

Millions Need Polio Vaccine

Five years ago, medical scientists at Ann Arbor, Mich. made public that the great field trial of 1954 had clearly shown Salk vaccine to be "safe, effective, and potent"; that it would prevent paralytic polio.

Findings were announced on a date carefully chosen — the 10th anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose dedication brought mankind far along the road toward liberation from the dreaded disease of paralytic polio.

Salk vaccine was licensed for general use, and at first it looked as if the general public had accepted this miracle which had come to wipe out human suffering and anxiety.

But people are negligent. The U.S. Public Health Service reports that 540 Americans died of polio in 1959, as against 225 in 1958, and 221 in 1957.

Hills Are Calling

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pitching tents and camping in the timber.

During winters and every year as spring arrives, the Mechanical department readies the camp for the season by making routine repairs, checking and replacing life-saving equipment, and replenishing fire-fighting materials and first-aid supplies.

In recent years, major repairs have been made on the property. Last spring, siding on the main dining room building was replaced with masonry blocks. In addition to routine maintenance this season, all rowboats have been re-caulked, repaired and re-painted. A retaining wall of masonry is planned for the lower side of the dining hall.

At Camp Firestone you can enjoy fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, hiking on nature trails, and other recrea-

Using a ladder around the house? Apply this formula for safety: Place the foot (bottom end) of a ladder as far out from the building as one-fourth the length of the ladder itself. The Institute for Safer Living says this precaution will prevent many accidents.

Is Your Home A Death Trap?

The songwriter said it was "home sweet home." Somebody else said a man's house is his castle. But too often a man's house is the scene of accidental tragedy for his family and himself.

The National Safety Council estimated that 27,000 persons were killed in home accidents in the most recent year for which figures are available. And 4,000,000 men, women and children were injured at home that same year.

Why is someone at home injured every eight seconds; and why does an accidental home death occur every 19 minutes?

Carelessness is the usual reason.

Put into practice these guiding suggestions and you'll be on the way toward avoiding needless death, injury and property loss in your home:

1. Electrical circuits — don't overload. More than two cords plugged into one outlet, and you have a fire threat. Keep cords in good condition — not kinked or frayed. Never hold the cord to yank out plugs. A short circuit will mean fire.

2. Keep stairs properly lighted and clear. Toys or other objects on stairs and steps mean trouble aplenty.

3. Clean house and outbuildings of papers, paints, kerosene or other flammable materials.

In mid-April, President Eisenhower urged Americans to a concern for the impending danger of polio again this season. He warned: "Not enough Americans have had the full course of injections needed for the maximum protection against polio, afforded by Salk vaccine."

Millions Still Need It

Today, more than 90 million still should be vaccinated, especially children under five years of age. The "disease year" for polio began April 1. If your luck is still holding out, it is not too late to get protection for yourself and for your family.

Adding to the seriousness of the threat of the disease is this fact from the Gaston County chapter of the National Foundation, in cooperation with the Gaston County Health Department:

The number of cases throughout the nation is higher this year than at the same time last year, with a larger percentage of paralytic cases. And North Carolina is leading this list.

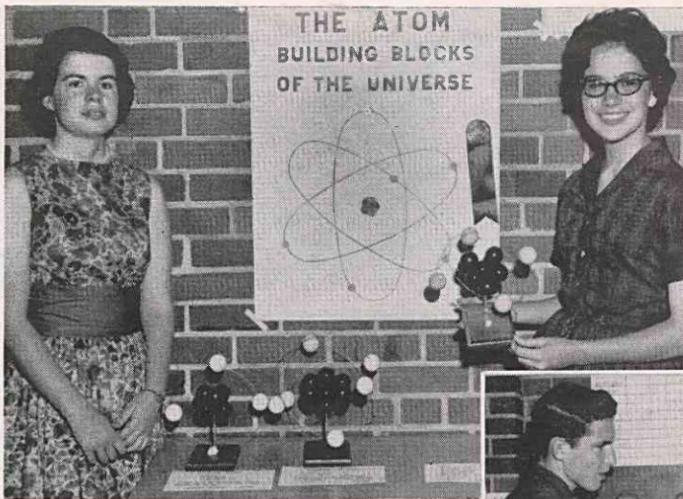
Go without delay to your family physician or to your county health department, to get the vaccine for yourself and members of your family.

tion — such as horseshoe-pitching. For children, there are swings, seesaws, and a protected wading area on the lake. The Bridgewater retreat is ten miles from Marion, and an ideal place from which to begin any number of interesting tours in a four-state mountain empire.

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As in years past, applications for use of facilities at Camp Firestone are made at the Industrial Relations office. A person or a party makes only one reservation at a time, but after the visit is made, you may file another application.

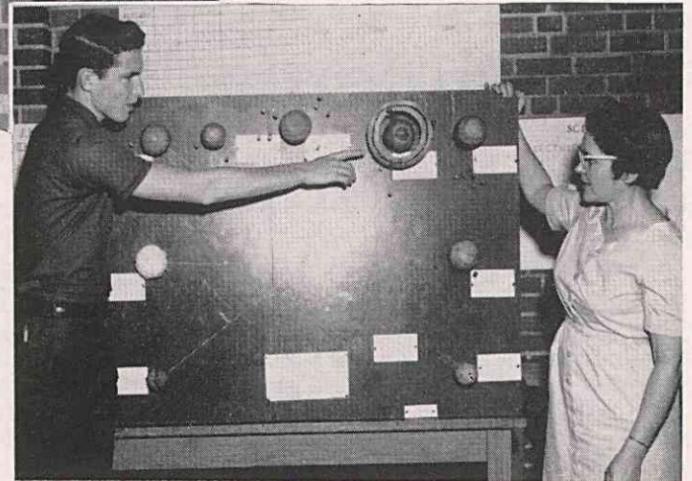
If you make a reservation and then find you can't go at the scheduled time, you would be thoughtful to let the IR office know in advance—if possible.

Since there is usually a waiting list, your thoughtfulness could make it possible for someone else to have your place at the camp—for a delightful trip to the hills.



ABOVE: Charmie Haynes' atom display was second-place winner in eighth-grade division at Arlington Junior High School Science Fair April 26. At left is Miss Helen Brown, Arlington eighth-grade teacher. Charmie is granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Boyd of Spinning.

RIGHT: Johnny Fowler's exhibit of solar system took first place in ninth-grade category. With him is ninth-grade science teacher, Mrs. T. B. Ipock Jr., wife of industrial relations manager at Firestone. Student's mother is Mrs. J. D. Fowler of Twisting (synthetics).



Park Opening Set

Firestone Park, one of more than a dozen public recreation facilities operated in Gastonia during summers, is set to begin this season's 10-week schedule in early June.

The company-owned playground in front of the plant is "loaned" each summer for operation by the Gastonia Park and Recreation Commission. It

THE HILLS BEYOND

H. D. Tompkins, a vice president of the Firestone Company, died unexpectedly in Boston, Mass., while visiting his daughter there. A 41-year veteran with Firestone, Mr. Tompkins joined the company as a general line salesman and became vice president in charge of trade sales in 1941. He remained in that position until 1957, then continued as a vice president.

Born in Ontario, Canada in 1893, Mr. Tompkins served in various sales capacities of the Company, including manager of truck tire sales for the Seattle, Wash., district and manager of truck tire sales for the West Coast division. He later served as sales manager for the parent company in Akron and was elected vice president in charge of trade sales in 1941.

At Firestone: May Is Off-Job Safety Month

Furnace or heater near a wall? Insulate it.

4. Discard broken glass, razor blades, bottles, tin cans and other sharp waste. Dispose of it in closed containers.

5. Keep medicines, insecticides and other poisons in a locked container—or at least out of reach of children. Apply this also to matches, kitchen knives and tools.

6. Close oven doors and turn pot handles so children won't snatch them—or so you won't accidentally knock them yourself. Children need to stay clear of stoves at all times.

"WHEN YOU smoke in bed, the ashes that fall on the floor may be your own," someone has joked. But the truth is there. So, never smoke in bed, because you may be sleepier than you think.

- Don't allow children in storerooms or attics. Never enter a darkened storage area without some kind of light. Keep on hand an emergency light, one that is always in working order.

- Touch a radio or other electrical appliance while in the bathtub or shower, and you'll never live to tell of your experience. Always disconnect your electric iron when you have to answer the telephone or doorbell.

Arlington Science Fair Winners

serves children of the Firestone plant area.

A swimming-wading pool is for children through 12 years of age. Other facilities include horseshoe pits, swings, seesaws, chinning bars, and ping pong equipment.

The City Recreation Department furnishes supervisory personnel during hours of playground operation. The hours: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Silver Shoals Baptist Church at Cornelia, Ga. is final resting place for Fred Westmoreland, who died in a Charlotte hospital April 2. A Firestone Textiles employee of more than 14 years' service, Mr. Westmoreland last worked in the Carding department. He lived at 319 North Boyd street.

Surviving are three sons, Herman and Patrick Junior Westmoreland of Gastonia, and John Henry Westmoreland of Clearmont, Ga.; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel W. Champion of Gastonia; three brothers, Roscoe of Gastonia, Boyd and James Westmoreland of Lula, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. Callie Carpenter and Mrs. Lula Pritchett of Lula, Ga., Mrs. Bonnie Mealor and Mrs. Dorothy Mealor, both of Madison, Ga.

E. F. Tanner, 48, was buried in Powell cemetery, Florence, S. C., April 17. Mr. Tanner, who lived at 2209 West Sixth avenue in Gastonia, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Lyerly Tanner of Twisting (synthetics); two sons, Charles U., of Twisting (synthetics), and E. F. Tanner of the home; stepson, William Springs of Florence, S. C.;

4-H Club Honors Firestone Man

H. D. Millhouse, manager of truck and farm tire advertising for Firestone, was one of nine men and women to be honored at the 30th National 4-H Conference April 23-29 in Washington. Mr. Millhouse, who lives in Akron, Ohio, was named a "Partner in 4-H" and received a citation from True D. Morse, undersecretary of agriculture.

"Partner in 4-H" awards, based on services to agriculture and to 4-H progress, are presented each year to outstanding individuals in business and industry for their work in the 4-H program.

Mr. Millhouse, with Firestone since 1937, has been engaged in 4-H work for 17 years. He is a director of the 4-H Soil and Conservation Program, a Firestone undertaking. This year he is a leader in developing the Auto Care and Safety Program for 4-H, another company sponsored project.

He also represents the company in the National Student Traffic Safety Program, in which high school students the nation over are being organized to promote safe driving among teen-age motorists.

brothers, J. P. and E. L. Tanner of Gastonia; sisters, Mrs. J. J. Bullard of Georgetown, S. C., Miss Lessie Tanner and Mrs. J. H. Lane of Gastonia, Mrs. Brooks Poston of Florence, and Mrs. Murray Harold of Hemingway, S. C.

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North State: Land Of The Dogwood

The North Carolina General Assembly of 1941 adopted the dogwood as the official State Flower, replacing the goldenrod. Dogwood grows in abundance from coast to mountains of the Old North State—its bright blossoms each Spring a symbol of immortality, peace and faith.

Of civic organizations dedicated to preservation of the State Flower, outstanding is the North Carolina Dogwood Blossom Festival Inc. In addition to its objective of promoting the propagation and preservation of the dogwood blossom, the non-profit organization encourages wider use of the dogwood tree about homes, highways and streets. It also aims at incorporating the annual NC Dogwood Blossom Festival in Haywood County with "See North Carolina" travel emphasis month each May.