

## Matching gifts: \$358,342

With employees-retirees gifts and matching amounts from the company, support for educational institutions in fiscal 1978 was \$358,342. It was the second-best yearly contribution since the Matching Gifts Program started in 1967.

The employee-retiree gift last year was \$179,171; in 1977 it was \$187,506.

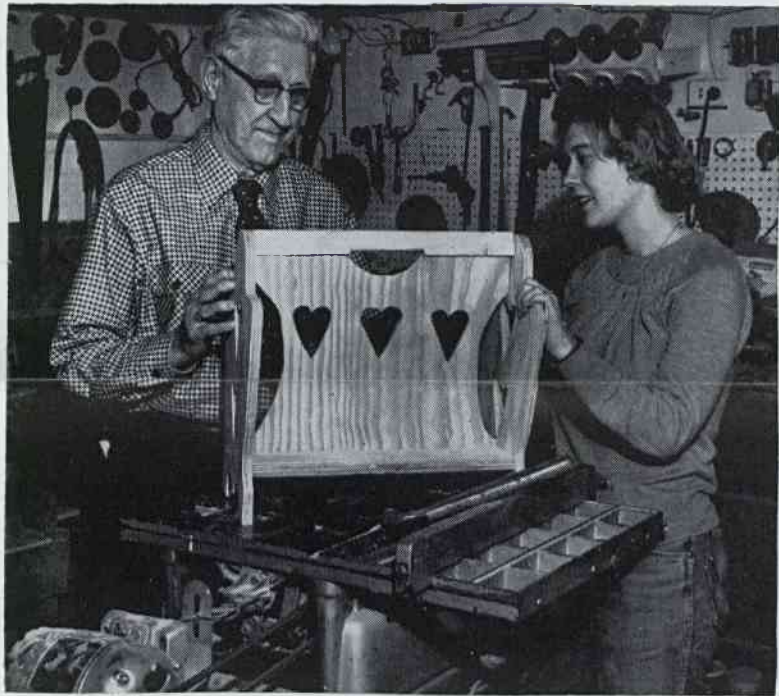
Since 1967 the Matching Gift Program has channeled \$2,892,760 to education—half from employee-retirees and half from Firestone. The money went to colleges, universities and private secondary schools.

In fiscal 1978, 1,053 gifts were made to 568 separate schools, according to Marcha L. Sample, who administers the program in Akron. In 1977 there were 970 gifts to 516 schools.

Contributions from the (U. S.) Textiles Division plants last year, matched by the company, totaled \$1,568. The employee amount represented 7 gifts.

THROUGH the Firestone Matching Gift Program, an employee, retiree or spouse of employee or retiree may give up to \$1,000 a year to any accredited tax-supported college or university in the U. S., or up to \$3,000 per year to any accredited private college, university, or secondary school. The company matches each gift.

A person must give a minimum \$25 per year for the gift to be matched. Copies of the contribution form and further information are with the personnel manager at any Firestone plant, or obtainable from Miss Sample in Akron. Ask her if you want to know whether a specific school, university or college is on the program's approved list for matching gifts.



In his home woodwork shop on Millon Street, S. L. Owens with granddaughter Linda Cheryl Owens. Her father, John, is Junior buyer at Firestone plant. Now a student at UNC-Greensboro, Linda was about

a year old when her grandfather retired. One of his first projects was a pedestal swing for Linda, who at that time was his latest grandchild. Mrs. Owens died in 1976. Altogether, there are 5 grandchildren.

## S. L. Owens 'going strong'

Twenty years ago last month, S. L. Owens was beginning to adjust himself to retirement, after nearly 40 years in textile manufacturing in North and South Carolina. Moving past his 85th birthday in November, he's still "going strong." His time and energy are put to a variety of things that keep life interesting and active. Yardwork, woodworking, church duties, activities with Loray Senior Citizens group (projects, travel, etc.)

OWENS MARKED up 23 years at Firestone, with 12 years spent at Loray Mill (preceding Firestone) and at mills in Upper South Carolina. From Greenwood, S. C., he came to Gastonia in 1923. His first job at about age 13 had been in the spinning room of a mill in his hometown of Liberty, S. C. Down there he learned weaving, and that was the job he had first in Gastonia. He moved to the supervisory staff in Twisting, then to Carding, a department no longer existing.

He was overseer in Carding

from 1942 to the time of his retirement.

Firestone has been a "family thing" with the Owens. A daughter, Novella James with 39 years service, retired recently from Data Processing. A son, John, is junior buyer at the plant. Another son, Lee, worked a number of years in Carding. A daughter, Mozella Brockman, was several years in Main Office.

A liter is five percent more than one quart. A kilogram is one-tenth more than two pounds.



## Retired

O'Neil Gamble began his retirement Jan. 1, having put in 41 years and 8 months service with the company, all at Gastonia. He started as a sweeper in Spooling (a department no longer existing) in April, 1937.

When he closed his work career, he was department manager in fabric Treating. After his first job in those early days,

## Service awards

•• E. M. Franklin Sartin began his 31st year with Firestone Textiles at Gastonia, December 1. He is a fabric baler in TC Weaving. Joining him last month for service anniversaries were 7 others with records of from 5 to 15 years.

**Fifteen Years** • Joann M. Capps, beam knoter, TC Twisting; Christine F. Cooper, filling

supplier, TC Weaving; Sylvia C. Glenn, splicer operator/reclaimer, TC Twisting.

**Ten Years** • James E. Roberts, cable patroller, TC Twisting.

**Five Years** • Mary E. Davidson, cleaner, TC Weaving; Robert G. Smith, shift maintenance technician, shop; Robert E. Turner, twister operator, TC Twisting.

• Four at Bowling Green had service anniversaries in December.

**Ten Years** • M. D. Marr, supervisor, Accounts Payable/Payroll; George Flowers, supervisor, Cable Twisting.

**Five Years** • Jerry D. Bagby and Albert J. Poynter, both fabric handlers in Shipping.

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## Sauce, cherries & salad

### GOODIES FROM LUCILLE & ALICE

• Up in Massachusetts they have established a museum devoted to the history, culture and importance of the cranberry. Because this fruit is such a favorite, especially as a winter goody, here's a recipe by Lucille Fowler, respooler operator in TC Twisting, Gastonia.

Lucille's directions for fixing cranberry sauce is a runover from her 2 others (berry-mallow yam bake and cranberry-nut relish) published last month.

**Cranberry Sauce** • Into 1½ cups water put 4 cups raw cranberries and 4 cups sugar. Oven-bake at 305 degrees until sugar is dissolved and berries start to pop open. Stir several times during baking.

Alice Conard offers a recipe for chocolate-covered cherries. Alice is a respooler in TC Twisting.

**Chocolate Cherries** • 1 box powdered sugar, 1 stick margarine, pinch of salt, 1 tsp. vanilla and ½ cup Eagle brand milk. Mix all these to-

gether to make a 'candy' to roll cherries in.

Take 1 bottle maraschino cherries, and drain. Roll cherries in candy mix, a small amount at a time. Melt together 1 large package chocolate chips and ½ stick paraffin in double boiler over hot water. Dip cherries in this mix. Cool on wax paper.

**'Alaskan' Salad** • This recipe is presented by Gladys Butler, also a respooler operator in TC Twisting.

Chop 18-24 large marshmallows, 1 package dates and ½ cup nuts of your choice. Add these to 1 large can crushed pineapple, 1 bottle red or green maraschino cherries (drained), 1 cup mayonnaise, and an 8-oz. package cream cheese mixed with 2 tablespoons pineapple juice.

Mix whole batch. Whip the cream and fold into the mix; pour into freezer tray and cool until well set. Cut into squares and serve on lettuce leaves. If you want to "dress it up and flavorfy" even more, put coolwhip on top.



## The season's afterglow

Employees on all 3 shifts of the Firestone Textiles U. S. plants had lunch/dinner on the job just before the Christmas holiday closedown. It was the second consecutive year that the catered meals—compliments of the company—were served at Bennettsville, Bowling Green and Gastonia. These photos are from Gastonia. At right—employees Shirley Hall (left) and Costonia Friday.

