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Fieldcrest Plants Win Recognition

Several Fieldcrest plants won awards from the National Safety Council and the North Carolina Department of Labor for their good safety performance in 1972.

The top honor went to the employees of the Fieldale Towel Mill where the plant received the Award of Honor from the National Safety Council. This award is the highest order of recognition for outstanding occupational safety records.

The Fieldale Towel Mill experienced only one lost-time accident during 1972, giving the mill a frequency rate that was 90 percent better than its "par" rate and a severity rate that was 95 percent better.

Also receiving an Award of Honor from the National Safety Council was the General Offices at Eden, where there has been no lost-time injury since 1958, resulting in an accumulation of 7,029,789 accident-free man-hours.

Four additional units received National Safety Council awards: Blanket Warehouse, Alexander Sheeting Mill and Scottsboro Rug Mill, which received the Certificate of Commendation; and the Mount Holly Spinning Mill, which received the NSC President's Letter.

The National Safety Council's
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'Superdoffer' Is Ready!

Fieldcrest Mills' "Superdoffer" is rarin' to go.

Phillip Dickerson of the Bedsread Mill, who won the company doffing championship, said he is ready to take on the competition in the National Superdoffer Tournament and wishes he could get started.

He'll have to wait a little while, though, to go up against his rivals in other textile companies. Fieldcrest Mills drew a bye in the pairings for the elimination contests. Therefore, Mr. Dickerson will not need to compete in the first round.

Instead, he will face the winner of the match between Burlington Industries and Spartan Mills, Spartanburg, S.C. This means he will meet either Monnie Hugh Wilkie of Burlington's Caroleen Plant or Richard White of Spartan Mills, the warp doffer champions of their respective companies.

The American Textile Manufacturers Institute, sponsor of the National Superdoffer Tournament, has announced that the warp doffer first eliminations will be held between August 12 and 25. Those companies which drew a bye,

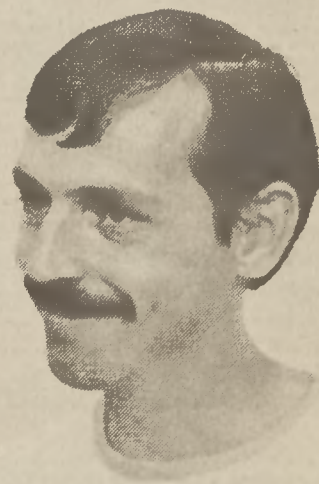
including Fieldcrest, will compete in the second round between September 2 and 15.

The national finals — to determine the fastest doffers among the approximately 20,000 doffers in the country — will begin during the week of November 25.

The winners will be designated as a "super" warp doffer and a "super" filling doffer and each will receive a cash prize of \$1,600. Runners-up in the finals for warp and filling will each win \$800.

Mr. Dickerson, as the doffing champion at Fieldcrest Mills, has received a congratulatory letter from Donald Comer, Jr., president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute and also president of Avondale Mills where the idea for a National Superdoffer Tournament originated.

In the letter Mr. Comer commended Mr. Dickerson on being the warp doffer champion at Fieldcrest Mills. "This is an outstanding achievement and you have every right to be proud of it. We hope that you will find fun and excitement in competing against the champions from



PHILLIP DICKERSON

other companies in this great industry," Mr. Comer wrote.

Mr. Dickerson has been a doffer at the Bedsread Mill since 1970 and was employed at the Bedsread Finishing Mill 1965-1969. His favorite sports are hunting and bowling.

He is married to the former Shirley Ring, a native of Stoneville and they have three children, ages eight, six and three. The family lives at 704 South Hamilton Street in Eden.

Runners-Up Are Ready, Too



HERBERT BLACKSTOCK

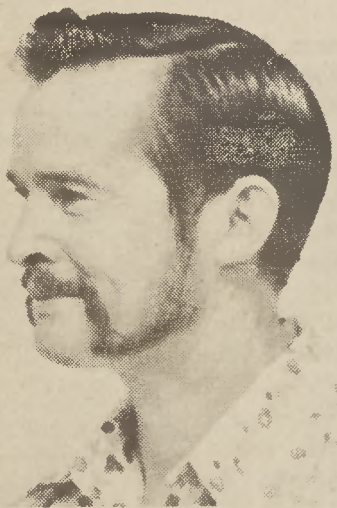
When Phillip Dickerson competes in the National Superdoffer Tournament he'll have some strong supporters back home.

Among those cheering him on will be two other doffers who competed in the contests to determine the champion doffer at Fieldcrest Mills.

Mr. Dickerson became the company's "Superdoffer" when he defeated Rudolph Dalton of the Blanket Greige Mill. Mr. Dalton had earlier downed Herbert Blackstock of the Draper Sheeting Mill.

Both Mr. Dalton, the first runner-up and Mr. Blackstock, the second runner-up have a strong competitive spirit. While they are cheering for Mr. Dickerson, they also would like to be in the contest again, if that were possible.

Mr. Dalton was first employed



RUDOLPH DALTON

as a doffer at the Blanket Greige Mill in 1969. He is a native of Stuart, Va., but grew up in the Draper section of Eden. His favorite sport is fishing.

He is married to the former Mary Travis of Ruffin and they have two sons and a daughter. The Daltons live at 45 Carlson Avenue in Danville, Va.

Mr. Blackstock, a native of Eden, was first employed at the Draper Sheeting Mill in June, 1968 and became a doffer in April, 1969.

He enjoys all sports, plays softball with the Blanket Greige Mill team and basketball with the Draper Sheeting Mill team. He is a member of the Church of God of Christ at Ruffin.

He is married to the former Rebecca Jumper of Eden and they have a son, nine months old. The family lives on Route 3, Eden.

Grants-In-Aid

The Fieldcrest Foundation gave 51 new grants-in-aid to employees' children for the 1973-74 school year.

Pictures of 30 of the young people appear on page three.

Notice

Gift certificates awarded employees on service anniversaries will be honored in connection with employees purchases of company merchandise not only at the Fieldcrest Store and its outlets in the outlying areas but also at the Employee Outlet Store in the Draper section of Eden and the Employee Cash Sales Showroom for rugs and carpets in the AMP Building on West Stadium Drive in Eden.

Under the company's service recognition program, employees observing 30th, 35th, 40th and 45th anniversaries receive a gift certificate in dollar value equal to the years of service.

CU Dividends Pass Million-Dollar Mark

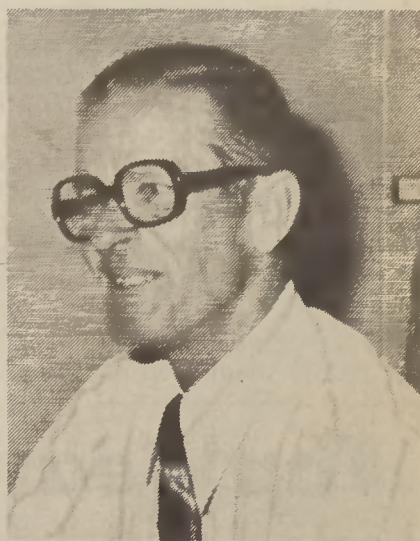
Fieldcrest employees are millions of dollars richer because of their membership in the Credit Union.

With its latest dividend, for the six months ended June 30, dividends paid by the Credit Union since its organization in 1958 passed the million-dollar mark.

"There's no doubt that the Credit Union is worth several million dollars to its members," said L. E. Chewning, Credit Union president who is manager of general accounting and taxes at Fieldcrest.

"The \$1,012,128 paid out in dividends to date represents just the interest," Mr. Chewning said. "Beyond the interest that has been earned there is the principal — the savings that the members have accumulated over the years.

"The Credit Union's assets now total over \$5-million. This includes the members' share accounts, plus the interest on their savings and income from investments.



L. E. CHEWNING

... Credit Union President ...

"These funds belong to the members and no one else. This is money ahead which is helping provide financial security for those who save in the Credit Union," Mr. Chewning added.

He pointed out that the Credit Union for several years has been paying 6 percent interest per

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