giving away rolling pins she had made. My little sister Laura, and I got a rolling pin.

Then we watched her weave a chair seat. Her name is Pauline Keith. We saw other things also.

I got a seashell on a chain. My brother Taylor got a clear rock, and my little sister got two polished rocks.

My Papa bought Mama a basket-handbag to carry. It was made by a Cherokee Indian lady named Dora Bigmeat. Mama hasn't carried the handbag yet. She still has it at home.

• Harriett

'Now Have Yourself A Treat'

•• Something mighty good? Heavens Yes! From the Coastal Plains and Low Country of South Carolina come a favorite way to fix fish; and another of hen stew—pretty universal in the Lower South.

The recipes are contributed by Frances Fletcher, senior payroll clerk and Firestone News reporter at the Bennettsville plant.

Both sides golden brown, drain on paper. Have yourself a treat!

CHICKEN HEN STEW

"With the high cost of groceries these days, try this stew." Choose a nice plump hen, preferably a dominecker (Dominique) weighing around four pounds. Dress thoroughly, making sure all pinfeathers are removed from wings. Singeing over open flame will take care of this.

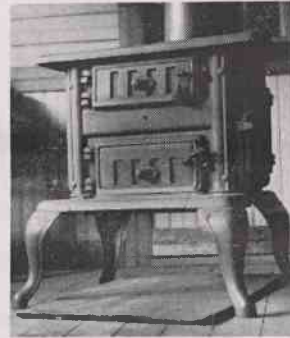
Rub dressed hen with baking soda, wash under running water, then cut up into eatin' size pieces.

Toss her in a pot and cover with salted cold water. Bring to a boil, put on the pot lid. Reduce heat and simmer until hen is tender (test with a fork).

Chop fine an onion the size of a goose egg. Chop three stalks of celery and throw that into pot too. Add a dash of black pepper, a little crushed sage, 3 or 4 tablespoons of condensed milk. Thicken the "whole business" with a dash of plain flour, simmer a little longer.

Then she is ready to be "took up."

Warp & Filling



PAN-FRIED FISH

"Throw 'Em in the hot grease and pop on the lid."

Take cleaned fish. Scatter some salt into cornmeal. Put in paper bag with fish and shake. Don't let 'nobody' sell you on dipping the fish in eggs, milk, crumps and all that mess. Just salt and cornmeal. Heat enough grease in skillet so as not to "swim" amount of fish it will accommodate. Cover skillet, check so when fish are browned on bottom side, turn it over and don't replace the lid.



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BOWLING GREEN
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• Fifty years ago—1925—the Firestone company began building tires by the flat-band process. This was a method of applying cord fabric to a drum in continuous bands.

• Forty-two years ago—1933—Firestone first used rayon cord in tire construction.