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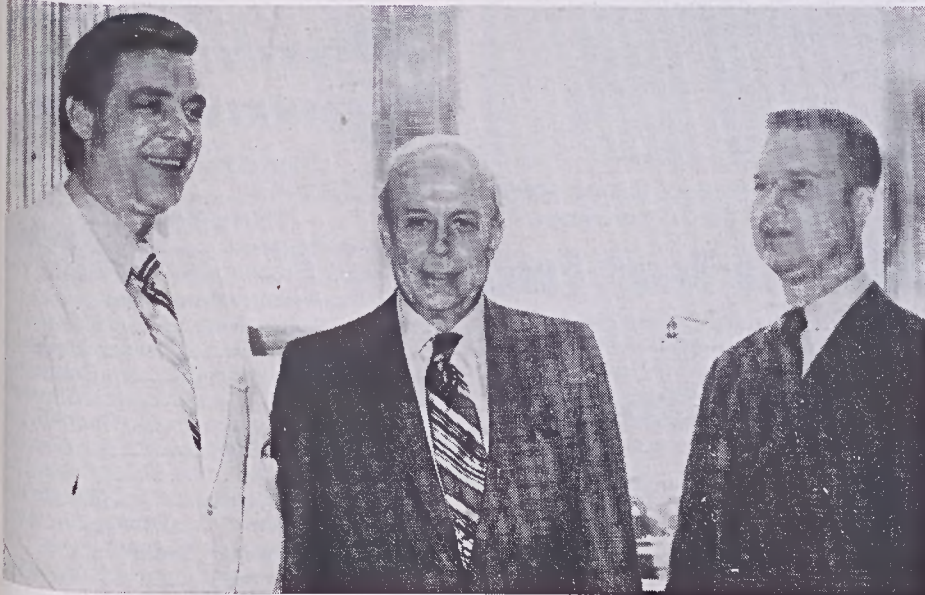


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New Officers of Central Safety Committee are, left to right: K. R. Baggett, secretary; D. E. Simons, vice chairman; and T. E. Boyce, chairman.

Special Textile Week To Spotlight Industry

The nation's first National Textiles Week will be celebrated by the Eden area's textile industry April 23-29. Phi Psi, a national professional textile fraternity, has initiated the special week to honor this great industry.

National Textiles Week offers a unique opportunity for the public to learn more about the great textile and apparel industry and its importance.

More than 3.4 million people are employed in it in nearly every state, making it one of the largest and most important industries in America. It is the largest in Eden and in Rockingham County.

Its importance is not just in its size and its effect on the economy, which is considerable. It is important because the industry satisfies one of mankind's basic needs—clothing—and does it with an unlimited and ever-changing choice of color and style to match every taste and mood.

The textile industry also makes life
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Employee Rug Sales Will Resume Today

Beginning today, Monday, April 17, employees may purchase rugs and carpets under a revised set-up designed to improve the method of making selections, deliveries and the general procedure.

A new display room where samples will be available to aid employees in making their selections will be open in the AMP Building on West Stadium Drive in Eden. Employees may visit the display room, choose their carpet, and the cash sales supervisor will be able to tell them immediately if the merchandise is available.

The display room will be open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone (extension 53281) will be manned from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Telephone inquiries will be answered but no orders will be taken by telephone.

Sales will be on a cash basis and
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Safety Activities Reviewed For Group

In the election of officers at the meeting of the Central Safety Committee April 6, T. E. Boyce, plant manager of the Foremost Screen Print Plant, was named chairman of the Central Safety Committee, succeeding C. L. Kametches, division vice president and general manager of sheet manufacturing.

D. E. Simons, division vice president and general manager, Fieldale towel manufacturing, was elected vice chairman and K. R. Baggett, Fieldcrest safety director, was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Baggett gave the total disabling injuries for the first quarter of 1972 as 19, a decrease from the 1971 first quarter figure of 22. He also pointed out that 13 plants did not experience any disabling injuries during the 1972 first quarter.

Fewer Days Lost

The total number of lost-time accidents during 1971 was 100, an increase from the 87 reported in 1970. The total number of lost days, however, decreased from 14,968 in 1970 to 12,611 in 1971.

The frequency rate (the number of disabling injuries per million man-hours of operation) was 4.55 in 1971 against 4.02 in 1970. The 1971 severity rate (the number of days lost per million man-hours of operation) was 574,

down from 691 in 1970, 623 in 1969 and 767 in 1968.

This indicates that although the number of accidents increased the severity of these accidents was less than for the three previous years.

Mr. Baggett discussed the recently enacted Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). He informed committee members that each state in which Fieldcrest operates a plant has signed an agreement with the federal government that the state will assume the enforcement responsibility for its own standards.

These are the standards which were in effect at the time OSHA was passed and they will remain in effect until the federal government formulates additional standards or until July 3, 1973, whichever comes first.

He further pointed out that standards in the states are constantly revised and updated and gave several instances of changes that have been made.

In discussing the Fieldcrest safety program, which was revised in November 1971, he said:

"We have established a very worthwhile program in the plants to help us come into compliance and also to pro-

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