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Towel Mill Honors Quality Champions

The Towel Mill's top quality weavers and top loomfixers for 1959 were called together recently and were congratulated by D. A. Purcell, manager of the Towel Mill, on their outstanding performance in 1959.

"Good quality weaving and high loom efficiency are vital to the successful operation of the Towel Mill. The fine work of these men and the other weavers and fixers with good records has helped us to keep our quality up and our costs down," Mr. Purcell said.

The year's top quality weavers included Donald Trantham, dobby terry; David Riggs, jacquard terry; and Norman Rakes, Draper and cam terry.

Top loomfixers were Melvin Rakes, dobby terry; Eugene Joyce, jacquard terry; Roy Whitlock and Leonard Wright, tied for Draper and cam terry; and Booker Dalton, huck and crash.

The top weavers are those with the lowest per cent of seconds with respect to the standards. Top loomfixers are determined through a combination of low seconds and high loom efficiency.

Safety Award Barbecue Served In Sheeting Mill

Employees Completed Record Of Over Two Million Man-Hours Without Lost-Time Injury

Employees of the Sheeting Mill have worked over two million man-hours without a disabling injury. The mill has had no lost time due to injury since October 31, 1957.

The Sheeting Mill received a North Carolina Department of Labor award for its 1958 record and is in line for a second-year ribbon for completing 1959 without lost time due to injury.

As an award from the Company for their safe work throughout 1959, all employees of the Sheeting Mill were served a barbecue dinner in the mill Tuesday, March 15. Plates of barbecue, "hush puppies", coffee and cold drinks were served in all departments on all three shifts. The barbecue dinner was

served by the supervisors and other employees wearing white jackets and chef's caps.

R. C. Going, superintendent, in commenting on the mill's safety record, said, "I want to congratulate all of the Sheeting Mill people on their fine record and to urge that they continue to make every effort to avoid injury to themselves or to those who work with them."

There were indications that interest in safety remains high at the Sheeting Mill with emphasis being placed on observance of all safety rules, the reporting and correction of unsafe conditions and the elimination of unsafe acts on the part of individuals.

Pictures of Sheeting Mill barbecue appear on pages four and five.

Towel Mill Workers Get Wage Increase

A general wage increase averaging five cents per hour for employees of the Towel Mill at Fieldale, Virginia, was announced March 25 and made effective Monday, March 21. The minimum rate paid at the mill after the increase is \$1.275 per hour.

The raise applies to over 1,100 Towel Mill employees and adds more than \$110,000 annually to Towel Mill payroll. It was the second general wage increase for Towel Mill workers within the last 13 months.

The average rate at the mill after the increase is \$1.62 per hour, without overtime payments, as compared with the Southern textile average of approximately \$1.45 per hour.

Offer of a similar wage increase for employees in the North Carolina mills has been made to the TWUA. As the Mill Whistle went to press on Friday, there had been no decision by the Union group whether or not the increase would be accepted.



TOWEL MILL'S TOP weavers and loomfixers for 1959 are shown with D. A. Purcell, Mill Manager. Left to right are Mr. Purcell, David Riggs, Eugene Joyce, Melvin Rakes, Booker Dalton, and Norman Rakes. The other quality champions, Donald Trantham, Roy Whitlock and Leonard Wright were unable to be present for the photograph.