

# Smithfield Plant Honored For Safe Work

In recognition of its excellent safety record, the Automatic Blanket Plant at Smithfield has received the Award of Commendation presented by the National Safety Council.

The award is presented only where an establishment's record satisfied rigid requirements laid down in the Council's award plan for recognizing good industrial safety records.

Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council, in a letter to R. F. Sambleson, manager of the Automatic Blanket Plant, explained that the Smithfield plant qualified for the award because of its injury-free period of 987,782 man-hours from September 21, 1960, to December 31, 1961.

Mr. Sambleson, acting on behalf of the company management, presented the award plaque to T. R. Ray, superintendent of the Automatic Blanket Plant. Mr. Ray, in turn, presented the plaque to a representative group of employees.

Participating in the presentation were Shirley Parker, Blanket Wiring; Norva McCullen, Molding; Brenda Odom, Control Assembly; and Billy McKeel, Shipping and Warehousing .

## Wilkinson And Fox Promoted At Fieldale

In organization changes at the Towel Mill made necessary by the retirement June 1 of J. W. Norris, Sr., Dwight A. Wilkinson, as foreman, has been given full responsibility for the Plant Service Department and O. D. Fox, second hand in the department, has been promoted to assistant foreman.

Mr. Wilkinson was transferred to the Towel Mill in July, 1961, to familiarize himself with the job in order to replace Mr. Norris when the latter retired under the Fieldcrest Pension Plan.

With the company for six years, Mr. Wilkinson for three years was assistant foreman in the Plant Service Department at the Finishing Mill and for two years before his transfer to Fieldale was general foreman of the Finishing Mill and Bleachery on the second shift.

A native of Charlotte, he received training in factory management through the Lincoln Institute, Cleveland, Ohio, and in practical electricity through the Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He was with the Highland Park Manufacturing Company for 12 years and engaged in all phases of textile maintenance. For three years immediately prior to his joining Fieldcrest, he was in charge of maintenance at Carolina Metal Products in Charlotte, a metal stamping plant.

Mr. Fox is a native of Chatham County and has been associated with the company since 1939. He was a mechanic for three years and for the past twenty

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Proudly showing safety award won by Automatic Blanket Plant are, from left, Norva McCullen, Shirley Parker, Billy McKeel and Brenda Odom.



D. A. WILKINSON

years has been a second hand in the Plant Service Department at the Towel Mill. Before joining Fieldcrest, he was



O. D. FOX

a mechanic with textile companies at Winston-Salem and Martinsville, Virginia.