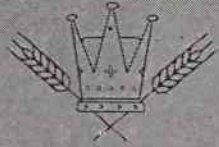


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Displaced Employees Hired At Other Mills

Fieldcrest has been able to offer jobs to virtually all of the production employees affected by the closing of the Synthetic Fabrics Mill last spring.

Of the 373 displaced workers, all but four have been offered employment in other mills. It was indicated that the remaining four persons will be offered jobs as soon as suitable openings occur, in line with the Company's policy of giving preferred hiring to displaced employees.

A total of 296 former Synthetic Fabrics Mill employees are now working in other Fieldcrest plants, and 73 persons were offered jobs but did not take them. Some of the latter group elected to retire, some accepted jobs elsewhere, and others declined for various reasons.

In commenting on the Company's success in re-employing the former Synthetic Fabrics people, C. J. Frank, director of industrial relations, said, "Although Fieldcrest gives a priority to the hiring of such displaced employees, it would have been impossible to offer jobs to them in such a short time without the splendid assistance given by the foremen in our various plants.

"The fact that all of this has been done in approximately six months, and (Continued on page three)

Eleven Departments At Fieldcrest With 100% Cornerstone Club

In the recent Tri-City Hospital building fund campaign in which Fieldcrest employees contributed more than \$223,000, 11 of the departments had 100% membership in the Cornerstone Club, representing a contribution of \$50 or more by every employee.

These departments, as announced by William McGehee, general chairman of the campaign at Fieldcrest, were as follows: Blanket Mill, wool picking, winding, and yarn dyeing; Bedspread, yarn dyeing; Karastan, packing and shipping and plant service; Finishing, sample department; Bleachery, piece dyeing; physical testing laboratory, filter plant, mechanical development department; and mail employees and janitors in the Service Department.



C. A. Davis (left) and Bruce Gauldin (center) accept safety award from W. C. Creel, of the North Carolina Department of Labor, at barbecue for Blanket Mill employees. (More pictures on page eight)

Blanket Mill Gets Safety Award

A Certificate of Safety Achievement awarded jointly by the North Carolina Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor has been presented to employees of the Blanket Mill for their outstanding safety record in 1956.

The presentation was made at a barbecue in Morehead Stadium Saturday afternoon, October 5. W. C. Creel, safety director for the State Department of Labor, presented the award which was accepted on behalf of the Blanket Mill employees by C. A. Davis, superintendent, and Bruce Gauldin, a 50-year employee of the mill.

Mr. Creel gave statistics showing the great progress made by North Carolina industry generally in the reduction of plant injuries. He cited Fieldcrest Mills as a leader in the State and nation in accident prevention work.

President Harold W. Whitcomb, in a brief address, congratulated the Blanket Mill employees on their fine record. He gave figures showing the tremendous reduction in the accident frequency rate at the Blanket Mill over the past 20 years.

J. H. Ripple, manager of the Blanket and Sheeting mills, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. S. G. Strader, retired

blanket mill master mechanic, gave the invocation. Barbecue and brunswick stew were served to the several hundreds of employees attending.

The Blanket Mill received the award for achieving an accident frequency rating 75% or more below the State average for textile mills. The Company recently announced that a barbecue will be given all the employees of any mill that for 1957 receives such a State Department of Labor award. Because the Blanket Mill was the only plant to qualify for the award in 1956, the employees were given the barbecue on the basis of their last year's record.

Towel Mill Plays Host To Area's Textile Men

As the Mill Whistle went to press Friday, everything was in readiness for the fall meeting of the Northern North Carolina-Virginia division of the Southern Textile association at Fieldale high school Saturday morning, October 19.

An attendance of approximately 250 mill men was expected, including a large number of executives, supervisors and staff men from Fieldcrest.