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Whitcomb Is ATMI First Vice President

To Become Head Of ATMI In 1968; Industry's Problems Discussed At National Meeting

Harold W. Whitcomb, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., has been elected first vice president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, Inc. (ATMI). He served as second vice president during the past year and will become president of the ATMI in 1968.

The honor to Mr. Whitcomb came at the ATMI national meeting in Hollywood, Florida, which was attended by approximately 1,100 people. The ATMI is the central trade organization of the U. S. textile industry and represents more than 80 per cent of the nation's textile productive capacity.

Frederick B. Dent, president of Mayfair Mills, Arcadia, S. C., will be president of the ATMI in 1967, succeeding William J. Ervin, board chairman of Dan River Mills. Charles F. Myers, of Greensboro, president of Burlington Industries, was elected second vice president, succeeding Mr. Whitcomb.

The presidency of the ATMI is considered the industry's highest honor.

The ATMI president travels extensively and is the official spokesman of the industry.

During his term as president, Mr. Whitcomb will likely travel both to Europe and the Far East on international trade matters and will be in Washington frequently in connection with government affairs affecting textiles.

At the recent national meeting the ATMI members devoted a major part of their attention to the problem of foreign imports. The ATMI board of directors passed a resolution which said in part:

"The American textile industry competes in its domestic market with by far the largest volume of imports entering any country in the world. On the other hand, American textile exports are discriminated against by a wide range of non-tariff barriers such as licensing agreements, taxes and other special arrangements."

The resolution went on to say that many of the countries that "discriminate against American textile exports enjoy a large and growing market in the United States."

Then the ATMI asked the government to continue its efforts to "secure the same equality of treatment for American textiles in markets abroad that are accorded to foreign textiles in the markets of the United States."

In discussing the present condition of



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the industry, most of the textile men pointed to the general decline recently in textile profits as proof that the bloom is off the textile boom. Much of the blame for the slump was placed on foreign textile imports.

The general feeling was that by the end of the year the health of the textile industry would be better. It was pointed out that the American textile industry moves along with the economy as a whole and most forecasts are that

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15 Fieldcresters File For Town Offices

A total of 15 Fieldcrest employees are candidates for town offices in the May 2 municipal elections in Draper, Leaksville and Spray.

The mayor's post at Draper is being sought by Broadus Burgess, retired from the Draper mills, and by Russell Stewart, of the Blanket Mill.

Candidates for the board of commissions at Draper include: Curtis Cox, Canteen Service; Harden Hairston, Blanket Mill; Jim Hixon, Draper Standards; J. W. Manuel, Jr., Karastan; Jake Setliff, retired from Blanket Mill; Dan Squires, Sheetting Mill; and George Underwood, Sheetting Mill.

At Leaksville, Jones Norman, Industrial Relations Department, and C. B. Rakestraw, retired from Quality Control Department, are candidates for the board of commissioners.

Fieldcrest employees filing for the Spray board of commissioners were: Willie Boyte, retired from Bedspread Mill; Lewis M. Broadnax, Specials Department; W. Jim Robertson, Specials Department; and Conrad Scott, Canteen.

Four Mills Receive Safety Awards

Four Fieldcrest plants and the General Offices have qualified for safety awards from the National Safety Council. They will be presented NSC plaques in recognition of their outstanding safety performance.

The Karastan Mill has qualified for an Award of Honor, the highest award given by the National Safety Council. This plaque has been applied for and will be presented in appropriate ceremonies when it has been received. The award was earned by the Karastan employees' record of 2,237,458 man-hours without a disabling injury from September 16, 1965, through December 31, 1966.

The General Offices received the Award of Honor for 3,346,113 man-hours without a disabling injury from March 13, 1958, through December 31, 1966. This plaque has already been received at Spray.

Certificates of Commendation were awarded the Bleachery, Bedspread Finishing Mill and Central Warehouse for their excellent records in the prevention of accidents.

The Bleachery employees worked from November 18, 1964, through December 31, 1966, without lost time due to injury, accumulating 318,472 accident-free man-hours.

The Bedspread Finishing employees worked a total of 591,086 man-hours without a lost-time injury from August 24, 1965 through December 31, 1966.

Employees of Central Warehouse worked 332,495 man-hours without a lost-time accident between February 11, 1965, and December 31, 1966, to qualify for their award.

The Certificates of Commendation, mounted on handsome plaques, have

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