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New Lines Unveiled At Rug Sales Meet



President Whitcomb and other executives of the Company were in Chicago last week to attend the sales meeting of the Karastan division and the Home Furnishings Market which opened Monday and continued through the week.

The new lines of Karastan and its newly purchased subsidiary, the Nye-Wait Company, were introduced at the Market and were favorably received by buyers from all over the country.

The rug sales meeting was held in the Karastan showroom in the Merchandise Mart on Saturday preceding the market opening. Karastan executives and salesmen reviewed the new lines and discussed plans for the first half of 1959 at the all-day meeting.

Walter B. Guinan, president of the Karastan sales division and Hugh P. Feeley, Karastan vice-president, conducted the meeting based on the theme, "Take the Best and Make It Better."

Mr. Guinan outlined the industry situation and presented the new lines. Mr. Feeley discussed sales policies and marketing plans. Alfred S. Gussin, advertising director, outlined the advertising and merchandising programs.

President Whitcomb spoke to the group at a luncheon in the Merchandise Mart. S. R. Fifield and R. A. Harris, Company vice-presidents, attended the sales meeting and market opening along with J. M. Norman, F. W. Klein, J. E. Troy and E. N. Sedell, Karastan mill executives.

Xmas Parties

See pages four and five for pictures at children's parties.

Christmas music, a variety show by the famed Charlotte Boys Choir, and treats from Santa Claus combined to make happy occasions of the Christmas parties given for the children of Fieldcrest employees. The parties were held at Spray and at Fieldale Saturday, December 13, under sponsorship of the Carolina Cooperative Council.

At the morning show at Morehead High School, F. E. Barron, Council attendance chairman, conducted the drawing for attendance prizes. Automata

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Mack Overby, Company's newest 50-year man, receives awards from President Harold W. Whitcomb.

Presentation is made to William A. Blackburn, the first employee to complete 55 years' service at the mills.

Overby Attains 50 Years' Service

Mack Overby, a jacquard weaver at the Blanket Mill, completed 50 years of continuous service on January 1. He was honored by the management at a luncheon at Meadow Greens Country Club on Wednesday preceding the anniversary date.

Attending the luncheon were officers of the Company, representatives of the Blanket Mill and the Industrial Relations Department, and several other Fieldcrest employees who previously attained 50 years of continuous service.

C. J. Frank, director of industrial relations, presided. J. P. Foster, assistant superintendent of the Blanket Mill, gave the invocation. C. A. Davis, superintendent of the Blanket Mill, told of his long association with Mr. Overby and praised the veteran employee's fine attitude, cooperation, and dependability through the years.

President Harold W. Whitcomb presented Mr. Overby with the Fieldcrest diamond and gold 50-year service emblem, gifts and a letter of appreciation from Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

Mr. Overby made a brief response, (Continued on page two)

Exemption Changes Should Be Reported

Employees who have had changes in the number of exemptions claimed for federal income tax deductions should notify the Payroll Department right away. The change in status should be reported on form W-4, which may be obtained from the foreman, timekeeper, or the Industrial Relations Dept.

All changes received by the Payroll Department by January 31 will be put into effect. There will then be no further exemption changes on the payroll until July 1. However, employees should continue to notify the Payroll Department within 10 days of any change in their dependents, such as divorce, separation, births, dependents earning over \$600, etc.

Any overpayment or underpayment of tax by an employee will always be adjusted by the U. S. Department of Revenue when the employee files his income tax for the year.