Textile Industry Needs More Employees

The textile industry is grappling with a problem.

It's not unique to the textile industry but it's still a problem. And a very real one. It's the problem of getting enough people to run the plants.

Because of the acute need for more production workers the industry is sponsoring a month-long employee recruiting campaign during April. Textile Careers Month is being observed by textile companies all over the country.

The stated purpose of the special month is to make the public more aware that the industry is career-oriented and offers job security and advancement for persons with every kind of educational background.

Textile Careers Month is being sponsored by the various textile companies in cooperation with the American Textile Manufacturers Institute. The special observance will bring a lot of attention to the industry, along with the opportunities it offers.

While talents of every kind can be utilized in the textile industry, from accountants to researchers, the real need is for production workers in the plants. There are plenty of opportunities for newer employees to work themselves up to better jobs.

Textiles is a living, thriving industry offering satisfying careers for virtually everyone, regardless of their skills. The industry needs production workers, electricians, carpenters, mechanics, designers, computer operators and programmers, secretaries, stylists, colorists and many others.

What can you, as someone already employed in textiles, do about it? First, you can realize that you are a part of a basic, necessary industry. Next, you can spread the word that the textile industry has a good thing going and invite others in your family, neighborhood or circle of friends to give consideration to joining this vital, important industry.

New Reporter Is Appointed For Mill Whistle

Doris S. Shockley has been appointed The Mill Whistle reporter for the Non-Woven Mill, Flocked Blanket Mill and Mechanical Development Department. Employees of those units are invited to turn in to her their news, pictures and "Buy . . . Sell . . . Swap" notices for publication in The Mill Whistle.

A native of Eden, Mrs. Shockley is a 1971 graduate of Morehead High School and previously worked as a clerk in the Stock Department at the Blanket Finishing Mill. Since January, 1973, she has worked at the Non-Woven Mill as secretary to Paul E. Jones, the superintendent.

The former Doris Steagall, she is married to James Shockley and they live on the Price Road. Mr. and Mrs. Shockley attend the Church of the Brethren. The new reporter enjoys all sports, particularly horseback riding. She has her own horse, a palomino named "Diablo."



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