

J. Frank Wilson Birthday Fete

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in community and civic activities, holding positions of leadership in various organizations and movements in Martinsville and Henry County and in Eden and Rockingham County when he lived here.

In the early years he served as a Henry County supervisor and as chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He was president of the Virginia Manufacturers Association and for many years was Democratic county chairman for Henry County.

When he was at Eden he served as chairman of numerous important war-time fund drives, including the Red Cross, USO, war bonds, Boy and Girl Scouts funds and other civic movements. He was a director of the North Carolina Textile Foundation and a member of the Inter-State committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Carolinas.

Mr. Wilson is remembered by many for his interest in baseball. An ardent fan, he for many years was well-known to players and fans throughout the section. He was the first president of the old Bi-State Baseball League and later was vice president of the Tri-City Baseball Club.

While living in Martinsville since his retirement from the Company, he has been active in many areas of community life. He served one year as a city councilman and then was Mayor of Martinsville for six years.

A native of Madison, Mr. Wilson married the former Franz Hahr Dobbs of Marietta, Ga. They have a daughter, Mrs. Franz W. Smith, of Martinsville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson live at 901 Mulberry Road in Martinsville.

CU Dividend

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The amount of dividends paid for this most recent period represent an increase of \$18,867 over dividends paid for the same period a year ago which totaled \$110,695.

Dividends paid for the first six months of 1973 amounted to \$120,399.

The December 31, 1973, dividend was at the rate of 6 percent per annum. This rate was made effective July 1, 1970 and was the fifth increase in dividend rates since the establishment of the Credit Union.

If any member does not receive his statement or has any question concerning his account, he should contact the Credit Union Office.

Three Complete Long Records Of Service

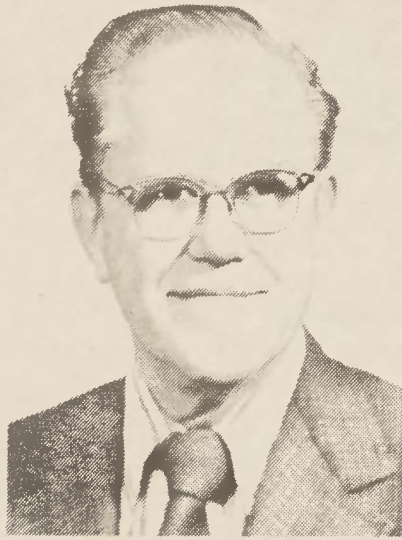
Three Fieldcrest employees have recently completed outstanding records of 45 years of continuous service with the Company. They are T. Rufus Ray, an inspection and project engineer; William C. Soots, a change fixer at the Fieldale Towel Mill; and Roy G. Whitten, a section foreman at the Karastan Rug Mill.

Each has received the Fieldcrest diamond-and-gold 45-year service emblem, a \$45 certificate for Company merchandise and a letter of commendation from President William C. Battle.

Mr. Ray has continuous service since January 1, 1929, when he was employed as a shipper in the Bedspread Storage and Shipping Department. He later worked as a checker at the Blanket Finishing Mill and as a second hand in the Bedspread Weave Room.

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Mr. Soots began continuous service also on January 1, 1929. He started as a loom cleaner in the Weaving Department at the Fieldale Towel Mill. He has



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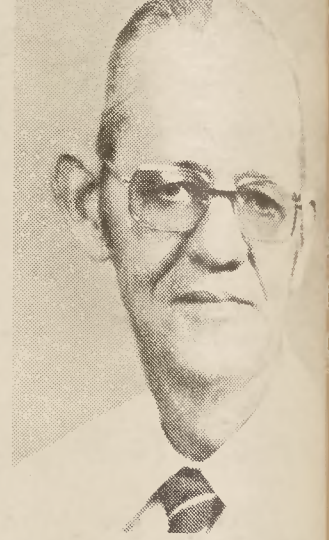
worked in the Weaving Department for his entire 45 years of service, as a weaver, loom fixer and change fixer.

Mr. Whitten began em-



WILLIAM C. SOOTS

ployment on December 29, 1928, as a clamp repairer in the Setting Department at the Karastan Rug Mill. He became an assistant foreman in the



ROY G. WHITTEN

Burling Department in 1942, and section foreman in 1970, serving nearly 37 years as supervisor in that depart-

Energy Conservation Plan In Operation

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"Cooperation has been excellent at all locations," he said.

To date, the Columbus Towel Mill has achieved the greatest reduction in energy usage while at the same time increasing production time.

"Columbus employees are to be commended for their outstanding efforts," Mr. Farrell said.

Monthly reports are being made by each location in order to compare usage for this year

and the preceding year. The amount of energy use reduction is determined from these comparisons.

According to Mr. Farrell, the measures already accomplished which are proving the most effective include stopping all leaks of water, air and steam, cutting off of all unnecessary lights, reduction of exhaust and lowering of temperatures in all offices and in mills where specific temperatures are not required for operation.

The 10 percent reduction in energy usage should be sufficient to keep all mills operating at present levels providing the weather does not turn abnormally cold, Mr. Farrell said.

Effect on Distribution

In the area of distribution of products, no immediate

problems resulting from the shortage seem at hand according to W. R. Kiser, division vice president in industrial engineering and distribution.

The Fieldcrest trucks, which transport just a portion of the company's products, use the fuel which is supplied by Goldston, Inc. of Eden, which turn purchases the fuel in bulk. So far, the necessary fuel has been available, though at increased prices, Mr. Kiser said.

The remaining products are mainly distributed by common carriers which also purchase fuel in bulk. Shipments have been normal in this area, according to Kiser. "If the fuel shortage remains at its present level and does not worsen appreciably, I do not foresee any serious problems," he said.

Recent Service Anniversaries

Forty-Five Years

Roy G. Whitten Karastan
T. Rufus Ray Engineering
William C. Soots Fieldale

Thirty-Five Years

Emma P. Joyce Karastan
Roxie C. Strong Karastan
Belle W. Harmon Draper Sheeting

Thirty Years

L. Christine Perdue Payrolls & Banking
Edgar Garner Columbus
Helen A. Plasters Fieldale
Raymond L. Williams Fieldale
Pauline R. Ratliff Bedspread
Elmer C. Stephens Columbus
Van H. Wimbish Bedspread
Raymond D. Overby Blanket Greige
Robert K. Wade N. C. Specials

Twenty-Five Years

Shead Abrom Columbus

Twenty Years

Clayton W. Harden Columbus
Desibee Stanford Columbus
William I. Whaley Karastan Spinning
Levy E. Owens Karastan Spinning

Fifteen Years

William E. Jones Karastan Spinning
Thomas P. Webster, Jr. General Accounting
Robena Cook Columbus
Ann R. Midkiff Bedspread Finishing
James M. Dean Columbus
John Lewis Columbus
Eley J. James Columbus

Ten Years

James M. Johnson Karastan
Lillie M. Davis Columbus
Evelyn K. Colley Blanket Greige
Jimmie Phillips Alexander Sheeting
Nellie B. Coleman Draper Sheeting
Theresa T. Halloway Columbus
Yvonne B. Galloway Bedspread
Dorothy S. Cox Sheet Finishing

Car Pool Project Advance

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not he or she wishes to participate in a car pool.

Those employees who do not wish to participate will be asked to give the information as to where they live anyway in the event they change their minds later.

It is hoped that a large number of Fieldcrest employees will participate in the plan as it will not only be a means to conserve gasoline but will also save the employee money.

Voluntary gas rationing by gas station operators is already in effect in most areas. Actual coupon rationing has not been ruled out by the government and could be effected at any time. Increases in the price of gasoline have occurred during the past few weeks and various government representatives have predicted that these costs will continue to rise sharply.

NCF Plan In Effect

Many employees at the North Carolina Finishing Company are already participating in a car pool plan.

On November 21, questionnaires were sent out to the approximately 700 NCF employees concerning car pools.

Some 75 percent of the employees indicated they were interested in joining a car pool plan. The names of the employees were then mailed according to routes and the returned on December 10, those wishing to participate.

NCF employees are also urged to ride motorcycles or bicycles to work and a special parking area has been set aside for these vehicles.

"NCF employees are enthusiastic about the plan and are participating in large numbers. We feel the program is highly successful," said R. Bell, area personnel manager.

SAVE GAS ... AND MONEY!
JOIN A CAR POOL.

Buy... Sell... Swap

FOR SALE: One set of Art Palmer Pro-Line 1, 3, 4 woods. Also MacGregor irons, putter, headcovers and bag. \$50. Call Jim Patterson, Fieldcrest extension 5337.

FOR SALE: Morse console stereo AM-FM-FM multiple 4-speed record player with external speaker and record storage. Call 623-2858 between 2:30 p.m. or 627-0172 after-