



'BRUSH' FOLKS (from page 1) From left: Jerry Mitchell, pipe-fitter in Shop; L.A. Holland, beam & yarn handler, TC Twisting; Jerry Alford, buffer machine operator, Roller Shop.

Years

•• Mildred Redding, senior accounting clerk in Cost Accounting, dates the beginning of her employment with Firestone at Gastonia as May 27, 1937. So, for her: 40 years service. Joining her for long service at Gastonia last month were 15 people who have 5 to 35 years.

Thirty-Five Years • James A. Mauney, lead operator in Nylon Treating; Duard C. Rabb, box repairer, Shop; Morris S. Derreberry, section supervisor, TC Twisting.

Thirty Years • Lillie S. Crain, weaver in Chafer Weaving.

Twenty Years • Don Radford, style-changer specialist, TC Weaving.

Fifteen Years • James C. Barker Jr., maintenance technician, Shop.

Ten Years • Nora V. Noblett, respooler operator, TC Twisting.

Five Years • Charles H. Adams, Twister Operator, TC Twisting; Lewis L. Foster, twister bobbin changer, TC Twisting; Barbara J. Byrd, automatic splicer operator, TC Weaving; Francis J. Sutton, weaver, TC Weaving; William C. Grigg, lathe Operator, Shop; Johnny C. Martin, shop mechanic, Shop; Bobby R. Queen, pipefitter, Shop; Betsy G. Smith, mechanic, Shop.



Scott Evington
Life Scout

• With James B. Call,
Firestone Textiles President

Gaston Scout Awards 1977

Gaston County's outstanding Boy Scout this year holds Life Rank and has earned 17 merit badges. Winner of the 1977 Raymond C. Firestone Scouting Award, Scott Evington is a member of Gastonia Troop 11 sponsored by First Presbyterian Church.

The award, symbolized by the Firestone Silver Medallion, was presented at the recent Scout Gold Rush Camporee. It is named for retired company chairman Raymond C. Firestone.

Scott, 15, has completed ninth grade at Ashley High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Evington.

The Firestone award is based on character, citizenship, mental and physical fitness over the past year, and achievement in Scouting.

In addition to the Medallion, Scott received a certificate worth five shares of Firestone common stock, and a \$43 check

toward a week's expenses at Boy Scout Piedmont Council camp in Rutherford County.

Of the 40 Scouts nominated for the award this year, 19 others were honored for achievement. They each received a certificate of merit and a check for \$43 for camp expenses, or for scouting equipment.

Merit winners: Bessemer City, Troop 54—Todd Capps and Jerry Humphries. Gastonia, Troop 15—Warren Bess; Troop 21—James G. Jones Jr.; Troop 25—Curtis Howe, Thomas E. Wallace Jr.; Troop 349—Grady H. Smith, Tommy Jonas, Gregory L. Hicks, Pinkney Froneberger III.

Mount Holly, Troop 12—Brian Smith, Stanley, Troop 49—Tony M. Moore, Tim Bingham, Jeff Brotherton, Alfred Homesley, Jerry H. Ballard Jr., Bradley Smith; Troop 527—Tim Boggs and Paul Tallent.

Merit Scout Thomas E. Wallace Jr., was winner of the Raymond C. Firestone Award in 1976.

Employer Award

TO CHAIRMAN

The "Employer of the Year" Award from the National Industrial Recreation Association was presented to Richard A. Riley at the NIRA annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., in May. The chairman of the Firestone company received the award for "outstanding executive support of employee recreation and service programs".

NIRA, founded in 1941, is composed of 1,200 employee activity and recreational directors for commercial and industrial firms.

Since it was founded in 1915, Firestone's program has grown to some 27 separate employee activities at company headquar-

ters in Akron, Ohio. There and throughout the world, Firestone sponsors clubs and activities, ranging from skeet shooting to scuba diving and from camping to CB radios.

Other facets of Firestone's program include a discount ticket-purchase program for amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and other events. The program of discount-purchase of tickets for amusement parks is in effect at the three U.S. plants of Firestone Textiles Company.

Savings Bonds

During the last half of May at Firestone Textiles Company plants and other Firestone company locations in the U.S., the annual Savings Bonds campaign sought to sign up at least 50 per cent of all non-subscribers, and to increase allotments from at least 10 per cent of those already enrolled.

Over the years, many Firestone people have found that buying Bonds through payroll

deduction is a good way to build savings, while also helping to "keep America strong." More than 23,000 Firestone employees throughout the country participate in the Savings Bonds program.

If your car has a habit of idling "fast" after a reasonable warmup period, have the choke adjusted.

For Graduate Study

Barry Richard Robinson has been awarded a fellowship from the University of Wisconsin at Madison for graduate study in Arts Administration. Barry received the Bachelor of Music Therapy degree from East Carolina University at Greenville, May 29.

He studied the four years at ECU on a Firestone scholarship. At school he was student union president, a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity and Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity.

Barry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson of Gastonia. Harold is warehouse manager at Firestone.

Centennial Garb

In keeping with the Gastonia Centennial theme, some members of Loray Senior Citizens came to the (barbecue) meeting in May dressed "old style."

Here (front and from left): Nell Robinson, Lillian Mincey, Margie Waldrep; and (back from left) Dorothy Wilson, Mae Ward, Edna Dixon, Lois Treadway, James A. Waldrep and Ann Littlejohn. Ann, Dorothy, Nell, Margie and James are retired from Firestone. Loray Baptist Church sponsors the group.



PINE, PALMETTO & PENNYRILE

If Mother forgot to mention it, here's a helpful reminder about U.S. Savings Bonds, when you get married. Have your Bonds reissued in your married name. They'll continue to earn interest as they are, but reissuing helps avoid problems when you want to cash them.

If you want to be named co-owner or beneficiary on your spouse's Bonds, these should be reissued, too. Your bank will help you with this, and free of charge.

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Tomatoes are perhaps the most popular of all vegetables (fruits) with backyard gardeners. One way to make them thrive:

Stir into soil around each plant a tablespoon of common

Footnotes



Epson salt and a handful of wood ashes. If the soil is lacking in magnesium and potash, these two additions will be in a quick-use form for the plants.

Something else on tomatoes: Don't smoke tobacco close to your plants, for tobacco can pass on a virus to the foliage. This will cause tomato plants to yellow and sicken. The smoke-virus can pass through the air, or from your hands, to the vines.

The fifth annual Folklore in America Seminar, June 16-25, will include a lecture on "Industrial Folklore." The seminar at the University of Virginia's Blandy Farm near Winchester is co-sponsored by the University of Virginia School of Continuing Education and the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

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