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## Ceremonies To Honor Retirees

Ceremonies in the Nantucket conference room at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 31 will honor 19 employees retiring under the Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. Pension Plan effective June 1.

The addition of these 19 will make a total of 531 Fieldcrest employees who have retired with a monthly pension for life paid for by the company since the Pension Plan was instituted in 1943.

B. C. Trotter, legal counsel with 28 years of continuous service who has announced he will engage in private law practice in Leaksville following his retirement, is included in the group.

Also retiring Tuesday is Rev. J. K. McConnell, industrial chaplain with 35 years and seven months of continuous service. However, due to the many requests for the type of service Mr. McConnell has been rendering since the industrial chaplaincy program was begun in January 1950, arrangements

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## Tuttle Named To Advisory Group

Appointment of R. H. Tuttle, manager of engineering, research, quality control and purchasing at Fieldcrest, as collaborator of a section of the Agricultural Research Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been announced by R. J. Cheatham, of New Orleans, head of the Cotton Mechanical Processing Section.

Mr. Tuttle will serve as an advisor on the research program of the section

during his three-year term. He will meet with about once each year with collaborators of various sections at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory in New Orleans.

Present collaborators include Charlton H. Williams, president, Swift Manufacturing company, Columbus, Ga.; Walter G. Regnery, president, Joanna Cotton Mills, Joanna S. C.; and Carl R. Harris, vice president, Erwin Mills, Inc., Durham.

Mr. Tuttle will replace Alex W. Turner, vice president of Avondale Mills, whose term expired last year.



**ROBERT A. HARRIS**  
... Secretary and Treasurer



**WILLIAM B. LUCAS**  
... Assistant Secretary

## Organization Changes Announced

Election of Robert A. Harris as secretary and treasurer of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. has been announced by President Harold W. Whitcomb. Mr. Harris, who has been assistant treasurer since October 26, 1954, succeeds J. C. Walsh, who has resigned to accept a responsible position with The Hecht Company in Baltimore, Maryland.

## Squires Is Elected President Of Council

Cecil J. Squires, assistant superintendent of the Bedspread Mill, was elected president of the Carolina Cooperative Council at the meeting at Central YMCA, Thursday evening, May 19. J. M. Norman Jr., manager of the Karastan Rug Mill, was chosen as vice president, Rufus Ray, was named secretary and John Arnall, of Finishing Mill, was elected assistant secretary.



**C. J. Squires**

Committeemen were named as follows: members of the program committee—R. A. Harris and Roger Wilkes; chairman of attendance committee, E. S. Barksdale; chairman of arrangements committee, Howard Barton; chairman of constitution commit-

tee, William B. Lucas. Speaker for the program was J. R. L. Holdsworth of General Electric Com-

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Mr. Harris joined Fieldcrest in 1946 after four years of naval service in World War II. He has served the company successively as a cost accountant, staff assistant in the management offices, assistant manager of the blanket mill and as assistant comptroller.

William B. Lucas was appointed assistant secretary, and also will take over the duties of B. C. Trotter, legal counsel who will retire under provisions of the company's pension plan effective June 1.

Mr. Harris, a native of Warren county, attended John Graham high school in Warrenton and for two years attended Campbell college at Buie's Creek where he was president of the student body. He majored in accounting at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and received his B. S. in Commerce degree in 1939. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Beta Gamma Sigma, national honorary society in Commerce.

He was commissioned after attending Midshipman's Training school at Columbia University and was commanding officer of a mine sweeper serving in

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