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50 Years Of Service — And He'd Do It All Again

Bunyan Lee Thompson will soon be enjoying fishing, his annual gardening and some plain "piddling around." But there will be a difference this year. He retired effective February 1 with over 50 years of continuous service with Fieldcrest.

A loom fixer instructor at the Bedsread Mill at retirement, Mr. Thompson came to work at Fieldcrest in 1925 as a doffer at the old Nantucket Mill. During his 50 years with the company, he worked at the old Lily Mill (later called the Silk Mill, then the Rayon Mill and Synthetic Fabrics Mill). He became a

loom fixer at the Synthetic Fabrics Mill in 1952, and when that mill closed in 1956, he went to the Bedsread Mill as a loom fixer.

Born in Franklin County, Va., Mr. Thompson was one of 10 children. His family moved to Eden when he was 10 years old. At one time, his father and all 10 children worked for Fieldcrest.

One brother, Kermit, is still an active employee working in the Spinning Department at the Bedsread Mill. Two brothers, Charlie and Oscar, and three sisters, Irva Hopkins, Celicia Reynolds and Emma Richardson, are retired Fieldcrest employees.

Mr. Thompson is married to the former Frances Washburn, a native of Eden and a long-service employee of the Karastan Winding Department. They have one son, Harold, an engineer at the DuPont Plant in Martinsville, Va., and two grandchildren.

An active member of the North Spray Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Mr. Thompson serves as an elder and a Sunday School teacher.

"If I had it to do over again, I would still come to work for Fieldcrest," Mr. Thompson said. "I just don't think you can beat Fieldcrest. It's a good company."

He says that he's just going to "piddle around" now that he's retired, but will do some fishing and some gardening.

A sign in Colorado Springs which makes people think as they approach railway crossings is this message: The Average Time It Takes a Train to Pass This Crossing Is Fourteen Seconds — Whether Your Car Is On It or Not."

Promoted



David L. LaPrade has been promoted from section foreman in the Cotton System Spinning Department at the Blanket Greige Mill to general foreman of the Flocked Blankets Department at the Non-Woven Mill.

He was section foreman at the Blanket Greige Mill from 1972 until his latest appointment. He earlier was a shift foreman in the Cotton System Spinning Department, having joined the company in March, 1969.



Her Slogan Was A Winner

Lella Jones was the most recent winner in the safety slogan contest at the Laurelcrest Yarn Mill. Her slogan was "A Safety Pin Has its Points."

The contest winner, a quality

control production clerk, is shown above as she was presented her gift selection, a tool box, by Mike Strother, Quality Control Lab supervisor.



BUNYAN LEE THOMPSON—Retires after 50 years.

Service Anniversaries

Thirty-Five Years

- Roy J. Forrest N. C. Finishing
- Herbert R. Warford N. C. Finishing
- Warren Dewey Talley Bedsread
- Perry L. Crouch N. C. Finishing
- Harold D. Mahaley N. C. Finishing
- M. H. McMichael, Jr. Blanket Greige

Thirty Years

- Gordon T. Land Karastan
- Willie H. Scroggins Columbus
- Charity A. Bailey Columbus
- Ellen T. Cayton Karastan
- Payton Blackstock, Jr. Bedsread Finishing

Twenty-Five Years

- Rossie Jumper Columbus
- Toy A. Wilson Bedsread
- Julia P. Comer Columbus
- Johnnie L. Pharrams Columbus

Twenty Years

- Billy D. Overby Blanket Greige
- Robert L. Tate Bedsread
- Dorothy S. Mills Karastan
- Phillip Hairston Blanket Finishing
- Melvin M. Smith Blanket Finishing

Fifteen Years

- B. Wilford Jones Fieldale
- S. Alfred Puckett Laurelcrest
- Elizabeth M. Grice Automatic Blanket
- Mary E. Shrum Automatic Blanket

Ten Years

- Essie D. Peoples Foremost
- William R. Coleman Karastan Sales
- Curtiss W. Cox Canteen-Eden
- Peggy B. Dotson Laurelcrest
- David Lacey Edwards Blanket Finishing
- Nannie M. McNeil Laurelcrest
- Walter J. Mitchell Foremost
- Daniel L. Tatum Fieldale
- Homer R. Wells Bedsread
- Naomi S. Delancey Sheet Finishing
- Ralph W. Foley Fieldale
- Willie Mae Moffett Columbus
- Emmy L. Ard Karastan Service Center
- Charlie P. Boyd Karastan
- Patricia A. Gildea Fieldcrest Sales
- Louise N. Moore Foremost
- Mary B. Robinson Laurelcrest
- Thelma Lee Spencer Phenix City