

Outlook For Natural Gas — 'Grim' Says J. G. Farrell

How will the expected shortage of natural gas affect Fieldcrest Mills? Gas companies predict a shortage this winter much more severe than last year. Projections by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co. (Transco) indicate it will be 43 percent short of its demand and may be forced to order curtailment throughout its system. Transco is North Carolina's only supplier.

Joe Farrell, Fieldcrest's energy conservation coordinator, said the outlook for natural gas is "grim." He said the company is continually looking for alternate fuel sources and has arranged for standby fuels wherever possible. "We know we will not have any gas for boilers and we will have less than usual for dryers and other process use," Mr. Farrell said.

He said standby fuels, oil and coal, are available for boilers but may be in short supply before the winter is over.

"A coal strike is going on now (August 27) which we hope will not develop into anything big. Availability of fuel oil is uncertain. One thing is sure, though: whatever we get, it will cost more than last winter — with the possible exception of coal."

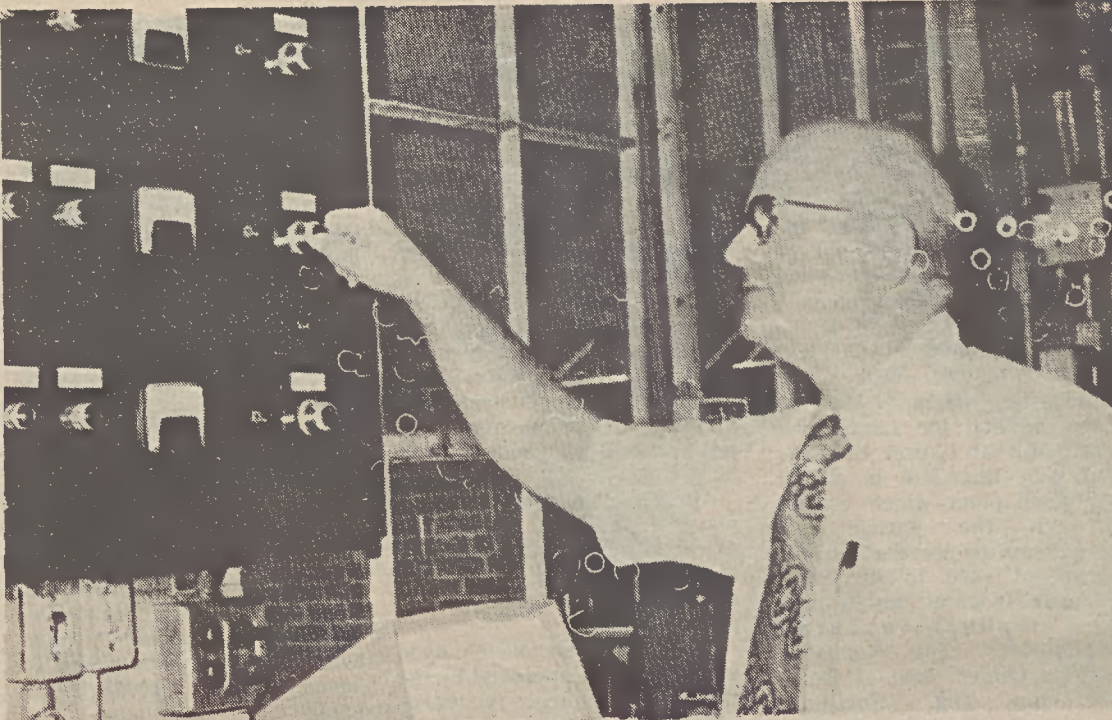
Mr. Farrell said that the Laurelcrest Carpet Plant has been notified that it will receive no natural gas this winter for processing (Laurel Hill is supplied by a different delivery company from those serving other locations). Curtailment of operations or the necessity of special arrangements is a definite possibility there.

"Even without the curtailment at Laurel Hill last year, our usage of natural gas would have been less than normal due to the reasonably mild winter and the general downturn in business," Mr. Farrell said.

"We still need to conserve energy in all forms. Whatever energy is available this winter, it will continue to increase in price. Energy just isn't going to get any cheaper."

Dividend Voted

Directors of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. voted on September 4 to pay a quarterly dividend of \$.25 per share on September 30 to holders of record September 16.



H. E. Williams at the new valve control panel for the Karastan and Draper reservoirs.

'Just Healthy — and Fortunate'

Forty-three years of continuous service without ever being off the payroll. That's the record H. E. Williams will complete on September 20.

While his service record is outstanding in itself, it becomes more remarkable when it is known that during his 43 years of work he has lost only two half-days due to personal illness.

"I guess I'm just healthy — and fortunate," he said when asked to account for his exceptional attendance record.

Mr. Williams, a Kinston native who is employed in the corporate Engineering Department at Eden, joined the company in 1932 just after his graduation from North Carolina State University (then North Carolina State College) with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering.

He was given his first job by J. M. Norman, long-time manager of the Karastan Rug Mill who is now retired. Mr. Williams operated the filter plant at the Bedsread and Karastan Mills on the night shift. He recalls that there were only two shifts and he worked 12 hours a night. The daytime operator was the late Waymon Smith.

Has Varied Duties

Although his title is property conservation director with responsibility for fire protection at all of the mills, his duties and assignments have been many and varied. In addition to

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Four Receive Promotions



RAY N. LAND



JOSEPHINE B. NEAL



T. J. ROBERTSON



JOHN D. WASHBURN

The following promotions at the Blanket Finishing Mill have been announced effective recently:

Ray N. Land, from second hand to shift foreman in the Beck Dyeing Department; Josephine B. Neal, from supervisory trainee to shift foreman in the Packaging Department; T. J. (Joe) Robertson, from shift foreman in the Drape Sewing Department at the Bedsread Finishing Mill to section foreman of the Cutting and Sewing Department at the Blanket Finishing Mill; and John D. Washburn, from second hand in the Beck Dyeing Department to shift foreman in

the Clothing Finishing Department.

Mr. Land has continuous service since 1949 and worked as a sheet tearer, service operator and fixer in the Sheet Cutting and Sewing Department. He transferred to the Blanket Finishing Mill in 1963 and worked as a shop helper and then as a machine operator and dryer tender in the Beck Dyeing Department. He had been a second hand since September, 1971.

Mrs. Neal was first employed at the Blanket Grieve Mill in 1964 and worked as a filling packer, Schweiter winder tender and

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Tennis Fan Praises Fieldcrest Sponsorship of Tournaments

For the second consecutive summer, Fieldcrest participated in the sponsorship of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tennis tournaments which were held in eight cities in the U. S. and Canada. The semi-finals and finals of these tournaments were broadcast over Public Broadcasting stations during July and August.

The following is a letter commending Fieldcrest for its sponsorship of these matches.

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August 21, 1975

Fieldcrest Mills
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Eden, North Carolina 27288

ATTENTION: Public Relations Department

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your sponsorship of the public broadcasting systems' coverage of Grand Prix tennis. We have been watching a great number of outstanding matches this summer on our local educational Channel 36.

I thought you would like to know that there are large numbers of people in this region who appreciate the support you are giving this tennis coverage and we will do what we can to reciprocate by utilizing your products and services as the opportunity arises. Thanks again,

Yours very truly,
R. A. Kampwirth

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cc: W.M.V.T. — Channel 36

Al Geiberger To Visit Store

Al Geiberger, a former PGA champion and one of the nation's best-known professional golfers, will conduct a clinic and play an exhibition match at Meadow Greens Country Club Monday, September 15, under the sponsorship of the Fieldcrest Store at Eden.

During his visit here, he will make a personal appearance at the Fieldcrest Store on Highway 14. The public is invited to visit the store and meet Mr. Geiberger. The tentative hours for the personal appearance are 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The clinic and exhibition match are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Meadow Greens Country Club. The public also is invited to attend the clinic and exhibition match. There will be no charge for admission. At the clinic, Mr. Geiberger will give pointers to golfers on an individual basis to the extent that time permits.

Mr. Geiberger won the PGA championship in 1966. He was winner of the Sahara Invitational in 1974. More recently, he won the Tournament of Champions in April and the Tournament Players championship in August of this year. He has participated in the GGO for the past 17 years.