

# Silzer Joins Fieldcrest

Robert F. Silzer joined Fieldcrest as director of Personnel Research and Training, effective October 2.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University, he received a master's degree in psychology from Florida State University and a Ph. D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining Fieldcrest, he was associated with a psychological consulting firm in Minneapolis. He also served as a surgical technologist in the U. S. Army for three years.

Dr. Silzer's responsibilities will include the full range of training and management development activities.



**Dr. Robert Silzer**

A native of Chicago, he is married to Donna Hencken and the couple make their home in Greensboro.

# History Commemorates

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from employees, both active and retired, and their families as well as from company archives.

Some of the significant events in the history include the taking over of Mebane's mills by Marshall Field and Company in 1910, construction of the Fieldale Towel Mill in 1917, the unveiling of the first Karastan "Wonder Rug of America" in 1928, the operation of the mills during World War II when more than 2,000 employees served in the armed forces, publication of the first issue of The Mill Whistle in 1942 and how the paper got its name, and the formation of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. in 1953.

The most important elements in the company's past, however, are the thousands of employees who over the last 75 years have contributed so much to its success. Many present employees and retired employees, particularly those in the Eden-Fieldale area, are the third and fourth generation of their families to work the the company. It is to these people and all of Fieldcrest's employees that the history is dedicated, and for them that it was written.

The book will be mailed to retired employees and distributed in the plants and offices to active employees before the end of the year.

# Fieldcrest Negotiates Sale Of Mt. Holly Spinning Mill

Spray Cotton Mills and Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., have jointly announced that negotiations for the purchase of Fieldcrest's Mount Holly Spinning Mill by Spray Cotton are under way. It is anticipated that the transfer of ownership would be effective October 30, 1978.

Spray Cotton Mills is located in Eden, North Carolina, and employs about 300 persons. Its primary product is cotton yarn which it sells to weavers and knitters.

Mount Holly Spinning Mill, located in Mount Holly, North Carolina, was acquired by Fieldcrest in 1963 and has supplied spun yarn to various Fieldcrest plants as well as sales yarn. This plant employs approximately 100 persons and has about 8,600 spindles.

Mount Holly Spinning will be continued as a spinning operation and will operate as an independent but wholly-owned subsidiary of Spray Cotton, according to Welsford Bishopric, President of Spray Cotton Mills. It is anticipated that employment will continue at current levels and the management team will continue with Spray Cotton under the direction of Howard Justice, current plant manager.

# Moving Up . . .



**Chatham**

. . . CARL CHATHAM, to supervisor, Industrial Engineering, Blanket Finishing Mill from senior industrial engineer at that mill. He has been with Fieldcrest since 1963.

. . . THERESA GOLDSTON, to supervisor, Microfilm and Controls, AMP Building from special projects



**Goldston**

analyst, Finance and Accounting, AMP Building. She joined the company in 1977.

. . . SARA PENLEY, to shift foreman, Spinning, Karastan Spinning Mill from spinner at that mill. She has been with the company since 1958.



**Penley**



**Harry Brinkley**

# 45 Years

Harry L. Brinkley, a shift foreman at N. C. Finishing Company, has achieved 45 years of continuous service and has been honored by management. He received a 45-year service emblem, a \$45 gift certificate for company merchandise and a letter of commendation from W. C. Battle, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

Brinkley began in 1933 in special work in Dyeing and later in the Power Department. He has also held the jobs of second hand and electrical foreman, prior to his present position, in the Power Department.

# Service Anniversaries

## Forty Years

Harry Brinkley . . . . . N.C. Finishing

## Thirty Years

James Richard . . . . . Columbus  
Walter Montgomery . . . . . Karastan Service Center  
Isaac Robertson . . . . . Blanket Finishing

## Twenty-Five Years

Leamon King . . . . . Swift Spinning  
Molly Haddock . . . . . Karastan Spinning  
Curtis Williams . . . . . Columbus

## Twenty Years

J. Howard Lemons . . . . . Karastan  
David Patterson . . . . . Non Woven  
Hershal Graham . . . . . Columbus  
Elmer Dunagan . . . . . Fieldale  
Lois Hysmith . . . . . Phenix City  
Sallie Barnette . . . . . Phenix City  
Mary Hicks . . . . . Phenix City  
Wynona Connor . . . . . Alexander Sheeting  
Gene Sharp . . . . . Bedspread Finishing  
Nina Smith . . . . . Columbus  
Lois Eastridge . . . . . Phenix City  
Sylvia Harrison . . . . . Phenix City

## Fifteen Years

Zula Smith . . . . . Columbus  
Charles Grindstaff . . . . . Fieldale  
Barbara Bagwell . . . . . Columbus

Babe Young . . . . . Draper Sheeting  
John Brim . . . . . Blanket Finishing  
Jerry Scales . . . . . Blanket Finishing  
Mildred Silver . . . . . Alexander Sheeting  
Bobby Brooks . . . . . Canteen  
James Carson . . . . . Fieldale  
Bobby Eanes . . . . . Fieldale  
Mavis Massengill . . . . . Automatic Blanket  
Brewster Pendleton . . . . . Fieldale

## Ten Years

Billie Morris . . . . . Karastan Worsted  
Nancy Roberson . . . . . Karastan  
John Burchett . . . . . Draper Sheeting  
Mildred Hubbard . . . . . Fieldale  
Ruby Cockman . . . . . Blanket Greige  
Gertrude Sterling . . . . . General Offices  
Beverly Morgan . . . . . Mill Acct.—Laurel Hill  
Irvin Kohlmeier, Jr. . . . . Fieldcrest Sales  
Mary Wyatt . . . . . Fieldale  
Ruthie Johnson . . . . . Karastan  
Lazelle Brown . . . . . Phenix City  
Freida Dyer . . . . . Alexander Sheeting  
Judy Foster . . . . . Bedspread Finishing  
Susan Childrey . . . . . Info. Serv.—Karastan  
Mary Busby . . . . . Phenix City  
Myrtle Troxler . . . . . Karastan  
Jimmie Sims . . . . . Columbus