

ou Go, You'll See Our Trucks

drivers (Eden, Ala. area) take care of products or raw materials. Here, the over-the-road, beginning regularly spans Rhode Island to and occasionally all

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on each trip, every cleaned, checked an experienced team and a shop m, whose members

rotate duty 24 hours a day from 5 a.m. every Monday morning until 6 p.m. every Saturday, checks everything from the windshield and mirrors to tire pressure, fan, generator and compressor belts, all wiring, radiators, mufflers and hoses. Anything not in perfect working order is repaired before the truck is allowed back on the road.

Once given a clean bill of health, the tractors and trailers are parked at the terminal, ready for another trip. When loaded for the next trip, they are washed once again just before driving out of the terminal.

The company also leases two tankers, one of which is used to pick up latex from Akron, Ohio, and Charlotte for use by the Karastan Rug

Mill in carpet backing.

The other tanker delivers fuel oil from Greensboro to the Eden mills, the Fieldale Towel Mill and occasionally to the other locations such as the Mount Holly Spinning Mill.

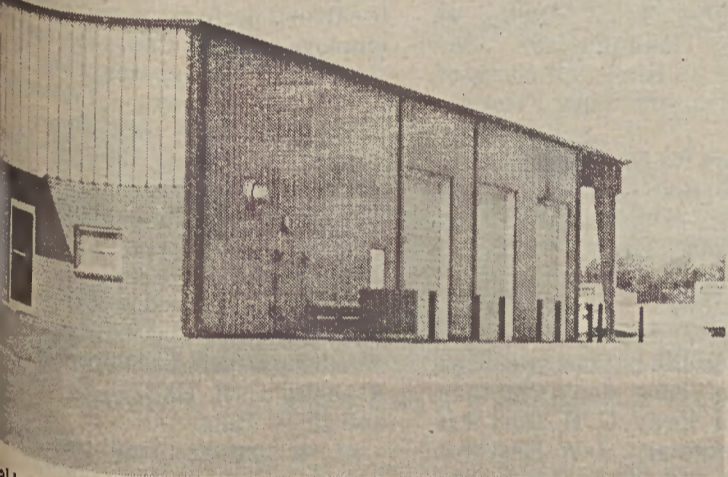
Working from the terminal on New Street which became operational in the spring of 1975, Fieldcrest's drivers, both local and over-the-road, have maintained an outstanding safety record. With the over-the-road drivers each averaging over 100,000 miles each year and the local drivers over 8,000, only one serious accident has occurred during the past five years.

In order to maintain an effective system of distribution, each tractor

and each trailer is numbered. These numbers are mounted daily on a large board listing each Fieldcrest location and each customer or distribution destination. In this way, the location of all trucks and goods can be determined instantly.

The Fieldcrest trucking operation provides prompt, efficient delivery of both raw materials to the mills and finished goods either directly to customers or to distribution.

A future issue of The Mill Whistle will carry a feature on Fieldcrest's truck drivers: what it's like to be "on the road," how they have maintained their outstanding record of dependability and safe driving.



located on New Street in Eden.



This truck is loaded and has been washed just prior to departure.



Drivers Carlisle Troxler, left, and John Hairston, loading cargo.