

New Children's Pool Has Velon Liner

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A flick of the wrist is all that is needed to open into a circular shape a revolutionary rigid frame wading pool, with liner made of Firestone Velon. Called the Expando-Accordion Pool, it is being introduced by Holiday Line, Inc., of 54 Green Street, New York. The pool frame is made of steel plates which fold accordion-style into a compact stack which can be opened in a matter of seconds without the use of tools.

Of the liner, two sheets of the Velon film are laminated and embossed to provide strength under pressure and non-slip surface. The Velon is made in a special formulation for inflatables developed by the Firestone Plastics Company, Pottstown, Pa.

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ALL OF THE drawbacks of previous rigid frame pools have been eliminated with the Expando-Accordion. There is no exposed metal which might be dangerous for children and which could be damaged by rust. There is no complicated assembling problem in-



THIS EXPANDO-ACCORDION POOL is both sturdy and attractive. It consists of heavy gauge steel plates with metal hinges and provides for ease of folding and assembly.

volving tubular metal. The frame practically assembles itself. It is not awkward to ship or store as a folded frame in the average size takes up no more than a cubic

foot. It provides the utmost in comfort because the construction is so sturdy that the inflated rim can be used for sitting by the children or even adults.

Don't Take Hospitals For Granted

Do you know the hospitals in your community? Are you familiar with the services they can render? National Hospital Week, May 8-14, was a nation-wide effort on the part of your community hospitals to bring to your attention the need for your having information about the hospital facilities ready to serve you in your community.

It has been estimated that over 20 million Americans will receive hospital care during 1955. The chances are that you, a member of your family or a friend will go to a hospital this year.

What is a hospital? It is a team of highly trained people organized and dedicated to take care of other people when they get sick. It is a standby power plant. Its doors are never closed.

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IN THE PAST, the person who went to a hospital stayed on an average of 14 days. In 1955, more than half the persons entering a hospital will stay less than one week. This shorter stay has been made possible by many improvements. The "wonder" drugs cure some diseases quickly; many new methods of determining what needs to be done mean better diagnoses and better care in case of an operation. Modern equipment used by all members of the hospital team helps the patient to get well. And the overall care available means that everything possible is done to hasten recovery.

So the sick person suffers less, returns home sooner, and goes back to work earlier and his family life gets back to normal.

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GASTONIA can be proud of its community hospitals. It is as important that you know about them as it is for you to know about your church, your school, your post office or any other community service on which you depend.

Most of us take hospitals for granted.

You could, if necessary, worship God without a church building. Your children could go to school without a school building (the English people did after the Blitz!) But if you are really sick you need a hospital. It could well be the most important building in town.

Visit your hospital. Be informed about it. Understand it and support it. It's yours.

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In Service



Airman 3/C Glenn M. Hardin, nephew of Gwynn Hardin of the Spooling Department, has been in the Air Force approximately one year, and is stationed at Del Rio, Texas. His address is: A/3C Glenn M. Hardin, AF 14529799; Box 278; Headquarters Squadron Section of 3645th Maintenance and Supply Group; Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas.

Jimmy Dill, son of Mrs. Louise Dill, Carding Department, and George Dill, Cord Weaving Department, recently spent a leave from the U. S. Navy with his parents.

Bobby Rape, son of Second Hand Carl Rape and Mrs. Leila Rape, inspector, is spending a few days at home after completing a cruise to Puerto Rico while serving in the U. S. Marines. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Mark Anniversary

General Superintendent Nelson Kessell and Mrs. Kessell marked the 40th anniversary of their wedding, April 26. Mrs. Kessell is the former Bertha Wilde. They were married in New York, April 26, 1915.

The Kessells have a daughter, Mrs. Atkins D. Michael of Gastonia; and two sons, Nelson, Jr., superintendent of a textile plant in Winston-Salem, and Alfred C. Kessell of the Quality Control Department at Firestone.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Twisting

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beaver of the Twisting Department had as dinner guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Keenum of Robinsville, Tenn.

Boyd Bolynn, twister tender, has returned to work after two weeks of vacation in Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradshaw, Carding and Twisting Departments, and their son, Jimmy, visited Mrs. Bradshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hughes the week end of April 16, in Murphy, N. C.

Quality Control

Canteen Manager Luther Foy and Mrs. Luther Foy, inspector, had as dinner guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marshall and their family, Mrs. R. P. Barrett of Rockingham, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Airington of Franklinville, N. C., and also Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tanner and family.

Miss Bertha Clark, inspector, has returned to work after several days absence due to illness of her sister, Mrs. Cunningham.

T. G. Stacy, inspector, and Mrs. Stacy had as their guests their daughter, Mrs. Carrie Parrish and her husband of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Bill Moss, Laboratory, Bill Moss, Mrs. Winston Crawford, inspector, and Winston Crawford visited the Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Fisher and their new son in Florence, S. C., recently.

Shop

Electrician Horace Robinson has returned from the Firestone plant in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, after having spent one month there. He reported a very nice trip.

Wade Ledwell, motor oiler, and his family moved into their new home Friday, April 22 in Woodhill.

Lawrence Hartgrove, Bob White-worth, Dan Moss and Clyde Moss, Jr., visited in Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., the week end of April 23.

Miss Jane Francum, daughter of Mrs. Rosie Francum, tool room clerk, had as her guest the week end of April 23, Miss Patsy Jones of Greensboro, N. C.

Assistant Plant Engineer H. A. Cauthen and family attended the annual Beckham Reunion at Springs Park, Lancaster, S. C., on Sunday, April 17. Approximately 200 relatives were present.

Spooling

Mrs. Alma Westbrooks, spooler tender, has returned to work after one week of vacation.

Lucille Deverne, spooler tender, is ill at her home in Kings Mountain, N. C.

Mrs. Hazel Newton, warper tender, is vacationing at her home in Lawndale, N. C.

Mrs. Ester Turner, winder tender, and family spent a recent week end in Dillon, S. C., visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mary Lou Acuff, creeler, visited in Hickory, N. C. recently.

Mr. B. R. Robinson, father of Lottie Robinson, warper tender, is seriously ill. The employees wish him a speedy recovery.

Sandra and Michael Daily, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Daily, each had a tonsillectomy recently. They are getting along well.

Pvt. Charles Wiggins, son of Mrs. Rosalie Burger, is now stationed in Germany.

Mrs. Gertrude Hampton, warper tender, is undergoing treatment at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth Massey, James Buchanan, James Hullender, Dorothy McLain and Mildred Gobel are new employees in the Spooling Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith of New Orleans, La., recently visited Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Lee Lattimore, spooler tender.

Ken Stines, sweeper, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Carl Mitchem in Vale, N. C., on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Hazel Newton, warper tender, has entered the hospital in Shelby, N. C., for treatment.

Mrs. Lee Lattimore, spooler tender, recently spent a week end with her mother in Ware Shoals, S. C.

Melvin Poteat, son of Mrs. Evelyn Poteat, spooler tender, is expected home from the U. S. Navy soon.

New employees in the Spooling Department are Ada Russell, Prue Allen, Rosella Dover, Margaret Navy, Evelyn Poteat, and Rena Grindstaff.

Cloth Room

Mrs. Etheleen Nichols, inspector, entertained her daughter, Betty Jane, in honor of her 15th birthday at a lovely party. Twenty-three guests enjoyed the games and delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Irene Barton, inspector, and her family attended a family reunion which was held at Spring Park, S. C. There were 140 relatives present.

Mrs. Irene Barton, inspector, and her husband, Tommy Barton, have moved into their new home located on Linwood Road.

Mrs. Edna Champion, Cloth Room, was called to South Carolina recently due to the death of her uncle. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Personnel

Mrs. Zula Eisenhower spent a week of her vacation recently touring the South down to New Orleans. Mrs. Eisenhower visited the Bellingraph Garden in Mobile, Ala., the National Cemetery in Vicksburg, Miss., the State Capital and Gardens at Baton Rouge, La., and toured the city of New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stowe with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Bessemer City, N. C., spent a week end recently in Charleston, S. C.

Spinning

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Wolfe and son, Darrel, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending two weeks with Mr.

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