

Happenings . . .

59 Years As Choir Director

87-Year-Old Retiree Honored By Church



W. J. SQUIRES
... Still in Choir ...

Fifty-nine years as director of his church choir. That's the record of W. J. Squires, who retired in 1955 as a quality man at the Blanket Finishing Mill.

Mr. Squires, 87 years old, was honored by the congregation of the First United Methodist Church for his service to the church and the community and for having directed the choir for almost 60 years. He retired from the post six or eight months ago and is now director emeritus. He still sits in the choir, however.

The service honoring Mr. Squires

included songs by a quartet composed of four of his children. Flowers on the altar were placed there by "friends", and an oversized "check" for \$1,000 was presented to the church organ fund in his name. Several hundred dollars more have been contributed since then.

During the program, Hazel M. Powell of Blanket Mill Accounting, gave a "This Is Your Life" type of reading citing Mr. Squires' accomplishments. "He has loved music all his life," she said, recalling many of his activities as a singer and musician and as a teacher of music to others.

In addition to leading the choir, he taught music, sang in the first Draper male quartet and played in an early community band. He played a variety of musical instruments.

Mr. Squires was one of the first members of the Draper town board and finished the term of mayor when A. S. Daniels resigned to take a position with the county. At his church, in addition to leading the choir he served in several positions, including Sunday School superintendent and teacher, trustee and member of the administrative board. The men's Bible class is named for him.

He has been honored as "Mr.

Methodist" and as "Father of the year." The Leaksville-Spray Exchange Club registered him in its Book of Golden Deeds. "The community of Draper has been enriched by the life of this man," said his pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Randolph.

Born on a farm in Alamance County June 11, 1889, Mr. Squires came to Draper from Roanoke Rapids in 1918. He worked at the Blanket Greige Mill as a card cutter, foreman of the weave room and foreman of the cloth room. He was transferred to the Blanket Finishing Mill in 1940 as a quality man and served that capacity until his retirement June 1, 1955.

In addition to his work at the mills, Mr. Squires taught night school classes in loom fixing, mill arithmetic and other textile subjects. He was a charter member of the Carolina Cooperative Council, an organization of the key men at the mills and was president of the Council 1934-35.

He has five sons, Merritt, Cecil, Ervin, Harold and Dan Squires; and a daughter, Ruth Minter. Harold is an industrial engineer at the Blanket Greige Mill; Dan is a shift foreman and Ruth an office clerk at the Draper Sheeting Mill. Merritt, Cecil and Ervin are former Fieldcrest employees.



JANICE COBLER

Wins Award

Janice J. Cobler has been named 1977 General Mills Family Leader Tomorrow. She won the honor scoring highest in John D. Bascom High School on a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to high school seniors throughout the country.

She will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Search for Leadership in Family Living, and is eligible for state and national honors. A State Family Leader will be selected and receive a \$1,500 college scholarship.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cobler, she has been accepted at Virginia Polytechnic and State University and plans a career in computer science and economics. Her father is supervisor in the Weaving Department at the Fieldale Textile Mill and her mother, Bea, works in the Yarn Preparation Department.

Pension Plan Options

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circumstances, the age and state health of you and your wife. Consider these things in mind you can choose the plan that is best for you.

It should be remembered assuming that you or you and your wife live the normal number of years after your retirement, all four choices described would pay out the same amount of money.

Retiree Dies At 96

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chapel. Burial was in the Ridgecrest Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Barksdale, Mrs. Edna Kallam, Mrs. Eden; Mrs. Mary Self, Burlington; sons, J. Reid Hailey, Eden, S. E. Hailey, Macon, Ga.; and P. E. Hailey, Wilmington, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express appreciation and thanks to the staff of Morehead Hospital, Dr. Henry Baker, Dr. A. W. Reeser, and many friends for the wonderful prayers, cards and flowers during Clarence Voss's stay in hospital.

MRS. CLARENCE VOSS
AND FAMILY



ERNEST S. MOYER

Dean's List

Ernest S. Moyer, a freshman majoring in accounting, was named to the 1976-77 Dean's List and Honor Roll at Barber-Scotia College in Concord.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Moyer of Eden. His mother, Ivadell, works in the Channel Blanket Department at the Blanket Finishing Mill.

CARD OF THANKS

Pomp Jarrett, Sr., of the Napping Department, Blanket Finishing Mill, would like to thank all of the Blanket Finishing employees for their kindness and gifts to him when his home burned.

Outstanding Student

Machielle S. Beaver has been named to the Chancellor's List at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for the fall semester of 1976.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman O. Beaver, she is a Fieldcrest Scholarship recipient and is a graduate of North Rowan High School. Her father is employed in the Finishing Department at North Carolina Finishing Company.

She holds a 3.79 grade average at UNC-Charlotte and is majoring in psychology.



MACHIELLE S. BEAVER

Off-Job Accidents Kill Five In 1976

Off-the-job accidents—car wrecks and other mishaps—claimed the lives of five Fieldcrest employees in 1976.

Three died in automobile accidents and firearms caused the death of two. "These statistics are grim but persuasive reminders that everyone should drive defensively at all times and never gamble with safety in any other way," said Kenneth R. Baggett, Fieldcrest safety director. "If you lose your gamble, you could lose your life."

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WANTED: A ride from the Draper section to the Blanket Finishing Mill in Spray on third shift. Call 635-4713.

WANTED TO BUY: Set of ladies' golf clubs. Call 623-9638 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 8-hp riding lawn mower with almost new engine. Call 342-0208 after 5 p.m.