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Fieldcrest Had Good 1974 Safety Record

Hand injuries and slip or fall injuries headed the list of lost-time accidents at Fieldcrest Mills in 1974. Of the 87 disabling injuries during the year, 32 were from machinery and equipment, occurring mostly to the hands, and 18 were due to slips or falls.

K. R. Baggett, Fieldcrest director of safety and Workmen's Compensation, in an analysis of last year's safety experience, pointed out that the 87 accidents resulted in a frequency rate of 4.2 disabling injuries per million man-hours of operation, up slightly from 4.0 in 1973.

The severity rate, the number of days lost due to injury per million man-hours of operation, was 365 in 1974, a substantial

decrease from 594 the previous year.

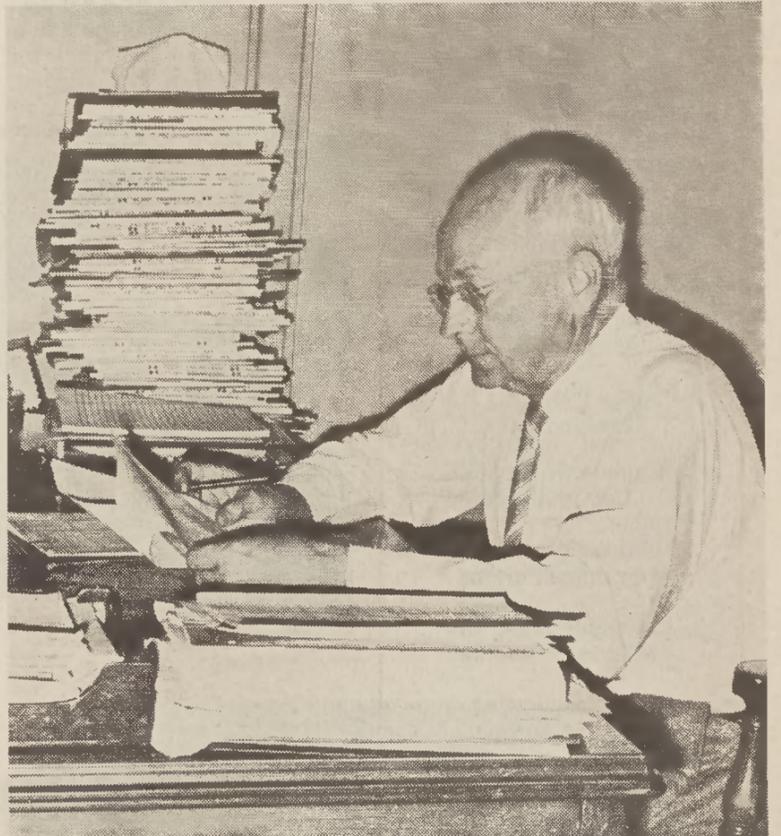
"Hands and eyes are irreplaceable," Mr. Baggett said, "yet, every year numbers of industrial workers injure their hands while performing unsafe acts around machinery. The majority, if not all, of these hand injuries could be prevented if the workers would not attempt to repair, clean or adjust machinery that is in motion. The majority, if not all, of the eye injuries could be prevented if the workers wore the prescribed type of personal protective equipment."

Striking against objects or being struck by flying or falling objects accounted for 16 lost-time accidents in 1974. "Injuries

from these causes, in most instances, do not result in any prolonged disability or permanent partial disability," Mr. Baggett said. "However, they are painful types of injuries and extra caution observed by the worker could result in the elimination of most accidents from these causes."

Mr. Baggett said "It is to the credit of employees that only six disabling injuries occurred as a result of strains and sprains during the year 1974. These are the types of injuries which often result in extended periods of disability due to the long healing period necessitated by the worker's continued inability to perform heavy tasks of lifting,

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J. G. Farrell, Fieldcrest energy coordinator, reads through material concerning the mounting cost of electric power.

Power Costs Skyrocketing; Conservation Is Imperative

The cost of electricity continues to be much in the news. The electric bills of many users have skyrocketed, mainly because of the "fuel adjustment clause" which permits power companies to pass on to consumers the increased costs of fuel (mostly coal) used in the generation of electricity.

Since most of the power companies that serve Fieldcrest plants in various states depend on coal for a large part of their fuel, the availability and cost of coal are of vital importance to Fieldcrest's operations.

"The company, like a household, is affected by the sharp rise in the cost of electricity. The cost per kilowatt-hour increased steadily during 1974, due to the fuel clause and rate increases," said J. G. Farrell, Jr., of the Engineering Department, who is the energy conservation coordinator for Fieldcrest.

"Fieldcrest buys millions of kilowatt-hours each year to power its operations. This necessary electricity has become an increasingly higher cost in doing business," Mr. Farrell said.

"This makes it more important than ever that we conserve electricity in every way possible. Dollarwise, elec-

tricity offers the greatest opportunity for savings because of the huge amount used."

In view of the continuing problem of fuel costs, no one can realistically expect that there will be a reduction in the cost of electricity. On the contrary, the cost is expected to go even higher, according to those in a

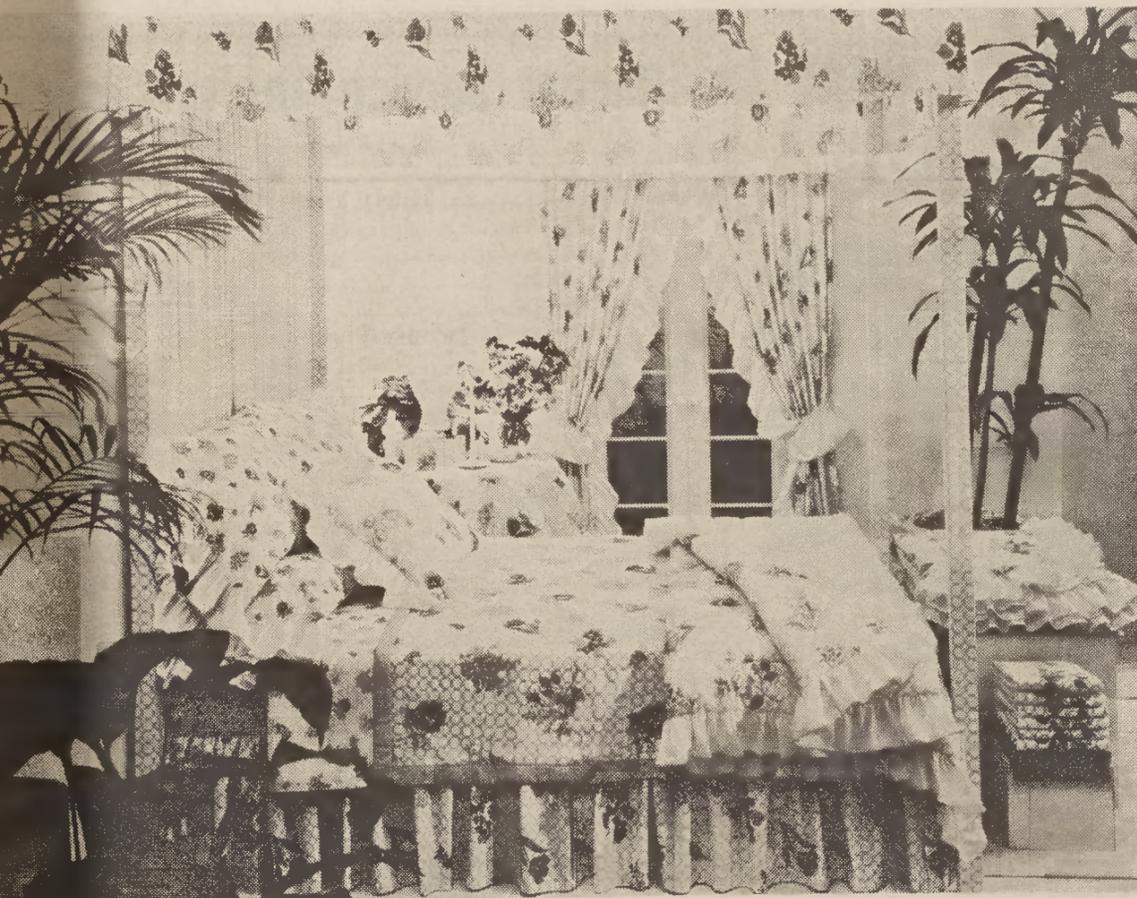
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Scholarship Deadline

March 1 is the deadline for submitting applications for Fieldcrest or Muscogee Scholarships. Awards of the scholarships are to be announced in April.

Those who wish to apply for a scholarship should obtain an application form from their area personnel manager or personnel office or call at the Employment Office of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. in the General Offices building, Eden, or write to Mr. M. B. Franklin, Industrial Relations Department, Fieldcrest Mills,

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The fresh multicolored print "Garden Party" is the key motif in the "Complements for the Home" collection.

'Complements For The Home' Introduced In Spring Line

A new approach to merchandising bed and bath fashions was introduced in the Fieldcrest Spring 1975 line with "Complements for the Home," a fully accessorized and coordinated collection for the bed and bath which is being marketed jointly by Fieldcrest and Crossill, Inc.,

a major manufacturer of curtains, draperies and bedroom accessories. The two major home furnishings manufacturers have agreed to market their respective merchandise as a coordinated story.

Called "Complements for the Home," the collection includes

sheets, pillowcases, towels, a comforter and blanket made by Fieldcrest. Curtains, draperies, a pillow sham, dust ruffle, round tablecovering, bed canopy and bedspreads are made by Crossill. A fresh multicolored "Garden Party" print is the key

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