

Ceremony Honors Nine Employees Retiring Under Pension Plan

Nine employees retired December 1 under the Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. pension plan to make a total of 449 Fieldcrest employees who have retired with pension since 1943. Ceremonies honoring the retirees were held in the Nantucket conference room Monday November 30, at which time the first monthly pension checks were presented.

O. Walker Land, Synthetic Fabrics Mill, with 45 years and 11 months, led the group in length of continuous service. Mrs. Hope M. Flinchum, Blanket Mill, was second with 41 years and eight months and James H. Wade, Blanket Mill, was next with 34 years and two months. Charlie W. Agee and Mrs. Maggie B. Peters, Finishing Mill, each had 30 years and six months.

Joseph H. Franklin, Towel Mill, had 30 years and two months; Arthur L. Goins, Towel Mill had 21 years and seven months; James A. Arnold, Towel Mill, had 10 years and one month; and Earl B. Brannon, Blanket Mill, had six years and 11 months of continuous service.

B. C. Trotter, secretary of the Retirement Committee, presided at the meeting and presented E. W. Medbery, who expressed appreciation of the individual contributions of the retirees toward the success and stability of the Company. He described the Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. pension program as a well-funded, well-established pension plan that retired employees can depend upon to ease their minds on financial problems.

Harold W. Whitcomb, vice president in charge of operations, in his remarks to the group, pointed out that each of the nine men and women was retiring at their normal retirement date and said this was an indication that they wanted to retire and had chosen to retire now rather than work an additional six month as they could have elected to do. The new owners of the mills agreed to retain the pension plan as one of the conditions of the sale. Mr. Whitcomb asserted, and over \$6 million has been taken out of the Marshall Field & Company pension trust and placed in the Fieldcrest Mills Inc. pension fund administered by the First National Bank of Chicago as trustee. This amount represents the proportionate share ear-marked for Fieldcrest employees. Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. will make annual payments to the trust fund to carry on the benefits for those employees who will retire in the future, Mr. Whitcomb said.

Funds placed in the pension trust can never be recovered by the Company and must be used solely for the

payment of pensions to retired employees.

Individual citations regarding the service records of the retiring employees were read by the respective mill managers. Mr. Trotter explained the rights and benefits enjoyed by retired employees. He said retired employees are still identified with the Company and make up an important part of the "Fieldcrest family." He invited the retirees to return for visits to the mills and offered the services of the Personnel Department in assisting them on any problems involving their rights and privileges as retired employees of the Company.

Five of the eight members of the newly-appointed Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. Retirement Committee were present for the meeting: Messrs. Whitcomb, Medbery, Trotter, E. L. Brown and Dr. William McGehee. Members of the committee not present were Milton C. Mumford and James C. Walsh, of New York, and Macon P. Miller who was away on vacation.

Last year shortening was the largest single user of cotton seed oil, consuming 358 million pounds. Margerine was the second largest user.

Paradoxical but true, a man must sleep well to be wide awake. No one can get proper rest on lumpy, sagging, or worn bedding.

Service Anniversaries

Thirty Years

Livia Rodgers Finishing
Jim Ray Sheeting
Frank T. Chilton Blanket
James M. Norman, Jr. Karastan
Joe Neal Synthetic Fabrics

Twenty-Five Years

Ruth H. Davis Bleachery
Bethel A. Jefferson . Synthetic Fabrics

Twenty Years

Albert W. Vestal....Synthetic Fabrics

Fifteen Years

Nettie S. Murray Bedspread
A. R. Washburn.....Synthetic Fabrics
Bessie G. Hundley Blanket
Myrtle M. Smart....Synthetic Fabrics
Goldie B. Amos Synthetic Fabrics
Vivian L. Wimbish .. Synthetic Fabrics
Thelma W. McCollum Synthetic Fabrics
Leslie W. Tilley Finishing

Ten Years

Ruth S. Hopper Finishing
John W. Jones Karastan
Lottie M. Hill Synthetic Fabrics

Reporters Visit Newspaper Plant And TV Station

Members of the reporting staff of the MILL WHISTLE enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the Greensboro DAILY NEWS printing plant and television station WFMY-TV in Greensboro Friday afternoon, December 4. Carl O. Jeffress, general manager of the Greensboro Daily News Company which operates the DAILY NEWS, the GREENSBORO RECORD and Station WFMY-TV, arranged the tour for the visiting reporters. Mr. Jeffress greeted the group and introduced them to guides who showed them through the plants.

Following the tour, the reporters enjoyed a turkey dinner at the Bliss Restaurant in Greensboro. The trip was given the MILL WHISTLE correspondents in appreciation of their services during the past year as news reporters for their respective plants and offices.

The event Friday was the 12th annual get-together for the reporters of the Fieldcrest employees publication which was established in 1942. Reporters making the trip were Katherine Turner, Blanket Mill; Evelyn Lewis, Draper offices; Ruth Talbert, Sheeting Mill; Ada Jones Bedspread Mill; Mary Stephens, Karastan Mill; Faye Warren, Vera Warrick, Lee Hundley and Lorene Merriman, Fieldale; Louise Nowlin, Electric Blanket Mill; Freda Suit, Nantucket; Hilda Grogan, General Office; Rebecca Barnard, Finishing Mill; Virginia Hurd, Synthetic Fabrics Mill; and Geraldine Perkins, Central Warehouse. Sarah Eggleston, reporter for the Bleachery was unable to attend.

Accompanying the group on the trip were Otis Marlowe, editor of the MILL WHISTLE and Howard Barton and J. O. Thomas of the employee publication's advisory board.

Plans Announced For Oakland Heights Party

The Oakland Heights neighborhood annual Christmas Party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Eggleston on Saturday night, December 12 at 7:30 o'clock, Mesdames Herman Oslin, J. W. Baughn and Otis Kallam will be joint hostesses.

Each adult is expected to bring one piece of fruit, or a can of juice as gifts for shut-ins. Each child is expected to bring a gift for exchange with another child.

It seems that current events set the fashions in jewelry. According to the 1953 Yearbook of the American People's Encyclopedia, Queen Elizabeth's coronation has created a trend toward antique, ancestral-looking jewelry.