

# Firestone NEWS

GASTONIA

Though a man may become learned by another's learning he can never be wise but by his own wisdom.

—MONTAIGNE

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

—EDWIN MARKHAM

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CARL STEWART, JR., is shown here with his parents as he received from General Manager Harold Mercer his Firestone Scholarship Certificate. Young Stewart was one of 20 scholarship winners throughout the United States in the annual Firestone Tire & Rubber Company Scholarship Contest. This is the second year for the contest and the second time that this plant has had a winner. Last year's winner, Miss Claudette Taylor, is now a student at Duke University—a possible choice, it is understood, for Mr. Stewart. The proud parents of the current winner are employees here in the Weaving (father) and Twisting Departments, respectively.

## Children To Find "Silver And Gold" At Egg Hunts

EASTER egg hunts for Firestone Community children will be held in the Firestone Playground Friday, April 16, at 4 p. m., for children under seven; and on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a. m., for children aged seven to twelve.

Appropriate prizes will be awarded the finders of gold and silver colored eggs to be hidden for each party, according to Recreation Director Ralph Johnson. Prizes last year were white rabbits. All employees' children within the age limits indicated are invited to these hunts.

## Three Hundred Expected At All-Sports Banquet April 24; 200 To Get Trophies

RECREATION Director Ralph Johnson expects to have 300 people in attendance at the 18th annual All-Sports Banquet to be held in the Recreation Center, Saturday, April 24 at 7 p. m. Following the banquet dinner, to be prepared and served under the direction of Girls' Club Hostess Nellie Stowe, the group will hear Joseph Thomas, Secretary and General Counsel of the Company, in the featured speech of the occasion.

Among the invited out-of-town guests are Ralph Andrews, director of the N. C. Recreation Commission; his assistant, Jimmy Stevens, who also serves as president of the American Recreation Society; Tom Hines, professor at N. C. State College, and Jet Pierce, director of

athletics and physical education for public schools in Raleigh, N. C., home town for all four men.

Other invited guests include sports editors from local newspapers, high school coaches from Gastonia High School, and recreation directors from other textile plants in greater Gastonia.

Prior to the address by Mr. Thomas, the more than 200 employee athletes with outstanding records in the recreational program at this plant for 1953 will be presented with awards varying

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## Ministers Share Easter Service

THE Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor of the West End Methodist Church will preside at the Easter Sunrise Service on the Girls' Club lawn. The program, which starts at 7 o'clock Easter Sunday morning, will be shared by all pastors of Firestone Community churches except Rev. Frank Dennard, Firestone Wesleyan Methodist, who will be unable to attend.

The service is co-sponsored each year by the plant Recreation Department and Council, and the four Firestone Community churches: Loray Baptist, West Avenue Presbyterian, West End Methodist, and Firestone Wesleyan Methodist. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Seventh Labor Department Award



SAFETY DIRECTOR L. B. McAbee, above right, accepts this plant's seventh consecutive North Carolina Labor Department Safety Award from Forrest Shuford, commissioner of labor for North Carolina. The presentation, one of many to Gaston County industrial plants, took place at the annual Chamber of Commerce Safety Banquet at the Masonic Temple, April 9.

## Letter To Local Winner

March 26, 1954

Mr. Carl Jerome Stewart  
1207 West Second Avenue  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Dear Mr. Stewart:

It is a great pleasure for me to inform you that the Firestone Scholarship Committee has selected you as an outstanding student who deserves to receive the benefits of advanced educational opportunities. As one of the limited number of students chosen from a large group of applicants, you have ample reason to be proud of the record you have already established and we are confident that you will continue to do outstanding work in college.

Please accept my hearty congratulations on winning this award. I sincerely hope that your future education will help you make significant economic and social contributions to your family, your community and your country.

Sincerely yours,  
HARVEY S. FIRESTONE, JR.  
Chairman

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## Carl J. Stewart, Jr., Wins One Of Twenty Firestone Scholarships

AWARD of a full Firestone college scholarship to Carl Jerome Stewart, Jr., 1207 West Second Avenue, Gastonia, North Carolina, was announced recently in a letter received by Mr. Stewart from Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Chairman of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Mr. Stewart, a senior at Gastonia High School, is among the 20 recipients of Firestone Scholarships being awarded this year to sons and daughters of employees of the Firestone Company. Scholarship winners may attend any college or university in the United States providing it is an accredited institution.

Mr. Stewart's father is employed in the Weaving Department of the Firestone Textiles plant, Gastonia.

Although only 15 Firestone Scholarship awards were announced as available annually when the program was initiated in 1953, it was decided upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Board to award an additional five scholarships because of the extreme closeness of the leading applicants, making the total 20 for this year.

The scholarships provide for full tuition, academic fees, textbooks and a contribution toward living cost and are renewable each year until requirements for an academic degree are fulfilled, providing satisfactory scholastic standings are maintained.

Two hundred and sixty-eight sons and daughters of Firestone employees applied for Firestone Scholarships. All applications were carefully reviewed by an impartial group of judges in selecting the best qualified students for the awards.

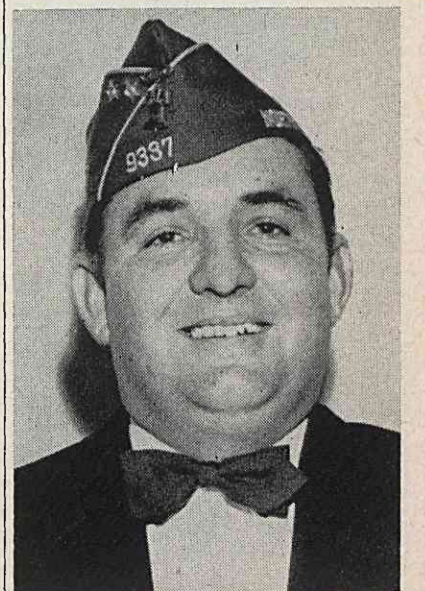
Of the other winners of Firestone Scholarships, five are from

## Photographic Contest For Employees Starts May 1st

A photographic contest has been scheduled for the month of May with three prizes \$5, \$3, and \$2 being offered to the employees submitting the three best photographs. Photos may deal with any subject, the only requirement being that the employee must have taken the picture himself. Deadline for submitting photographs is May 31, 1954. All entries must be delivered or mailed to the Firestone News Office.

Ohio, three from Pennsylvania; two each from California and Iowa, and one each from Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Washington.

## Elected VFW's Senior Vice-Commander Here



HORACE HUGHES, pipe fitter, has been named senior vice-commander of the Gastonia Veterans of Foreign Wars. An 18-year employee, including time spent in service with the 37th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, he has been a member of the V. F. W. for five years serving a part of that time on the club's board of directors. His World War II service included three and one-half years in the Pacific theater of operations. Mr. Hughes, who is married, lives at 609 West Harvey Avenue.