

Fieldcrest MILL WHISTLE

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Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

—ISAIAH 40. 28, 29

Safety Rules

Many safety rules have been born of the hard experience of others. In safety matters, it is certainly a lot easier to learn by the experience of others than to learn the hard way—your own accident.

However, safety rules may have to be changed from time to time. New machines may come into the department; a new process or method may be introduced that will call for changes in safe practice. Check over the rules every once in a while—if you spot a situation that seems to require a change in safety methods, tell your supervisor about it.

Safety rules, like gardens, need someone "to dig them up and turn them over and pull out the weeds every now and then."

Cost Cutting

Everybody likes a tax cut! But, whether or not we get one, most of us are interested in ways of cutting our costs in the months ahead.

And, controlling costs is a healthy thing to do. Just as it is healthy to control overeating or overdoing of any kind.

When a company reduces costs, its purpose is the same—to keep itself fit, so it can stay in business and continue to meet its responsibilities.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all my friends for all the many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness, and also for all the cards, visits and other remembrances.

MRS. CHARLIE GROGAN

478 Persons Have Retired With Pensions

Seventeen Fieldcrest employees retired effective June 1 to make a total of 478 persons who have retired with pensions since the beginning of the Company's pension plan for its employees. Of this number, 383 are now living and drawing pensions. Of this latter group 41 are men and women who were too old to participate in the regular plan at the time of its adoption in December 1943, but who are being paid pensions by Marshall Field & Company.

Worth \$6½ Million

The Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. pension fund has a present valuation of approximately \$6½ million and is held in trust by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem, trustee of the fund. The pension plan is administered by a retirement committee composed of seven officials of the Company. J. C. Walsh, secretary-treasurer of the Company, is chairman of the retirement committee; B. C. Trotter, Company counsel, is secretary. Other members of the committee are: Harold W. Whitcomb, E. W. Medbery, E. L. Brown, M. P. Miller, and William McGehee.

Ceremonies Held

Ceremonies honoring the latest retirees were held in the Nantucket conference room Monday morning, May 31. Macon P. Miller, director of industrial and public relations, presided. He presented E. W. Medbery, production manager, who expressed the Company's appreciation for the faithful service of members of the retiring group, and extended the management's good wishes for their happiness during retirement. Harold W. Whitcomb, Company president, was out of town and unable to attend the retirement ceremony, it being

the first such meeting he has ever missed.

Citations regarding the service records of the retiring employees were read by the respective mill managers, following which the first pension checks were presented. B. C. Trotter, Company counsel, explained the various benefits and privileges to which retired employees are entitled.

Has Longest Record

Charlie H. Reece, assistant foreman of the Sheeting Carding Dept., with 47 years and 2 months, had the longest record of continuous service. Otto E. Hash, domestic salesman, was next with 43 years and 9 months of continuous service. William J. Hankins, of the Cost Dept., had 42 years and 9 months of unbroken service.

Retirees Listed

Other retiring were: John E. Gilley, Sheeting, 39 years and 1 month; John Westbrook, Sheeting, 37 years and 7 months; Mrs. Nannie H. Moore, Sheeting, 32 years and 4 months; George W. Joyce, Blanket, 32 years and 1 month; Samuel W. Gilbert, Sr., Blanket, 31 years; Mrs. Sallie W. Fretwell, Karastan, 30 years and 5 months; Mrs. Rosa M. Leonard, Sheeting, 29 years and 5 months; James S. Gilley, Towel, 28 years and 8 months; Mrs. Mary W. Ward, Bleachery, 25 years and 2 months; Voll P. Griffin, Bedspread, 24 years and 10 months; Christopher C. Joyce, Bedspread, 23 years and 11 months; John Ray deRichmond, Karastan Sales Office, 18 years and 9 months; Mrs. Lettie A. Beck, Finishing, 13 years and 2 months; and Mrs. Minnie S. Hailey, Karastan, 11 years of continuous service.



RETIRED JUNE 1—Employees retiring under the Pension Plan effective June 1. Left to right are: Voll P. Griffin (early); James S. Gilley; Mrs. Mary W. Ward; William J. Hankins; Mrs. Nannie H. Moore (early); J. Everett Moore, who retired early May 1; Mrs. Lettie A. Beck (early); John E. Gilley (early); Mrs. Rosa M. Leonard (early); Christopher C. Joyce; Mrs. Sallie W. Fretwell; Samuel W. Gilbert, Sr.; John Westbrook (early); Mrs. Minnie S. Hailey (early); Charlie H. Reece (early) and George W. Joyce.

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