

## Science-technical institute

Ashbrook High School teacher Anita Friday and East Gaston High science student Norman Cloninger attended a science-technical institute in Orlando, Fla., last month. The Firestone company paid their travel expenses, with the Edison Electric Institute hosting delegates. The company sent several student/teacher teams from areas of the U. S. where Firestone has divisions.

Anita and Norman represented the Gaston-area senior high schools at the 3-day program which brought together students and teachers from most states of the U. S. and many other countries.

**THE INSTITUTE** was part of the 23rd International Edison Birthday Celebration and Centennial of Light.

Firestone is involved in the Institute program "to stimulate youth interest in science and engineering careers, foster a close working relationship between industry and our educators, and prompt an appreciation and understanding of the im-

portance of technology to mankind."

Company interest in the Institute program goes back to the friendship and business association of Harvey S. Firestone, Sr., founder; and Thomas Alva Edison. Both shared a deep interest in science and technology.

Raymond C. Firestone, 4th son of the Founder, and retired president, chairman and chief executive officer of Firestone, is still a member of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, Inc. Also, the interest is in keeping with Firestone's long-time support of programs of educational enrichment and career exploration.



Bassmasters president Richard Jones (right) presented "Fisherman of the Year" plaque to Darrell Atwell. He won award for weighing in the most pounds of bass last year.

The Producing Bassmasters Club was organized by Firestone people at Bowling Green more than a year ago. Richard Jones is president of the fishing club, open to all employees. Jones has been at Firestone BG since late 1968.

Producing Bassmasters had several fishing tournaments on lakes in Kentucky and Tennessee last season. Now, a new year is underway. Anyone interested in joining the club, see Richard Jones, Howard Adwell or Larry Jones.

### THE NEW LAW

## Who'll go to 70?

though, that the new law does not require an employer to count years of service after an employee has reached normal retirement age 65 for figuring pension benefits.

Firestone people will be notified of any changes in their benefit plans which may result from the new law.

## Managers in Treating and Weaving



Thomasson

Radford

Two at Gastonia were named department managers, effective March 1: William Radford, Jr., in Fabric (nylon) Treating; and Clyde M. Thomasson, in TC Weaving.

Radford had been supervisor in Treating since he went from production to salary in May 1978. He has been in Treating since he joined the company in 1966 as an operator. Late the following year he was made a shift supervisor-temporary, and appointed supervisor last May.

He had that assignment until his promotion to department manager.

Thomasson began working at the Gastonia plant in March 1959 and was in various production jobs until 1972, when he was promoted to supervisor in TC Weaving.

In August of 1974 he was advanced to foreman-special duties, and to foreman in the department, June 1977. He had this assignment until his latest promotion.

### THREE PLANTS

## SERVICE YEARS

Ernest Mauney, frame changer in TC Twisting, worked his first day at Firestone Feb. 27, 1939. So, now he is going into his 41st year, all the time at Gastonia. Others at Gastonia with service anniversaries in February represent from 5 to 35 years.

**Thirty-Five Years** • William G. Floyd, Jr., twister operator, TC Twisting; Charles Hamrick, supervisor, Fabric Treating.

**Twenty-Five Years** • Glenn Henry Bell, twister bobbin changer, TC Twisting; Paul David Neal, section supervisor, TC Weaving.

**Twenty Years** • Joe Calvin Marr, loom starter, TC Weaving; John Lakes Quinn, unit operator, Fabric Treating.

**Fifteen Years** • Bernice R. Farmer, manager-Technical Service.

**Five Years** • Peggy H. Neal, respooler operator, TC Twisting; Shela D. Roberts, respooler operator, TC Twisting; Phillip L. Jordan, twister operator, TC Twisting; Martha S. F. Cochran, splicer operator, TC Weaving; Eugene A. Barkley, cleaner, Warehouse; Ronnie J. Smith, power truck operator, Warehouse.

## Bowling Green

Twenty at Bowling Green marked 5th and 10th anniversaries of company service in February.

**Ten Years** • J. C. Bryant, re-roll table operator, Quality Control; Roger B. Britt, doffer, Ply Twisting; Earl F. Frazier, doffer, Cable Twisting; Dorothy A. Harris, backwinder operator, Twisting; Marvin Harvey, reclaimer, Reclaiming.

Also Rondell L. Kingrey, loom creeler, Weaving; Malcolm Landers, Jr., lead Unifil/splicer mechanic, Weaving; Donald D. Moore, unit operator, Treating Unit; William H. Sturdivant, traveller changer, Ply Twisting;

Stan A. Tomlin, factory auditor, Administrative; Clinton A. Winn, doffer, Ply Twisting.

**Five Years** • Robert Blackwell, Jr., weaver, Weaving; Joseph A. Blaney, utility operator, Weaving; Evelena R. Boards, Terrell splicer operator, Weaving; Janis L. Embry, fiberglass splicer operator, Weaving; Sharon Gail Hayes, reclaimer, Reclaiming.

Carrie L. Jones, respooler/splicer operator, Weaving; Jessie Morrison, maintenance cleaner, Maintenance; Dennis E. Reynolds, section supervisor, Weaving; Linda C. Vail, loom knitter/style changer, Weaving.

### Screen News

"Earning and Learning" is the March Screen News Digest film in junior and senior high schools of a dozen U. S. locations where Firestone has plants. The company sponsors the film series during the school year.

"Earning and Learning" is intended to help students understand the importance of selecting and preparing for a career.

Since the start of the school year last September, films in the series have been "Conquest of the Skies," "The Ethiopian Powder Keg," "Art of Diplomacy," "Focus on 1954," and "The Truman Legacy."

When schools are not making use of the films, they may be borrowed for showing to clubs and other groups. Of Firestone Textiles plant locations, the film series this year is available in Bowling Green and Gastonia. For information on borrowing films, call the personnel office at either plant.

### Bennettsville

**Thirty-Five Years** • George Woodberry, supervisor-production, 3rd shift.

**Thirty Years** • Claude Chavis, supervisor-production, 2nd shift.

**Fifteen Years** • Luther J. Ford, Receiving & Shipping.

**Five Years** • Francis E. Clay, Receiving & Shipping.

## Nearly 10,000 buying stock

Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., trustee for the Stock Purchase and Savings Plan, purchased Firestone common stock for accounts of participating employees at an average \$13.16 per share in January. As of that report (latest available for March issue of this publication),

there were 9,763 employees enrolled in the plan.

"Average" per-share price is determined by dividing total purchase cost of stock for a month by total number of shares purchased for the same month.

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