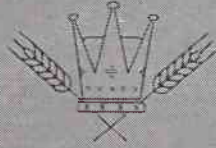


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Bruce Gauldin Attains 50 Years Of Service

R. Bruce Gauldin completed 50 years of continuous service January 1 to become the first Blanket Mill employee to attain a half century of service altogether in that mill. Mr. Gauldin will be honored by the management at a luncheon today (Monday) at 12:30 p.m. at Meadow Greens Country Club.

Guests at the luncheon will include seven other Fieldcrest employees who previously have attained 50 years of continuous service. President Harold W. Whitcomb will speak informally to the group and will present Mr. Gauldin with the Fieldcrest diamond-and-gold 50-year emblem. Other officers of the Company will attend, together with members of the Blanket Mill management and supervision and representatives of the Industrial Relations Department.

Mr. Gauldin has been associated with the Blanket Mill almost since the mill began operations. He was living on a farm in the Draper section even before the town and the mills were built.

Starting to work as a youth, Mr. Gauldin recalls that he carried drinking water and was general errand boy for the New Englanders who erected the

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R. BRUCE GAULDIN
... New 50-Year Man ...

Karastan Mill Rearranges Machinery For Greater Capacity And Efficiency

New Treasurer



Richmond R. Roberts of New Canaan, Connecticut, now staff assistant to the treasurer of the General Electric Company, will assume his duties February 1 as treasurer of Fieldcrest Mills Inc., as previously announced.

Mr. Roberts, a native of Wise county, Va., plans to move his family to the Tri-Cities after he takes up his new position here.

The Karastan Rug Mill is nearing completion of an extensive program of machinery relocation to gain space for new equipment being installed and to prepare the mill for greater capacity and increased efficiency.

New equipment already in operation or in the process of erection includes an extractor and skein dryer, 42 Foster winder spindles, an additional creel and reel for the pile yarn beaming unit, a ground warp beamer, and a carpet backsizing and drying unit. Two additional needle looms are on order with delivery expected this summer.

The mill began rearranging its equipment for a more efficient production flow nearly two years ago. Since that time every piece of machinery, except the washer equipment, the dye tubs and a few looms, has been relocated. The moves were made on week ends and during vacations. No weaving production was lost and the mill set records in its shipments last fall during the period when most of the rearranging was taking place.

The entire Finishing and Carving Depts. were moved to the first floor of the main mill and placed adjacent to the Packing and Shipping Dept. The former finishing room is being used for winding, twisting and skein yarn storage.

The Burling Dept. was moved to the
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Company Officers Will Address Council Meeting

President Harold W. Whitcomb and other officers of the Company will present management reports at a joint meeting of the Carolina Cooperative Council and the Junior Council Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A.

In their talks, the officers will review the Company's operations during the past year and will discuss the outlook for Fieldcrest Mills in 1957.

The January meeting, featuring reports by Management, is always a highlight of the Council programs. A large attendance is expected at this week's meeting.

Withholding Statements To Be Issued This Month

W-2 forms, employees federal income tax withholding statements for 1956, are being prepared in the Payroll Dept. and will be distributed in the mills to all active employees by the end of the month.

The W-2 forms for persons out sick or laid off will be mailed to them through the United States mail by January 31.

The forms likewise will be sent through the U. S. mail to the last known address of all other persons who worked any at all during the year but who are now terminated from the payroll.