

'Just Healthy—and Fortunate'

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property conservation, he is responsible for water filtration and waste water treatment at all the plants.

He has the general care of the General Offices Building, the AMP Building and the new Technical Center with responsibility for the supervision of the janitor-watchman crews. He also has responsibility for the floor finishing crew which serves all the mills.

To go back to the early 1930s when he was new with the company, he was transferred from Karastan to the old Woolen Mill and worked as a filter operator there and later was in charge of the wool scouring and preparatory processes for a short time.

In 1936 he was transferred to the central Engineering Department "because Mr. Humbert needs him," according to a notation on his personnel record. (The late W. F. Humbert was director of plant engineering at that time).

Was Safety Director

Along with his engineering duties, Mr. Williams was safety director for many years. During that period he was chairman of the Textile Section and a member of the executive committee of the National Safety Council. While so associated with the NSC he was co-author of a safety color code which is now an international standard. During World War II he received a citation for this work from the U.S. government. Also, while a member of the NSC executive committee he co-authored the first textile safety code and presented papers on industrial housekeeping at state and national safety conferences.

Mr. Williams has been on the advisory board of the North

Carolina Department of Labor for many years. He served as chairman of the educational committee for a number of years and helped to write the department's pamphlet on industrial fire protection. He worked with the North Carolina Industrial Commission and helped to establish a safety film library at the Industrial Commission's offices in Raleigh.

Fireman 34 Years

Ten years ago Mr. Williams was given the title of sanitary and filter engineer and later was given the additional responsibility of property conservation director.

Aside from his varied duties at Fieldcrest, he has led an extremely busy life. He is a former Leaksville city councilman and served 34 years as a member of the Leaksville Fire Department. Now an honorary fireman, he holds the record for the most years served as a volunteer fireman.

With the late Harry Davis, he organized the Rockingham County Fire Protective Association. He was the civil defense director for the county for many years and through his efforts a 2-way radio fire communication system was established throughout the county.

Taught Chemistry

Mr. Williams taught chemistry to student nurses at the old Leaksville Hospital for approximately 15 years and is proud of the fact that not one of his students ever failed to pass the chemistry part of the state board examination. During World War II he taught industrial safety in courses sponsored in North Carolina by Duke University and in Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He holds top certification in both drinking water treatment and waste water treatment. He received national recognition for recycling and reusing water at the company's Foremost Screen Print Plant at Stokesdale and made talks discussing the new system at many points in the U.S.

He is a long-time member of the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association and has taught in their schools at North Carolina State University. He is recognized in industrial fire protection by the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Active In Community

Mr. Williams is active in community programs such as the YMCA and with the Leaksville-Spray Y's Men's Club, was instrumental in developing, lighting and improving playgrounds in the community. He is a member of the Eden Rose Society and takes pride in growing beautiful roses in his garden. He is a long-time member of the Leaksville United Methodist Church and has sung in the choir for many years.

He is married to the former Frances Moore, a native of Eden. She at one time was a secretary at Fieldcrest and now is secretary at the Leaksville United Methodist Church. The Williamses have two children and one grandchild.

Their daughter, Sara, is now Mrs. F. R. Tollison of Greensboro. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Williamses' son, Elwood (Woody), received his M. A. degree from the Eastman School of Music and has been teaching music at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J.



Little League Co-Champs

The Foremost Screen Print team, shown above, were co-champions in the Oak Ridge Athletic Association Little League playoffs held recently. Team members are, front row, left to right, Tony Dew, Dale Hodges, Avery Frazier, Timmy Pegram and Johathan Middleton, bat boy. Second row, left to right, are Derek Hill, Gene Frazier, Edgar Warren, Vincent Brown and David Isley. Third row, left to right, are Guan Hill, Danny Pegram, Chris Charoll and David Middleton, Jr.

Trophy winners, bottom photo, are, left to right, Edgar Warren, best batting average; David Middleton, Jr., most runs batted in; and Gene Frazier, most home runs. In rear are coaches Alison Frazier and Doug Hodges.



Promotions

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Model E spinner. She entered the supervisory training program in September 1975 and worked as a trainee in the Packaging Department prior to her promotion to shift foreman.

Mr. Robertson joined the company in 1970 as a floor man in the Storage and Shipping Department at the Bedspread Finishing Mill. He became a management trainee a short time later. In February, 1971, he was appointed a shift foreman and continued in that capacity until his latest promotion.

Mr. Washburn's continuous service began in 1949 when he was employed as a shuttle threader at the old Synthetic Fabrics Mill. He was transferred to the Blanket Finishing Mill in February, 1956. He worked on virtually every job in the Piece Dyeing Department and was a second hand from March, 1970, until his promotion to shift foreman.

One Year Old



Ernest Roger Wilkerson, 1, celebrated his first birthday on August 6. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Wilkerson, Jr. His father is employed in the Canteen Department. His mother, Mozelle, is employed in the Winding Department at the Karastan Rug Mill.

THE MILL WHISTLE



Co-Workers This Summer

Mother and daughter and coworkers, too — Lucy Hopkins, left, a utility operator in the Sewing Department at the Fieldale Towel Mill, and her daughter, Shirley Hopkins, a summer employee in the Sewing Department, enjoy barbecue together during the recent Sears "Symbol of Excellence" award presentation festivities. Shirley, a 1974 Fieldcrest Scholarship recipient, is a sophomore at VPI where she is studying French and chemistry.