

# Importing Textiles . . . Exporting Jobs

Textile industry leaders, in remarks concerning imports of foreign-made textiles, have made the observation that every yard of cloth brought into the United States means a yard less that would be produced by American workers in American mills.

Recently, a new approach to the problem has been made. It is this: Regardless of how many yards of cheap foreign textiles are brought into this country, remember that **every 600 yards imported means the loss of about a week's work for an American textile employee.**

The work and pay that would have been available to an American textile employee have been exported — to Japan, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Korea or one of the other foreign countries that buys American cotton eight cents a pound cheaper than American mills can buy it and has it processed by workers who make as little as one-tenth an American textile worker's earnings.

The textile industry is North Carolina's BASIC manufacturing industry. It employs half of all the people engaged in manufacturing occupations. It provides half the total industrial payroll. It pays more state and local taxes than any other manufacturing group. It is the cornerstone of our state's economy. Many individual mills are the mainstay of the communities in which they operate.

With the textile industry vital to the economy of our state and to only a slightly lesser degree, our nation, any situation that threatens it is the concern of all of us.

## Top Weavers and Fixers Listed at Towel Mill

New names continue to appear on the Towel Mill's list of top quality weavers and loomfixers, indicating keen competition for the quality titles.

Leading operators are given recognition each week under a program designed to encourage quality and efficiency in the weave room. Names of the "top" quality weavers and the top loomfixers are posted on the weave room bulletin board each week.

The weavers with the lowest per cent of seconds with relation to the standards for the various loom groups are designated as "Weavers of the Week." The top loomfixers are determined through a combination of low seconds and high efficiency on the sections for which they are responsible.

Names of the top operators for the most recent periods of record are printed below:

### Weavers—W/E April 3

Dobby Terry . . . . . Joe Lackey  
Jacquard Terry . . . . . Joseph Handy  
Draper & Cam Terry . . . . . Ruth Hudson

### Fixers—W/E April 3

Dobby Terry . . . . . Leonard Wright  
Jacquard Terry . . . . . O. C. Hudson  
Draper & Cam Terry . . . . . None

### Weavers—W/E March 27

Dobby Terry . . . . . Linford Hall  
Jacquard Terry . . . . . David Riggs  
Draper & Cam Terry . . . . . Ruth Hudson

### Fixers—W/E March 27

Dobby Terry . . . . . William Colston  
Jacquard Terry . . . . . Carlton Rakes  
Draper & Cam Terry . . . . . Linwood Williams

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**Service  
Anniversaries**

Fieldcrest Mills extends congratulations to the following employees who, since our last issue, have observed notable anniversaries of continuous service with the company.

**Thirty-Five Years**

Roger L. Kirkman . . . . . Sheeting

**Thirty Years**

Gertrude Knight . . . . . Bleachery  
John W. Steagall . . . . . Blanket

**Twenty-Five Years**

Louis J. Fiacco . . . . . Karastan Sales  
Neal M. Thomas . . . . . Blanket

**Fifteen Years**

Minnie M. Harrison . . . . . Sheeting  
Richard H. Becker, Jr. Fieldcrest Sales

**Ten Years**

Alfred W. Yarbrough . . . . . Bleachery  
George G. Saunders . . . . . Bleachery



## At Home and At Work It's Time for Spring Cleaning

Spring is a good time to put the home premises in shipshape condition. It is likewise a good time to look around and see if there are things we can do at the mill to make our work area tidy and orderly and our department clean and attractive.

Everyone will agree that it is more pleasant to work in a place that is clean and orderly than one which is cluttered with needless articles which have been allowed to accumulate.

Do something today that will improve the convenience and appearance of your own work area. Cooperate with those who work around you in keeping the whole area clean and orderly. It will take practically no time and you'll be proud of the results.