

Firestone

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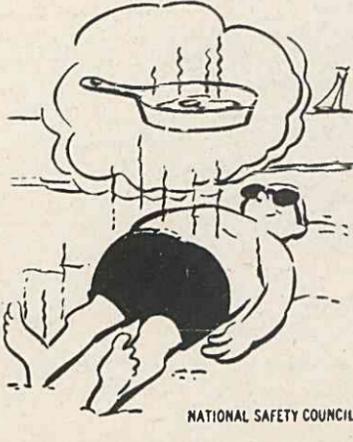
See Firestone's Little League All-Stars play baseball in the District Seven Tournament at Todd Field, 7 p. m. August 1st. Admission free.

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Going on Vacation? Then Remember This...



BEFORE YOU LEAVE—

ON THE WAY—

AFTER YOU ARRIVE—

1. Stop milk, newspaper and other deliveries. Ask a neighbor to keep advertising circulars off your porch.
2. Don't lower window shades. If you are to be gone three weeks or more, arrange to have your lawn mowed. Prowlers watch for such tip-offs.
3. Notify postoffice to hold mail, or arrange delivery to a neighbor.
4. Lock windows and doors. Remember basement windows and coal chute.
5. Shut off gas and water at main valves. Shut off electricity at master switch unless refrigerator or food locker is to be left on. If current must be left on, disconnect lamps and appliances at wall outlets. If refrigerator is disconnected, leave door open to prevent mold.
6. Inform police how long house will be vacant and where you can be reached in emergency.
7. Service car thoroughly, with close attention to safety features such as lights, brakes, tires, steering, windshield wipers.
8. Put a first aid kit and flashlight in glove compartment. Be sure you have all tire tools.

1. Speed kills—take it easy. Start a little earlier and don't try to cover too great a distance in a day.
2. Long drives at constant speed make you drowsy. Vary your speed and stop occasionally to stretch your legs.
3. Be sure you understand driving techniques in different localities. For example, using the motor compression to assist braking is necessary in mountainous country. A good rule is to use the same gear to descend a grade as you used in climbing it.
4. Don't be impatient to make time. It's unsafe, and it's not restful driving. Watch your passing. On a mountain road you may have to poke along for miles before it is safe to pass.
5. Signs and signals are not uniform in all states. Read them carefully. They are your best safeguard on strange roads.
6. Scenery can be taken in small doses from a moving car, but if you want to drink deeply of nature's beauty, pull off the road and stop.
7. If you leave the children alone in the back seat, be sure the doors are locked.

1. R-e-l-a-x. Don't try to crowd a year's exercise into two weeks.
2. Take the sun in easy doses. Don't nap in the sun. Wear sunglasses.
3. Stay out of the water for at least an hour after eating, and swim in sight of others. Be sure water is deep enough and free of obstructions before diving. Don't try to swim too far.
4. Distribute the load evenly in boats. Don't stand up. If you fall out and the boat stays on an even keel, climb in over the stern. Most boats won't sink, so stay with it until help comes if it capsizes. Check the weather before going far on a large lake.
5. Don't spill gasoline while filling an outboard motor afloat. A small amount of gas may spread on the bilge, set the entire boat afire when the motor starts.
6. Don't sample berries, touch unfamiliar plants, or drink impure water.
7. Carry an insect repellent with you.
8. Stay away from high ground and single trees in a lightning storm.

With Company 47 Years...

Executive W. R. Murphy Dies Unexpectedly

William Raymond Murphy, Industrial Relations Director for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company and dean of labor negotiators in the rubber industry, died unexpectedly July 20th, at his home in Akron, Ohio. He was 63.

Mr. Murphy, only recently a visitor to this plant to discuss new employee benefits with supervision, had been in ill health for a month prior to his death.

For more than 30 years he handled industrial relations for Firestone and was in his 47th year of continuous service with the Company.

He was born in Akron and attended St. Mary's School there. For three years following his

schooling he held a variety of jobs ranging from shoe salesman, usher at a theater, real estate salesman, to a stint as newspaperman with the old Akron Democrat.

On March 16, 1907, he joined the cost department at Firestone, after leaving the Akron Democrat. Active in sports, he was a guard on the first Firestone basketball team, participating in games throughout Northeastern Ohio from 1913 to 1918. He also played baseball for the company.

IN 1913 HE was transferred to the time study department. Five years later he was loaned to the Government to head personnel and

employment divisions of the Rock Island, Ill., Arsenal, a position he held until the Armistice was signed ending World War I.

Mr. Murphy returned to Firestone in December, 1918 and the following June was made superintendent of labor, a title which was later changed to director of industrial relations.

Besides his wife, he leave two daughters, Mrs. Paul T. Norwak of Pottstown, Pa. and Mrs. William F. Helmkamp of Akron; two sons, both medical students, John James Murphy at Loyola University, Chicago, and William R. Jr., George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Firestone Wins A. L. Sudduth Little League Baseball Trophy

FIRESTONE, attaching another championship to its long and illustrious line of local sports achievements, won the A. L. Sudduth Little League Baseball Championship for 1953 by defeating the runner-up, Gastonia Combed Yarns, in a double header July 11. The Firestone club won the first game 6-2, and the second by a 6-0 score.

The 1953 champs concluded regular season play by defeating St. Michaels in a double bill, 1-0, and 14-1. All games were played at Todd Field on West Second Ave.

Coach Ralph Johnson and Assistant Coach June Badger, along with other coaches and officials of the league, entertained all players at a banquet at the Optimist Club House on Tuesday night, July 21. Among the officials present for this banquet were T. B. Ipock, Jr., president of the league, and A. L. Sudduth, the man for whom the league was named and a great baseball enthusiast in Gastonia.

In the season just ended Firestone won 16 games and lost two. The runner-up, GCY won 13 and lost five. Other teams in the league were St. Michaels and the Optimists Club. This is the first year that Firestone has won the championship, however, they have been runner-ups for the past two years.

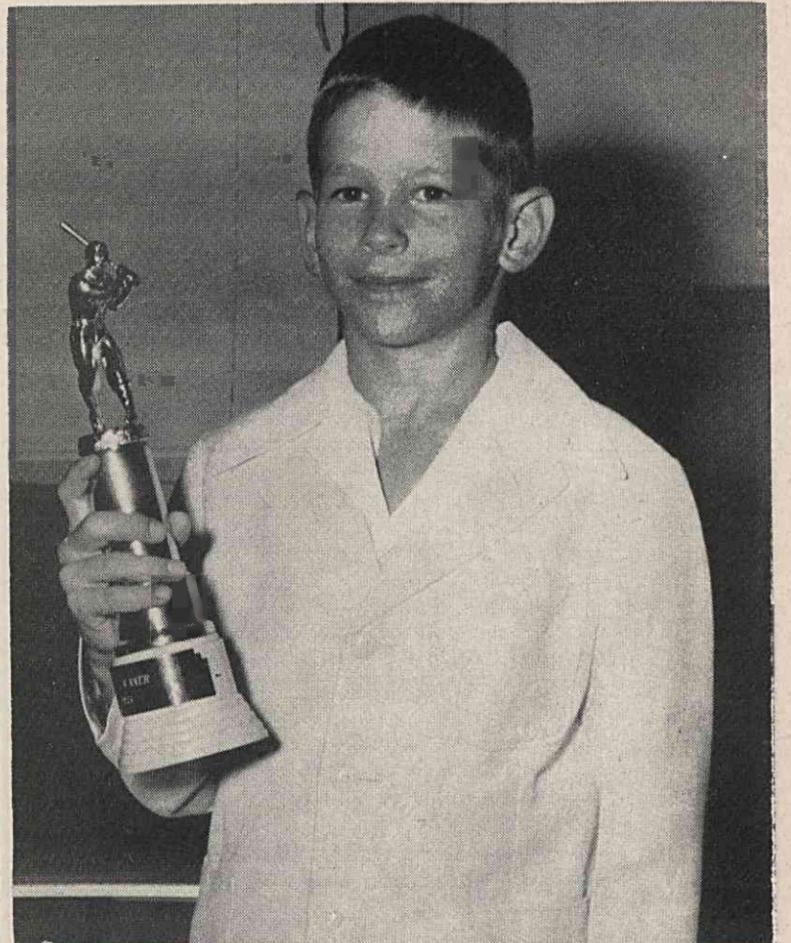
Three no-hit pitchers were produced on Firestone's 1953 entry in the league. These were Bobby Tate, Buddy Johnson, and Sammy Honeycutt. Bobby Tate, in addition to having an exceptional pitching

record, was leading hitter for the team with an average of .483 for the season. Another player, Roland Conrad, Jr., won the league's sportsmanship trophy, the same being presented to him at the July 21st banquet.

SIX MEMBERS of the Firestone team will participate as all-stars on the A. L. Sudduth entry in district, state, and regional (if they go that far) Little League competition. Mr. Johnson, assisted by Sam Fowler, coach of the Optimist team, will coach the Sudduth All-Stars. The last time these two men coached the all-stars was in 1951. That year the Sudduth All-Stars moved into regional competition where they won consolation honors.

District play for the Seventh District, which consists of Gaston and Cleveland counties, gets underway here at Todd Field on Friday, July 31. The state eliminations will begin August 10 in Greensboro, followed by regional eliminations August 17, in Greenville, N. C. Finally the World

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VANCE IPOCK, son of Industrial Relations Director T. B. Ipock, holds the A. L. Sudduth Little League Championship trophy his team (Firestone) won for the season just ended. The official presentation of the award was made to Vance by his father, who is president of the Sudduth league this year, at the league banquet held at the Optimist Club July 21.