

The Time Is Now

Matters of vital importance to Fieldcrest workers are up for discussion in Congress and at the tariff conference in Geneva—matters that affect your job, your Company and our nation.

If the United States foreign trade and tariff program continues in its present direction—constantly giving way to the demands of foreign countries—the textile business in America and allied industries in this country are bound to suffer. If these industries loose business, curtail, or shut down, the entire community will be seriously hurt. Above all there will be hardship among unknown numbers of people who lose their jobs.

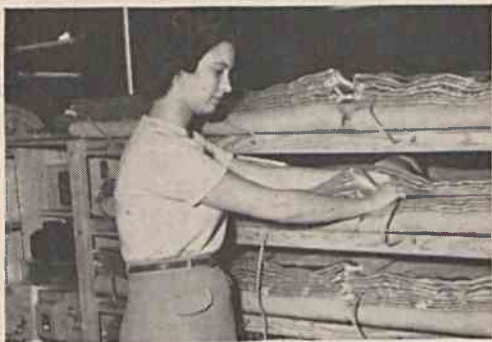
The United States tariff is the basic protection of American textile wages and of our standard of living. If the United States goes on cutting tariffs without seeing to it that foreign nations do their part in helping build up trade, we believe our country will be hurt badly. We believe our jobs will be in danger.

The tariff—a tax paid by people who ship goods into this country—is supposed to help even up the big gap between your pay and the low wages of foreign workers. But the tariff is not doing that even today. How can it when the average textile wage in Japan is 14c per hour and the average wage in India is less than 10c per hour?

Foreign industries can and do use the same machines as American mills use. They pay the same prices for raw fiber. The only area of competition left is the wage cost, one of the biggest items in making cloth. Efficient as American mills are, their efficiency cannot be stepped up 10 or 12 times to complete equally with foreign mills.

Action by the present Congress might decide the tariff matter for a long time to come—and unless Congress votes right and takes the proper kind of action—there could be real danger for your job. You have a right to let your Senators and Representatives in Congress know how you feel. You have the right to ask them to let you know what they plan to do, when the time for voting comes, about keeping your job safe.

Members of the Fieldcrest Team



Joy Wise, blanket tester at the Electric Blanket Mill has an important part in the testing procedures used to make sure that electric blankets are operating perfectly before they leave the mill. Using special equipment, she tests the cycling of thermostats during a specific time interval to determine if the thermostats are calibrated correctly. This is a final test to insure the blanket has proper electrical connections.

By doing a good job of testing, Mrs. Wise reduces complaints and returned goods and helps to maintain the Company's reputation for quality products.



Maurice Rawlins, foreman of the Print Shop, Central Warehouse, has the normal supervisory responsibilities of a foreman at Fieldcrest. In addition he must have unusual knowledge of the technical processes of the printing trade, and must be familiar with the products of all the mills, with our customers and their ticketing requirements. Mr. Rawlins must work in close cooperation with all of the mills and many staff departments such as purchasing, packaging coordinator, order and billing, scheduling etc.

He and employees of his department make a big contribution to the success

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Today's Bible Verse

My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Job 27:6

Service Anniversaries

THIRTY YEARS

Walter H. Yeatts Sheeting
Elbridge Lee Hopkins Sheeting
Thomas J. Blackstock Bleachery

TWENTY YEARS

Robert L. Wilkins Bedspread
Qucell Robinson Synthetic Fabrics
Thelma B. Turner Karastan
Josie H. Chaney Bleachery
Lorene P. DeHart Bleachery
William W. Barksdale New York
Sales Office

John O. Mitchell Towel

FIFTEEN YEARS

Florence D. Bolick Sheeting

TEN YEARS

James F. Belton Blanket
Isaac M. Craddock Central Whse.
Charlie D. Hill Sheeting
Annie S. Vernon Finishing
Colleen T. Barrett Bedspread
Frances S. Soyers Blanket

You Are Producer, Customer And Investor

Since we enjoy the highest standard of living in the world, all of us want to make certain that any changes which are made in our business system will increase this standard, not decrease it.

In addition, we want to be sure that whatever changes are made will benefit us in the three roles that most of us play—1. As producers: in working for a living, each of us helps to produce a product or a service. 2. As customers: we all buy products and services produced by others. 3. As savers: most of us put something aside in bank accounts, insurance policies, bonds, or in business enterprises.

As producers we want to earn all we can. But as customers we want lower prices, more for our money. And as savers we want as high a return as we can get on our savings and investments.

of the Company by making sure that all tickets, labels and other printed materials are produced properly and in time to meet shipping schedules.