



# Fieldcrest

## MILL WHISTLE



### Fifty-five New Members Are Presented 25-Year Pins



Walker M. Gilley, Specials Dept., is shown (right) as he received his 25-Year emblem from Harold W. Whitcomb, assistant general manager. In background, left to right, are: R. L. Wilkes, Spray personnel manager; John F. Hartis, Towel Mill; E. L. Smith, Blanket Mill; and Joseph H. Hampton, Finishing Mill.

Fifty-five new members were presented 25-Year pins at the 8th annual get-together at the brunswick stew in Tri-City baseball park September 23. Total membership in the Fieldcrest Mills 25-Year Club now stands at 550.

### Company Officials Praise Members For Faithful Services Through The Years—Luther Hodges Cables His Greetings From Frankfurt, Germany

The long records of service of members of the Fieldcrest Mills 25-Year Club were praised and their loyalty and steadfastness was described as the Company's greatest asset in a talk by Harold W. Whitcomb, assistant general manager of the mills, at the 25-Year Club's brunswick stew at Tri-City baseball park Saturday afternoon, September 23. It was the club's eighth annual meeting.

Following Mr. Whitcomb's talk Milton C. Mumford, general manager, spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure in meeting with the group and thanking them for their faithfulness and dependability. Garret L. Bergen, Company executive from Chicago, brought greetings to the

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### Governor Scott Speaks At Carolina Council's 30th Anniversary Meet

The Carolina Cooperative Council which began in 1920 following completion of a course in modern production methods, observed its 30th anniversary with a special program in the Leaksville High School auditorium September 21. On hand for the celebration were virtually all of the 47 charter members now with the Company or who have retired under the Marshall Field & Company pension plan.

The Honorable W. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina, delivered the principal address. The crowd which packed the auditorium heard the Governor give an accounting of his "Go Forward" program, describing progress to date on improved roads, more rural telephones, better medical facilities and other advantages for citizens of the Old

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### Wage Increase Is Made Effective September 18; New Minimum Is \$1.01½

Officials of Fieldcrest Mills and the Textile Workers Union of America at a conference in Spray Thursday evening September 28 announced that they had reached an agreement on wages for all Fieldcrest Mills in Leaksville, Spray and Draper. The agreement was approved by the Union members at mass meetings Sunday, October 1.

Spokesmen for the Company and the Union said the increase would average 10 cents per hour. This represents a fraction over eight per cent with individual increases ranging from 7½ to 14½ cents per hour. The new minimum rate will be \$1.01½ per hour, except for learners. The wage hike was made effective as of Monday, September 18. The Company announced that the same increase would apply at the Towel and Hosiery mills, the two non-union plants at Fieldale, Va.

Representing Fieldcrest Mills in negotiations were H. W. Whitcomb, divisional vice-president of Marshall Field & Company, assistant general manager of Fieldcrest Mills, E. W. Medbery, production manager, M. P. Miller, director of Industrial and Public Relations, and B. C. Trotter, Company counsel.

Representing the workers in the conference negotiations were George Baldanzi, executive vice-president of T.W.-U.A.; Harold Griffiths, director of the Bi-County Joint Board; Joe Searcy, N. P. Spangler and a committee from the mills.

### Fieldcrest Leads In Purchase Of Bonds

Fieldcrest Mills is leading the state in the percentage of employees now buying U. S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. Kenneth C. Wible, deputy director for the U. S. Savings Bonds office in Greensboro, has extended congratulations to employees of Fieldcrest Mills for outstanding achievements in the peacetime Savings Bonds program. Mr. Wible said that Fieldcrest was in the lead among the larger industries employing over 4,000 people. Records show that 18% of all Fieldcrest people are buying bonds.