

Seay Completes 45 Years With Company



R. L. Seay (2nd from right) gets congratulations from President H. W. Whitcomb for 45 years of continuous service. At left is R. R. Roberts, a vice president and treasurer, and at right is L. E. Chewning, manager-general and tax accounting.

Roy L. Seay, insurance specialist in the Accounting Department, completed 45 years of continuous service with the company Friday, February 1. In an informal ceremony at the General Offices, President Harold W. Whitcomb presented Mr. Seay with the Fieldcrest diamond-and-gold 45-year emblem, a gift, and a letter expressing the company's appreciation for his long record of faithful service.

A native of Leaksville, Mr. Seay first worked as an office boy in the summers between school years 1911-1915. He worked as a blanket cutter at the old American Warehouse, now the Finish-

ing Mill, in the summer of 1916.

His continuous service dates from February 1, 1918, when he became a clerk in the Shipping Department at the Bedspread Mill. He was transferred in 1922 to the Bedspread-Karastan payroll office, and in 1930 was sent to Roanoke, Va., as office manager of the Roanoke, Athena and Puritan mills.

In 1934 he became a bookkeeper in the Accounting Department and in 1941-46 he was office manager at the Blanket and Sheeting mills. He was a cash and payroll specialist at the General Office from 1946 until his appointment as an insurance specialist in March, 1960.

Fieldcrest Automatic Blankets Delivered to South Pole

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James Doolittle and Lowell Thomas.

Secretary Hodges' visit to the South Pole as the first, and possibly the only, Cabinet officer ever to go there, recalled another "first" involving North Carolina and the Tri-Cities.

Another Tri-City man, Lt. Commander Conrad Shinn, was the pilot of the first airplane ever to land at the South Pole on October 29, 1956. He has since been on two additional expeditions at McMurdo Sound.

Two "Firsts" by Local Men

The two "firsts" by men from the Tri-Cities were described by President Harold W. Whitcomb in correspondence with Dr. Mooney. Mr. Whitcomb pointed out that Commander Shinn was born and brought up in the Tri-City area and that his father, T. P. Shinn, retired manager of the Canteen Service, was a long-time employee of Fieldcrest Mills.

"I doubt if many small towns of 7,000 in the United States can boast of two illustrious citizens having visited that far-away point by air," Mr. Whitcomb

wrote. "I think it is also another example of the romance and opportunity of our great country where young men from humble circumstances who are bright, energetic, and ambitious can come to the top because of the opportunities and advantages offered by our democratic system and our free enterprise way of life."

In his reply, Dr. Mooney wrote: "I note what you have said with regard to the historic contributions made by Commander Shinn to South Polar exploration. Yes, he piloted the aircraft that landed the first Americans at the South Pole, on 29 October 1956. I have always had the highest regard for Commander Shinn, not only because of his ability as a Navy officer and pilot but also, personally. I had not thought of the fact that Conrad was born in Spray, North Carolina, but I had recognized the fact that he was a native of North Carolina. . . ."

"Indeed, you should be proud of having both the Secretary and Commander Shinn as natives of your town."

Hair Gets Certificate In Data Processing

Robert Hair, manager-data processing at Fieldcrest Mills, has been awarded a Certificate in Data Processing by the Data Processing Management Association.

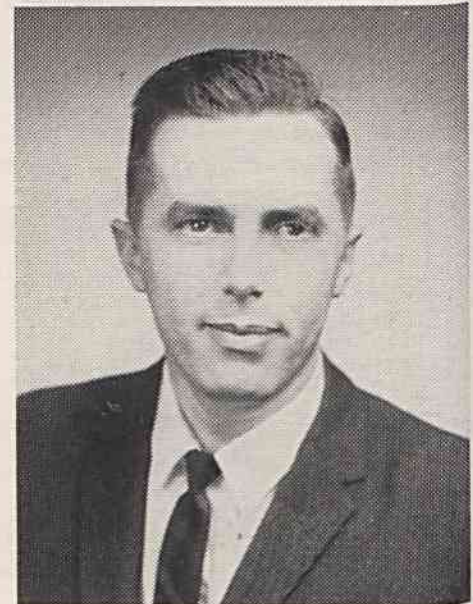
The awarding of the certificate is based on completion of prescribed college courses in mathematics, accounting, finance, economics, and related business and scientific subjects; three years of direct work experience in data processing; high character qualifications; and passing written examinations.

Mr. Hair was in the first group to be tested on a nationwide basis. Purposes of the certificate program are to establish recognized professional standards and to promote education.

The Data Processing Management Association is a 21-year-old international organization of more than 16,000 members who promote progress in the use of electronic computers, punched cards, and other means of handling information.

Mr. Hair is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he majored in engineering and business administration. Prior to joining Fieldcrest in 1956, he was employed in the industrial engineering division of the Procter & Gamble Co. and also served four years as a weather officer in the U. S. Air Force.

Mr. Hair is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma honorary chemical fraternity, American Meteorological Society, and Textile Data Processing Association.



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