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Completes 50 Years

Bunyan L. Thompson of the Bedsread Mill has completed an outstanding record of 50 years of continuous service with Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

He was honored by the management at a luncheon at Meadow Greens Country Club Friday, May 23, which was attended by other members of the 50-Year Club.

Mr. Thompson has worked at several mills during his half-century with the company and most of his years have been spent in weave room occupations. He currently works as a loom fixer instructor.

He was first employed as a doffer at the old Nantucket Mill May 25, 1925. The Nantucket was making gingham at the time. He worked on most of the jobs in the Nantucket Mill and later was transferred to the old Rhode Island Mill which was making suitings. He worked as a cotton blender and then was employed at the old Lily Mill (later called



B. L. THOMPSON
... New 50-Year Employee ...

the Silk Mill, then Rayon Mill and finally the Synthetic Fabrics Mill).

He was a shuttle threader for about four years before entering military service in World War II. He served in Europe for two (Continued On Page Six)

Sony Will Distribute Fieldcrest's Bed And Bath Products In Japan

On April 17, Fieldcrest was officially introduced in Japan at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Sony Building in Tokyo attended by William C. Battle, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., Mrs. Battle and Fred B. Stigeler, vice president of Fieldcrest International along with top Sony management.

The Sony Trading Corporation and Sony Plaza Co., Ltd., wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Sony Corporation, Tokyo, have been granted the exclusive marketing and distribution rights for Fieldcrest bed and bath products in Japan.

The Sony Corporation, with international manufacturing and marketing facilities, is one of the world's leading names in the field of consumer electronics with annual sales figures in

excess of \$1.3 billion divided almost equally between export and domestic business.

The merchandise will be sold through leading Japanese department stores, Sony Plaza stores, and other fine specialty stores throughout Japan.

In addition to a carousel display of Fieldcrest merchandise in the main lobby of the Sony Building, Fieldcrest boutiques have been set up in the Sony Plaza store and the Isetan department store in Tokyo for

the initial introduction. Within the next year Fieldcrest products will be marketed through Sony Plaza stores in other cities.

A formal reception was also held at the home of Mr. Akio Morita, president of the Sony Corporation, for Mr. and Mrs. Battle, Mr. Stigeler, and Sony executives to celebrate the Fieldcrest and Sony agreement. The affair was also attended by the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Mr. James D. Hodgson.

Scholarship Winner

Timmie L. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barnes and a graduating senior at Kendrick High School, has been awarded the Muscogee Foundation's annual scholarship award.

The scholarship is worth \$4,000 over the four years of college and is awarded on the basis of high school grades and scholastic aptitude for college work, plus consideration of citizenship and financial need.

Timmie ranks in the upper one percent in a class of 420 students. He is engaged in many extracurricular activities: president of the senior class, president of the Honor Society, vice president of the Spanish Club, (Continued On Page Eight)



TIMMIE L. BARNES



In showroom at Karastan Rug Mill, President William C. Battle points out the Persian Hunting pattern Oriental-design rug to Sir Patrick and Lady Shaw.

Distinguished Guests See Karastan

Distinguished guests from Australia and South America visited Fieldcrest Mills last week, making tours of the Karastan Rug Mill and the Fieldcrest Store.

Sir Patrick and Lady Shaw of Australia and Mr. and Mrs. William Belton of South America were in Eden as the guests of President and Mrs. William C. Battle. They were accompanied by the Battles on their tours in Eden.

From Eden, the visitors went on to Charlottesville, Va., where

they visited the University of Virginia and Monticello.

Sir Patrick is the Australian Ambassador to the United States and is one of his country's top foreign service officers. He has held ambassadorial posts in India and Indonesia and top positions in the Department of External Affairs in Canberra. He was Australia's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Mr. Belton is a retired foreign service officer who was Mr. Battle's deputy chief of mission at the American Embassy in

Canberra when Mr. Battle was the U.S. Ambassador to Australia. Mr. Belton later held key posts in Panama, Mexico and Latin American countries.

An international authority on birds, Mr. Belton currently is doing a comprehensive work on the birds of South America. He spends most of the year in the jungles of Brazil working on this study. He did a similar work on the birds of Australia when he was there. The Beltons make their home in West Virginia when not in Brazil.

Don't Withdraw CU Savings

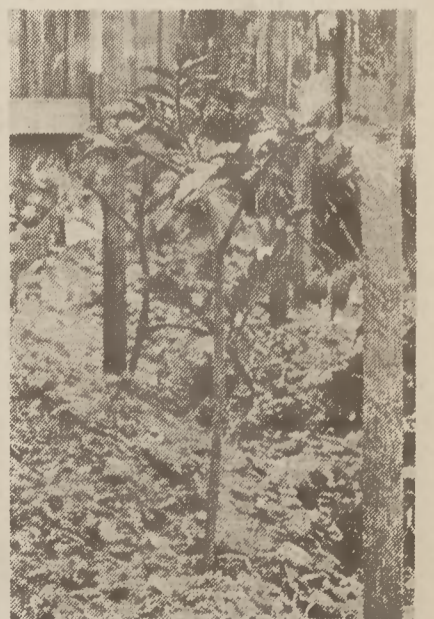
If you will need money in June and are thinking about withdrawing your Credit Union savings, don't do it.

According to the Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union, you could be better off to obtain a short-term loan instead. Then your savings would continue to earn interest until the end of the dividend period on June 30.

If you withdraw the savings before June 30, the dividends that have been accruing since January 1 would be lost.

The Credit Union suggests, if you need money before June 30, that you consider obtaining a loan now and let it be paid off out of your share account July 1, after your dividends have been credited.

If a sizable amount of money is involved, the interest on the loan normally will be less than the amount of dividends you would (Continued on Page Eight)



Beat Inflation!

Thinking of growing your own vegetables? Many Fieldcrest employees are doing just that. See pages four and five.