



THEY PLAYED WELL—Front row: Tommie Sue Atkinson, Doris McCreedy, Frances Jones, Dot Blalock, Vickie Bolick, Marion Turner, Brenda Rawlins. Back row: Andrea Barnes, Shirley Costner, Brenda Carswell, Starlene Crawford, Doris Bradshaw, Juanita Rawlins, Patricia Turner, Earlene Creasman. Members of team absent from picture: Marlene Nivens, Pat Crawley, Emilie Edison, Betty Travis.

Softball Champions

Firestone girls softball team added the inter-industry league championship to its list of accomplishments for the 1959 season. The plant team, coached by Ralph Johnson, wrapped up the season's play in the Gaston County Girls League with a total of 28 victories and one defeat.

The team captured the county title in late August with 22 wins in a row, winning the playoff championship by taking six out of seven games.

The girls' scoring record for the season was 555 runs to their opponents' 132, with an average of 19.1 per game. Batting average was .495.

Said coach Johnson: "Never before have I seen such determination. With such an unbeatable spirit, I knew all along the girls would win the title they now hold."

Firestone Money Promotes Student Safety Program

Two high school students from each of the 50 States attended a National Student Traffic Safety Conference in Kansas City August 30-September 2. They met to work out a plan of action which they can put into effect in their own schools and communities, toward reducing traffic accidents and promoting good driving attitudes.

This latest approach to the problem of traffic safety is made possible through a money appropriation by the Firestone company.

Said president Raymond C. Firestone: "We of the company have been increasingly concerned with America's growing traffic problem. We believe the solution to the problem which is claiming up to 40,000 lives each year is in our youth.

Give Youth Guidance And They'll Help

"We are confident that the youngsters of America, with proper guidance, can make an invaluable contribution to highway safety. That is why we are supporting a program for youth that properly originates in our schools under the guidance of qualified educators."

The National Education Association Committee on Safety Education said that school, community, and some state-wide groups of teenagers have been organized to combat the increasing toll of traffic accidents among themselves and others. Efforts of such groups have been hampered by lack of a plan which would allow these young-

sters to join other student groups, to compare notes on what they have learned by experience in their respective communities.

Driver and safety education courses in schools, says the NEA Commission, have produced excellent results in reducing traffic accidents among youngsters. But many hundreds of thousands of boys and girls are not yet included in such programs. **Young Drivers Need 'Safety Conscience'**

Conference sponsors and the students themselves believe that much can be done by creating a strong "safety conscience" among new, young drivers. They believe that young people do not admire the few "show-offs" in their group who give a "bad reputation" to young drivers as a group.

The driver education program began during the 1958-59 school year in many schools throughout the country. The long-range plan was outlined by the NEA's Commission on Safety Education, with guidance from a business-industry and education advisory committee, and financial support from the Firestone company.

'H' Bonds Good Investment

The average citizen is familiar with Series "E" U.S. Savings Bonds, which are purchased at 75 per cent of their maturity value. They increase in value through the years, reaching full value in eight years and eleven months from date of purchase. These bonds—which many Firestone people buy through the payroll deduction method—yield 3½ per cent interest compounded semi-annually when held to maturity.

"Are there types of government bonds—besides Series "E"—available for investment by the general public?" several employees have asked.

At present, the only kind of government bond other than Series "E" for sale to individuals

is Series "H" Savings Bonds. This is an investment-type bond purchased at full face value. It pays a current income by semi-annual interest check, and matures 10 years from date of issue.

SERIES "H" bonds provide an increasing investment yield the longer it is held. A bond held to maturity yields an average of 3½ per cent each year. It is redeemable at par value anytime after six months from date of issue on one month's written notice.

Series "H" bonds are purchased only in amounts of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. They can be bought only from Federal Reserve Banks, but most banks and other financial institutions

will accept and forward applications for customers. All applications must be accompanied by the full purchase price of the bond.

What is the primary purpose of the "H" Bond? It is intended to provide a current income, with checks mailed to the owner every six months. Note this example:

On a \$500 Bond the first check (after six months) would be \$4. The next check at the end of the first year would be \$7.25, and the next 18 checks would be \$8.45 each. You see, income would be in proportion to the purchase price of the bond.

This type of bond is especially suited to those who are looking forward to retirement and want a safe, sure investment not subject to market fluctuations, but with a sure, steady income. It carries the same protective features as the "E" Bond.

THIS LIST of various issues of U.S. Savings Bonds explain why Series "E" and "H" are the only two available to individuals:

Series "A" and "D" were on sale before May of 1941, when they were withdrawn.

Series "E" Bonds have been on sale continuously since May 1, 1941.

"F" and "G" Bonds were issued from May 1, 1941 to April 30, 1952, when they were withdrawn from sale. "H" Bonds were first offered for sale June 1, 1952, as companion piece to the Series "E" Bond.

Series "J" and "K" took the place of "F" and "G" Bonds May 1, 1952, but were withdrawn from sale April 30, 1957.

There are other types of government securities which must be purchased through brokerage and security firms. But the "E" and "H" Bonds are the only kinds an individual can purchase and own outright.

Although known by many names since they first went on sale — Baby Bonds, Defense Bonds, War Bonds, Security Bonds—they are all U. S. Savings Bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

Among other requirements pertaining to entries:

Exhibits in horticulture classes must have been grown by the exhibitor. Potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor at least three months before October 16.

Horticulture exhibits are to be brought in milk bottles or soft drink bottles.

A complete show schedule with detailed information has been distributed in the community. Would-be exhibitors who have not seen a schedule may have a copy from the Plant Recreation office.

Flower Show

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Conservation Display

An added attraction will be a display centering on the theme of conservation of natural resources. Club president Mrs. Wyatt Keever urges Boy Scouts and members of other groups interested in conservation, to contribute to this exhibit. This portion of the show will not be eligible for judging.

Horticulture exhibits are open to Firestone employees and members of their families, and to all others living in the Firestone community.

People and Places

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Electrician Gene Carson and members of his family are back home after a week at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Jane Francum, daughter of Mrs. Rosie Francum, Shop, was in Washington, D. C., recently where she visited Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thoni and son Stevie.

Banks Moore and little daughter of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. George Banks of Baltimore, Md., were recent guests in the John Bryant home. Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Moore are sisters of Mr. Bryant, employed in the sanitation department here.

Warehouse

People in the Warehouse have welcomed Edward Love as a new employee. Edward is working in the opening room.

Warehouse overseer Fred Morrow returned in August from a week of vacation.

All experience is an arch to build upon.—Henry Adams

