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No Accidents In August Is Goal At Mills



MURRAY BROTHERS COMPLETE 40 YEARS' SERVICE

John L. Murray, of Karastan, and Bradley C. Murray, of the Bedspread Mill, brothers who completed 40 years of continuous service on the same day, receive congratulations from President Harold W. Whitcomb and mill officials.

Left to right are J. M. Norman, manager of the Karastan Mill; John Murray, Mr. Whitcomb, Bradley Murray, and J. E. Barksdale, manager of the Bedspread Mill. (See page three).

Elimination Of Unsafe Acts And Conditions To Be Emphasized

August has been designated as "Accident Prevention Month" by the North Carolina Industrial Commission. More industrial injuries occur in August than in any other month. The commission is sponsoring the special observance in an attempt to reduce injuries and this high accident rate.

Industry throughout the State is being called on to make every possible effort to prevent on-the-job injuries during August. Singled out for special attention are unsafe work habits of employees and unsafe conditions which if uncorrected might cause an accident.

Fieldcrest is cooperating in the special drive and each mill will be trying for a perfect safety record during August. Posters on the plant bulletin boards will remind employees of the goal. Plant safety committees will give attention to boxes, bins, conveyors, steps, floors, doors, and windows to locate any conditions needing correction.

Supervisors will put forth extra effort. (Continued on page seven)

Mutual Aid Benefits To Increase

Increased benefits under the United Mutual Aid Association plan will become effective next Thursday, August 1. The Association provides hospitalization and surgical insurance for employees in the Company's North Carolina mills and for dependents of the members.

The improved benefits were recommended by the Mutual Aid Board of Directors and all of the unit boards, and the proposed changes were adopted by the membership. A summary of the revisions follows:

1. The hospital room rate is increased from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per day.
2. Hospital extras are increased from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per day. (The maximum for extras is increased from \$80.00 to \$100.00).
3. The maximum days of hospital

coverage are increased from 30 days to 70 days for any one case.

3. Maximum surgical benefits are increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00. (The average increase for all surgery is 33%).

5. Maternity benefits are increased from \$80.00 to \$100.00.

An entirely new feature added to the plan provides in-hospital medical care. This means that in cases not requiring surgery, the attending physician will be paid \$3.00 per day for hospital visits. The limit is \$100.00 for any one case.

No increase in dues will be made until January 1, 1958, when the dues will be increased from 75c a week to \$1.00 a week, to pay for the more liberal benefits.

A new booklet incorporating the re-

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Fex, Petrich Added To Rug Sales Staff

Robert Fex and Max Petrich have been appointed to the Karastan sales staff by W. B. Guinan, vice-president in charge of Karastan sales, in a realignment of territories.

Mr. Fex whose territory will include Long Island and Brooklyn has been with C. H. Masland & Sons for the past four years, most recently as northeastern contract manager. Prior to joining Masland, he was with the Alexander Smith Carpet Company. A graduate of St. Johns University, Mr. Fex is married, has three children.

Mr. Petrich, also the father of three, will have his headquarters in San Francisco and cover several western states for Karastan. He was for more than 10 years a salesman for the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company.