



VISITING speaker Paul Sheeks, Recreational Director for The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, enjoys a hearty laugh with General Superintendent Kessel, left, and Ralph Johnson, recreation director for our plant. Mr. Sheeks' speech was the highlight of the All-Sports Banquet of March 31.

BOYS & BASEBALL AT FIRESTONE

WHENEVER you find American boys you also find baseball! It may be a vacant lot with make-shift diamond, a few potato sack or rocks for bases, a handful of torn and battered gloves, and a beaten up baseball. Better perhaps, it may be a smooth diamond complete with umpire, uniforms, good gloves and a dozen new balls. Whichever it is, it's baseball to the kids. Baseball and boys. . . boys and baseball, the two are inseparable. They go together as neatly as ham 'n eggs.

That is the springtime picture of boys' baseball at Firestone Textiles where boys 16 and under are especially encouraged to engage in the game. The competition is keen and spirits high. It's play ball every spare moment for the boys. Who knows. . . from our players may come a future Ted Williams, Stan Musial or Bob Feller!

You are invited to see baseball at our own park, or at any of the playgrounds and parks on which our boys will be playing baseball this summer. And if your boy doesn't play, why not suggest that he join one of the following teams: Little League, Little Bigger League, Bantams or Midgets. The experience will be good for both of you.

Ralph Johnson
Recreation Director

SCHEDULES

LITTLE BIGGER LEAGUE
 Tuesday, May 13—Firestone at Optimist 4:30 P. M.
 Friday, May 16—Temple Baptist at Firestone 4:30 P. M.
 Tuesday, May 20—Firestone at Myrtle 4:30 P. M.

LITTLE LEAGUE
 (All Games at Todd Field)
 Monday, May 5—Firestone vs G. C. Y. 6:30 P. M.
 Thursday, May 8—Firestone vs Optimist 6:30 P. M.
 Monday, May 12—Firestone vs St. Michael 6:30 P. M.
 Thursday, May 15—G. C. Y. vs Firestone 8:00 P. M.
 Monday, May 19—Optimist vs Firestone 8:00 P. M.

INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
 Wednesday, May 7—Groves at Firestone 5:00 P. M.
 Monday, May 12—Flint at Firestone 5:00 P. M.
 Wednesday, May 14—Firestone at Smyre 5:00 P. M.
 Monday, May 19—Firestone at Cramerton 5:00 P. M.

SECOND SHIFT DEPARTMENTAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
 Tuesday, May 6—Carding vs Spinning 9:30 A. M.
 Wednesday, May 7—Twisting vs Weaving 9:30 A. M.
 Thursday, May 8—Carding vs Twisting 9:30 A. M.
 Friday, May 9—Spinning vs Weaving 9:30 A. M.
 Tuesday, May 13—Weaving vs Carding 9:30 A. M.
 Wednesday, May 14—Spinning vs Twisting 9:30 A. M.
 Thursday, May 15—Weaving vs Twisting 9:30 A. M.
 Friday, May 16—Spinning vs Carding 9:30 A. M.
 Tuesday, May 20—Weaving vs Spinning 9:30 A. M.

FIRST SHIFT DEPARTMENTAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE
 Tuesday, May 6—Spinning vs Carding 4:45 P. M.
 Twisting vs Weaving-Shop 6:15 P. M.
 Thursday, May 8—Twisting vs Carding 4:45 P. M.
 General vs Spinning 6:15 P. M.
 Tuesday, May 13—Spinning vs Weaving-Shop 4:45 P. M.
 Carding vs General 6:15 P. M.
 Thursday, May 15—Spinning vs Twisting 4:45 P. M.
 General vs Weaving-Shop 6:15 P. M.
 Tuesday, May 20—Carding vs Weaving-Shop 4:45 P. M.
 Twisting vs General 6:15 P. M.

Firestone Scouts To Stage Spring "Camparee"--May 17

THE FOUR Boy Scout Troops of the Firestone Community will meet for a "Camparee" Saturday, May 17 at Firestone's Second Playing Field, located between Franklin and Second Avenues at Hill Street. The meeting, under the direction of Ralph Johnson, recreation director of our plant, will get underway at 10:00 a. m.

A number of competitive events have been scheduled including: (1) Inspection of troops, (2) Knot-tying relay race, (3) Signaling, (4) First Aid, (5) Fire-by-friction (6) Flint and steel fire contest, (7) Rope throwing relay, (8) Tent Pitching and (9) Water boiling. Judges will be on hand to determine the best troop performance in each instance.

The "Camporee" was planned by Francis Galligan, plant superintendent and district commissioner for the Piedmont Boy Scout Council, with the assistance of Alvin Riley, carding second hand, and Jack McCarter of the community. Messrs. Riley and McCarter are neighborhood commissioners in the Piedmont Council.

The four Firestone Community troops are: Troop 9 (Loray Baptist Church sponsor), Troop 10 (West End Methodist Church sponsor), Troop 20 (West Avenue Presbyterian Church sponsor), and Troop 29 (Firestone Wesleyan Church sponsor).

Sports Notes

T. B. IPOCK PRESIDENT

T. B. Ipock, Jr., is the new president, of the A. L. Sudduth Little League, for this year. Other officers are Vice-President, C. P. Nanney and Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Baugh. Firestone is a member of this league along with Gastonia Combed Yarn Co., St. Michael School and Optimist Club.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR '52-'53

At the April meeting of the Recreation Council on April 16, the following were elected as officers for the year 1952-53: President, R. L. Tompkins; Vice-President, R. L. Graham; Secretary, Dorcas Atkinson and Treasurer, Alvin Riley.

COUNCIL MEMBER TO SPONSOR LITTLE LEAGUE GAMES

During the coming Little League Baseball season each game played by our Firestone Team will be sponsored by a council member.

FISHING CLUB OFFICERS 1952

The following were elected officers of the 1952 Fishing Clubs at a meeting on April 17, 1952.

SECOND SHIFT CLUB

President W. N. Laws
 Vice President J. C. Westbrook
 Treasurer Ralph Johnson

FIRST AND THIRD SHIFT CLUB

President E. P. McArver
 Vice President .. Woodrow Wooten
 Treasurer Ralph Johnson

If you wish to become a member, you may do so by contacting one of the above officers. You may also get membership blanks at Men's Club.

Men's Bowling Team Capture American League Championship

Finish Season On Winning Note By Downing Sunrise Dairy In Tournament

Firestone Duck Pin kglers churned Sunrise Dairy 1637 to 1517 in the play-off for championship of the American League, at the Recreation Bowl on Thursday, April 24th. Firestone won second half and Sunrise Dairy first half.

Reid (chop) Deal rolled high set of 329 and Mull Ramsey, captain of our team, turned in high game of 142. Bill Payseur, of Sunrise Dairy, led his team with a set of 327 and high game of 122.

The American League was composed of the following teams: Firestone, Sunrise Dairy, Belks, Randy's, Knox's Sandwich and Farm Bureau. Members of the champions were: Reid Deal, Mull Ramsey, Howard Hilderbrand, M. J. Nichols, B. J. Bumgardner, Bill Deal and Joker Jolly.

SUNRISE DAIRY

Players	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	Total
Brackett	93	81	94	268
Payseur	100	122	105	327
Jimison	97	97	114	308
Shubert	101	114	107	322
Walker	104	89	99	292
TOTALS	495	503	519	1517
FIRESTONE				
Ramsey	115	142		257
R. Deal	100	121	108	329
Nichols	103	101	100	304
Hilderbrand	91	116	108	315
Bumgardner	115	107	102	324
B. Deal			108	108
TOTALS	524	587	526	1637



BOWLING CHAMPS: Capping a highly successful season, the Men's Bowling Team took top honors in the American League Bowling Tournament Thursday night, April 24 at Recreation Bowl, defeating Sunrise Dairy. Members of the team are (L to R): Howard Hilderbrand, card fixer; Reid Deal, spinning section man; Bill Deal, spinning sweeper; Mull Ramsey, spinning section man; M. J. Nichols, spooling second hand; and B. J. Bumgardner, fixer in twisting. Team member Benjamin Jolly was not present for picture.