

Harden Named Asst. Director Of Engineering

Robert A. Harden, Jr., a textile engineer in the Engineering Department at the General Offices, was promoted to assistant director of engineering effective July 1, reporting to A. G. Singleton, division vice president-engineering.

All employees previously reporting to Mr. Singleton now report to Mr. Harden with the exception of W. J. Robertson who will continue to report to Mr. Singleton.

Mr. Harden has been a textile engineer with Fieldcrest since 1953 except for about a year in 1958-1959 when he was with an architectural and engineering consulting firm in Atlanta, Ga.

He is a native of Georgia and received his B. S. degree in textile engineering from Georgia Tech. Prior to joining Fieldcrest he was employed for five years in the Technical Department of Martha Mills in Thomaston, Ga.

His studies at Georgia Tech were interrupted during World War II when Mr. Harden enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was a navigator on B-29 bombers on duty in the South Pacific



R. A. HARDEN, JR.

and served for four years, being discharged with the rank of captain.

G. W. Moore Is Elected Chairman Of Board

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elected chairman of the board and chairman of the board's executive committee April 25, 1967.

During his long and distinguished career, Mr. Whitcomb was active in the over-all textile industry and in trade circles, serving as president and as a director of various textile associations and institutes.

He is the immediate past president and a director of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute and is a past president of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association. He currently is a board member and treasurer of the Textile Foundation of North Carolina and long served as a trustee of the Institute of Textile Technology, Charlottesville, Va.

Holds Many Directorships

A director of John P. Maguire & Company, Inc., New York City, and a director of Crossley Karastan Carpet Mills, Ltd., Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, he also is a member of the southern advisory board of the Arkwright-Boston Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Co., and Mutual Boiler and Machinery Insurance Co., Waltham, Mass.

He is a director of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway Company; a director of Dibrell Brothers, Danville, Va.; a director of Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, Inc., and a trustee of the Dumaine Trust, family trust fund for the heirs of F. C. Dumaine, Sr.

A leader in civic and educational affairs both locally and on a state level, Mr. Whitcomb is a trustee of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina; a trustee and former president of Morehead Memorial Hospital, and a board

member of Carolinas United, Charlotte, N. C. He for a long time served as a trustee of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges and currently is a trustee of Rockingham Community College and chairman of the building committee.

He maintains a personal interest in community affairs and has consistently furnished effective leadership in civic movements and encouraged members of the Fieldcrest organization in good citizenship and public service.

Mr. Whitcomb was named "Man-of-the-Year" for 1954 by the Leaksville-Spray Exchange Club and was chosen "Textile Man-of-the-Year 1955" by the North Carolina State University Chapter of Phi Psi, national honorary textile fraternity.

He was honored in 1963 by having the Whitcomb Diagnostic Clinic at Morehead Memorial Hospital named for him in recognition of his leadership in the building fund campaigns for the main hospital and the new addition of the diagnostic clinic.

He was awarded an honorary L.L.D. degree by the University of New Hampshire in June, 1964, and by Catawba College in June, 1965.

CU Dividend

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transactions as convenient as possible, the Company cooperates by permitting both savings and loan repayments to be handled through payroll deductions.

To join the Credit Union, an employee pays a 25c fee and signs a card authorizing the Company to deduct a specific amount (whatever the employee chooses) of savings from each paycheck.

Hearing Protection Is Goal Of Program

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personnel were trained to make tests on a continuing basis.

New audiometric testing devices have been installed at the Fieldale and Lumbus Medical Departments to make periodic audiograms of employees exposed to high noise levels.

The testing facilities at these locations, along with the existing audiometric unit in the central Medical Department in Eden, will be supplemented with a large mobile health unit containing audiometric testing equipment which will be used at all plant locations.

The mobile unit will make it possible eventually to expand the hearing test program into a voluntary employee health screening plan including blood tests, chest X-rays, breathing tests, blood pressure checks, etc., and to make it available to all employees in all plant locations.

Muff Type Protectors

In the current noise control program Fieldcrest has purchased hearing protective equipment to be worn by employees when in high noise level areas. The muff-type protectors being used are similar to those worn by airport employees when working around aircraft and to those already selected by other textile mills for use by employees.

While the protective equipment will be used as a beginning, the objective of Fieldcrest's program is to find practical ways to reduce noise levels through engineering.

The engineering approach embraces the use of best known materials, machinery and designs in new construction and remodeling of building.

With the trouble spots isolated, efforts are being made to overcome difficulties where possible for immediate benefit. In cooperation with machine manufacturers efforts will continue to seek equipment designs which will meet the desired noise levels for machinery which cannot presently be modified to achieve these levels.

To Meet Or Exceed Standards

In announcing the hearing conservation program, Chairman Moore said, "It is our intention to develop programs which should meet or exceed the minimum recommendations of the federal government."

"This program is just one part of a broad-gauge effort which is concerned with many facets of the health of our employees.

"Our larger goal, going far beyond the noise problem, is to operate a business consistent with modern concepts of occupational health and those things that bring about and maintain a work environment as clean, pleasant and healthful as possible."