



Fieldcrest

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25-YEAR PINS—A highlight of the 25-Year Club picnic was the presentation of service emblems to 61 new members. In picture above Harold W. Whitcomb, assistant general manager, presents pin to Paul Sanford Taylor of the Bedspread Mill. Next in line is Lee Allen Baliles of the Sheeting Mill.

25-Year Club Has 673 Members

Food, fellowship and fun were the order of the day Saturday September 13 when members of the Fieldcrest Mills 25-Year Club attended the 10th annual meeting honoring the long-service group.

A large crowd gathered for the outing at Tri-City baseball park and heard music by Jim Eanes and his Town and Country Boys, from station WBTM, Danville, Va., the Fieldcrest Quartet and Tri-City band. A number of recreational events were held during the early part of the afternoon. A sumptuous picnic supper was served at 5 o'clock by members of the Matrimony Grange, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Davis.

During the informal program preceding presentation of service emblems to the new members, S. G. Strader gave the invocation and E. W. Medbery made a brief address of welcome. Responses were given by Levi Robertson, Roy Martin and Thomas Scales.

Harold W. Whitcomb spoke to the group, expressing the company's appreciation of the faithful service of 25-Year Club members. He discussed busi-

ness conditions briefly and asked the continued loyalty and understanding of the long-service employees. Following the talk Mr. Whitcomb presented 25-Year emblems to 61 employees coming into the club this year.

Membership in the club, including the new members, is 673. Oscar F. Ferguson who recently retired, is the long-service champion with 50 1/2 years of continuous service. Among the veteran
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Birthday Calendars

Leaksville-Spray Y's Men's club will canvass the communities this week to secure names for their community birthday calendars, a project undertaken to raise funds for new lighted tennis courts at Spray Recreation Park.

J. M. Burton, of Central Warehouse, chairman of the project, urges those interested in having their names placed on the calendars to contact any member of the club or call 112-M. Sixteen free gifts will be available on the birthdays of those listed on the calendar. The deadline for sales is September 27.

Fieldcrest Has Good Safety Year In 1951

Fieldcrest Mills had an outstanding safety record in 1951 as compared with the national average of the textile industry. Statistics just published by the National Safety Council show that the frequency for the entire textile industry was 6.90; whereas the overall accident frequency for all Fieldcrest Mills was 2.65. This means that our mills experienced only about one third as many lost time accidents per million man-hours as the average textile plant in the United States.

The Bleachery, Hosiery, Karastan, and Rayon Mills ranked in first place in their respective classifications. The Finishing Mill was in third place in its size group among dyeing and finishing plants. The Electric Blanket Mill was also in third place in its group, although the mill operated the entire year without a lost-time accident. The mills in first and second place also had perfect records for 1951 and ranked higher by virtue of more man-hours operated.

The Bedspread and Towel Mills made commendable showings for the year and other Fieldcrest plants ranked about average or above. Whereas our
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Johnston Visits Home After Korean Service

Cpl. Henry Johnston, formerly of the Finishing Mill Supply Room, is spending a 30-day furlough at home and was a visitor at the Finishing mill last week. Henry has just returned from Korea where he served for 10 1/2 months as a member of an infantry combat team. When his leave is up he reports to Fort Jackson, S. C., for re-assignment. He expects to get out of the Army in December when he will have been in 21 months.

Henry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Johnston of the Draper road. His mother, Katherine, is employed in the Jack Spinning Dept. at the Blanket Mill. All three of the Johnstons' sons are now in service and all three are former Fieldcrest employees. Derwood, formerly of the Jack Spinning Dept. is in the Marines stationed at Parris Island; Mac, formerly of the Sheeting Mill is in the Air Force stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi.