

Fieldcrest Employees Retire On January 1

Effective with this issue The Mill Whistle will resume publishing pictures of employees who retire under the Pension Plan. The first to appear are those who retired January 1, 1973. It will not be feasible to go back and make good on any retirements prior to that date.

The Mill Whistle earlier carried pictures of retiring employees when normal retirement came on December 1 of each year. Publication of the pictures was then discontinued because it was impractical to obtain information and pictures of persons who took early retirement at odd times during the year.

Two developments have made it possible to resume publishing retirement pictures: (1) under the present procedure whereby employees retire the first of the month on or following their 65th birthday, information regarding retirements is readily available; and (2) most employees now have a recent picture in the files because of the employment identification system, therefore photographs of retirees are already on hand.

Hereafter, The Mill Whistle will carry the employee's identification picture when he or she retires unless a new picture is preferred. The pictures will normally be published during the month in which the employee retired.

Fieldcrest employees retiring on January 1 were J. C. Boutwell Jr., Columbus Towel Mill, 17 years; Lillie C. Brown, Karastan Rug Mill, 16 years; Grady A. Clement, North Carolina Finishing Company division, 23 years; Edna M. Frazier, Karastan Rug Mill, 29 years; W. Leslie Hall, Blanket Greige Mill, 43 years; Beamon Harris, Karastan Worsted, 13 years; and Myrtle M. Light, Blanket Greige Mill, 39 years.

Also, Roy P. Light, Blanket Finishing Mill, 28 years; Elwin C. Martin, Karastan Rug Mill, 26 years; Lucille M. Martin, Karastan Rug Mill, 18 years; Gladys L. May, Columbus Towel Mill, 24 years; Elizabeth P. Price, Karastan Rug Mill, 41 years; John R. Thomasson, Blanket Warehouse, 28 years; and Jewell Williamson, Columbus Towel Mill, 26 years.



LILLIE C. BROWN



EDNA M. FRAZIER



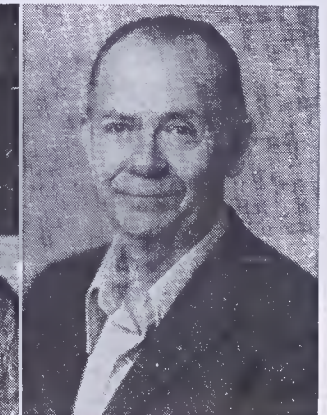
W. LESLIE HALL



BEAMON HARRIS



MYRTLE M. LIGHT



ROY P. LIGHT



ELWIN C. MARTIN



LUCILLE M. MARTIN



ELIZABETH P. PRICE



JOHN R. THOMASSON

Timothy E. Woods

Timothy Edward Woods celebrated his second birthday on Sunday, December 31. His mother, Virgie, works in the weave room at the Bedsread Mill. His grandmother, Ardell Hairston, is employed in the weave room at the Draper Sheeting Mill and his grandfather, John Hairston, is employed in the card room at the Draper Sheeting Mill.



Robin Denise Gantt

Robin Denise Gantt will be six years old on January 28. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Gantt of Eden. Her father is a weaver at the Blanket Greige Mill, second shift. Her mother is a draw-in hand at the Bedsread Mill, second shift. Robin's grandmother, Alma Kelly, is employed in the spinning room at the Bedsread Mill, first shift.



2nd Shift Colonial Sewing Wins Contest

The attendance contest winners at the Bedsread Finishing Mill for the month of December were the second shift Colonial Sewing employees with a 2.3% absenteeism rate. It was the group's first win in the contest.

The employees were served refreshments by their supervisors on Tuesday afternoon, January 9.

A special program has been under way in the Bedsread Finishing Mill since April to emphasize the importance of being on the job every working day.