

Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

"Safety Is My Business and Your Business For Our Business."
Homer Hall,
Safety Slogan Contest
1st Place Winner 1953

Protect your eyes. Take advantage of the new, more liberal Company policy which pays five dollars of the cost of safety glasses employees buy in the future.

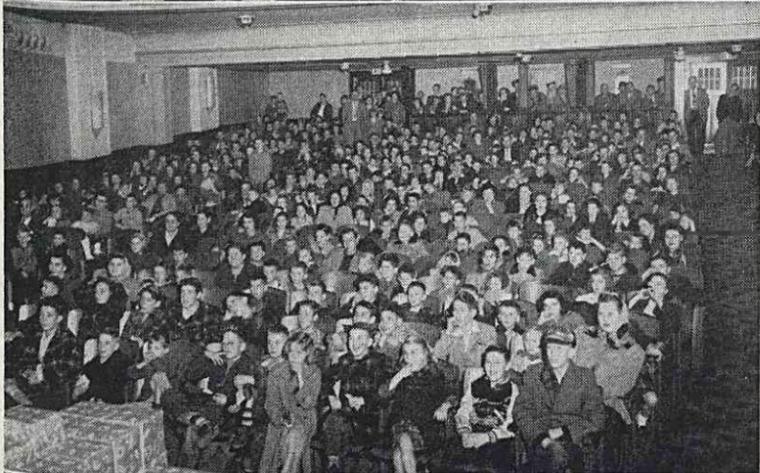
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Christmas Parties Treat 1800 Employees' Children To Movies And Toys At Theaters

THE BIGGEST, loudest and probably the happiest Christmas Party of the season, as far as this plant is concerned, was attended by 1800 excited employees' children on the Saturday before Christmas at the Webb and Palace Theaters in Gastonia.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES—The Shop party (top picture) at the Girls' Club was one of the liveliest given at the Club during the holidays. Santa Claus, who made a surprise visit, is shown above assisting in the gift exchange, a featured part of the party. With him, left to right, are Mrs. Johnny Mitchell, Miss Phoebe Pearson, W. G. Henson, and Hasel Cauthen. TYPICAL of the crowds of employees' children who attended the annual Christmas party for children are the youngsters shown in the second picture from the top as they awaited the arrival of Santa Claus at the Webb Theater. A SMALL, but just as excited, group of children attended the Palace Theater party. Santa's schedule was arranged so that he could attend the 9 and 11 a. m. parties at the Webb Theater as well as the 10 a. m. party at the Palace. THE MAIN OFFICE party was held in the Girls' Club dining room. This group played bingo; heard Christmas songs as sung by William Whitesides, a student at Florida State University; and watched a memory demonstration staged by Ralph Johnson and Bob Hood, both members of the Industrial Relations Department.

Prescription Safety Glasses

A NEW POLICY in the purchase of prescription safety glasses has been announced by the Company.

For several years employees who wear prescription glasses have been encouraged to purchase and wear the prescription safety glasses, and the Company has paid \$1.75 toward the cost of this protection. To promote interest in eye safety the Company now will pay \$5 toward the cost of the glasses.

All employees who wear glasses and who are susceptible to eye injuries are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain eye protection at low cost to themselves.

The glasses may still be purchased through the payroll deduction plan.

Additional information in this connection will be posted soon on the plant bulletin boards.

The identical parties were scheduled at the theaters to accommodate the crowds. Two were held at the Webb at 9 and 11 a. m.

Movie cartoons and westerns were chief attractions during the first hour of each party. Following the movies Santa Claus made a perfectly timed and loudly applauded appearance.

With the help of 15 to 20 volunteers from the Industrial Relations and Main Offices, Santa Claus gave a suitable toy to each child present. Toys included cap pistols, tea sets, nurse kits, chinese checkers, activity sets, and glitter chests, to mention a few.

Parents of children who were not at the parties were allowed to pick up their children's toys at the Industrial Relations Department after the party. A grand total of 2900 toys were distributed.

Gaston Technical Institute Offers Job Evaluation And Quality Control Courses

TWO new courses in Industrial Management get underway at Gaston Technical Institute this month. The class in Job Evaluation meets for the first time Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p. m. Its companion, the class entitled Introduction to Quality Control starts Thursday, January 14, at 7:30 p. m.

Each class will meet weekly for a three-hour session under the guidance of qualified instructors either from the Industrial Engineering Department of N. C. State

College, or from industry.

Any employee is eligible to apply for either or both of these courses, and, if the full schedule of six Industrial Management courses is completed, the employee will receive a certificate in Industrial Management from N. C. State College. The other courses, which are to be offered on a rotating basis are: Industrial Relations, Safety, Time Study, and Industrial Management.

Square Dance Club Meets

The Square Dance Club meets Wednesday, January 13, in the Recreation Center. Employees are invited to attend this meeting and square dance to square dance music provided by newly purchased records. Instruction in square dancing is available to those who want it.

Service Awards

FIFTEEN YEAR PINS

Spinning
Ethel E. Robinson
James E. Hughes
Spooling
Bertie M. Wood
Twisting
Stella Connor
Clara C. Mitchell
Cord Weaving
Worth D. Honeycutt

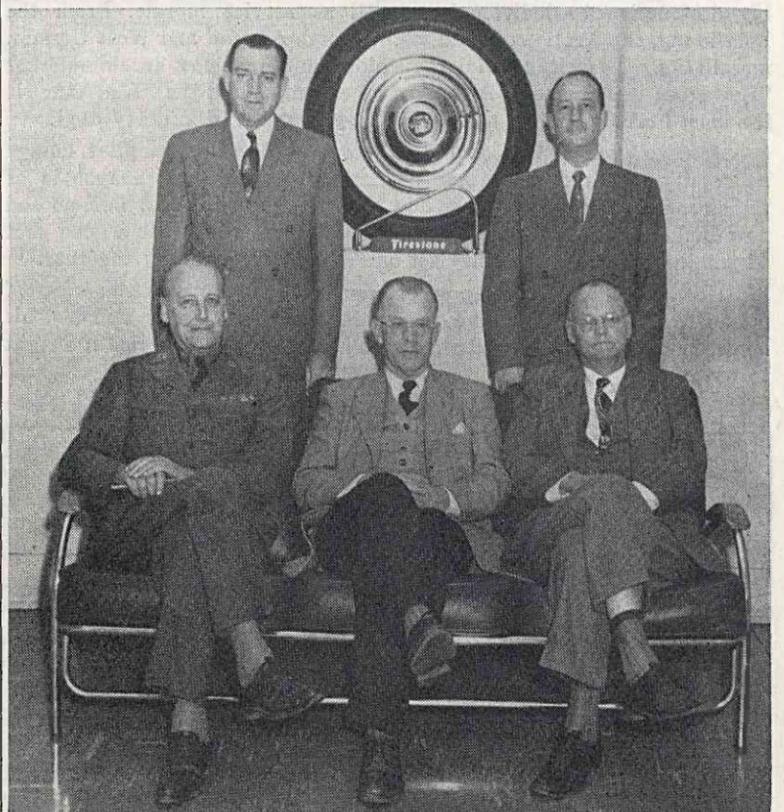
TEN YEAR PINS

Carding
Bessie M. Gates
Twisting
Eleese Cole
Cord Weaving
Prince Starnes, Jr.
Connie B. Galloway
Lake Quinn
Katherine R. Farris
Quality Control
Bettie R. Thomas
Personnel
Ethel S. Carson

FIVE YEAR PINS

Carding
Larkin E. Thomas
Twisting
Hazel L. Foy
Alfred L. Hardee
Cord Weaving
Wilma M. Hodge
S. Y. C. Weaving
Edna M. Ledford
Quality Control
Percy M. Paysour

Local Leaders In Scouting



SCOUT LEADERS CONFERENCE—Officials of the Gaston County Boy Scout District met in General Manager Harold Mercer's office recently to plan the District's work for 1954. Attending the meeting were, seated left to right, R. M. Schiele, Scout executive; Charlie Bryant, president of the Piedmont Council; and C. M. Craig, finance chairman for the Gaston County District. Standing are Mr. Mercer, outgoing president of the Gastonia District; and Dan LaFar, new president for the local district.