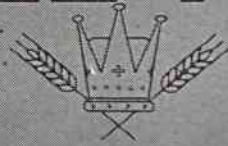


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AT SOUTH POLE — Fieldcrest Gold Crown automatic blankets, woven at Draper, finished at Spray, and wired and assembled at Smithfield, are presented admirals at South Pole. Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges (right) makes presentation to Rear Adm. David M. Tyree, USN, (center) and Rear Adm. James R. Reedy, USN.

Automatic Blankets Delivered To South Pole

If two certain Fieldcrest automatic blankets could talk, they could tell an interesting story of their travels.

The Gold Crown blankets were requested by U. S. Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges who wanted them delivered to the South Pole, to be there when he arrived at the South Pole during his recent round-the-world trip.

Secretary Hodges, formerly general manager of Fieldcrest Mills, said that he wanted the automatic blankets for gifts and wanted to "give the best."

Delivery of the blankets was made through the office of Dr. James E. Mooney, United States Antarctic Projects Officer in Washington, D. C. The blankets were forwarded by plane from Washington to New Zealand. They were then shipped to Antarctica by a C130 Hercules, an improvised version of the Globemaster plane, with powerful engines and equipped with skis as well as wheels.

The blankets arrived on time and, in a ceremony at McMurdo Sound, Secretary Hodges presented the blankets to Rear Admirals David M. Tyree and James R. Reedy, in command of Opera-

tion Deepfreeze.

Making the South Pole visit with Secretary Hodges were three U. S. Congressmen; American, Japanese and European newsmen, as well as General

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Safety Barbecue Held At Karastan Rug Mill

Employees of the Karastan Mill were served barbecue dinners in the mill February 5 as a reward for their good safety record during 1962.

The barbecue was won by the Karastan employees under terms of a safety contest in which the company gives a barbecue dinner for all employees of any mill meeting the requirements for a North Carolina Department of Labor safety award.

In addition to the Karastan Mill, barbecues have been held to date in the Towel, Bedspread and Bedspread Finishing mills. Pictures taken during the Karastan barbecue are shown on page eight. Scenes at the barbecues at the other mills are to be carried in future issues of The Mill Whistle.

1962 Safety Results Reviewed At Meeting

The accident frequency rate at Fieldcrest Mills in 1962 was 1.92 as compared with the 6.2 rate for the textile industry in North Carolina as reported by the state Department of Labor.

While the safety record of Fieldcrest employees was good last year, it was not as good as in 1961 when an all-time low frequency of 1.34 was achieved.

Total disabling injuries in 1962 numbered 21 as compared with 14 in the previous year. Sub-major injuries—those requiring medical attention although no time was lost—totaled nine in 1962 as compared with 10 in 1961.

These figures were reported to the Central Safety Committee at its recent quarterly meeting by H. E. Williams, safety director.

C. J. Frank, Jr., director of industrial relations, commended the management and employees of five mills which completed the year with no lost time due to injuries. These were the Automatic Blanket Plant, Bedspread Finishing Mill, Bleachery, Sheet Finishing Mill and Central Warehouse.

In addition, the following mills met the requirements for a North Carolina Department of Labor safety award by achieving an accident frequency rate 25 per cent or less of the state average for the textile industry: Bedspread Mill, Karastan Mill, Towel Mill and Karastan Spinning Division.

N. F. Young, assistant superintendent of the Bleachery, was elected chairman of the Central Safety Committee, succeeding J. G. Cunningham, superintendent of the Karastan Mill. J. P. Foster, superintendent of the Bedspread Finishing Mill, was elected vice-chairman.



N. Y. YOUNG . . . Chairman . . .
J. P. FOSTER . . . Vice Chairman . . .