

## CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

Extending across Europe is the strange border we know as the Iron Curtain. Few Americans have seen it, and yet its existence is a constant threat to the peace and security of America and other free nations. It was set up to isolate millions of men and women from the rest of the world so that they could be trained in ignorance and suspicion and made into unquestioning slaves of the Communist state.

In the free world's efforts to break through the Iron Curtain and let the truth through, many weapons are being used—and one of the most potent is an organization known as the Crusade for Freedom. The Crusade's parent organization, the National Committee for a Free Europe, also fights Communism in many ways, such as its support of National Councils of exiles, the Free Europe University in Exile and the publication of books, magazines, pamphlets and papers.

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BUT the Crusade is, in the truest sense, an organization of the American people, through which they can translate their feelings about Communism into action. In the two years since it was formed, the Crusade has enrolled 25-million citizens in support of its aims and has received \$3,500,000 in voluntary contributions. This money has been used to expand hard-hitting Radio Free Europe and the new Radio Free Asia—which is a branch of the Committee for a Free Asia.

The broadcasts of Radio Free Europe have shown what can be done by a citizen-supported operation. Thirteen transmitters now hammer the truth through the Iron Curtain into Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. Their message has a two-way cut. On one hand they give evidence to prove inhumanity and fraud of the Communist way of life; on the other hand they bring a message of hope, friendship and encouragement keeping alive the spirit of freedom behind the Iron Curtain.

We are not just being kind and charitable to those in trouble when we support an activity like the Crusade for Freedom. Our own welfare is inseparably bound up in it, and it may well be that the number of friends we make behind the Iron Curtain will decide whether Russia will resort to war one day or whether the Kremlin will hesitate to start trouble because it knows millions in its own backyard are secretly friendly to the free West.

THE PRESENT moment is the time when we need every one of our weapons of psychological warfare. The Voice of America, a government financed and operated organization, is a powerful voice of truth, broadcasting throughout the world in many languages. VOA speaks with the strength and the authority of our government. But only the American people, as individuals, can make it possible for Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia to expand their independent operation to fight Communism behind the Iron Curtain.

The campaign to support Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia will be conducted by the Crusade for Freedom from November 11 to December 15. The American people will also have the opportunity to sign messages of freedom for those imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain. The drive will be a success if we all remember that the fight against Communism is the personal responsibility of every American man and woman.

Contributions to the Crusade for Freedom may be sent in care of your local postmaster.

## SCHEDULES

<b>CERAMICS</b> Each Monday at 10:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.	<b>Ladies Pioneer Bowling League</b> Wed., Nov. 26, Firestone vs Thread Rebels Wed., Dec. 3, Firestone vs Morris Glass 6:00 P. M.
<b>American Bowling League</b> Thurs., Nov. 20, Firestone vs Knox Sandwiches	<b>Little League Bowling</b> Sat., Nov. 22, Firestone vs Red Shield
Thurs., Nov. 27, Firestone vs Farm Bureau	Sat., Nov. 29, Firestone vs Optimist 10:00 A. M.
Thurs., Dec. 4, Firestone vs Carolina Cleaners 8:00 P. M.	(Continued on Page 4)

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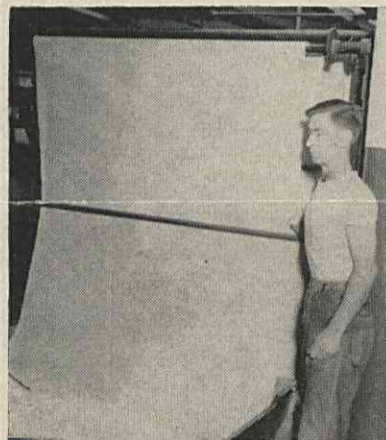
## Cloth Room Inspects All Chafer Fabric

BEFORE the chafer fabric produced at Firestone Textiles is shipped from this plant it is carefully inspected for flaws that might impair its later usefulness. It enters the Cloth Department from Weaving for this purpose, coming in as a "cut" of fabric, leaving as a roll of fabric ready for baling (wrapping for storage and shipment).

Overseer Hugh Wright supervises a small but highly trained staff of cloth burlers, or inspectors, who study every inch of fabric for imperfections of any kind. The first operation in this department is done mechanically by the Hermas machine. An operator keeps it running; its work—clipping selvages, brushing, cleaning, and ironing—is done automatically.

After the Hermas machine, inspectors take over. They each examine several thousand yards of fabric per shift, looking for weaving defects as well as spinning and warping flaws. When they discover an imperfection they repair it if possible, if not, they reject the fabric in question.

Chafer fabric eventually finds its way into liners (used in tire plants to separate layers of rubber in rolls), air brake hose, tent duck, self sealing fuel tanks, and the bead of tires, to mention a few of this versatile products' uses.



EMORY JOHNSON stands at the Hermas machine he operates in the Cloth Room. This machine clips the selvage, brushes and cleans the cloth all in one continuous operation. This machine can process 100 rolls of fabric per shift.

### Recreation Leaders



ROY ELLINGTON of McAdenville (Stowe Mills) congratulates Firestone Textiles' Recreation Director Ralph Johnson, right, upon the latter's election to the post of President of the Industrial Division of the North Carolina Recreation Society. The society held its annual conference in Asheville during the week beginning November 9, and was attended by industrial and municipal recreation leaders from the state. The picture above was taken at Asheville's Battery Park Hotel, the society's conference headquarters.



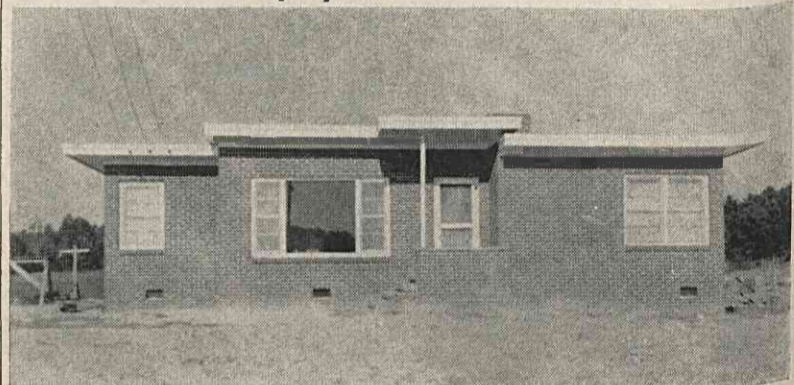
MRS. NELL ROBINSON has been employed at Firestone Textiles 17 years, all of this time being spent in the Cloth Room. She and her husband, George E. Robinson, Carding, hold distinctions of being the oldest employees in point of service in their respective departments. Mrs. Robinson is shown above at her inspection table where she looks for and remedies any defects that may appear in the cloth as it moves under her experienced eyes.



HUGH WRIGHT  
CLOTH ROOM OVERSEER

FRANK AUSTIN, formerly of this plant now general manager of Firestone's Woodstock, Ontario plant, has asked to be remembered to his many friends here. He says he would like to see his former associates in person, but that being impractical at the present he has asked Methods Engineer J. M. Cooper, who just returned from Woodstock, to express his sentiments.

### Employees Build Home



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clark own the new house above, located on the Neal Hawkins Road in South Gastonia. The Clarks are both employed at Firestone. He in the Twisting Department; she in the Industrial Relations Department. The house has seven rooms and is modern in design throughout. It is brick veneer with hardwood floors and central heating.

## Show them the Way... this week

*A child's trust is a precious thing. Instinctively your little ones rely upon your example... so the pattern you set becomes their pattern, too.*

*By taking them to church or synagogue with you every week they will come to know God... to be at ease with Him... to feel the strength and warmth of His love. And you will be building the foundation for a richer and happier life for your whole family.*



NOVEMBER is set aside for the nationwide campaign of "Religion in American Life", sponsored by the National Laymen's Committee headed by Charles E. Wilson, former Director of Defense Mobilization and supported by 24 religious groups.

The theme for the 1952 campaign, "Show them the Way", points up the need for parents to guide their children to a life based on religious values.

You are urged to attend the church of your choice and to take your children with you. Show them the Way... This Week.