

Firestone NEWS

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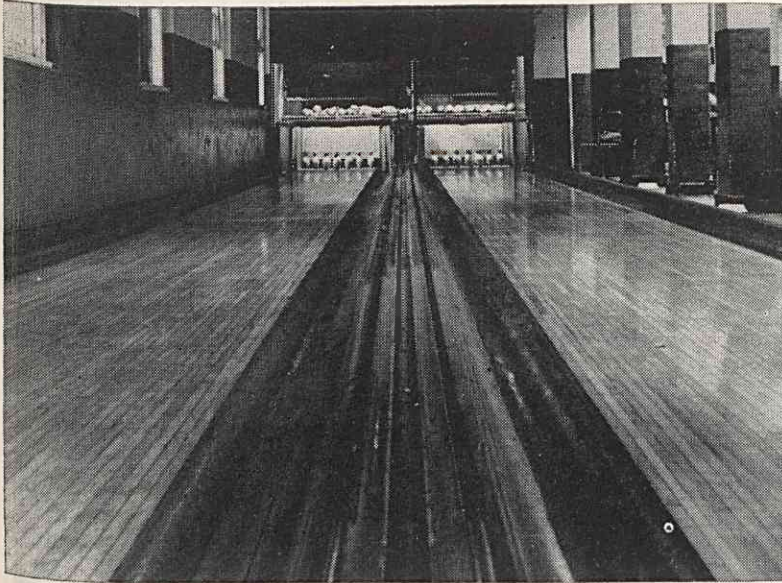
The United Fund Drive in the plant starts November 9th and ends November 30th. All charity drives are consolidated in this one big annual effort. Be a generous giver—either by cash or payroll deductions.

A half-dozen bowling leagues offer excitement and competitive thrills to Firestone folks of nearly every age. If you like to bowl—or would like to try—join a league team and enjoy the fun of match-game bowling in the Men's Club.

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WITH the new bowling season underway, the alleys above, located in the Men's Club, are the scene of spirited activity as individuals, teams, and leagues vie with each other for top positions. Match games between various teams in plant leagues get priority use of the alleys.

Alleys Readied For Daily Rush Of Duckpin Bowling Enthusiasts

DUCKPIN BOWLING, a very popular fall and winter activity here, was officially ushered in on October 19, when Weaving-Twisting defeated Main Office. These teams, members of the Girls' Bowling League, are captained by Mrs. Jane Rice and Mrs. Bobby Baldwin, respectively.

According to last season's records, approximately 200 Firestone folks (employees and family members) participated in league bowling. That mark may be exceeded this year inasmuch as a new Teenage Girls' League has been added to the league-lineup which now includes, in addition to the Teenage Girls: the American, Ladies' Pioneer, Little, Firestone Girls, and Departmental leagues.

The 16-week bowling season will

Abernethy School Sets Big Carnival

A big Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Friday, October 30, at Abernethy School beginning at 6 p. m. The event is sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of the school. Proceeds from the carnival will be used for school improvements including the supplementing of the school lunch fund.

T. B. Ipock, Jr., and Roy Davis are among plant personnel who figure prominently in this P-TA project, Mr. Ipock being in charge of publicity and Mr. Davis being the director of stage entertainment for the evening.

Carnival events will include such Halloween favorites as Bingo fortune telling, apple bobbing, counting-the-beans, blackface comedy, and cake walking. Capping the night's frivolities will be the crowning of the prince and princess of both primary and grammar divisions of Abernethy School.

be highlighted by a number of tournaments which include such novelties as a "His and Her" tournament, and "1-ball" alley scraps.

At season's end there will be additional tournaments to pick individual and team champions. Regular league games will be played at 10:30 a. m., and at 6:30 and 7:00 p. m., according to the weekly posted schedule drawn up by the Recreation Department.

Tenpins, which is a poor second in popularity here, will be played after Christmas.

Firestone Men Lead Volleyball League

The Firestone Men's Volleyball team, part of the National Volleyball League, holds a commanding lead at this writing in league competition. The team under the leadership of Captain Sam Honeycutt has scored 16 wins against 3 defeats to date.

Community Fund To Be Consolidated With Greater Gastonia United Fund

THE EMPLOYEES' COMMUNITY FUND, launched so successfully last January, has been tied-in with the Greater Gastonia United Fund, according to an announcement by General Manager Harold Mercer. This means that a plant-wide drive for funds will be held in November, to coincide with the United Fund drive in Greater Gastonia, rather than in January of 1954 as would have been the case had the city not gone into the United Fund.

Safety Slogans Can Net Prizes For Authors In Plant Contest

"THIRTEEN" will be the lucky number of winners in the Safety Department's "Safety Slogan Contest" to run during the month of November. First prize will be 25 dollars, second prize—15 dollars, third prize—10 dollars, and fourth through tenth prizes—5 dollars each. Add them up and you have 13 prize winners in a contest that's wide open to all employees with no restrictions on the number of entries an employee can make.

Safety Director L. B. McAbee is confident that a large number of employees will enter what promises to be a spirited and exciting matching of wits in the effort to come up with the best and most appropriate safety slogans.

"Turn in all the safety slogans you can think of," suggests Mr. McAbee, "the one you believe least likely to win might come through a winner." Each entry must comply with the official rules which follow:

1. All employees of the Gastonia Plant are eligible to enter the contest.
2. Slogans must be entered on official entry blanks.
3. The safety slogans will be judged on both quality and originality. Slogans copied from others will not be accepted.
4. The length of the slogans is limited to ten words or less.
5. There is no limit as to the number of slogans each person may turn in. However, each slogan should be entered on a separate entry blank.
6. The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

First Prize\$25.00
Second Prize 15.00

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Know Your Reporter



MRS. FRANCES HUFFMAN, Twisting Department reporter, is a newcomer to the ranks of news reporters from Firestone News. Mrs. Huffman who has worked for Firestone five years as reclaimer finds her newspaper work both interesting and informative.

"Our employees were generous in our first united drive, pledging \$11,696.42 to the various recognized agencies," explains Mr. Mercer. "At the time of our first drive last January we told employees that we would have only one united drive each year. We did not know then, however, that Greater Gastonia would decide to join the United Fund and hold a drive before our plant would normally have conducted its own annual drive.

"The Greater Gastonia United Fund Drive will be conducted from November 4 through November 20," Mr. Mercer continued, "and we feel justified in stepping up the date of our annual drive to run approximately concurrently. Thus, our plant drive will be held in November—November 9 through November 30—and will coincide each year hereafter with the Greater Gastonia drive."

Mr. Mercer also announced that General Superintendent Nelson Kessell would again act as chairman for the United Fund drive at this plant. The same plan of solicitation as used last January will be used for the forthcoming drive, according to Mr. Kessell.

A corps of solicitors representing each department and shift will personally contact employees. The employee will be given a card on which are listed all the charities which were listed in the first drive plus several new ones which are included in the Greater Gastonia United Fund Drive. As was the case in the first drive, the employee may earmark his contribution as he sees fit, specifying the amount he wishes to give to each organization. If preferred, the contributor may indicate that he wants

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THIS is the group of solicitors who helped raise more than 11 thousand dollars in the first Community Fund Drive last January. A similar group will conduct the United Fund Drive, of which the Community Fund is now a part, starting November 9.