



## Sun And Shade

The 10-week summer season of Firestone Playground extends into August, offering recreation to youngsters

in the West Gastonia area. Besides a wading pool for children to age 12, and other recreation facilities with no age limit, instruction in arts and crafts has been included this year.

Wading as a favorite cool-

off activity centered in this photo. The playground closes in mid-August with the traditional watermelon picnic. The company-owned facility is operated summers by the Gastonia department of parks and recreation.

## At The Fair—Something For All The Family

You won't begin to take all of it in on a stay of several days, but a visit of any length to the New York World's Fair is a thrill you'll long remember. So agree Miss Phoebe Pearson, shop secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Passmore whose visit to the Fair extended into July.

Miss Pearson went on a Bob Bean travel tour from Char-

lotte, paying a standard charge which covered most expenses. "It's a good way to make the trip," she recommends, "because lodging, meals, main Fair admission and other arrangements are made for you. The company's congenial and you see the scenery from a chartered bus."

The Passmores went by auto, accompanied by another Gastonia couple. Bill, a shop employee here, took many pictures while touring the exhibits.

Besides attractions at the Fair itself, the Gastonians did some looking around the town. Miss Pearson was most impressed by a Broadway show at Radio City Music Hall and a guided tour of United Nations headquarters. The Passmores liked especially the fireworks display and the photography pavilion.

"Is it expensive to go to the Fair?" they were asked. Miss Pearson and the Passmores —

among many from here who have been or will be going to the Fair—had this to say:

Once you're there, prices are reasonable — you can spend about what you want to.

The Fair offers much that's free: admission to pavilions, international buildings, fountains, pools, gardens and many other exhibit areas.

There's something for the whole family to enjoy.

**I like to travel—see new places, farms, valleys, trees, hills, rocks, rivers, lakes, wonders of nature and marvels of man. You don't have to have money and a lot of time to travel. An afternoon, a couple of hours, 15 minutes will do.**

Jess Wilson in Mountain Life & Work Magazine

A. J. Foyt's name is history now, as winner of this year's Indianapolis 500 auto race. But the veteran Texas driver was not the only winner.

For the 41st consecutive time, Firestone tires were on the winning car. But this time, despite higher speeds than ever before, the winning car went the entire 500 miles without a tire change. All 12 cars which finished the race rolled on Firestone tires and required no tire changes.

What does this mean? You and I, our families and friends and the millions of Firestone customers throughout the world will have a safer tire than has ever been offered to motorists heretofore.

**LESSONS** learned in development of the tire which can hold a race car on the track while hurtling around a sharp turn at nearly 150 miles an hour can be built into a passenger tire that will enable quick stops and prevent skidding.

A tire that can go 500 miles around the Indianapolis track in the heat of a race and

## Two 20-Year Records

July 10, 1944 was beginner day for Eunice W. Jacobs in her long work record at the Firestone plant here. In twisting (synthetics), she marked her 20th anniversary last month. Joining her for a score-of-years record was Alden H. Hass, also of twisting (synthetics).

While these two reached work milestones, 11 others here completed records of from 5 to 15 years:

## Refueling Tanks Laced With Fabric

Fabric is the backbone structure of 30 tactical airfield fuel-dispensing systems being made by Firestone for the U. S. Marine Corps. Systems are portable fuel stations for fast refueling of combat planes on beaches and improved landing strips.

Each system, with 60,000-gallon capacity, is composed of six collapsible, 10,000-gallon, rubber-coated fabric tanks; hoses, pumps and other equipment for storage and pumping of fuel.

The stations can refuel six planes at one time at a combined rate of 675 gallons a minute.

## Boating Safety

Boating mishaps needn't be tragedies when you know and practice water safety, says the U. S. Coast Guard. If a passenger falls overboard, toss a line and life preserver slightly past him. Don't throw it short so he has to swim for it.

If a boat capsizes, stay with it, because most craft will still float. If there have been two in the boat, take turns holding on to each other's wrists across the keel. You won't tire so easily and will have some strength left when help arrives.

The Coast Guard reminds boaters to have standard life-

### Fifteen Years:

Hubert G. Taylor, Cordie S. Hardin and Fred E. Elkins, twisting (synthetics); Mae Massey Jones, weaving (cotton); Grady C. Johnson, shop.

### Ten Years

Annie Devern Humphrey, twisting (synthetics); Clarence L. Jolly, nylon unit.

### Five Years

Jerry B. Edwards, twisting (synthetics); Bobby Lee Setzer, Glenn Marshall Walker and Irene C. Burroughs, weaving (synthetics).

All 13 persons each received a service lapel pin, with 20-year record-holders being presented the company's recognition gift—a gold watch in choice of wrist or pocket model.

Tanks, 40 feet long, 11 feet wide and 4 feet high in use, can be folded into packages and transported by helicopter, plane or truck.

Firestone has produced a number of similar refueling systems for the Marine Corps within the past several years.



saving equipment aboard, as required by law.—Drawings: Nationwide Insurance Companies.

## John Galligan

### At MM Academy

John Patrick Galligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Galligan of Gastonia, has entered the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Port, L. I., N. Y. The son of Firestone's production manager here attended St. Michael's School, Victory School, and was graduated this year from Ashley High School.

At St. Michael's he was a member of the varsity baseball and basketball teams, and a letterman in baseball, basketball, football and track at Victory. At Ashley High he was on the track and football teams and was a member of the Radio Club.

In Boy Scout activities for 10 years, Galligan attained the rank of Star Scout. He earned the Junior Red Cross Life-Saving rating and won first place in the Gaston County Scout Swim Meet of 1959.

He has been a participant in activities of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Gastonia.

Congressman Basil L. Whitener announced the Academy appointment.

The Academy prepares officers for the U. S. Merchant Marine. Graduates receive B.S. degrees and commissions in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

### SUGGESTIONS

## Waste Control Being Stressed August-September

Share with your company an idea on waste control during August and September and you'll receive a ballpoint pen for the effort—whether the suggestion is adopted or not.

The appreciation gift goes for each suggestion submitted during the two-month period at the Gastonia plant, so long as it pertains to waste and how to control it.

John's older brother, Francis, Jr. (Frankie), is beginning his third year in the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

## Textiles—Still The Leader

Textiles will remain Gastonia's 'backbone', even though there has been much industrial diversification in recent years. This observation was made by the secretary of the Gastonia Industrial Diversification Commission recently.

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