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Extra Safety Effort Is Urged In August

Fieldcrest Mills' 1959 safety record was marred by six lost-time accidents in June and three more in July, H. E. Williams, safety director, reported at the recent meeting of the Central Safety Committee.

The record for the first five months of this year, when only three disabling injuries occurred, was even better than last year's record. However, the large number of injuries in June and July indicate that "we may have erred from our usual good safety habits or may have begun to rest on our past record," Mr. Williams said.

The safety director pointed out that one-third of the injuries resulted from employees' taking chances with moving machinery, that is, cleaning, oiling, or adjusting machines when the power was not shut off. Other injuries involved materials handling—improper lifting or

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W. E. Smith (left) accepts safety award on behalf of Finishing Mill employees. Making the presentation is W. C. Creel, of the North Carolina Department of Labor. At right is J. R. Baker, assistant superintendent of the Finishing Mill.

Two Mills Given Safety Award Barbecues

Towel Mill Employee, Army Bride, Visits Home In Germany

German-born Gertraud Law, a battery filler at the Towel Mill and the Army bride of a Fieldale man, is in Germany visiting her family and friends. She flew to Germany last month and will return in September.

At Munich she is visiting her mother, two brothers and an older sister. Her father died a short while ago and she was unable to go home at that time. She planned to visit his grave.

The German girl is the wife of James Paul Law, a weaver at the Towel Mill. They met while James was serving with the Army near Munich.

James returned to the States and Gertraud later flew to the U. S. in a military plane. They were married in July, 1954. Gertraud has worked at the Towel Mill since November, 1955. She became a naturalized citizen about a year ago. James taught her to speak English, and she in turn taught him to speak German.

Employees of the Automatic Blanket Mill and the Finishing Mill were given barbecues as awards for their outstanding safety records in 1958.

A barbecue dinner was served in the mill, on all three shifts, to employees of the Automatic Blanket Mill Monday, July 27. A barbecue for employees of the Finishing Mill was held in Morehead Stadium Saturday afternoon, August 1.

The Company gave the barbecues for the employees in recognition of their excellent safety performance in 1958 when both mills operated the entire year without a disabling injury.

Both plants received safety awards given jointly by the North Carolina Department of Labor and the U. S. Department of Labor.

It was a second-year award for the Automatic Blanket Mill employees who, in 1957, received awards from the Department of Labor and the National Safety Council for accident-free operation throughout the year. The last lost-time accident to occur at the Automatic Blanket Mill was on July 27, 1956.

Pictures taken at the barbecue events appear on pages four and five.



Mr. and Mrs. James Law, both of the Towel Mill, are shown as Mrs. Law departed for visit to Germany.