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• Sunlight filters down through the tall timber and onto an inlet of Lake James at the Camp Firestone shoreline. In the boats, members of Firestone families relax and try some angling.

Camp Firestone

HIGHLAND CALL

"Blue Ridge—Range of Appalachian system West of the Piedmont extending from NW Md. just above Harpers Ferry, W. Va., SW through Va. and NC into N Ga. Rises to 5,000 ft. in S. Famous for scenery. Remote valleys (esp. to S) shelter people who preserve old ways of life and

speech." This brief encyclopedia description is but the beginning of what is awaiting people who acquaint themselves with the rugged, natural beauty of the Blue Ridge Country.

For 27 consecutive seasons, members of Firestone employee families have been discovering the lure of the Blue Ridge, from their visits to Camp Firestone on Lake James.

The 27th season of the company-operated retreat five miles from Marion runs to mid-October. The camp is in the heart of a vast highlands play-and-recreation area. Among outstanding sightseeing-and-play centers within a few hours' driving from Camp Firestone are Asheville, the Great Smoky Mountains area, Chimney Rock, Linville Caverns and other points along the famed Blue Ridge Parkway.

Navy's Nuclear Submarines

Coated Fabric Helps In Missile Launching

Fabric plays a part in protecting Polaris missile launchers in the Navy's nuclear submarines. Firestone's Coated Fabrics Division at Los Angeles makes seals of rubberized fabric plies attached to two sealing beads. The flexible seals permit easy installation and allow movement during all underwater and surface maneuvers. They also endure the rigors of marine stor-

age and the pressures of actual firing.

Firestone is working with Westinghouse Electric Corporation—prime contractor for Polaris missile-launching-and-handling systems—to make the seals for the program.

The upper seal protects delicate instruments and wiring from sea water when the hatch is lifted before firing the mis-

sile. When ready for firing, compressed air is released under the missile. It is contained in the launcher tube by the Firestone lower seal withstanding the high launching pressure required to accelerate the missile from rest position to the velocity required to reach the surface. The missile is forced out of the launch tube and fires automatically as it clears the water's surface.

885 Vehicles Checked In 'Circle Of Safety'

Firestone's auto inspection program closed here May 25 with 885 motor vehicles processed on major mechanical points affecting safe driving. It was the fifth year that the local plant had sponsored the program for employees and the community-at-large, as a highlight of the company's observance of May as Off-the-Job Safety Month.

Other U.S. and Canadian Firestone plants also had auto inspection programs set up for May and June in locations where vehicle inspection is not required by law.

IN THIS safety effort Firestone cooperates with the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee, the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators and Look magazine. Company employee relations manager W. A. Marshall of Akron is this year's chairman for all auto-checks at Firestone locations.

In addition to the Gastonia inspection program, checklanes operated at Firestone plants in South Carolina, California, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Firestone provided assistance to the Auto Industries Highway Safety Committee in arranging other vehicle inspections in Illinois and Missouri.

Safe Cars—Drivers, Too

Said plant engineer W. G.

Henson, chairman of this year's checklanes: "This volunteer vehicle safety inspection gave motorists an opportunity to do their part toward making our community a safer place for themselves and others. We believe that we have impressed people with the fact that even our best drivers are poor risks if they are driving cars with potential mechanical dangers.

"Equally important has been our challenge to all drivers to constantly check their conduct behind the wheel. Both safe cars and safe drivers are necessary to check wrecks and injuries on the roads."

Stickers with the "I Have Joined The Circle Of Safety" theme were passed out to motorists whose cars met required standards of brakes, front and rear lights, turn signals, steering, tires, exhaust systems, glass, windshield wipers, rear-view mirrors and horns.

34 Others Also Honored

Danny Kincaid Top Scout

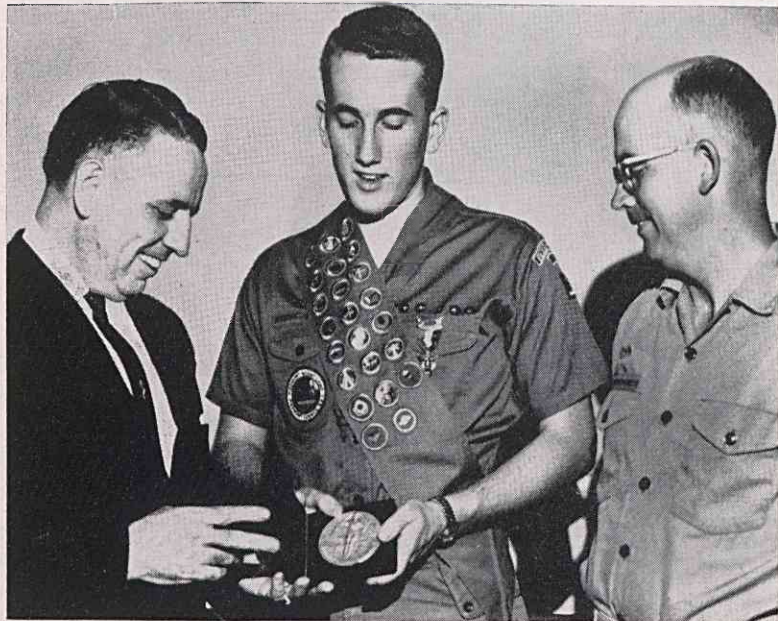
A record of exceptional achievement during the past year has earned the Firestone company's highest Scouting honor for Danny Kincaid of Troop 1, Bessemer City. The 16-year-old Eagle Scout became the 17th boy in the Gastonia area to receive the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Scouting Award.

At the annual Scout Awards Banquet in the Firestone Recreation Center May 28, young Kincaid received the traditional engraved Silver Medallion—symbolic of the award named for the company chairman and chief executive officer—and was presented a Certificate of Merit, a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, and a

check for \$15. This was suggested for use toward expenses of a one-week stay at the Piedmont Scout Council's Camp Schiele near Tryon.

Danny is the first Scout here to receive the maximum number of points in the annual grading program which determines the

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• MEDALLION WINNER Danny Kincaid looks at his prize. With him are Firestone Textiles production manager F. B. Galligan (left) and Danny's Scoutmaster, George Lindsey. Mr. Galligan is Commissioner of the Boy Scout Piedmont Council.