

Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

Get acquainted with your child's school teacher and offer that teacher—and the school—your full cooperation in one of America's most important enterprises: public school education.

The new Firestone Recreation Center is an indoor playground where your children can participate in supervised games of many kinds after school hours. Visit the center yourself along with your children.

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ABERNETHY SCHOOL FACULTY—The teachers assembled above on the steps of Abernethy School, located one block west of Firestone Textiles, have a larger percentage of Firestone boys and girls in their classrooms than any other group of public school teachers in Gastonia. As would be expected the Abernethy Parent-Teacher Association consists largely of Firestone employees. In the first row above, left to right, are Mrs. Mable Shook, Miss Nettie Mitchell, Miss Jo Ann Huggins, Miss Betty Barnes, Mrs. Elizabeth Foy, and Miss Evelyn Tucker. Second row: Miss Genevieve Brown, Miss Rachel Cain, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Lula Rankin, Mrs. Homiselle Falls, and Miss Roberta Lucas. Third row: Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Miss Alliene Wilkins, Mrs. Marie Johnston, Miss Martha Lee Lucas, Miss Juanita Phillips, and Mr. L. W. Worley. Fourth row: Miss Verona Ervin, Principal T. L. Looper, Miss Susan Sexton, Miss Mary Peden, and Mrs. Elizabeth Owens.

After School Hours . . .

New Recreation Center Offers Games And Crafts To Children

THE BIG DOUBLE DOORS of the Firestone Dining Hall swung open Monday, August 31, to as happy a group of young folks as has been seen in the community in recent years. They were happy for good reason. The dining hall, which was seldom used, had been converted to a recreation center designed primarily for young people.

Coming Events

Bingo starts again on Thursday, September 17, with games at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. As usual there will be prizes for bingo winners. In addition, a new quiz feature is being scheduled with a "jackpot of prizes" for the winners.

All fall recreational and athletic activities will be getting underway soon, if not already started. These include, among others, bowling, billiards, basketball, volleyball, shuffleboard, and bocci.

The Community Sing is now being held each Tuesday night at 7 p. m. in the new Recreation Center. All singers or would be singers are invited.

If you play a stringed musical instrument you are invited to join others who may be interested in forming a stringed band. For details see the Recreation Director.

The new center—to be called Firestone Recreation Center—will be under the direct supervision of June Badger, assistant to the recreation director. Hours for the center are: Monday 6 to 9 p. m., Tuesday 4 to 7 p. m., Wednesday 4 to 7 p. m., Thursday 6 to 9 p. m., and Friday 6 to 10 p. m.

The center is equipped with numerous indoor type games including ping pong, darts, shuffleboard, 5-pin bowling, horseshoes, monopoly, Chinese checkers, and shuttle loop. In addition to games which may be played any time, there will be dancing instruction classes on certain nights followed by a square dance for young folks each Friday night.

Instruction in crafts will be conducted from time to time and those wishing to learn ceramics may join the ceramics class which will continue on Tuesday nights.

The center is open at the hours indicated to any member of a Firestone Textiles employee family. As the center grows in popularity other interesting recreational activities will be added.

Set World Safety Record . . .

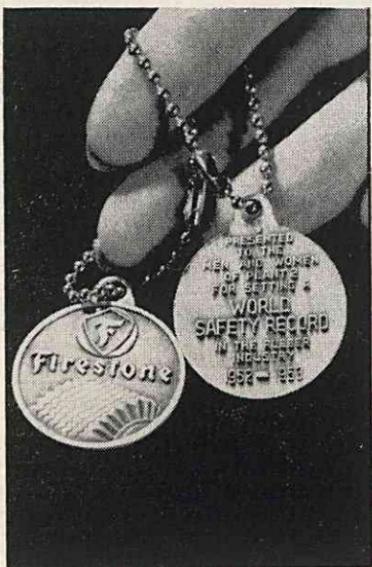
Akron Employees Receive Safety Medallions

AKRON, OHIO—Each employee at Akron Plant 2 of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company has received a useful token of appreciation from the Company for playing a part in setting the world safety record for the rubber industry.

The gift is a key chain with a medallion attached. The medallion carries an inscription which reads: "Presented to the men and women of Plant 2 for setting a world record in the rubber industry, 1952-1953." The chains were presented to employees in all departments by their foremen.

The gift of key chains to 3,100 Plant 2 employees followed the presentation of a special Award of Honor to Plant 2 from the National Safety Council in recognition of the world safety record. J. E. Trainer, Vice-President in Charge of Production, presented the award plaque to W. R. Clarke, Plant 2 Manager.

The award was for the operation of 6,542,463 hours without a disabling injury. The record number of hours was worked between June 24, 1952, and June 12, 1953.



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The safety record of Firestone

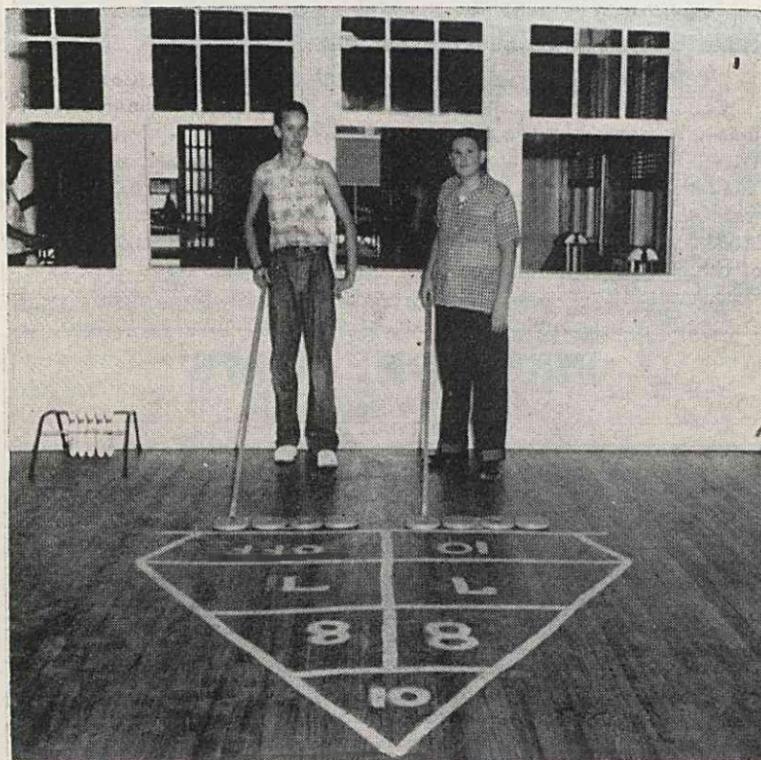
employees in all plants throughout the world is the best in the industry and has earned for the Company the general Award of Honor of the National Safety Council in seven of the last eight years.

Before the new record of Plant 2 for the entire rubber industry, the Akron plants of the Company had held the world record for tire manufacturing plants, with 5,334,043 accident-free hours worked during last summer. Before that the tire plant record was held by the Memphis, Tenn., plant for the Firestone Company, with 4,397,000 accident-free hours. The Firestone Des Moines, Iowa, plant held the world tire plant record of 3,528,900 hours before Memphis.

Scholarship Winner Taylor Enters Duke University

Miss Claudette Taylor, winner of a Firestone Scholarship, entered Duke University September 10 enrolled in the freshman class. Her first semester courses are English, French, Chemistry, Religion, Mathematics, and Physical Education. She plans to tryout for the Duke Concert Band. Miss Taylor has not yet decided on a career.

A Fine Place To Play



AMONG THE FIRST youngsters at the new Firestone Recreation Center on opening day were Jimmie Dill, left, and Eddie Moss, shown here ready to start a game of shuffleboard. Games of many descriptions are available to employees' children at the center which is open Mondays through Fridays after school hours. June Badger, assistant to the recreation director, is in charge of the center. He reports that the center is already receiving near capacity crowds of children each afternoon it is open.

ACCORDING to the Council it was "the greatest total of injury