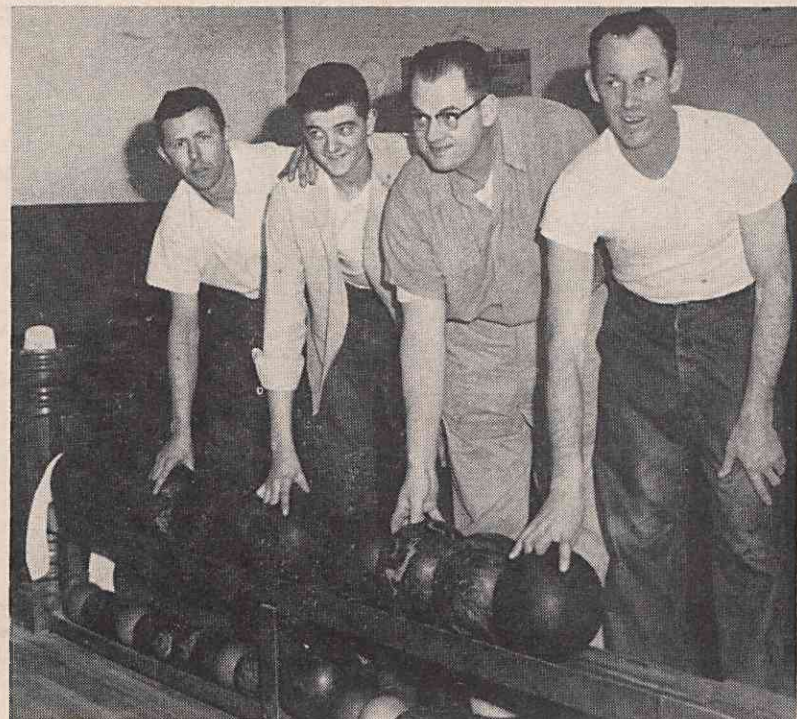




BIDDY BASKETEERS—These sons of employees made up the Firestone team which was one of 8 composing the Biddy Basketball League in Gaston County for the 1954-1955 season. Members of Firestone's team, were, from left: Ray Jones, Howard Moore, Jr., Sammy Honeycutt, Buddy Jordan, Roger Lunsford, David Jacobs, M. C. Huffstetler, Dobb Phillips and Luke Carr.

The 8 teams of the league represented clubs, churches, and industrial organizations.



SELECTING BALLS before rolling a final game are these champion keglers of the second shift Ten Pins Spinning League. From left: Henry Price, Charles Tate, David Rollins and Ed Crisp.

Anniversary

(Continued from Page 1) organizations. Invitations are being sent to the clubs. Tours will be from 3:30 to 9 p. m.

Friday, May 6: Tours by the general public from 9:30 a. m., to 12 noon, and 3:30 to 9 p. m. Tour tickets will be placed at several distribution points. The tickets may be secured in advance.

Saturday, May 7: Barbecue for employees and their families from 11 a. m., till 4 p. m., at the Firestone boulevard parking lot. Square dance that night.

Everybody touring the plant will be given a 20-page booklet describing Firestone's operations. About 18,000 booklets are being printed, but only 14,000 will be given away during open house tours. Visitors will be served refreshments, too, and shown displays of Firestone products. Daily prizes will be awarded.

During the week ending April 2, which rounded out Firestone's 20-year record here, manufacture of cotton, rayon and nylon fabrics exceeded 1,800,000 pounds — the plant's heaviest production in history.

BASKETBALL, BOWLING OVER

Summer Sports Begin In April

The summer recreation and sports program will get under way in mid-April with the opening of the Little League Baseball season on April 18.

Also in the program for the season is a lineup of teams in girls' softball and fast-pitch softball. The fast-pitch team this year will play

in the City League, according to an announcement from the Recreation Department.

The Firestone Golf Team opened the season during the week of April 4. The team, which will play in the Industrial Golf League, has its games scheduled to be played at the Municipal Golf Course.

Long-Term Service Records Mount

When six employees here completed service records of ten years, as of April 1, the total number of ten-year pins distributed was brought to 837. And when 14 completed five years' service, as of the same date, the total pins in that category reached 1,917.

A list of those completing the long-term records:

Ten Years

Spinning: Lela H. Panther, John W. Sills, Margaret R. Willis. Ray-

on Twisting: Robert L. Beaver, Roger Stringfellow. Cotton Weaving: Johnnie Byrd.

Five Years

Spinning: Edward A. Crisp. Rayon Twisting: Emma A. Moore, Lizzie L. Moore, Edna K. Passmore, Will F. Marsh, Arvel J. Green. Cotton Twisting: Charles L. Hart. Rayon Weaving: Ollie G. McDonald, Martha J. Fletcher, Lona L. Taylor. Cotton Weaving: Thelma D. Hargett. Shop: Jerry Howie, Roy M. Chastain. Warehouse: Thomas L. Ross.

As of April 1, there were 29 employees who became eligible for 20-year pins. These individuals will be signally honored during the anniversary program at the plant, May 3-7, along with others who will have been here 20 years by that time. Detailed coverage of the 20-year record holders will be featured in a forthcoming issue of Firestone News.



THIS TEAM finished the season in top place in the second shift Weaving Duckpins League. From left, are: Melvin Morrison, Charles Dodgen, Robert Nash, Loyd Hager and Max Cary.



TOP-FLIGHT girls' bowlers of second shift Spooling are: Clara Burgess, Aileen Brimer, Ophelia Wallace, Jean Bell, Margaret Summitt and Alma Westbrook.

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