#### **BOWLING** 11 With 'Years' **GREEN**

Eleven persons at Bowling Green marked service anniversaries in August. Those completing 10 years: Thomas D. Allen Jr., unit operator, Treating; Linda T. Atwell, back-winder operator, Backwinding; Jimmy G. Brooks, unifil mechanic, Weaving; Samuel L. Cassidy, Unifil mechanic, Weaving; James L. Gillentine, style-change specialist, Weaving; Gene Harvey, plant nurse, Medical; Paula Johnson, laboratory supervisor, Quality Control; Richard B. Miller, special projects, Weaving.

Also Carlie D. Sherfey, warehouse supervisor, Warehouse/ Shipping; James Wills, storekeeper, General Stores. And with 5 years: Robert W. Crain, tender, Ply Twisting.

Service (left) and Bradley



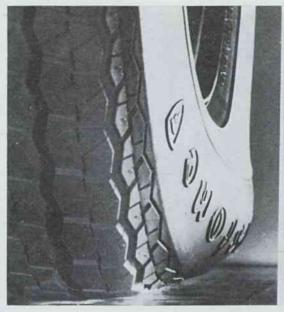
.. William J. Bradley began his retirement on Sept. 1, having worked at Firestone, Gastonia, 38 years, 1 month and 27 days. He was last a twister operator in TC Twisting.

Also 'finishing out' a service record at Gastonia at the end of August: Bonnie L. Service. She has 10 years and 19 days with the company, some of it in Chafer Weaving. Her last job was as reclaimer in TC Twisting.

#### **Retired Nurse**

### Lois Taylor

Lois Moore Taylor, 72, retired from Firestone Textiles at Gastonia in 1968, where she was in industrial nursing. She died Aug. 13 and was buried in Gaston Memorial Park. Surviving are her husband Fred Taylor, daughters Eleanor Furr and Janel Thomas; stepson Ben Taylor; brother Fairley Moore; sisters Mrs. A. M. Wilson and Mrs. Nell Unts and 2 grandchildren.



# Tire Pressure **Check it Right**

Just as you check oil in the engine and coolant in the radiator, it's a must that you regularly check air pressure in the tires. And especially before going on a trip. Underpressure can increase fuel consumption, cause tires to wear out faster and even make for tire failure.

Tire pressure is difficult (actually almost impossible) to check accurately by just looking at tires, particularly if they're radials. The only way: use your own air pressure gauge. Do the checking before starting out, so you can get a "cold" pressure reading. As tires roll, they get hotter and their pressure increases. That's norm-

For correct air-pressure listing on your tires, look in the car

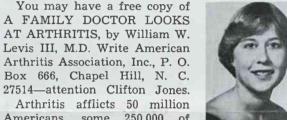
Can you tell which radial tire has correct air pressure? The one at left. It's hard to tell because the sidewall bulge of each is very similar to the other. Firestone issued these photos to show how hard it is to trust your eye for correct air pres-

owner's manual or on a sticker on the door jamb or dashboard drawer. These are "cold" inflation readings and take into account pressure build-up as tires get hotter.

If you'll be doing lots of high-

sure in radial tires. Left tire here is inflated to 24 pounds per square inch, and the other one has 16 psi-that's underinflated by 33 percent. Not enough pressure can add fuel use, cause tires to wear faster-even lead to tire failure.

speed (turnpike) travel, increase air pressure 4 pounds over the recommended pressure, but not over the maximum pressure marked on the tire sidewall. That's 32 pounds per square inch on most passenger-car tires.



Americans, some 250,000 of



## Pageant Honor For Linda

For the second consecutive year, Linda Cheryl Owens was named "Miss Congeniality" in the Miss Gastonia Pageant. The 1978 pageant was held Aug. 12 in Ashbrook High School audi-

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Owens. He is junior buyer for the Gastonia Firestone plant.

In her senior year at Ashbrook High School, Linda was a Merit winner in the Firestone Scholarship program. Linda, 19, is a sophomore at University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she is majoring in English and journalism and minoring in physics.

At school she works on the annual staff, is a member of the Masqueraders theatrical group, and is an advisor in a girl's freshman dormitory.

## Safety 13 Years

In "Our Towns" . Bennettsville, S. C. has not a pedestrian fatality in 13 years. So the town has been honored by Carolina Motor Club and the American Automobile Association for Pedestrian Safety Achievement. Latest recognition was for the year 1977.

Bennettsville is among the 17 South Carolina cities honored. The other 32 are in North Carolina. Only 1 city has a longer pedestrian safety record than Bennettsville: Oxford, N. C., with no pedestrian fatality for 20 years.

# A Job Forum Display

• Firestone Textiles and 29 other industries had displays at Gastonia's Eastridge Mall for a Job Forum-a kind of adult-careers day, Aug. 3. Its purpose was to inform citizens of employment and career opportunities in the area.

Sponsoring the exhibits/information exchange were Gaston Community Action, a federal economic-betterment agency; Gaston Mall and North Carolina Federation of Senior Citizens.

Several people at the Firestone plant contributed to the company display. D.N. Lewis and Bill Calhoun of Process & Product Development designed the display and obtained materials for it, and several of the Shop maintenance crew constructed the layout. Downtown Firestone Stores manager Mike Blackburn helped with company products for display.

• J. C. Claypool (left), Firestone Textiles division Personnel manager, and Tim McClure of Gaston Community Action at

Firestone display. It featured the 721 Steel Belted Radial and other Firestone tires, and Gastonia plant materials for tire fabric.

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