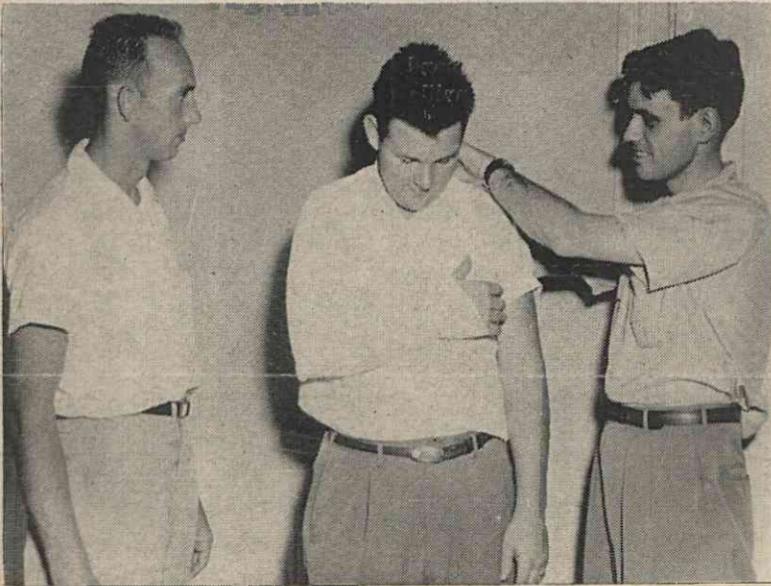


Employee Activities



SGT. CHARLES FERGUSON, plant officer, takes an active interest in the Gastonia Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. He is shown here, at left, in the role of the communications officer for the squadron during a simulated search mission at the Municipal Airport in Gastonia. At right is Captain Fitzhugh Rose, commanding officer of the local unit.



FIRST Aid Class practice—Thomas Galligan, electrician's helper, learns to fit first aid bandages on classmate Hubert Brown, shop department, at the first aid school just concluded at Firestone. At left is Instructor T. R. Williams of the Gastonia Fire Department. According to information from Safety Director L. B. McAbee, more classes of this kind will be scheduled if sufficient interest is shown.



GERMAN war bride, Mrs. Joe Bud Harris, finds Firestone hospitality much to her liking as her new friends here shower her with gifts at the Girls' Club upon her arrival from abroad. Her husband is a former Firestone employee now serving in the Armed Forces. Others in the picture are (L to R): Mrs. Alvin Riley, twister respooler; Mrs. Lucy Phillips, spinner; and Mrs. Coy Elvis, whose husband is a twister doffer.

New Passenger Tire

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the latest type non-skid tread design with specially cut traction slots in the silent running tread.

The new tire will run at much cooler temperatures at high speeds because it is stronger and lighter in weight than present tire and tube combinations. Through elimination of the tube, both the static and dynamic balance of the tire are greatly improved and this, in turn, assures smoother running at all speeds.

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ONE major problem in the construction of tires for high-speed automobiles has been that of distortion. A tire that does not hold its round shape at today's new high speeds is not regarded as satisfactory by engineers. Ordinary tires, which do not have race-tire construction features for high-speed driving, develop a violent distortion in the tread that causes premature tire failures. The new Firestone tire retains its shape and safety.

The new tire has a tread that is firmly bound into the cord body by the same materials and methods used in the race tires that on Memorial Day set a new track record at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway of 129 miles an hour for 500 miles.

Use of improved carbon blacks and cold rubber in the treads, as well as new chemical compounds, make the tire the safest and longest-wearing tire yet developed in the rubber industry for high-speed automobiles.

FIRST SHIFT INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL TEAM

August 1-12—Participating in Mid-Western Tournament at Shelby, N. C.

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SECOND SHIFT INDUSTRIAL SOFTBALL TEAM

August 4-15—Participating in League play-off.

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

August 4-7—Participating in District play-off.

(Six of our boys)

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LITTLE BIGGER LEAGUE

August 4-9—Participating in Regional tournament at Newport, Tenn.

(Three of our boys)

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GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

August 6-13—Participating in league play-off.

FISHING SCOREBOARD

First And Third Shift

James Truesdale, creeler, spooling, five-pound Bass.

M. F. Goins, weaver, one-pound, 10 ounce Crappie.

H. L. Jenkins, Cable Respooling tender, 10 and three-quarter pound Carp.

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Second Shift

Ethel Whitt, spinner, one and one-half pound Catfish.

W. N. Laws, carding fixer, 14-ounce Crappie.

Andrew Whitt, twister tender, five-pound Carp.

FIRESTONE MOVIES

Friday, August 8—

"Keep 'Em Flying"

With Abbott and Costello

Chapter 10 — "Wild Bill Hickok"

Friday, August 15—

"Mr. Winkle Goes to War"

With Edward G. Robinson

Chapter 11 — "Wild Bill Hickok"



FIRESTONE'S Second Shift Softball team is undefeated in the Industrial Softball League made up of teams from Rex, Ragan, Groves, and Cramerton Mills, as well as Firestone. In the front row, left to right, are: James Price, Junior Lancaster, J. C. Hodge, Vinson Grigg, and Arden Medlin. Second row: James Smith, Jack Lovingood, Harold Freeland, and Marcus Dobbins.

STAY SAFE OFF-THE-JOB, TOO



IT takes an accident to teach a lot of people a simple lesson in safety. This girl, for instance, is a little late in realizing that safety lessons learned at the plant should be applied at home too.

In a second she'll be on the floor. If she's lucky she'll just be bruised. But she may break an arm or a leg. If she does she won't be any good to herself, to the plant, or to her country's war effort. At least, not for many weeks.

Many off-the-job accidents occur at home. And about half of all home fatalities result from falls. Preventing falls will help keep workers on the job and their families safe too.

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FALLS from good ladders aren't nearly so common as falls from makeshifts like the one in this cartoon. Next time, if this girl gets out of this mess alive, she will use a genuine ladder. But even then she won't be safe unless she uses it correctly.

If she uses a step ladder properly, she'll never climb one, inside or outside the house, without first making sure the spreader is fully extended.

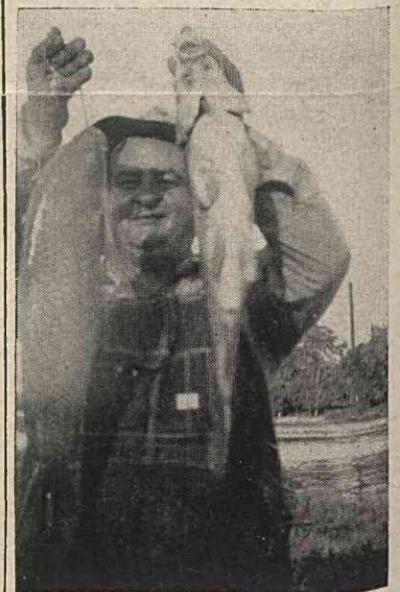
She won't use a ladder whose steps or rungs are missing or broken or whose side-rails are cracked.

She'll never carry heavy loads up or down ladders.

She won't lean out too far.

She won't do anything risky—if she wants to avoid injury.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK



ROLAND HUSS holds prize examples of Shad and Carp he and his fishing companion, Roland Goins, caught during an extended fishing trip near Knoxville, Tenn. The larger fish in the picture weighs 12 pounds and 13 ounces. Both Mr. Huss and Mr. Goins (not shown) are elevator operators at Firestone.

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