



# Fieldcrest MILL WHISTLE



## Karastan Finishing Dept. Has Perfect Safety Record For 14 Years



Picture above shows employees of the Finishing Department at the Karastan Rug Mill, who are nearing completion of their 14th year with a perfect safety record. The last lost time accident to occur—a comparatively minor injury—was in February, 1939.

Kneeling left to right: John Jones, Curtis Burroughs, Eugene Patterson, Walter Montgomery, John Hylton, Edd Dallas, Leonard Hopper, Edward Vernon, Ross Snead, Harry Martin, Claude Tucker, Everett Roberts.

Standing left to right: John Willis (assistant foreman), Oliver Duni-

vant, J. M. Norman (manager of the Karastan Mill), Elton Hall, Virgil Hall (superintendent of the Karastan), Thurman Hall, Morris Turner (foreman of the Finishing Department), Carl Horton, Leon Ingram, Ruby Morefield, Mabel Kiser, Susie Grogan, Janie McCulloch, James Hopkins, Winnie Scott, George Hutcherson, Tyre Parks, Raymond Talbert, Jackson Roberts, James Warf, Clinton Adkins, James Hazelwood, Harvey Walker, Earl Cook, and Delos Cardwell. William Brown, was not present when picture was made.

## AFL Union Loses Fieldale Election

Employees of the Hosiery Mill at Fieldale rejected the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, AFL, in an election conducted November 25 by the National Labor Relations Board. With 181 employees eligible to vote, a total of 168 ballots were cast, with 94 opposing the union and 70 voting in favor of representation. Four votes were challenged.

The results were announced by Henry L. Segal, NLRB representative from the Baltimore regional office, who supervised the election.

It was the American Federation of Hosiery Workers' second defeat at the Fieldale mill. The Fieldcrest workers similarly rejected the union in an election held two years ago.

The election November 25 followed a petition filed by the union with the NLRB, requesting certification as the bargaining agent for the Hosiery mill. The Company agreed to a consent election to allow employees an opportunity to vote as to whether or not they desired representation by the union.

## Santa Claus Parade At Fieldale Tonight

The largest crowd in the history of Fieldale is expected Monday evening, December 1, to greet the arrival of Santa Claus. The street in front of the YMCA will be roped off and the Martinsville high school band will give a concert under the direction of Ralph Shank. The plans call for Santa to land at the Martinsville airport and be picked up there by the Fieldale fire truck in time to arrive in Fieldale at 7 p. m.

Santa Claus will have treats for all of the children and will turn on the Christmas lights at Fieldale. A parade through the town will follow the concert.

After leaving Fieldale, Santa Claus  
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## New Fire Chief



Glenn H. Simpson, foreman of the Bleachery Sheet Sewing Dept. has been elected Leaksville's fire chief succeeding Harry Davis, and will assume his duties December 1 for a one-year term.

Mr. Simpson has been a member of the fire department for more than 10 years and last year served as assistant chief.

The department now has 26 men. The new chief was chosen through a vote of the firemen at their business meeting last week.