

# Plants Given Awards For Safety Records

Employees of nine Fieldcrest plants have been honored by awards from the National Safety Council and the North Carolina Department of Labor for outstanding safety performance during 1970.

The Award of Merit from the National Safety Council was awarded to the Blanket Finishing Mill and to the Bedspread Finishing Mill. The Blanket Warehouse received the Certificate of Commendation from the National Safety Council.

The NSC awards are based on the plants' improvement in their safety performance by a certain percentage in comparison with previous years. Of the 22 Awards of Merit given in the nation this year, two were won by Fieldcrest plants. Also, the Certificate of Commendation was one of only 26 awarded nationally.

Certificates signifying the awards were presented at the quarterly meeting of the Central Safety Committee in the General Offices conference room June 3. The awards were accepted by the plant managers on behalf of the employees.

In addition to the NSC awards, nine plants won awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor. These awards are based on a plant's accident frequency being at least 50% below the average for the textile industry in North Carolina.

Leading this group was the Automatic Blanket Plant which received a Ninth Year Award. Others honored were:



K. R. Baggett (far left), presents safety plaque to T. E. Wallace, Automatic Blanket Plant. Officials from other plants receiving awards are: front, J. G. Cunningham, Karastan; C. C. Chowning, Blanket Finishing; K. W. Foddrell, Sheet Finishing; L. W. Byrum, Worthville; back, L. W. Owen, Laurelcrest; K. M. Vaughn, Bedspread Finishing; J. W. Norman, Leaksville area personnel manager; E. R. Ellis, Spray area personnel manager.

Sheet Finishing Mill, sixth consecutive year; General Offices, fourth consecutive year; Blanket Finishing Mill, Blanket Warehouse, and Karastan Rug Mill, second consecutive year; Bedspread Finishing Mill, Laurelcrest Carpet Mill and Worthville Spinning Mill, first year awards.

In commenting on the awards, K. R. Baggett, safety director, said, "Every employee in these plants is to be con-

gratulated and can take pride in his or her part in earning this recognition. I urge them to continue their efforts so that their fine safety performance will be continued into the future."

## Dr. Rhodes Named Asst. Professor

Dr. William Gale Rhodes, the recipient of a Fieldcrest Scholarship in 1961, has been appointed as an assistant professor of chemistry at Northeast Missouri State College, Kirksville, Mo., effective with the 1971-1972 academic year. He is now a postdoctoral research assistant in chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



DR. WILLIAM GALE RHODES

Dr. Rhodes is a graduate of Morehead High School and entered North Carolina State University in the fall of 1961. Before receiving a bachelor of science degree with high honors in applied mathematics in 1965, he was honored by induction into Phi Kappa Phi scholastic honorary fraternity and Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary fraternity.

Upon graduation from North Carolina State University, he entered the graduate school of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on an NASA Fellowship.

### Heads Research Group

As he neared completion of the doctorate of philosophy degree, he was offered the opportunity to remain at the University as a postdoctoral research associate in charge of his research group of eight graduate students and four postdoctoral fellows.

It is in this capacity that he is presently employed and will remain until his appointment at Northeast Missouri State College becomes effective.

He is the son of Carl D. Rhodes, of the Domestic Designing Department, and the late Eugenia Crutchfield Rhodes. Dr. Rhodes is married to the former Pamela Shroeder, of Nanuet, N. Y., and they have one child, Nicholas, age 10 months.

## Cum Laude Graduate



Frances Fair Merriman, a Fieldcrest Scholarship recipient, has graduated cum laude from Meredith College where she maintained a 3.38 average. She received a B. A. degree in music.

She was a member of the Kappa Nu Sigma and Silver Shield honor societies, Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity and was named to "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Merriman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Merriman, of Fieldale, Va. Mrs. Merriman (Blanche) is employed in the Warehousing Office at the Fieldale Towel Mill.