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SAFETY PLAQUE awarded to Towel Mill by Virginia Manufacturers Association is shown by D. A. Purcell, mill manager; Ruby Watson, Sewing; Bernice Isenhour, Spinning; Richard Turner, Weaving. See story on page five.

School To Offer New Textile Curriculum

The Leaksville - Rockingham County Industrial Education Center is instituting a curriculum in textile technology designed to prepare individuals for textile occupations requiring supervisory and technical training.

Two years in development, the curriculum was set up by the Industrial Education Center with the help and advice of an advisory committee composed of representatives of the textile industries in the Tri-Cities.

Men from Fieldcrest and from other textile companies in the area will teach the textile courses. Donald R. Warren, of the Industrial Education Center faculty, will teach mathematics and Raleigh Biggerstaff, of the Morehead High School faculty, will teach oral and written communications.

Henry Rahn, director of the Center, said the new curriculum will give the individual skills and knowledge required in recognizing and solving new textile manufacturing problems in the rapid technological changes in the textile industries of North Carolina.

Basic subjects will include mathe-

matics, physics, and chemistry. Tool subjects taught will be oral and written communications, economic history, textile accounting, human behavior, industrial management and engineering, (Continued on page eight)

Company Honored On WPTF Radio Program

PROFILE, a radio program honoring outstanding business enterprises in North Carolina, featured Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., in a special broadcast over Station WPTF, Raleigh, Sunday evening, August 6.

During the program, President Harold W. Whitcomb was interviewed concerning the history and accomplishments of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. as a whole, with special reference to the Automatic Blanket Plant, Smithfield and the Karastan Spinning Division, Greenville.

The interview was conducted by Ed Rankin, who directs the PROFILE program for Hospital Care Association of Durham and Station WPTF.

Barron Is Promoted To Mill Manager

The promotion of Frank E. Barron to manager of the Bedspread Mill, effective August 4, has been announced by Robert A. Harris, vice president—manufacturing.

Mr. Barron was assistant mill manager from January 1 until his most recent promotion, and earlier was mill superintendent. He has had broad training and experience in textile operations, working in supervisory positions and in engineering and other staff assignments.

A native of South Carolina and a graduate in textile engineering at Clemson College, he was with the Monarch Mills of the Deering Milliken group at Union, S. C., for five years. He worked in standards, costs, and related fields, as assistant foreman of weaving, night superintendent, and as assistant to the plant superintendent.

He left Monarch and came with Field-crest as textile engineer in February, 1951. He resigned in July of 1953 to become plant superintendent of Cheraw Cotton Mills, Cheraw, S. C. He continued in that capacity until he returned to Fieldcrest in May, 1957, as assistant superintendent of the Bedspread Mill. He was promoted to superintendent in October, 1957, and to assistant mill manager January 1, 1961.



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