



POINT-CREST



Safety Contest Winners Get Cash . . .



WITH SMILES and words of congratulations, the top winners of the July safety slogan contest held at both plants were snapped by the photographer upon receiving their well-earned prizes. Upper left — Beatrice Freeman, second shift 5-B spinner, receives her \$10 prize from Edith Talley, first aid attendant at High Point Weaving.

The upper right picture caught Clayton Meredith, safety committee member at Hillcrest, presenting Ethel Dellinger, second-place winner, and Avis Gibson, first-place winner, with their wins.

At left, Albert Jones, second shift supply clerk at High Point, receives his second-place award from Myrtle Neese, second shift first aid attendant.



TEXTILE PAY HIGH IN N. C.

You, as a North Carolina textile worker, have two big advantages on your side — you receive much higher pay than the average industrial worker in North Carolina and you are employed by the industry which is at the very top in providing the most jobs.

These facts were released in the latest reports from the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and the North Carolina Department of Labor.

Only 9 per cent of the industrial workers in North Carolina earn at a rate higher than textile pay scales. It is estimated that payrolls for all North Carolina industry total \$667,295,288, of which the lion's share of \$430,506,752 or 65% is paid to textile workers. Wages in the southern textile industry have more than doubled since 1941.

As for providing the most jobs, out of a total of 375,400 workers in all industrial occupations in the state, 221,600 or 59 per cent of the total are textile workers. Textile employment is higher than it was a year ago in spite of some few seasonal lay-offs throughout the state, it was reported.

SAFETY BULLETIN

"Ever Alert — Never Hurt"

HIGH POINT WEAVING
193 days worked without Lost-Time Accident. Last accident on December 29, 1946.

HILLCREST THROWING CO.
32 days worked without Lost-Time Accident. Last accident on July 14, 1947.

FOUR PLANTS ARE CITED FOR SAFETY

Safety alertness paid off at four of Burlington's plants in June. The Vamoco, Newton, Piedmont Heights and Cramerton Mayflower plants were rewarded for their good safety records at plant-wide safety celebrations and received accident prevention flags and plaques to boot.

Vamoco was honored for its 2,000,000 safe man hours worked without a lost-time accident and the Mayflower plant for its 2,334,000 safe hours worked. Both the Newton and Piedmont Heights plants had reached the 1,000,000 man hour mark without an accident.

Safety report for the five-week period during June was comparatively good. For the second successive month, the Spinning Division had no lost-time accidents with the Smithfield and St. Pauls plants in this division having no medical cases.

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High Point And Hillcrest Teams Enter Tournaments

COMPANY MOVIE TO BE PRODUCED

Movie cameras will be grinding away in many plants in the near future, marking the beginning of "shooting" on a movie for Burlington Mills.

The movie which, under present plans, will be ready for showing around the first of the year will give an over-all picture of Burlington's people, its history, products, operations, expansion and policies. Burlington employees will have an opportunity to see the movie as will civic clubs and other groups in the various communities where Burlington has plants.

The movie will be a thirty-minute full color Kodachrome presentation. Pictures will be taken in all divisions of the Company. Because of the limited time of the picture, not all of the Company's 73 individual plants can be represented, however, products of every plant will be included.

Films for Industry, Inc., New York film company which is producing the picture, is well known for its work on industrial films, having produced movies for a large number of companies.

Hillcrest Girls to Semi-Finals; Weavers Play In Greensboro.

The excitement is running high among softball fans at both Hillcrest and High Point Weaving as both teams are climaxing their respective softball seasons with the entries in the State Softball Tournaments. With the Hillcrest girls in the midst of the semi-finals of the State Women's Tournament being held in High Point, the Weavers are making plans for their first game on this Friday night at Greensboro in the State Men's Tournament.

In a tense ten inning game Tuesday afternoon Hillcrest edged Roxboro out of the tournament by a 3-2 score. The winning run was scored by Rice, who crossed home plate on an outfield fly by Edwards. Hillcrest now holds second place, and will battle Major Cola Wednesday afternoon in the finals.

The Weavers have chalked up a fine record for this season winning 35 out of 47 game they have played. Although the city champion play-off against Becker's will not be played until next week, the Weavers play their first State Tournament game in Greensboro on Friday night at 8:00 o'clock against Valdese. The winner of this game will play again around 7:30 Saturday night. With 30 men's (Continued on page 4)

AUGUST SERVICE PIN AWARDS

HILLCREST THROWING CO.	
Forrest Archer	5 year
HIGH POINT WEAVING	
Paul E. Carroll	5 year
Ira T. Adams	5 year
Myrtle Moseley	15 year
J. Arthur Jones	15 year

VACATION PAY NOTICES POSTED

Notices have been placed on plant bulletin boards announcing that vacation payments will be made again next summer to Burlington Mills employees.

To be eligible for the bonus, an employee must be on the payroll as of June 2, 1947, and have continuous service through May 31, 1948, which has been set as the vacation year.

There will again be liberal consideration given long-time employees — 4% of gross earnings during the year will be paid all eligible employees with five or more years' service, with employees who have worked for Burlington from one to five years as of May 31, 1948, receiving 2% based on gross earnings during the vacation year.

Approximately \$830,000 was paid out in vacation payments this summer to employees throughout the Burlington organization. Payments at High Point Weaving and Hillcrest totaled approximately \$34,000.00.

Company Urges Passage Of Higher Minimum Wage Law

Burlington Mills has gone on record in support of federal legislation which will guarantee employees minimum wages under law of at least 65 cents an hour.

In a letter to North Carolina congressmen, W. S. Coulter, Company Vice President and General Counsel, stated that the present minimum wage scale set by law is too low and that any well managed business can afford minimum wages of at least 55 cents an hour.

With Congress due to convene in January, Coulter pointed out that there appeared to be considerable support at the recent legislative session for a measure which would set minimum wages at 65 cents immediately and provide for a 75 cents minimum wage within two years.

"Many wage earners will not receive

minimum wages unless it is required by law," the Burlington official said. "Living costs have risen to a point that no employees should receive wages lower than the minimum."

In outlining Burlington Mills' position, Coulter stated that the Company is interested in seeing a floor placed under wages. "The Company has long been an advocate of higher minimum wages for the textile industry when it was evident that such wages could be maintained," he said.

Burlington Mills for a number of years has paid minimum wages considerably above that required by federal reports from the Federal Bureau of Labor.

Expressing confidence that the textile industry can maintain higher minimum wages over a long period of years, Coulter stated that Burlington Mills is taking the position that prompt action on the minimum wage bill will have a stabilizing effect on the future economy of the country which will result in greater job security for the textile industry.