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Firestone NEWS

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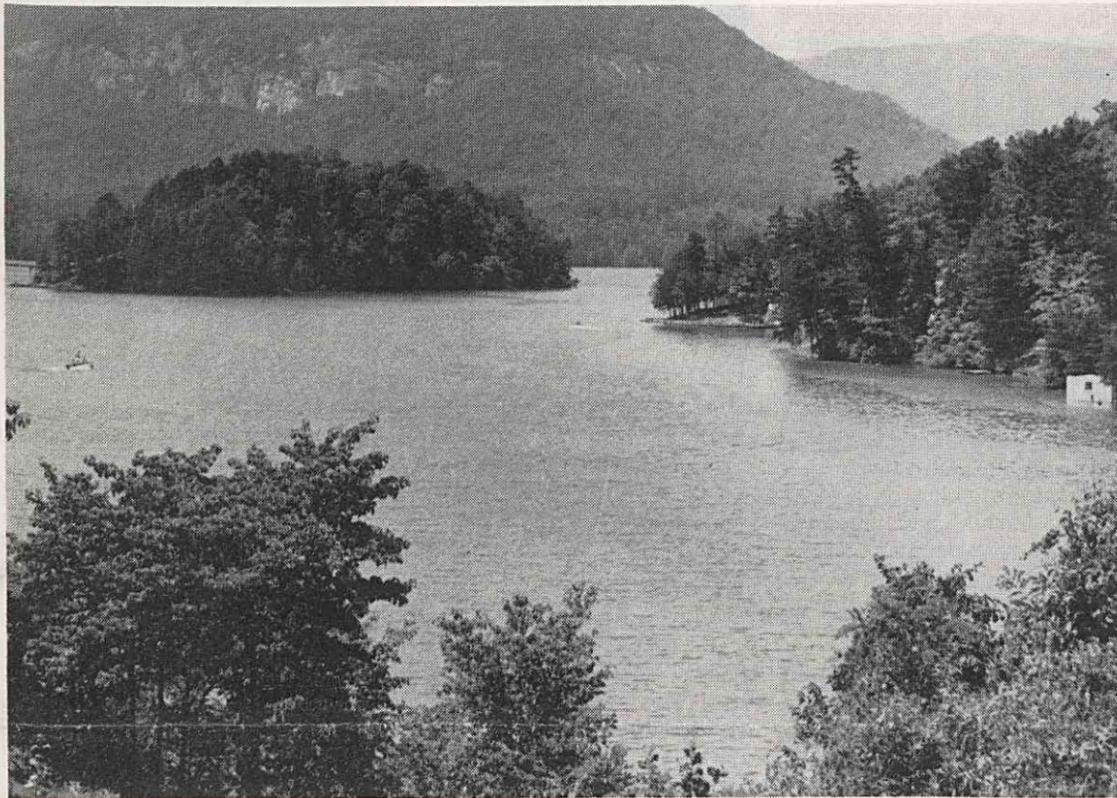
North Carolina leads the nation in State-maintained highway systems. If laid end-to-end, the State's more than 70,000 miles of such roads would more than girdle the earth at the equator.

All of North Carolina's state parks, except Mount Mitchell, are open free to the public all year. Swimming areas and refreshment stands are open from early June through Labor Day.

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Some of the 6,500 acres of Lake James, top attraction at Camp Firestone near Bridgewater.

Lake Camp In 24th Season

Cool water and tall timber of Western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains once more beckon Firestone employees and members of their families. Camp Firestone, five miles from Marion, opened its 24th season May 4. Firestone people may enjoy the company's wildwood retreat through October.

The camp is located in a cove off Lake James at Bridgewater in McDowell county. One of North Carolina's largest man-made bodies of water, the lake covers almost 6,500 acres and has a shoreline of 154 miles. Besides its fame as fishing waters, it is becoming a top attraction as a center for aquatic sports.

Camp Firestone has been operated for employees and

their families ever since the company acquired the Gastonia plant 24 years ago. Through the years, a program of property improvement has been carried out through plant engineer W. G. Henson and the Mechanical department.

FACILITIES this season include five cottages with sleeping quarters—complete with electric cooking stoves and refrigerators, three other cottages with sleeping quarters, and a dining hall. The camp accommodates about 80 persons at one time, with plenty of additional room for pitching tents or camping in the timber, or the open spaces.

Each spring the Mechanical

department prepares the camp for the season by making maintenance repairs, replacing life-saving equipment, sometimes adding to the buildings and boat landing equipment, and readying the firefighting materials. This year the siding on the main dining room building has been

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Vehicle Inspection Here May 18-22



For the second successive year in Gastonia, Firestone Textiles employees and others of the plant community may have their motor vehicles inspected for safety, free of charge.

Safety check lanes here will be part of the company-wide program during May in more than 1,000 communities in the 34 states which do not require motor vehicle inspection. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia already have compulsory vehicle safety checks.

Safety check lanes for the Gastonia plant and community will be set up at the north end of the company parking area off Firestone boulevard. Lanes will be open 9 a.m.-12 noon, and from 1-5 p.m., Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22.

The schedule has been arranged so that motorists may bring their vehicles in at times other than during their regular working shifts.

Qualified mechanics and other personnel will be on duty at all times the lanes are in operation. A windshield sticker is placed on each vehicle which passes inspection on all safety-check points. Vehicles which do not meet the test may be repaired

and brought back for final approval.

In communities where the program operates, check lanes are set up on city streets and at other convenient locations where motorists are offered free and voluntary safety checks on ten major items of vehicles affecting safe driving.

Items checked are brakes, front and rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust system, glass, windshield wipers, rear-view mirror, and horn.

SLOGAN for this year's program is: "Complete the Circle of Safety—Check Your Car—Check Your Driving—Check Accidents." —Turn to page 3

Safety Performance Wins 12th-Year Citation

Because employees worked safely on the job at Firestone in Gastonia last year, the plant has received a 12th-year top award, presented jointly by the North Carolina, and the United States Department of Labor. For its outstanding program of accident control in 1958, Firestone earned its place among only 11 industries in the state to receive the 12-year citation.

Presentation was made in late April at the annual Chamber of Commerce safety awards dinner meeting in Masonic Temple.

Forty-nine other industries and business establishments in Gaston county received recognition for one or more years of safety achievement.

The Firestone honor, in the form of a 12-year engraved bar to be added to the ladder on the 10-year plaque, was made by N. C. Labor Commissioner Frank Crane.

AT THE presentation to safety director A. V. Riley, Commissioner Crane recalled that the

plant had won a distinction every year since the State Labor Department organized the awards program in 1946.

"This is the highest honor we can bestow," he said. "I know that behind it is a story of co-operation, hard work and per-

severance on the part of everyone from top management on down the line. I'm looking forward to seeing you here next year for the 13th time."

Winners qualify for the safe-

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Boy Scout Awards Banquet Is June 4

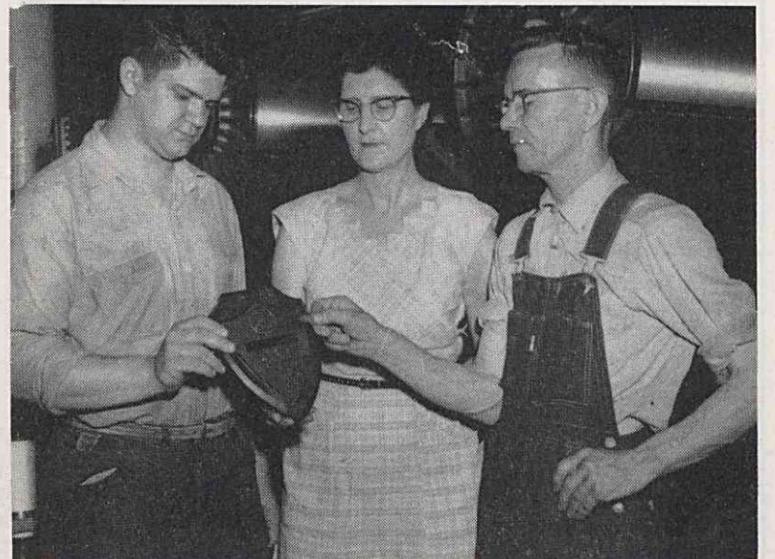
Thirty-five boys in the Piedmont Council Gastonia area will be honored for outstanding records in Scouting for last year, at the company's annual Scout Banquet in the Recreation Center here, June 4.

For top excellence, one of this number will be named the 14th winner of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award. Besides the engraved Silver Medallion, the winner will be presented a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a check for \$25.75 to be applied toward expenses for two weeks at Piedmont Council's Camp Lanier,

Tryon, N. C.

Each of the other Scouts honored will receive the Merit Certificate and a check for \$25.75 toward expenses at the Tryon camp, or — if the recipient chooses—for purchase of Scouting equipment.

The Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award is named for the company's chairman and chief executive officer. The company program provides for the Scouting honors in communities of the United States where Firestone operates major plants. Awards have been made at Gastonia since 1945.



Richard Littlejohn (left), Mechanical department; Leola Chambers, Synthetics; and William Cosey, Cotton division see how the 12th-year engraved bar will look on the safety plaque.