

New Plant Recreation Facilities In Full Use

Center For Play And Leisure Affords Varied Activities

Another forward stride in the plant sports and recreation program was taken recently, when the new Firestone Recreation Center was finished and the moving-in completed.

The modern play layout takes up the entire area of the lower level of what used to be known as the Girls' Club building. On the ground-level floor are offices, social hall, lounges with showers, and a latest-style kitchen with dining area.

In the recreation space there are 4,800 square feet for organized employee play, and leisure.

The play center walls are of masonry and ceramic finish, with acoustical ceiling and flooring of concrete. Interior walls are paint-

ed soft green with the ceiling of eggshell white.

The latest kind of fluorescent lighting has been installed.

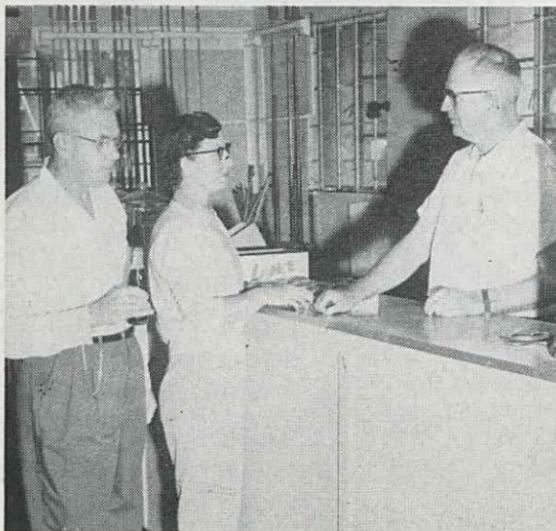
Facilities provide for bowling, billiards, shuffleboard, checkers, chess, and table tennis. There is a television viewing corner, a magazine-and-newspaper reading rack and a concessions counter at the Ransom street entrance.

The building, at the corner of Dalton and Second avenue, has received a new dress of paint on its exterior. Plans call for new interior decoration in the social hall and dining area of the street-level floor.

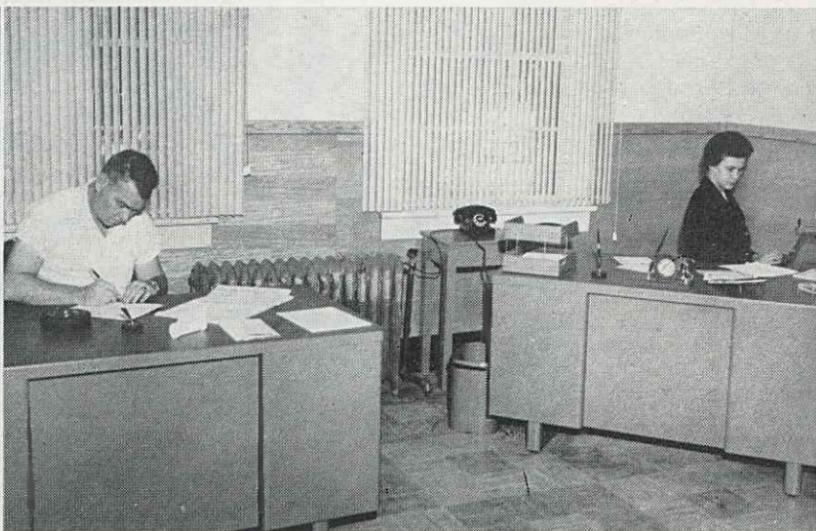
A parking lot of crushed stone accommodates 30 cars at the east end of the Center.



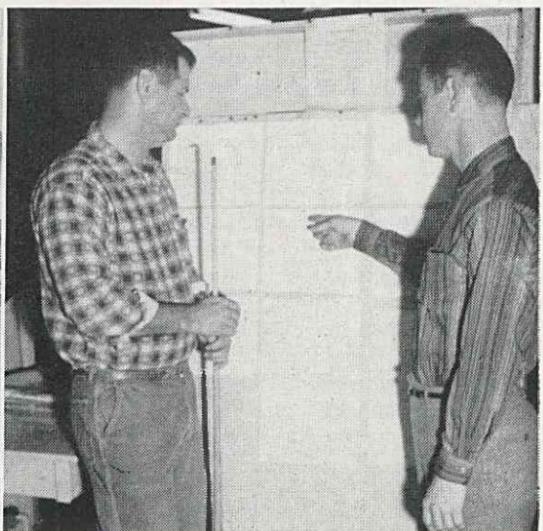
This bright Colonial sign facing Second avenue replaces the old Girls' Club marker. It invites employees, members of their families and Firestone villagers to spend leisure hours in wholesome recreation. The lawn of the new Center is being re-landscaped.



A snack bar is located near the entrance from the Ransom street side. Ben Davis, one of the clerks, chats across the counter with Paul Walker and Maude Peeler. The most up-to-date office quarters, with three entrances, are provided on the street-level floor. Be-



sides routine scheduling, planning and correspondence, the office is publication place for the weekly Recreation Bulletin and provides facilities for the plant Travel Information Service. Recreation Director Ralph Johnson and Secretary Earlene Creas-



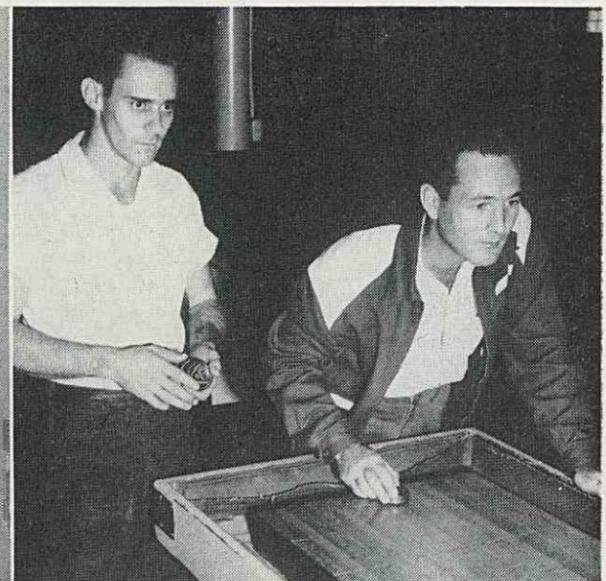
man are busy on a typical daily work schedule. In the main recreation area a giant bulletin board makes room for schedules and other items of interest. Assistant Recreation Director Bobby Purkey (right), goes over a billiards schedule with Bob Jones.



Magazines, newspapers, bulletins and brochures are provided in a reading center. Richard Chastain (left), and Blease Parks browse through current magazines. This season, there are 42 bowling teams for men, wo-



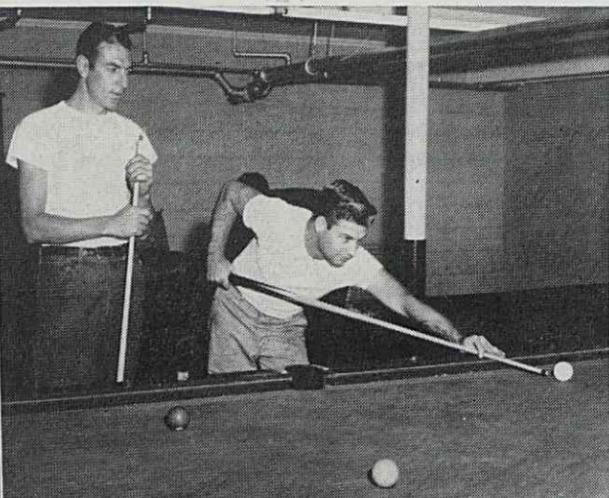
men, boys and girls. Here, Ophelia Wallace (left), talks over her score with Virginia Bridges. Table shuffleboard, a modified form of the old game of lawn



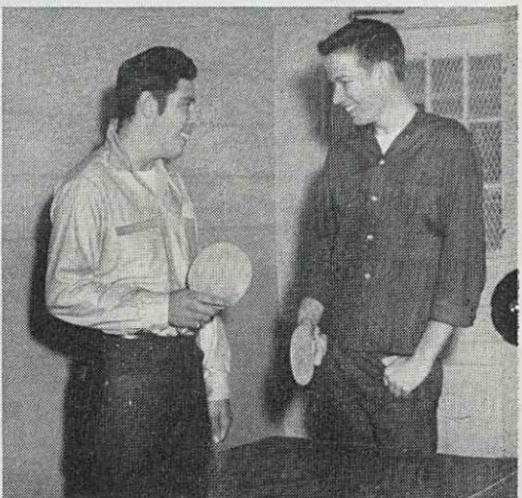
bowling, is a popular sport among men employees. Kenneth Bell (left), and Charles Dodgen are among members who make up 24 teams this season.



Games that require concentration and not so much physical effort are especially liked by retirees. Thomas Little, retired Shop foreman, matches skill with Martin Briggs, an active employee. There are 12 men's



teams of billiards. Homer Stephens waits his turn, as Leroy Thomas tries his skill. Table tennis provides action for many Center devotees. Jerry Thomas (left), and Ronnie Dill rest after a game. Several activities



on the year-round recreation calendar are carried on, in season, away from the Center. Among these are basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, bocce, tennis and golf.