

Long careers and retired

Clyde D. Phillips, supervisor in TC Weaving at Gastonia, recorded 41 years and 2 months service by the time his retirement began November 1. His first job title in 1939 was creeler, and across the years became a weaver, then a loomfixer, later shift foreman. He had been a department supervisor since June 1975.

Leonard Woody Burleson, section supervisor in TC Twisting, completed his long work career at Firestone-Gastonia October 31. His service time added up to 35 years, 8 months and 25 days.

James M. Price, leader painter, Shop, 'marked up' 33 years, 7 months and 23 days at his 'going out' October 31. Also on the same date, Effie H. Boyd retired with 26 years, 1 month and 24 days at work. She was a Quality Control inspector (re-roll table operator in TC Weaving.)



Clyde D. Phillips George F. Hill Effie H. Boyd



L. W. Burleson Margaret Huffstetler James M. Price

Another whose first day of retirement was November 1: Margaret L. Huffstetler, splicer reclaimer in TC Twisting. She finished with 24 years and 6 months service.

Two others who began retire-

ment a few weeks earlier: George F. Hill, yarn checker in TC Twisting, with 25 years, 5 months and 9 days; and Clyde F. Jenkins, 22 years, 9 months and 12 days. He was a fabric changer in TC Weaving.

SIR: Now buy two vehicles

The company's Supplier Invoice Reduction (SIR) auto-purchase program now applies to two vehicles per employee (for personal use), and the rebate amounts have been increased.

New information packets with rebate forms are available at plant personnel offices. Re-

tired persons are not eligible for these rebates.

The program has been extended through the 1981-model year, after having been so well received the past two years. The plan originally allowed for rebates to Firestone fulltime hourly-salaried employees on the purchase of a new AMC or Jeep vehicle, 'one per customer.'

The plan for 1981 applies to purchase of two new '81 AMC, Jeep or eligible Renault vehicles per model year (1980 models bought after September 25 are not eligible.) Prevailing rebate amounts:

Wagoneer	\$350
Cherokee	\$325
Jeep Truck	\$275
Eagle	\$250
CJ (Jeep)	\$250
Concord	\$225
Eagle (kamback) (SX/4)	\$200
Renault 18i	\$150
Spirit	\$125
Le Car	\$ 75

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Outstanding ● The lawn and plantings of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom F. Piercy Sr. at 329 S. Vance Street, was designated a "Yard of the Week" this fall. The Gastonia Council of Garden Clubs makes the selections. Mr. Piercy is a retired Firestone supervisor, Gastonia plant.

Stock Purchase & Savings enrollment packet

Firestone's Stock Purchase and Savings booklet explains major provisions of the employee plan and tells how eligible persons can invest in the company's common stock. Enrollment Packet S5977, containing the booklet and application, is available at Personnel/Industrial Relations offices of the Gastonia, Bennettsville, and Bowling Green plants.

The plan, in effect since 1968, is an opportunity to save in a convenient way and share in ownership of the company itself.

Regular fulltime salaried and hourly-rated employees in the U. S. with at least

6 months service are eligible. Part-time employees are eligible after they have completed 1,000 or more hours service within a one-year period.

PEOPLE who buy the stock through this plan decide how much of earnings to invest. The amount is from \$5 per month to 4 to 8 percent of eligible earnings based on service.

The company puts in \$1 for every \$2 the employee invests in the plan. Then deductions and company contributions are invested in Firestone common stock. The stock purchaser thus becomes part owner of the corporation and shares in its progress and future.

Schools educational films

Firestone Textiles at Gastonia and Bowling Green are in their 8th consecutive year supplying monthly educational films to junior-senior public and private high schools in the two plant areas during the regular school term.

"The World in the Camera," is first in the series. It is a 25-minute color/sound documentary paying tribute to the father of modern photography, George Eastman.

Beginning as an art/entertainment form, photographic processes which Eastman pioneered now play important roles in the sciences, medical practice and research, and are involved in all levels and forms of training and education.

Included in films for release during the current school year is a review of the rise and fall of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran and the turbulent history of this strategically-located 'third-world' nation.

"Art of Diplomacy" (part 3) further examines America's

role in world affairs from World War I through World War II.

Other titles in the series: "I Have A Dream," special biographical report on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his influence on the civil rights movement; "Up, Up and Away," the triumphs and disasters of hot-air balloons, air-ships and dirigibles.

Last of this year's Screen News films are "Washington: Day One," a special report on the inauguration of a President; and "Medical Focus," examining significant new developments in medicine and health sciences.

Films when not in use may be borrowed from the local school system for showing to community and other groups. Call the plant Personnel office for more information.

'Getting away'

North Carolina—Things Going On ● Late November: Carolina Christmas Show, Winston-Salem, 17-22. Holiday Parade, Clinton, 22, and Durham, 23; Holiday Caravan, Spencer—Salisbury, 26; Thanksgiving Weekend, Fontana, 26-30; Craftsmen Christmas Classic,

Greensboro, 28-30; CDC Crafts Fair, Raleigh (Fairgrounds), 28-30; Christmas Arts-Crafts Show, Asheville, 28-30.

Early December: Holiday Festival, Hamlet, 6; Christmas Art Show, Henderson, 6; Carolina Farm-Home Trade Show, Smithfield, 6-7; Christmas at Historic Halifax, 13-14; 78th Anniversary Celebration of first powered flight, Kill Devil Hills, 17.



Seven winners

●● Firestone Textiles people gave \$35,587 to United Way of Gaston County in the 1980-81 October plant campaign. In a "Fair Share" ticket-numbers drawing, seven contributors

won gifts the company provided through Firestone Stores.

Winners and prizes (from left): J. M. Smith, comforter; Alice B. Ammons, toaster oven; Bobby Green, bicycle; Mason Shannon, clock radio; Benny L. Falls, color TV; A. N. McCarter, food/drinkcooler. Not in photo: Robert Spencer, weed trimmer.

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This (1980) is the 84th year of motor-vehicle production in the United States. The Automobile Manufacturers Association notes that some 85 percent of U. S. families today have at least 1 car.

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