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## CAMP FIRESTONE

### And It's Restful In The Mountains 'Neath The Trees Of Pointed Green

Lake James, leading attraction at Camp Firestone near Bridgewater and Nebo, N. C., is one of 20 public fishing lakes featured in the latest 70-page guidebook to fishing and hunting in North Carolina.

"Let's Go Fishing and Hunting in North Carolina", published by the NC Department of Conservation and Development, lists Lake James among "100 top fishing spots" in the western section of the State.

Most attractive feature at the company-owned wildwood vacation facility is Lake James' water surface of approximately 6,500 acres, affording the best in fishing, boating and other forms of water sports.

On the lake and its well-wooded shores, employees and members of their families can enjoy the best in relaxation in the heart of the storied Blue Ridge Mountains. The camp is a good point of departure for unlimited tours and side trips in a vast mountain empire covering portions of three states.

Camp Firestone is in its 25th consecutive spring-to-autumn

season. Reservations for a free stay at the camp are made through the industrial relations office here. Watch the weekly Recreation Bulletin for a listing of facilities available at Camp Firestone.

### New QC Director For Tire Plants

R. J. Luebbbers has been named director of quality control and technical service for Firestone's U.S. and Canadian tire plants. Mr. Luebbbers, a recent visitor to the Gastonia plant, was advanced from manager of technical service for U.S. and Canadian tire plants, a job he had held since 1958.

Since joining the company in 1943, the Dayton, Ky., native has held several responsible jobs in development, tire engineering, specifications, statistical quality control and technical service.

In his new position he will also have responsibility for the chemical laboratories in the plants.

## AT TEXTILE SCHOOL

### Davis Top Student Of 1960

Specialized training helps a man forge ahead in his job. Chris E. Folk has seen this truth demonstrated time after time. The principal of North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont reaffirmed his belief that education helps out in life, when he announced that a Firestone employee had been selected to receive the school's top citation for 1960 — the Honor Award sponsored by the Textile Veterans Association of New York City.

Fred J. Davis, third shift chief inspector in Quality Control, received the three-inch bronze medallion award symbol at the 17th annual commencement exercises of NCVTS on June 8. He won the honor on the basis of his having completed four courses in the curriculum, and his superlative grade and performance record in all subjects.

At the time Davis began taking courses at the school in 1955 he was working a day shift at the mill here, so he attended evening classes.

"WHEN this student first enrolled, he was laying up roving in Spinning," principal Folk recalled. Then, some five years later—when C. B. Hipps retired from Quality Control — Davis

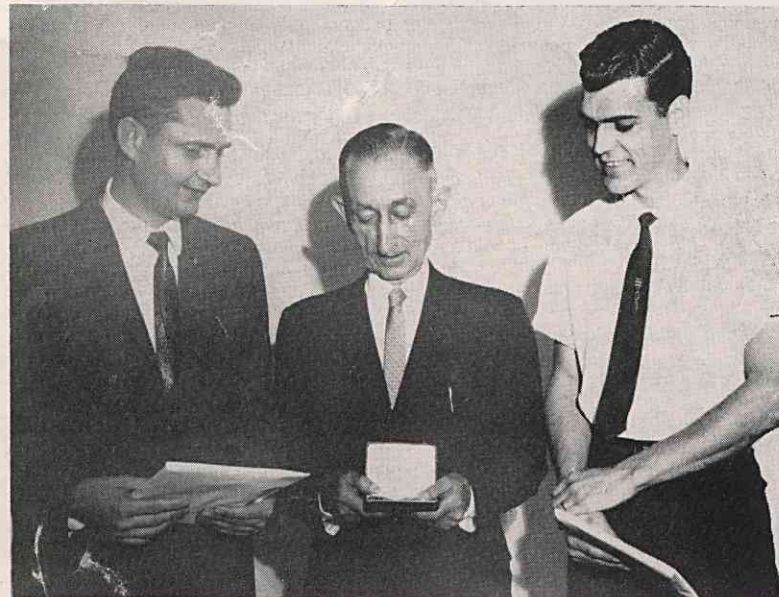
was chosen to step into the job of chief inspector on third shift.

At the vocational school's commencement program last month, 113 graduates received diplomas and 33 others received certificates for work completed.

NCVTS, on Wilkinson boulevard, is the only school of its kind in the United States. In regular terms throughout the

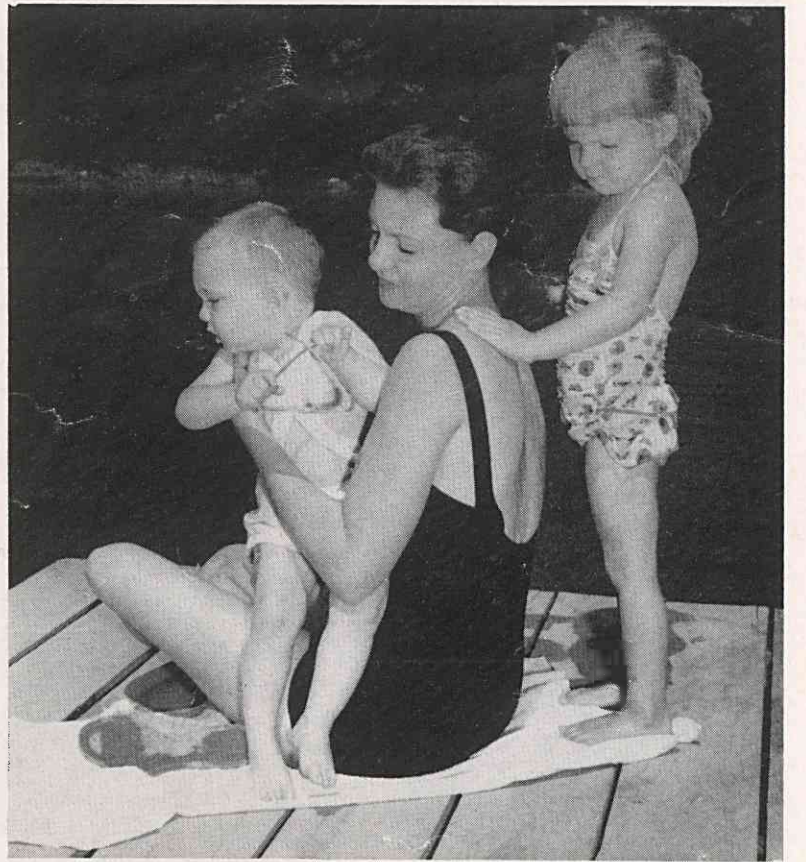
year it offers both foundational and advanced courses in yarn manufacturing, mill maintenance (machine shop), weaving and designing, knitting, and tailoring.

Class hours are arranged so that a person can work any one of three shifts a day and still schedule courses at the school. In the program of study the student has approximately one-third of his schedule in classroom and theory, with the other two-thirds in lab or practical application.



**OUTSTANDING**—Fred Davis (left) receives Textile Veterans Association Honor Award from principal Chris E. Folk of NC Vocational Textile School. With them is Clarence W. Donaldson Jr. of Twisting (synthetics), who earned a diploma in the weaving-designing course.

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The textile industry came close to setting a peacetime record for consumption of all fibers in 1959, when consumption figures were the fourth largest in history. That year, the industry processed 6,802,100,000 pounds of raw materials. Synthetic fibers accounted for 1,996,700,000 pounds, or 29.4 per cent of the total.



**SUN-FUN:** Mrs. Jesse Parks Jr. gets a dab of suntan lotion from daughter Pamela Gail, while son James Douglas grows impatient for the protected wading area at Camp Firestone on Lake James. The Parks' older son Ronald was already in the water when this picture was made. Mr. Parks works in the Shop.

### Port-Jerome Unit In Construction

June 8 marked beginning of construction for Firestone's multimillion-dollar plant for synthetic rubber production at Port-Jerome in Northern France. Harvey S. Firestone Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of the company, led the groundbreaking ceremony.

In Europe on an inspection tour of the company's facilities,

he said the Port-Jerome plant should be completed sometime next year. A tire manufacturing plant, under construction at Bethune, France, will be finished late this year.

At first, the Port-Jerome plant will turn out some 10,000 long tons of synthetic rubber and latices per year.

Decision to locate on the 75-acre tract in Port-Jerome was made because of its excellent

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### 290 Vehicles Need Fixin'

Of the 1,024 cars, trucks and other motor vehicles processed in safety-check lanes in this year's "Circle of Safety" program at the Gastonia plant, 290 got "thumbs down" because of one or more accident-causing defects.

And of the 290 found defective on one or more of the ten checked points of safe-driving condition, 142 of them were repaired and brought back for an OK.

There was a total of 882 "originals"; 142 of them came back for re-processing.

Out-of-order rear lights—140 of them—topped the list of defects. Next in line were tires, with 94 defects; then front lights, with 70.

Further examination of the summary report of vehicles checked this year revealed defects occurring in this order of frequency:

Exhaust, 30; brakes, 22; horn, 5; windshield wipers, 4; glass, 1; steering mechanism, 1. No defects were found on rear view mirrors.

This was the third year the company has made the free inspection available to employees and to other motorists in the Gastonia area.

The company operates the program each spring in localities where it has major manufacturing facilities and sales outlets. It is promoted in cooperation with the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, which provides free safety lanes in more than 1,000 communities in the several states which do not have a law requiring motor vehicle inspection.