How Fast Are You?

Look carefully at the fellow in the picture at the right. He is Carl Thornton, a doffer at Avondale Mills in Sylacauga, Ala. His company claims that he's the fastest doffer in the world.

Carl is so fast that the folks at Avondale not only proclaimed him "Superdoffer" but threw out a challenge to all other doffers to beat him. Carl puts three bobbins in the air at once on their way to the doff box and has been clocked at 74 bobbins per minute. This gives him a time of 4.6 minutes for an entire spinnng frame of 336 bobbins.

Fieldcrest is looking for a challenger to Avondale's "Superdoffer". Already doffers have stepped forward from the Bedspread, Blanket and Draper Sheeting Mills. Walter Tinsley, a fixer in the Spinning Department at the Spinning Mill wants to take on "Superdoffer". Mr. Tinsley formerly was a doffer and still doffs now and then when necessary.

The other challengers are Rudolph Dalton, a doffer in the Blanket Cotton Spinning Department; Walter Barnett and Herbert Blackstock, of the Draper Sheeting Mill Spinning Department. There will no doubt be other challengers from the various Fieldcrest locations.

The Fieldcrest challengers report unofficial times that beat the Avondale "Superdoffer."

Enough interest has been generated so that plans are under way to have a doff-off to determine the plant champions and then competition to determine the champion in the company.

The details are being worked out now. Anyone



Carl Thornton, Avondale's "Superdoffer"

interested in challenging Avondale and perhaps becoming the world's champion should contact his supervisor or mill personnel manager.

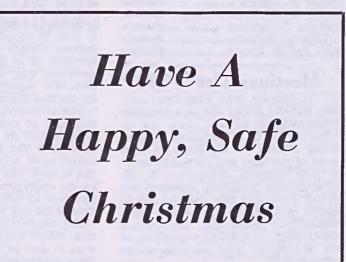


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Christmas At Store

A Christmas wreath surrounding the clock and ornaments in the archways feature the Christmas decorations at the Fieldcrest Store, Eden. Other decorations were arranged throughout the store for the Christmas season.

The Fieldcrest Store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, in observance of Christmas and on Monday, January 1, for New Year's holiday.



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