

Firestone NEWS



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HIGH ROAD TO ADVENTURE — Scenes like this one on the Blue Ridge Parkway between Asheville and Linville and near Lake James beckon you to sightseeing adventure in "The Land of the Sky."

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CAMP FIRESTONE'S 26TH SEASON

Mountain Lakeside Retreat Has Relaxation Variety

The delightful charm of the storied Blue Ridge and neighboring mountain ranges along the "rooftop of Eastern America" once more holds out a special bonus in travel-recreation for Firestone employees and members of their families.

At Camp Firestone alongside 6,500-acre Lake James at Bridgewater, you can keep company with Nature from May into October, when the hillcountry landscape is transformed into its autumn splendor.

This is the 26th summer season of the camp, located in a cove bordering Lake James which spreads over portions of both McDowell and Burke counties. The lake's 154-mile shoreline makes it one of the South's largest man-made bodies of water.

The famed fishing waters of Lake James are also growing in popularity as a center for aquatic sports.

Since 1935, when Firestone opened the camp for employee

recreation, property maintenance and development have been under direction of plant engineer W. G. Henson and the Mechanical department at Gastonia.

INCLUDED in facilities this year are six cottages with sleeping quarters — complete with electric cooking stoves and refrigerators; two other cottages with sleeping facilities; and the main kitchen-dining hall.

Around 80 persons can be accommodated at one time, with several acres of woodland available for camping.

During the off-seasons and as spring arrives each year, the Mechanical department prepares the camp for use, by making

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Recreation Program Adds Features

The more than a dozen activities in the spring-to-autumn sports and recreation season here include two new features, plus plans for organizing at least four hobby clubs.

New activities underway are ceramics instruction with workshop, and classes in making artificial flowers and art-flower arrangements.

Plans at the end of April called for the forming of hobby clubs in photography, boating and water sports, rifle and gun marksmanship, and coin collecting. Also on schedule for the near future were intradepartmental league play in bocci, put-

ter golf and horseshoes — "old standbys" in the summer program.

Among regular activities now in progress in the plant sports-recreation schedule are partners golf, with 11 twosomes participating; two fishing clubs for all three shifts, bowling for men and women (ten pins and duck pins), and softball for men and women.

In inter-industry play there is one team of youngsters from Firestone families in Little Tar Heel Baseball. Also from employee families there are five teams in the Bidy Baseball league.

INCLUDES FREE VEHICLE INSPECTION

Off-Job Safety In May

The outdoor season is no time for getting injured at your recreation or on vacation. And for that matter—no time is injury time.

To impress this truth and to put it into practice, Firestone plants in the United States and Canada are observing May as Off-the-Job Safety Month. Two concentrated efforts for safety away from the job are scheduled each year — in May and in December.

Highlighting the May program each year is the motor vehicle safety check operated at Firestone plants across the country.

Dates for operation of safety-check lanes at the Gastonia plant parking area off Firestone street are May 22-26. This schedule is especially timed in view of the long Memorial Day week end following the inspection. Daily hours: 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

The safety check is sponsored by Firestone at its plants, in cooperation with the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee and the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators.

More Injuries Off-Job

The two 1960 off-job safety months showed some significant

figures on off-and-on-job injuries at Firestone. In December, 87 off job injuries resulting in lost time from work were reported, compared with 10 on-the-job the same month in 18 of the company's plants of the United States and Canada.

Last May, 3 on-job injuries were recorded, with 89 reported as occurring off-the-job. These figures reflect the fact that a shadow of injury and death hangs over the outdoor season—when more people—away from the job—spend more time at home activities and in travel.

The injury-and-death potential is even greater with the return of warm-weather hazards associated with swimming and water sports; home-care activities such as operating power mowers and repairing buildings; and increased travel because of vacations and week-end trips.

Vacation Count-Down Items

Since vacations are of special concern to all employees and members of their families, safety officials have prepared a list of "count-down" items to check before leaving on an extended automobile trip:

10. Make a list of vacation
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THREE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR 1960

Plant Winner In Nationwide Safety Contest

Firestone Textiles (Gastonia) is the winner in the National Safety Council's (textile section) nationwide safety competition for 1960. The award plaque recognizes a full calendar year of production here without a lost-time injury.

Firestone was at the top of a list of 14 textile plants in the category of the greatest number of manhours worked during the year. It completed the contest along with 62 other textile factories in Group 3 — that is, operating 1,500,000 to 5,000,000 manhours annually.

THERE WERE three other groups in which plants participating in the contest were classified according to the number of manhours operation. A total of 214 textile plants finished the competition in all four groups.

The National Safety Council operates the contest to encourage and recognize safety achievement for individual mills, plants, and self-contained units of companies engaged in textile manufacturing and processing.

Besides the award plaque for group winners, the NSC presents certificates to units ranking second and third in the competition, and certificates of achievement to plants making the greatest improvement in safety performance over their records of the previous contest year.

Firestone Textiles at Bennettsville, S. C. received a certificate of achievement for having had no lost-time injuries during the 1960 contest year.

Add another engraved bar to Firestone Textiles' safety-achievement plaque from the North Carolina and United States Departments of Labor. The award recognizing another milestone in safe

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SAFETY MILESTONES—Production manager F. B. Galligan shows the National Safety Council Award of Honor, while Mrs. Otha Chambers exhibits the plaque for the plant's first-place in the NSC nationwide contest, textile section. Others (from left): Luell Thomas of Carding; James Reel, Weaving. The third safety milestone reached in 1960 was the 14th-year citation from the NC and US Departments of Labor.