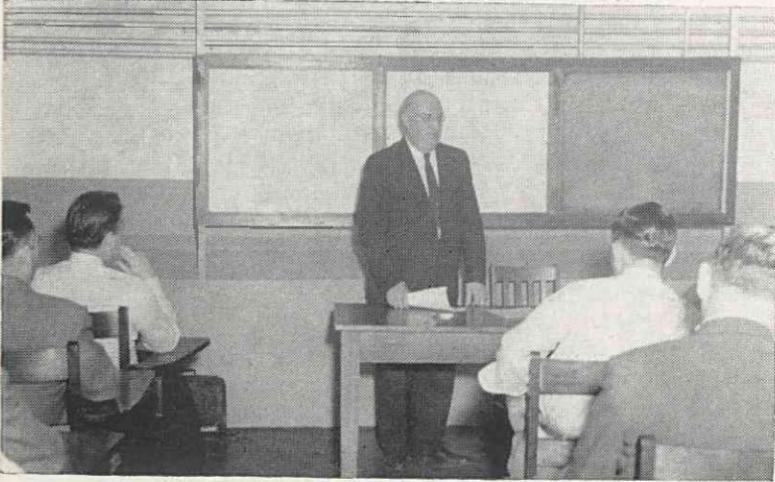
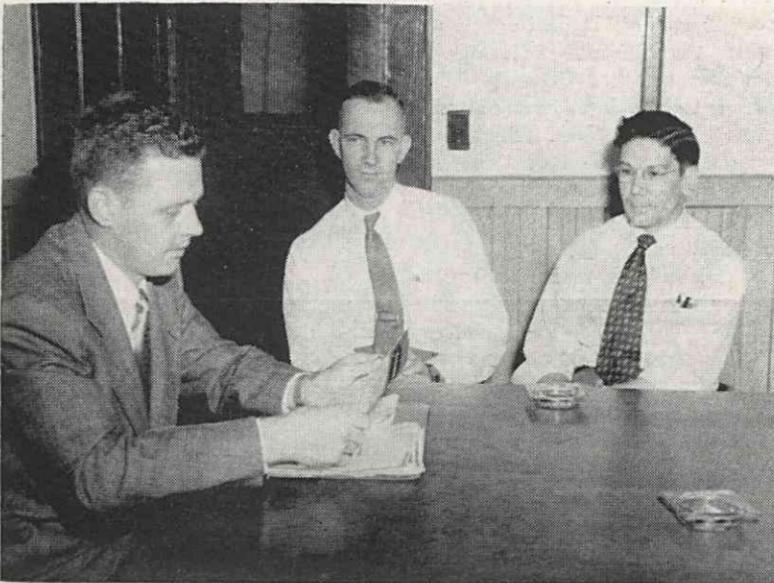


**A Conference On "Quality"**



"QUALITY" was the main theme of a series of conferences conducted in the plant recently by John Ross, standing, of the Industrial Relations Department, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company in Akron. Supervisors from all departments as well as certain departmental employees attended these meetings.

**.... And One On "Suggestions"**



CHIEF ACCOUNTANT JACK CORNELY, left, studies a Firestone suggestion along with Suggestion Board Members Sam Honeycutt and Carl Rape at one of the regular Suggestion Board meetings. Mr. Cornely, who serves as chairman of the board, gets the opinion of board members—and in certain cases other plant personnel, before accepting or rejecting employee suggestions. Other members of the Suggestion Board, not shown, are: T. B. Ipock (Secretary of the board), Trenton Ginn, Ray Thomas, John Fletcher, W. R. Turner, L. B. McAbee, and Quinn Hardin.

**FINAL STANDINGS**

**GIRLS BOWLING LEAGUE**

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| High Flat Game—Ann Turner—92     |
| High Game—Mazel Johnson—123      |
| High Set—Ann Turner—323          |
| High Team Set (1 game)           |
| Spin.-Gen.—466                   |
| High Team Set (3 games)          |
| Spin.-Gen.—1346                  |
| High Average—Mazel Johnson—96.46 |

**SPINNING-GENERAL**

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Van Dyke ..... 2889—36—80. 9 |
| Kilby ..... 2680—32—83.24    |
| Pence ..... 2865—39—73.18    |
| Turner ..... 4516—50—90.16   |
| Crouch ..... 3610—45—80.10   |
| Johnson ..... 4655—48—96.46  |

**MAIN OFFICE**

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Brockman ..... 4076—48—84.44   |
| Baldwin ..... 3809—45—84.29    |
| Sanders ..... 3995—48—83.11    |
| M. Spencer ..... 3682—48—76.34 |
| H. Spencer ..... 3791—48—78.47 |
| Barton ..... 395—5—79.         |
| Lewis ..... 200—3—66. 2        |

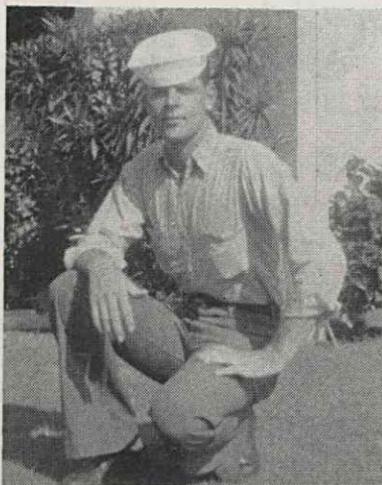
**WEAVING-TWISTING**

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Rice ..... 3928—46—85.18       |
| Owenby ..... 1637—27—60.17     |
| Taylor ..... 289—5—57. 4       |
| Queen ..... 2094—26—80.14      |
| Johnson ..... 2970—36—82.18    |
| Bumgardner ..... 2656—36—73.28 |
| Ammons ..... 698—12—58. 3      |
| Jacobs ..... 357—6—56. 1       |

**SPOOLING**

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Smith ..... 1588—21—75.13    |
| Atkinson ..... 1923—21—91.12 |
| Guffey ..... 3771—45—83.36   |
| Morrow ..... 4550—54—84.14   |
| Bolick ..... 4868—54—90. 8   |
| Neal ..... 4183—51—82. 1     |

**IN SERVICE**



JAMES E. MOORE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Britt Moore (twister tender and respooler respectively), has finished his basic naval training in San Diego, Calif., and is now serving on the island of Guam. His address: N.S.D. Comm. Store, Box 32, Navy 926, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

**"Bosses Night" Called Fine Success By Top Industrial Recreation Men In Area**

RECREATION directors and their bosses from Western North Carolina industrial plants were feted at Firestone Textiles' Girls Club in Gastonia on February 28.

Holding invitations from Firestone's General Manager Harold Mercer and Recreation Director Ralph Johnson, the group assembled for food, cigars, and entertainment, and a pow wow on some of the problems and aspects of industrial recreation.

State Recreation Director Ralph Andrews made the principal talk of the evening, being introduced by host and discussion leader Ralph Johnson. Mr. Andrew's remarks illuminated the work of the North Carolina Recreation Commission under which he works, and outlined the numerous services available to industry, municipalities, etc., from the Department of Recreation which he heads. Mr. Andrew's, a very convincing speaker, was attentively heard as he pointed up North Carolina's relative position in recreation throughout the United States, and the potential yet to be developed here. According to Mr. Andrews this state ranks very close to the top in its overall attention to the recreational needs of its people.

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DURING a round table discussion which preceded Mr. Andrew's talk, a number of other important cogs in North Carolina's Industrial Recreation picture were heard from. Among these were Immediate Past President of the N. C. Recreation Society Tom Hines, a professor at State College. He was especially interested in the Industrial Recreation Study Courses at State College March 5, 6, 7, and 8, to which he invited all directors present.

Two other outstanding recreational leaders, H. C. (Joby) Hawn, of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Mills; and Roy (Pop) Ellington, of The Stowe Mills in McAdenville, were heard from. Both expressed the view that management was becoming increasingly interested in the sports phase of recreation as a developer of the type leadership needed in the plants in supervisory positions.

Industrial Division officers present for the event were President Ralph Johnson and Vice-President Roy (Pop) Ellington. Both indicated that they were pleased with the first "Bosses' Night" ever undertaken by the division.

**Camera Club Has More Available Time In Company Darkroom**

IN ORDER that more employees may use the photographic dark room, adjoining the Firestone News office, the room will be available for employee's use during office hours (8:15 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.) and from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. each photographic procedure will be Tuesday. Instruction in dark room available during these hours. No photographic experience is necessary, and no equipment needed on the part of employees who wish to see demonstrations in film developing and printing.



PRESENT for the February 28 "Bosses' Night" at the Girls' Club were state wide leaders in industrial recreation shown above, left to right, State Recreation Director Ralph Andrews, Stowe Mills, Recreation Director Roy (Pop) Ellington, Hanes Knitting Mill, Recreation Director H. C. (Joby) Hawn, N. C. State College Professor Tom Hines, and Firestone Textiles Recreation Director Ralph Johnson. The "Bosses' Night" idea was conceived by Mr. Johnson who presently serves as president of the society's Industrial Division.

**Tubeless Truck Tire Developed**

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been eliminated so that a significant material and weight saving is made with no sacrifice in ultimate tire mileage or durability.

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AN EXAMPLE of the weight saving involved can be drawn from a tractor trailer outfit previously equipped with 9.00-20 tires. A single 9.00-20 tire, tube and flap weighs approximately 104 pounds, a conventional rim 66 pounds making a total assembly weight of 170 pounds. The new tubeless tire on a drop-center rim weighs approximately 134 pounds—giving an assembly weight saving of 36-pound wheel position.

The tractor trailer unit equipped with ten of the new tubeless truck tires would thus have a reduction of 360 pounds in unsprung weight, which is a big factor in the trucking business.

The tread, body and sidewall construction of the new Firestone tubeless truck tire are essentially the same as tires now in use. The air impervious innerliner, which replaces the tube, is an inherent vulcanized part of the casing. The troublesome tube and flap are eliminated. The difficulty normally encountered in mounting a truck tire, tube and flap on a two or three-piece rim has been reduced to a minimum. Mounting and demounting of heavy, over-the-highway truck tires is as easy as a passenger car tire.

THE FIRESTONE tubeless truck tire and drop-center rim is a unit assembly and as such can be made to fit hub and wheel mountings of trucks now in use, giving identical clearances.

In addition to the advantages just noted, the new tubeless truck tire runs appreciably cooler which means more durability of tire body, and longer tread life.

Tests now in progress show that the drop-center rim and tubeless combination would be practical for truck tires in "over-the-highway sizes."

For those applications where larger, stiffer types of tires are normally used, there has been developed a removable flange rim which utilizes a rubber "O" ring for holding the air pressure. The tire will have the same forced taper bead fit and all of the construction advantages of the smaller sizes.

**Weddings**

Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Thompson announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Gladys Thompson to Mr. Ervin Worthy of this city. The marriage was an event of January.

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