

10-WEEK SEASON

Recreation Variety At Company Playground

Firestone Park offers a variety of recreation activities for youngsters in the West Gastonia area during June, July and August each year. The company-owned playground

facilities, in front of the plant, are made available as a public service to the City of Gastonia for a ten-week schedule each summer. It is operated by the City Recreation Department, which furnishes supervisory personnel during all hours of playground operation.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Photographs in this layout were taken of children from Firestone families when the park was in its third week of operation.

Firestone Plans Giant Expansion

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Other Major Projects Listed

Expansion and modernized programs are underway, or are scheduled for, Firestone's tire plants in Akron, Ohio; Pottstown, Pa.; Memphis, Tenn.; Des Moines, Iowa; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Other U.S. facilities scheduled for expansion are the synthetic rubber plant at Lake Charles, La.; the plastics plant at Pottstown, Pa.; and the plant at Magnolia, Ark., where defense and industrial products are manufactured.

Foreign tire plants in the expansion program include those at Sao Paulo, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Valencia, Venezuela; and Bombay, India.

Commented the Gastonia plant's general manager, Harold Mercer:

"This expansion of our company, especially in the tire manufacturing plants, can be expected to considerably increase the future demand for tire cord from such company units as Firestone in Gastonia."



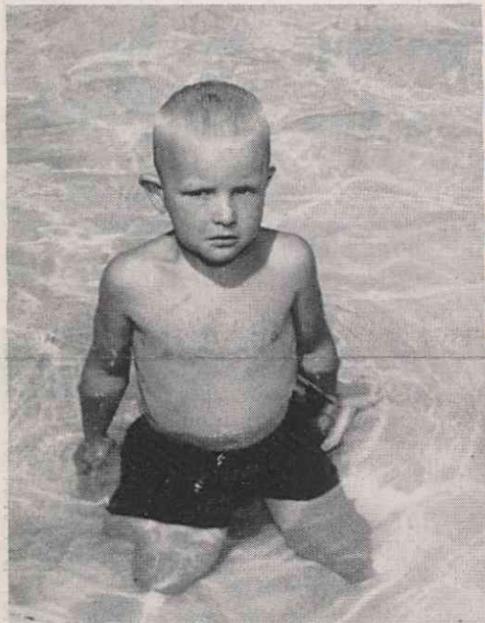
PING PONG pointers—Buford Turner had a word of instruction for Vickie Bolick.



HIGH SWING, then a pause before a try at horseshoes for Conrad Foster and Glenda Hughes.



SHADE, fancy style, coming up for Vancey Hudspeth (left), and Cheryl Sudduth.



FIRST DIP in the wading pool was cool enough to bring a frown to Gary Hudspeth.



HIGH UP on the seesaws was choice recreation for Mike Hardy and Sandra Hewitt.



NOTHING like the shade of a hickory tree for tops in relaxation for Kathy McGinnis.

Chairman Spoke To Stetson Graduates

Today's college graduates are not hired for what they already know, but for their demonstrated ability to learn, Harvey S. Firestone Jr., company chairman, reminded the graduating class of Stetson University College of Law at St. Petersburg recently.

The class included his son, Harvey S. Firestone III, who was graduated third in the class of 36 members, and named to the 1958-59 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The company chairman spoke on "New Horizons."

Stetson awarded the speaker the honorary doctor of laws degree.

Robinsons Live In Gastonia

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lane Robinson are living at 1210 Lower Dallas road in Gastonia, after their marriage in Loray Baptist Church last month.

Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of S. P. Bolding, plant protection, and Mrs. Bolding, and a graduate of Ashley High School and Carolina Business College of Charlotte. She is employed at a local plant making paper containers.

Mr. Robinson, son of Mrs. Dowd Robinson of Blowing Rock and the late Mr. Robinson was graduated from Blowing Rock High School and attended Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk. He is employed in the office of a Cramerton textile plant.

Shortly before her marriage, Mrs. Robinson was honored at the traditional White Bible Ceremony in Loray Church. The

local unit of the Girls Ambassadors organization of Southern Baptist Churches presented the bride-elect with a copy of the Scriptures, bound in white leather.

July Calendar Offers Many Travel Ideas

North Carolina's cool green mountains and sparkling ocean beaches offer the best in facilities for fun and relaxation during July. Diversions range from square dancing, horseback riding and golf at mountain resorts, to fishing and surf-and-sun bathing on the Coast.

Camping, picnicking, and hiking are popular from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to the Outer Banks Islands in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore area. Boating, water skiing and fishing are good all across the State.

This brief rundown of the July travel picture in North Carolina comes from Plant Recreation. Each month it posts travel notes for employee families on overnight, week-end and vacation trips.

Outdoor historical dramas in the State playing nightly except Mondays are "The Lost Colony" at Manteo on the Coast; "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee in the Great Smokies; and "Horn In The West" at Boone in the Blue Ridge Mountains. All three dramas play into early September. "Chucky Jack" and "Thy Kingdom Come"

In the event you are traveling into the neighboring states of Tennessee and Virginia, Plant Recreation suggests that you attend a showing of two other widely-acclaimed open-air dramas.

At Gatlinburg, Tenn., on the western edge of the Great Smokies, "Chucky Jack" plays nightly except Sundays at Hunter Hills Theatre. With its season extending into early September, the play centers in the story of the Lost State of Frank-

lin—now a part of Tennessee—and in the life and time of John Sevier. The hero of Kings Mountain and first governor of Tennessee was called "Chucky Jack" by the Indians, after his pioneer home on the Nolichucky River. The 16 scenes of the drama trace the career of the patriot-statesman, whose character and leadership at a crucial time helped to mold the foundations of American democracy.

An added attraction of your Gatlinburg visit is the "Chucky Jack Special," a trackless train which operates sightseeing trips around the resort village.

"Thy Kingdom Come," between Roanoke and Salem, Va., is a poignant drama from the Bible. It re-creates life of 1,900 years ago, when paganism was crumbling before the advance of the Christian faith. The drama is presented nightly except Mondays at Sherwood Amphitheatre through September 6.

NC Travel Literature Available Free

The latest edition of North Carolina Travelbook lists 199 places to go, with accommodations and attractions in "Variety Vacationland." A copy of the 116-page publication is yours free from the Department of Conservation and Development, State Advertising Division, Raleigh.

The book listing things to do and see while traveling in the State is a guide to hotels, motels, lodges, fishing and hunting camps, dude ranches, summer camps for boys and girls, and religious assemblies. It has information on lodgings, including seasons and special attractions. Also included is a map of main highways and brief descriptions of communities and vacation regions. A larger publication, "Variety Vacationland," may also be obtained free from the Department of Conservation and Development.

**SLOW DOWN —
BIKE RIDERS AHEAD**

There are many bike riders who have never been shown or who have forgotten how to ride a bike in safety. When you spot children ahead of your car in a local neighborhood or out along a country road, assume they know little about safe riding and that their actions may be unpredictable. Slow down, give them as much room as you can, and blow your horn to let them know you are coming. Be ready to come to a sudden stop if necessary.

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The Bureau of Public Roads estimates there will be 81 million motor vehicles on the highways of the United States by 1965. This would be some 16 million more vehicles than are on the roads in mid-1959.