

Service Anniversaries

Thirty Years

Posey Priddy Karastan

Twenty-Five Years

J. Henry Crowder, Jr. Bedspread
James N. Murray Karastan
Daniel W. Patterson Rayon
William S. Barker Karastan

Fifteen Years

Howard Hyler, Jr. Blanket
D. Wade Williamson Blanket
Robert E. Burnett Blanket
Stella B. Talbert Bedspread
Melvin Gourley Towel
Archie L. Ross Hosiery
Jack Calvin Stultz Blanket
Harry V. Barrow Blanket
Alvis Martin Harris Blanket
W. H. Richardson, Jr. ... Standards Dept.
Lucy M. Thornton Blanket

Ten Years

Bessie T. Smith Towel
Flossie H. Shively Karastan
Homer L. Dodson Towel
Edna M. Frazier Karastan
Susie M. Grogan Karastan
Ellis R. Hall Blanket
Mable C. Kiser Karastan
Hattie O. London Karastan
Winnie D. Scott Karastan
Cleophus B. Turner Karastan
Baunard G. Hairston Sheeting
Ike B. Hawkins Rayon
Ruby H. Moorefield Karastan
Jesse J. Dillard Towel
Helen M. McCollum Karastan
Grady W. Vaughn Towel
Sadie R. Clough Karastan
Mallie W. Cox Karastan
Grace K. Sawyers Karastan
Theodore R. Taylor Rayon
Nathan Broadnax Finishing
Vernon Smith Blanket
Violet T. Berrier Karastan
Bertha C. Keaton Karastan
Robert P. Moyer Blanket



NLRB Orders Labor Election By April 9

Under a ruling by the National Labor Relations Board, an election will be held within 30 days of March 9 to determine whether our employees wish to be represented by the TWUA-CIO or the UTW-AFL or have no union. The date of the election and details of how the balloting will be conducted are to be announced later.

Employees eligible to vote will have three choices: TWUA-CIO, UTW-AFL, or no union. If none of the three gets a majority—that is, over 50 per cent of the votes cast, then the run-off election will be held between the two with the highest number of votes.

The election order was an outgrowth

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Camera Tour

The photographer snapped this picture at shift change time in the Hosiery Mill. Margaret Vernon and Ruby Watson, left, are preparing to leave while Hazel Garrett and Barbara Alley have taken over for the second shift.

Shown is the pre-boarding operation which immediately follows greige examining. Using high temperature and steam pressure pre-boarding sets the permanent shape of the stockings. The next operation is dyeing.



MILL VISITORS—A group of 18 business administration students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill made a tour of the Blanket and Sheeting Mills last week as a field trip in their studies of production management and time study.

Picture above shows some of the visitors in the carding department at the Blanket Mill. Operator in foreground is Woodrow Murphy. At extreme right is Dwight Livingstone, of the Training Dept. who was a guide for the tour.

of a dispute in progress since May 1952 between the TWUA-CIO and the UTW-AFL—each claiming it represents a majority of Fieldcrest employees. The UTW-AFL filed a petition with the NLRB requesting an election to determine whether or not either union represents a majority of the workers.

Under terms of the NLRB order, all of the North Carolina mills will vote as a unit, and the overall vote will determine the outcome. If the employees choose one of the unions that union will represent the workers in all of the North

Carolina plants, rather than in just the mills where that union obtained the majority vote. Approximately one-third of the employees in our North Carolina mills have never been members of any union.

The Company has advised the TWUA-CIO, the present certified bargaining agent, that it desires to terminate our present contract at its expiration date, April 30, 1953, and that no contract negotiations would be entered into until the question of representation has been determined.