



FIRESTONE Little Bigger Leaguers, left to right, front row: Billy Wheeler, Larry Craig, James Galloway, Donnie Lyles, Jackie King, Guy Bridges, and Wayne Hall. Second row: Coach Jimmie Guffey, Gary Lyles, Charlie Schuler, Jimmie Thomas, Bill Caldwell, Howard Nix, and Coach Jack Guffey. These boys represent Firestone in the Western Little Bigger League. They currently stand in third place in league competition.

Large Number Of Community Children Use Firestone Playground Facilities



"THIS calls for a measurement," says Wayne Bates, right, as he stoops to better determine the closest horse shoe. His playing partner is Wayne Hall. Both will be students at Wray Junior High school this fall. Their fathers are employees in the carding department.

CLANGING horseshoes, splashing water, shouts of hard playing children. . . these are the sounds a passer-by hears at the Firestone Playground during an hour of peak activity. Scores of youth of Firestone Community and elsewhere are discovering this hot weather oasis and using its facilities to the hilt.

Since opening on June 5, an average of 110 have been counted at each morning and afternoon playground session. Mrs. Frances Starnes, Arlington Junior High Teacher, is supervisor of the playground for the summer. She, like all other playground supervisors in Gastonia, is employed by the City Recreation Department. Her part time assistants, likewise teachers, are Misses Lucille Garrison and Emily Kendrick. The assistants teach swimming to all comers from 9:30 - 11:30 a. m., and from 2:00 - 4:00 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

AN arts and crafts class is conducted twice weekly on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 - 11:30 a. m. Supervisor Starnes conducts these classes with materials furnished free to participating children. Some of the crafts to be taught this summer are basketry, pottery, lanyard making, wood craft, sewing clubs, embroidery, and figurine molding and painting.

For those who prefer games, there's softball, badminton, horseshoes, and Chinese Checkers. And if the kiddies just want to play they may swing to their hearts content on sturdy playground swings which dot the play area.

Most popular activity as expected is wading and swimming in the playground pool measuring 30 feet by 75 feet with a sloping bottom starting at 6 inches and deepening to 3 feet. The pool is drained and refilled daily in accordance with public health directives.



THESE boys and girls are learning to work with their hands in one of the arts and crafts classes at Firestone Playground. Mrs. Frances Starnes, city recreation department, is teaching this group braiding and miniature plaque molding with plaster of paris.

The Scoreboard

First Shift Industrial Softball League:

Team:	W.	L.	Pct.
Firestone	14	1	.933
Smyre	11	4	.733
Cramerton	8	4	.667
Groves	5	10	.333
Bernside	3	12	.200
Clover	2	12	.143

Second Shift Industrial Softball League:

Firestone	4	0	1.000
Ragan	2	1	.667
Cramerton	1	2	.333
Groves	1	2	.333
Rex	0	3	.000

Gaston County Girls Softball League:

Firestone	3	0	1.000
Ragan	2	1	.667
Cramerton	1	1	.500
Groves	0	2	.000
Rex	0	2	.000

First Shift Softball League

Team:	W.	L.	Pct.
Twisting	10	1	.909
Spinning	10	3	.769
Carding	6	5	.546
General	4	5	.444
Weaving	0	15	.000

Second Shift Horseshoes

Carding	47	13	.783
Twisting	42	18	.700
Weaving	1	59	.016

A. L. Sudduth Little League Baseball:

G. C. Y.	11	3	.786
Firestone	7	5	.583
Optimist	5	7	.417
St. Michaels	3	11	.214

Western Little Bigger League:

Red Shield	11	3	.786
High Shoals	9	2	.750
Myrtle	9	3	.750
Optimist	6	7	.461
Firestone	3	10	.231
Temple	1	13	.077

FISHING SCOREBOARD

H. L. Jenkins, cable respooler tender, 10 and three-quarter pound Carp.

James Truesdale, spooler creeler, five-pound Bass.

M. L. Gains, weaver, one-pound, 10-ounce Crappie.



BUDDY Johnson, left, pitched the first no-hit baseball game of the season in Gastonia Little League competition on June 12. The other half of the no-hit battery is Roland Conrad, Jr., right. They are sons of Recreation Director Ralph Johnson and Loom Fixer Roland Conrad, Sr., respectively.

Eleven Taking 22-Hour First Aid Course Here

ELEVEN employees attended the first class of the Civil Defense First Aid Course which met Wednesday, June 25, at the Girls' Club. This is to be the standard 22-hour course as prescribed by the Red Cross.

Employees taking the course are: L. B. McAbee, Thomas Galligan, Hubert Brown, Lelia Rape, Edna Harris, Nell Lewis, Marvin Benton, William Cosey, Chester Deaton, James Lewis, and William Thompson.

Instructing this group in the fundamentals of first aid is J. R. Williams of the Gastonia Fire Department. He is a qualified Red Cross Instructor. The following schedule has been arranged with Mr. Williams for the remainder of the course:

Date	Time
Wed., June 25:	6:00-9:00 P. M.
Friday, June 27:	6:20-9:00 P. M.
Tuesday, July 1:	6:00-9:00 P. M.
Thursday, July 3:	6:00-9:00 P. M.
Monday, July 7:	6:00-9:00 P. M.
Wednes. July 9	6:00-9:00 P. M.
Friday, July 11:	6:00-9:00 P. M.

If enough interest is shown it may be possible to schedule another course at a later date.

Andrew Whitt, ply twister dofer, four-pound Carp.

W. N. Laws, carding fixer, fourteen-ounce Crappie.

Laff Lines

Angler: "Say, you've been standing there watching me for two hours. Why don't you try fishing yourself."

Spectator: "Me? Say, Mister, I ain't got the patience."

"You told me how good you were when I hired you a couple of weeks ago," said the foreman. "But please tell me all over again—I'm getting a little discouraged."

Sgt.: "My boy, think of the future and save your money."

Pfc.: "Sorry, Sarge, it can't be done—it's my girl's birthday and I have to think of the present."

INCOME TAX—An Englishman received an income tax blank. He had never earned any great amount of money and had never filed a return; nevertheless, he studied it over very carefully and then sent it back with the following note:

"Esteemed Sir: I have given your Income Tax Return my most thoughtful consideration but have

definitely decided not to join this time. Respectfully yours."

Junior: "Gee, pop, a man's got to be a contortionist to be a success."

Pop: "Explain."

Junior: "It says here: To succeed a man must keep his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, his feet on the ground, his eyes to the future, his ear to the track, and his head in the clouds."

Shop Addition To Be Completed August 1

A brick and masonry addition to the shop measuring 75 by 20 feet is being constructed and is scheduled for completion by August 1. The addition will provide expansion area for shop machinery. A portion will be left clear, however, as an erecting area for textile machinery parts, especially loom parts and creels.

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