

Completes 40 Years' Service



PAUL J. MINTER

Paul J. Minter, a maintenance mechanic in the Wool Carding Department at the Blanket Greige Mill, has been honored by Fieldcrest for attaining 40 years of continuous service with the company.

Mr. Minter has received the Fieldcrest 40-year service pin, a \$40 gift certificate for company merchandise, and a letter of commendation from President William C. Battle.

Joining Fieldcrest on November 14, 1935, Mr. Minter has worked his entire 40 years at the Blanket Greige Mill. He began employment as a card feeder. He later worked in various production jobs including finisher tender, card grinder helper and working second hand before becoming a maintenance mechanic, his present classification, in 1959.



Donald Dunkley's damaged safety shoe.

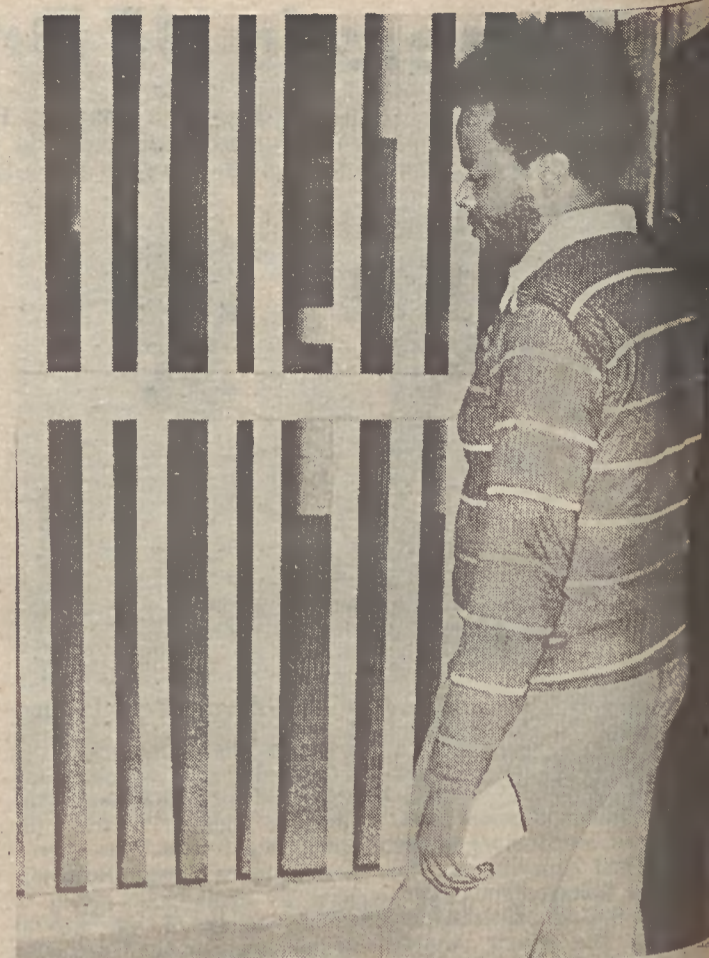
Safety Shoe Saves Foot

Safety shoes recently saved an employee at the Blanket Finishing Mill from what could have been an extremely serious foot injury.

Donald Dunkley, a bedspread batcher, might have suffered a badly smashed foot when he caught it between an elevator and

the wall. The entire metal cap on his safety shoe was ripped off, but he suffered no serious injury.

Mr. Dunkley has been nominated for membership in the Golden Shoe Club, a national organization made up of persons who have escaped foot injury by wearing safety shoes.



Mr. Dunkley shows where accident happened.

Strong Recovery Credited To Employees

(Continued from Page One) tained as business gets better," Mr. Battle said.

In commenting on the impact that foreign competition might have on Fieldcrest's operations, he said:

"I don't think Fieldcrest is vulnerable to foreign competition to the extent that some other textile companies are. This is because our products are high-

quality, high-style products backed by the best service in the industry as far as the customer is concerned."

Mr. Battle said Fieldcrest is selling overseas today in Europe, England, Australia, and even Japan. In fact, he said the demand is a little greater than capacity will support. The type of products that would come in and disrupt the local industry

are "simply not the type products we make or that compete with us."

With respect to the recovery from the recession in the country as a whole, Mr. Battle said:

"My best guess is that we are going to see gradual improvement this year. I don't think we are going to see the falling back, if you will, that we saw last year. If there is no great escalation of raw material prices and if the economy continues at a modest improvement with no great slowdown, I see no reason why we should not be in for a period of improving business rather than declining."

Discussing specifically the outlook for Fieldcrest, he said: "I am very enthusiastic about Fieldcrest and its future. Our balance sheet is so much stronger than it was at this time last year. Our operating statements are so much better, and all of our divisions are operating in a most acceptable and commendable way."

Referring again to the past year, Mr. Battle praised the response of salaried personnel to staff cutbacks and the freeze on pay increases and noted that some management people have not received a salary increase for almost two years. "Their response has just been tremendous. They realized, I think, that what they were doing was significant to their contribution and was very vital to the health of the company. I think they reacted in a very superior way."

Appointments Announced



HILDA I. LOWE

Two new appointments have been announced at the Blanket Finishing Mill, effective recently. Hilda I. Lowe, was promoted to shift foreman of the Cut and Sew Department from supervisory trainee; and Michael Q. Arledge joined the company as a shift foreman, also in the Cut and Sew Department.

Mrs. Lowe began employment with Fieldcrest in 1971 as a sewer at the Blanket Finishing Mill.



MICHAEL Q. ARLEDGE

She became a supervisory trainee in 1974.

Mr. Arledge came to Fieldcrest from Bernard Company, Twin Rivers, Wisconsin, where he was a supervisor in the Cut and Sew Department. He had previously been employed by J. P. Stevens & Company, Whitmore, S. C., as an overseer in greige manufacturing. He is a 1971 graduate of Presbyterian College with a B. S. degree.



"Pecos Pete" will entertain at parties.

Six Months Old



Kenneth Glenn Keatts, six months old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Glenn Keatts. His father is employed in the Weave Room at the Bedspread Mill. A grandmother, Mrs. Margie W. Brooks, is employed at the Blanket Greige Mill.

Christmas Parties Set

(Continued from Page One) Claus, who will present a treat to each child under 13 years of age. The supervisors and other officials will assist Santa in handing out the treats to the youngsters.

The children and grandchildren of Fieldcrest employees, active and retired, are cordially invited to the parties.

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