

Karastan Employees Win Trophy In Safety Contest



PLAQUE PRESENTED — J. M. Norman, Jr., manager of Karastan Rug Mill, presents safety plaque to employee group. From left, front row, Mr. Norman, John Danaho, Christine Spencer, Linda Axsom, Katherine Whitten, Ozelma Webb, Vena Neal, Maggie Howell and Jesse A. McKinney; back rows,

left to right, F. W. Klein, assistant mill manager; John Cunningham, superintendent; Bailey Pratt, Jerry Allen, Alton Smith, Harry Martin, Larry Hopper, Charlie Thompson, Lottie Frith, Arthur Long, Evon Ray, Roy Davis, Starling Allen, Charles R. Galloway and Anderson Foye.

Employees of the Karastan Mill have been given recognition by the North Carolina Industrial Commission and the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association for their outstanding safety record in the calendar year 1961.

The Karastan Mill won the trophy for first place in its size group in the Statewide Textile Safety Contest sponsored by the two organizations. Employees of the plant worked 1,354,433 hours without a disabling injury.

A handsome engraved plaque citing the employees' achievement in safety was presented last week to a group of employees representing all departments at the Karastan Mill.

The presentation was made by J. M. Norman, Jr., mill manager, and was accepted on behalf of all Karastan employees by John Danaho, a weaver with 39 years of continuous service.

The employee group participating in the presentation was composed of some of the oldest employees in the mill from the standpoint of continuous service and some of the relatively new employees of Karastan.

The plaque will be prominently displayed at the Karastan Mill to remind employees of their outstanding safety achievement in 1961 and to encourage them in their continuing efforts to prevent on-the-job accidents.

J. Scott Chowning Is Appointed Foreman



SCOTT CHOWNING

J. Scott Chowning, a technical supervisor at the Bleachery, was appointed foreman of packaging and shipping at the Sheet Finishing Mill effective September 28.

A native of Corning, N. Y., Mr. Chowning was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1958 with a B. S. degree in chemical engineering and received a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Virginia in 1960.

He first worked as a trainee at the Bleachery during the summer of 1959. After receiving his M.B.A. degree he rejoined the Bleachery as a technical supervisor. As a reserve officer he served six months in the Army Chemical Corps and returned to the Bleachery in his same position in March, 1961. Immediately prior to his latest appointment he devoted his full time to commission finishing operations.

Greenville Drive Has Fine Support

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chairmen in their respective departments with the assistant foremen as captains on their shifts.

The final results and more details on the drive at the Greenville plant will be carried in the next issue of The Mill Whistle.

The Fieldale Community Fund campaign is meeting with good response among the employees of the Towel Mill at Fieldale, Va. The drive opened September 27 and will continue through October 12.

Simons Is Chairman

D. E. Simons, Towel Mill superintendent, is general chairman and is being assisted by the supervisors.

The suggested basis of giving is a day's pay and Mr. Simons stated that he is confident that at least 80 per cent of the employees will contribute on the day's pay basis.

At the Automatic Blanket Plant, the campaign on behalf of the Smithfield United Fund will be held toward the end of the month. The organization of the campaign and the method of solicitation will be similar to last year's drive.

In 1961, employees of the Automatic Blanket Plant gave whole-hearted support to the campaign. Seven out of nine departments achieved 100% participation; that is, every employee in those departments made a contribution in some amount. The average gift of all those who contributed was \$14.55.