



KITE-FLYING WINNERS — Children from Firestone families competed in a kite-flying contest in the Firestone ball park Thursday afternoon, March 22. The contest was an activity of the plant recreation program. Winners in the photograph, from left are: Henry Fronberger, "hard luck" class; Van Riley, best decorated kite; Ronnie Starr, highest altitude; Sonny Brad-

shaw, steadiest bow kite; and Bobby Edwards, strongest puller. Van Riley, whose kite was judged the "best decorated," constructed his craft of home materials and wrapping paper from a local laundry. By the "hard luck" title was meant the operator whose kite had the most difficulty in getting off the ground and staying in the air.

Pan-American Day On List Of Events During April

The Anglo-Saxons called it Oster-Monath, or Eostur-Monath from Eostre or Ostra, the goddess of spring, from which the Christian festival of Easter takes its name. Charlemagne thought of it as the month of green grass; and the ancient Germans called it the bud month.

Its name may have come from the Latin Aprilis, a form of the Greek goddess Aphrodite, or from the Latin Asperire, meaning to open, in allusion to the opening of buds on trees and plants at this season of the year.

ITS NAME origin is lost in the mists of antiquity, but April is sure to suggest traditional spring showers and April Fool's Day.

The month of April, with its 30 days, encompasses a number of outstanding dates. In North Carolina, April 12 is commemorated as Halifax Resolution Day, marking the adoption in 1776 of a resolution favoring independence of the American colonies. North Carolina was first of the colonies to favor separation from Great Britain.

Since 1931, April 14 has been observed as Pan-American Day,

"to give expression to the spirit of solidarity and to the sentiments of cordiality and friendly feeling which the government of the United States entertain toward the peoples and governments of the other republics of the American continent."

AMONG BIRTHDATES of notable persons are: Booker T. Washington, April 5; Thomas Jefferson, 13; James Buchanan, 23; U. S. Grant, 27; James Monroe, 28.

Wildlife Restoration Week and National Be - Kind - to - Animals Week are usually observed during the month of April.

On the lighter side, the month of April, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has within its scope of days the cereal and milk spring festival, April 1-30; honey-for-breakfast week, 17; potato bread for flavor week, 22-28, and national mother-in-law day, April 8. Its sponsor, the museum of American Comedy, Tuckahoe, N. Y., says this is its purpose: "To remind the nation of the necessity of humor."



BOYS INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL—One of the several basketball teams under the recreation program at the plant during the past season was the Boys' Intermediate Team of members 14 through 18 years of age. About 20 boys in this group, all sons of Firestone employees, played the past season. The five in this photograph are, from left: Bobby Bryson, Ted Scott, Wayne Teal, Glenn Turner, Curtis Williams.

Fourth 1955 Honor To Simulcast

The "Voice of Firestone" received its fourth recognition award for 1955 as the National Association for Better Radio and Television cited it as the outstanding program of classical music in both radio and television categories. The program was the only one to win two awards from the Association for 1955.

Other awards to the Firestone Company during the past year were:

Chamber of Commerce of the United States "for its contribution to American culture through the simulcast of the 'Voice of Firestone'."

Sylvania Television Award "for the best musical series of 1955 . . . In presenting as guest artists some of the outstanding singers of our time, it has brought unending pleasure to the public and has made a real contribution to the American musical scene."

Governor's Award of the State of Ohio to the "Voice of Firestone" for consistently furthering culture in entertainment.

At Conference

Ralph Johnson and Bob Purkey of the Recreation Department attended the Industrial Recreation Conference at N. C. State College, February 29, March 1-3. Johnson participated in a panel on interracial relations in industry. Purkey was on a panel discussion concerned with program resources and information.

Travelers' Calendar For April Has Variety

Festivals, garden tours, art exhibits, and sports events are among attractions for travelers in North Carolina during the month of April.

The colorful Carolina Folk Festival, which annually attracts thousands to Chapel Hill, will be held April 6 and 7 on the University of North Carolina campus. The program on each of the two evenings at 8 p.m., will bring several hundred performers—fiddlers, Ballad singers and square and clog dancers—from many Southern states and North Carolina counties to recapture the spirit of traditional American music, dancing and balladry.

The first major art collection purchased with state funds opens April 6 in Raleigh. Containing over 200 paintings, valued in excess of \$2,000,000 and including masterpieces by Rubens, Rembrandt, Van Dyke, Andrea del Sarto, Frans Hals and other masters, the North Carolina Museum of Art is housed in a four-story, fireproof building adjacent to the State Capitol.

GARDENS of many types and a group of

buildings, ranging from 18th Century plantation homes to the new Charlotte Coliseum featuring the world's largest dome, are on display to visitors between March and mid-summer during the statewide "Elizabethan Garden" tour.

The Garden Club folder giving detailed information about the statewide garden tour is available free on request to the State Advertising Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C.

ALSO of possible interest to travelers are these events on the April calendar:

April 5, opening of trout season, statewide; 21st annual Kennel Club Dog Show, Asheville, 9; 33rd annual Spring Carolina Dramatic Association Festival, Chapel Hill, 12-14; Pilgrimage of old homes of Murfreesboro and countryside, 14 and 15; Southeastern sports, travel and vacation show, Charlotte, 25-27; Dare Coast Pirates' Jamboree, Dare County, 27-29; and CGA Association tournament, Salisbury, 29.



OUTSTANDING BOWLERS—This Winding-Weaving bowling team was one of the 35 men and women's teams which played during the season just ended. Winding-Weaving won 29 games and lost only one in the second half of the season. In the picture are, from left: Mary Pearson, Mary Johnson, Edna Champion, Faye Oates, Lois Auten and Dorcas Atkinson.

New Garden Club Names Officers

Four women from Firestone families have been selected as officers of the Variety Garden Club, organized here on March 13. They are: Mrs. Carl Rape, president; Mrs. W. A. Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Chastain, secretary; and Mrs. L. B. McAbee, treasurer. Mrs. Charles

E. Hedgepeth, wife of the minister of Firestone Wesleyan Methodist Church has been appointed chaplain.

The club meets every second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., at the Firestone Girls Club. This year's project has been announced as "Growing flowers in and around the home."

At a recent meeting, Plant Officer Charles M. Ferguson showed a film on "How to Grow Roses."

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