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Sheeting Mill Holds Safety Barbecue



Employees Earned Award For Their Outstanding Safety Record During 1958

Employees of the Sheeting Mill enjoyed a barbecue dinner March 24 as an award for their outstanding safety record in 1958. The barbecue was served in the mill by the supervisors who donned white waiters' jackets for the occasion.

Plates of barbecue, "hush puppies", coffee, and cold drinks were served in all departments on all three shifts on a schedule that approximated the employees' usual lunch period.

The Sheeting Mill employees earned the barbecue by working the entire year of 1958 without a lost-time accident. The last disabling injury to occur at the mill was on October 31, 1957. The Sheeting employees have since accumulated nearly one and one quarter-million man-hours of safe work.

Application has been made to the North Carolina Department of Labor for a Certificate of Safety Achievement based on the Sheeting Mill's record in 1958. The award will be presented later.

When the Sheeting Mill reached one million man-hours of safe operation last January, mill management and supervisors signed a congratulatory letter which was distributed to all personnel at the Sheeting Mill.

The letter pointed out that of more importance than the record itself was the fact that Sheeting employees because of their interest and participation in mill safety, suffered no lost wages or hardship for a long period.

Jr. Council Will Hear Talks By Guinan, Hoit

Walter B. Guinan, president of our Karastan sales division, and Frederick W. Hoit, president of our Fieldcrest sales division, are scheduled to address the Junior Carolina Council at its final meeting of the year Tuesday evening, April 14, at 7:30 o'clock at Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Guinan and Mr. Hoit are expected to discuss activities of the sales organizations. The sales officials will be introduced by Harold W. Whitcomb, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

WITH A SMILE — Doris Gregory (left) and Mary Mangrum, of Sheeting Spinning, are handed plates of barbecue by Dan Squires, assistant foreman. The supervisors donned white coats and served barbecue to all employees as an award for their good safety record in 1958. (See pages 4 and 5.)

Wage Increase Averages 7½ Cents Per Hour

Paychecks this week will reflect a general wage increase averaging 7½ cents per hour for employees in the North Carolina mills. A similar increase was put into effect three weeks earlier at the Company's non-union Towel Mill at Fieldale, Virginia.

The Company and the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, agreed on the general wage increase for North Carolina employees Monday, March 23. The action followed a meeting the day before at the Bi-County Joint Board at which Union members voted to accept the counter-proposal made by the Company in earlier wage negotiations.

The wage hike was made effective as of 11 p. m. Sunday, March 8. Paychecks distributed at the North Carolina mills this week are the first to be figured at the new rates. This week's paychecks also will include a three weeks retroactive adjustment.

Individual increases were calculated (Continued on page eight)

C. U. Joint Accounts

Members of the Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union are advised that joint memberships are permissible for husband and wife or other parties who wish to enter into a joint agreement.

Under a joint-account with the right of survivorship, each party may deposit or withdraw funds. In case of the death of one of the parties, the surviving member or members become the sole owner or owners of the account.

Credit Union members who wish to set up a joint account may sign a card bearing the contract or agreement between the parties. These cards are available upon request from the industrial relations supervisors in the various mills.