

## Kermit Thompson Attains Fifty Years Of Service

"I would do it all over again. I've always been satisfied with my jobs."

That's what Kermit Thompson says about his 50 years of service with Fieldcrest.

Thompson, who achieved 50 years of continuous service today, September 26, will be honored by management at a luncheon on Tuesday, September 27, at Meadow Greens Country Club. Attending, in addition to Thompson and various company officials, will be members of Fieldcrest's 50-Year Club.

Thompson came to work for Fieldcrest in 1927 at the old Nantucket Mill in Spray. He later worked at the old Rhode Island Mill and also at the Blanket Greige and Blanket Finishing Mills before going to the Bedspread Mill in 1940. He is currently an overhauler in the Spinning Room at the Bedspread Mill.

In talking about various jobs he's had at Fieldcrest, Thompson says he likes his present job best.

"It's not as rushed as some of the others I've had," he said. He became an overhauler in 1964.

But Kermit Thompson is special to Fieldcrest for six other reasons in addition to his 50 years of service to the company.

The Thompson family is well on its way to becoming legendary. Six of Kermit Thompson's brothers and sisters, one of whom is deceased, have a combined contribution of 250 years of service to the company.

One brother, Bunyan Lee Thompson, achieved 50 years of service in 1975. He retired from the Bedspread Mill in 1976. Another brother, Charlie, had 39 years of service when he retired from the Karastan Rug Mill in 1968. William Oscar Thompson retired from the Bedspread Mill in 1967 with 27 years of service. George Thompson, who had retired from the Karastan Rug Mill in 1964 with 36 years of service, died in 1973.

Two sisters are also retired Fieldcrest employees. Celicia Reynolds and Irva Thompson are retired from the Bedspread Finishing and Blanket Finishing Mills, respectively.

But even that astounding record doesn't tell the whole story of the Thompson family and Fieldcrest.

There were 10 Thompson children who moved to Eden from Franklin, Va., in 1921. During a span of almost 60 years, all ten have at some time worked for the company.

Of the 10, two have achieved 50-year records of service, six have worked until retirement, and one is still an active employee.

That record of loyalty is hard to beat.

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