

Tina Collins (left) and Cynthia Dunlevy

### Scholarship & Merit winner

Tina Renee Collins of Gastonia is one of 36 high-school seniors who won college scholarships in the Firestone Company's Scholarship Awards Program for 1980. Winners are all sons and daughters of Firestone employees or retirees.

From the 382 applicants nationwide, 81 students were awarded Certificates of Merit and 10 shares of Firestone common stock. Cynthia Maria Dunlevy of Gastonia is one of the Merit winners.

Each scholarship grant is worth up to \$12,000 toward tuition, fees, textbooks and expenses of room and board during four years of college. The scholarship student can attend any accredited college or university in the United States and pursue any desired course leading to a degree.

THE 117 scholarship and certificate winners live in 24 states. Tina Collins is the daughter

of Dorothy Collins and the late Percy W. Collins. A senior at Hunter Huss High School, Tina plans to major in biology in college. She is active in the Beta and French clubs; was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Her father worked in TC Twisting at Firestone-Gastonia, up to his retirement in 1974.

Cynthia Dunlevy, Gastonia Merit winner, is also a student at Hunter Huss. She was named Miss Hunter Huss last fall. Cynthia plans to major in music in college. Her parents are Seamon and Mrs. (Eula) Dunlevy. Mrs. Dunlevy is a weaver in Chafer Weaving.



### PLAYGROUND

Another season of recreation and "whiling away Summer" is coming up for West Gastonia youngsters. Firestone Playground in front of the textile plant has its wading pool as main attraction for children up to age 12.

The company-owned playplace is made available each summer for service to youth as

part of the City of Gastonia Recreation & Parks/Playgrounds program. The upcoming season begins June 7 and runs through September 1. Hours are 8 A. M.-5 P. M., Monday-Friday; 10 A. M.-5 P. M., Saturday; 1-5, Sunday.

Children at play are supervised by personnel employed with City Recreation. Besides the wading pool there are swings, seesaws, and a place for pitching horseshoes.

### EE Savings Bonds

#### NEW PROGRAM

People at U. S. plants of Firestone Textiles Company made new enrollment for purchasing Bonds through payroll during the annual corporate U. S. Savings Bonds campaign in late April. Employees decided the amount of money they wanted to have set aside from wages and salaries for the different "sizes" of the new U. S. Energy Savings Bonds. This new EE series has been selling since January 2 this year.

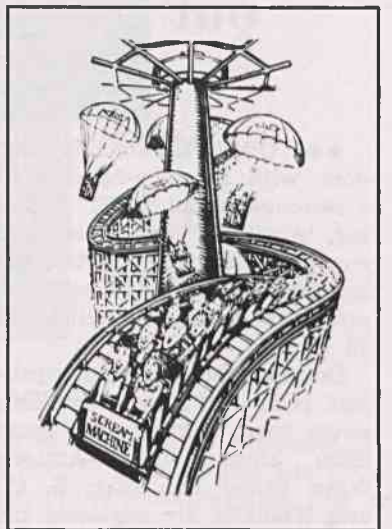
By June 30, all Payroll Savings programs will be converted to the new series. Of course, all Savings Bonds, old and new, earn interest for the owners throughout the year.

The new EEs are sold in denominations of \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Purchase price of each bond is half the figure it bears—example: The \$50 EE Bond costs the buyer \$25.

EE SERIES Bonds retain the safety, convenience and security features of the old Series E, but with some improvements. Among changes for EE Bonds:

They have a guaranteed life of 11 years and interest rate has been increased to 7 percent at maturity. They must be held for at least 6 months from issue. A person can buy up to \$15,000 (purchase price) in a year.

Firestone people at Gastonia were buying Bonds at 58 percent of the employment when the April sign-up campaign started; at Bowling Green it was 61 percent. Bennettsville employees consistently maintain 100 percent or near to that in participation. Each year the Bonds campaign there aims at holding the high rate and increasing allotments.



### Park discounts

● Again this Spring-Fall outdoor recreational season, Firestone Textiles plants in the U. S. are participating in several amusement/theme park discount programs for employees.

Some are Six Flags Fun-seekers Club, Fun Club, Passport Club and Magic Kingdom Club. Among the recreation parks included in these 'packages' are Six Flags over Georgia, Atlanta; Six Flags Over Mid-America, St. Louis; Six Flags Over Texas, Dallas; and Astroworld, Houston.

Also Carowinds, Charlotte; Kings Island near Cincinnati; Kings Dominion 20 miles north of Richmond (features the Fire-

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### Still timely

Then and Now ● In a recent issue of Firestone Hawkeye (employee publication at the Des Moines plant), there was a piece an employee there had brought in. It was from a 1942 Office of Price Administration bulletin dealing with the tire and rubber situation during World War II.

The Hawkeye editorial comment: "It is interesting to note that one column in the bulletin is very applicable to tires today, as it was then. But some of the items now pertain to conserving our gasoline as well." This was the OPA bulletin piece:

### Windows above

The topmost windows of South or back side of Firestone Textiles plant tower, West Gastonia landmark reaching high above the mill's fifth-floor level. Rounded tops of windows and arched brick masonry are examples of fine workmanship not generally seen close-up. There are a dozen panels—three to each side of the tower, just under roof and location of the flagpole.

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Bowling Green Firestone Textiles was among industries in Warren County honored during the 16th annual Kentucky Industrial Appreciation Week, April 6-12. More than 650 plants and industries were recognized as new or as having expanded during 1979.

