

NCF To Get State Award

The North Carolina American Legion has announced that North Carolina Finishing Company is the winner of the 1974 award as "Employer of the Year for Hiring the Handicapped."

NCF was chosen from all North Carolina industries by the state American Legion on the basis of the number of handicapped employees at the plant, and on its long-standing employment policy of employing the handicapped where possible.

The award will be presented to NCF, a division of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., by Samuel L. Shaver, commander of the state American Legion at a banquet at the Harold B. Jarrett Post in Salisbury Tuesday, September 17. A national American Legion Certificate of Appreciation will also be presented by Robert Tart, a member of the national executive committee.

Guests from NCF and Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., will be present at the banquet to receive the award. In addition, special invited guests from local and state government will be on hand.

The principal speaker for the evening will be David T. Flaherty, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources for the State of North Carolina.

50-Year Man Honored By Company

James H. Gallimore, Fieldcrest's newest 50-year employee, was honored by the management of the company at a luncheon Friday, August 30, at Meadow Greens Country Club.

Present for the luncheon were other members of the 50-Year Club, company officers and officials from the bedspread manufacturing operation and the Industrial Relations Department.

Arthur L. Jackson, senior vice president-manufacturing, presented Mr. Gallimore with the Fieldcrest diamond-and-gold 50-year service pin, a gift and other remembrances. Mr. Jackson read a telegram from President William C. Battle in which Mr. Battle expressed regret that he had to be out of town and could not attend the luncheon.

In brief remarks Mr. Jackson recalled his early acquaintance with Mr. Gallimore when the latter was working in the Mechanical Development Department. He congratulated Mr. Gallimore and expressed the company's appreciation for his long record of valuable service.

W. Giles Hunnings, division vice president-bed fashions manufacturing, spoke briefly and recalled his early association with Mr. Gallimore. He said the 50-year employee had a part in the training he



At luncheon honoring James H. Gallimore, new 50-year employee, service pin and other awards are presented by Arthur L. Jackson, right. W. Giles Hunnings is shown at left.

received at the Bedspread Mill when he first joined the company. Mr. Hunnings praised the work of Mr. Gallimore in training and in mechanical development.

In a brief response, Mr.

Gallimore said "I've enjoyed my 50 years at Fieldcrest Mills. I've seen a lot of improvements in machinery and in working conditions." He said that where mills are air conditioned now, in the old days if one

wanted air he had to open a window.

"The greatest change I have seen, though, is in the attitude of the management toward the

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Smithfield Plant Aids Artrain

Through the cooperation of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., the Artrain will be stationed on the railroad siding at the Automatic Blanket Plant during the traveling art gallery's visit to

Smithfield September 13-17. The management and personnel of the Automatic Blanket Plant are assisting the project in various other ways.

In addition to the presentation

of its exhibits, the Artrain will sponsor an arts festival featuring visual and performing arts throughout the day and early evening on the grassy lawn on the mill property. Fieldcrest will have an exhibit of art and design used in the company's fabrics.

The visit by the Artrain to Smithfield was arranged by the Johnston County Arts Council. A large number of citizens and clubs and organizations are helping with the project. The local community chairman for the Artrain is Rebecca Stewart.

The Artrain is currently on a tour of the Southeastern United States, through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to the Southern Growth Council. Its four stops in North Carolina — at Marion, Albemarle, Smithfield and Washington — were made possible by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, with

Gallimore, 50-Year Man, Has Outstanding Record

James H. Gallimore, head loom fixer at the Bedspread Mill who completed 50 years of continuous service September 1, was never off the payroll except when he was sick and never had a lost-time accident. He worked virtually the entire half-century in the Bedspread Mill Weave Room.

He was born in Carroll County, Va., and moved to Eden when he was 10 years old. His father was a painter and his mother worked in the Karastan Burling Department. Of the nine children in the family, eight of them at one time or another worked at the Karastan Rug Mill and James worked at the Bedspread Mill.

James Gallimore went to work shortly after his 14th birthday and was in the Inspecting Department for a short time before transferring to the Weave Room. He worked as a filling and quill hauler, weaver, and



JAMES H. GALLIMORE

loom fixer. He has been head loom fixer since 1958.

He has taught classes in weaving and loom fixing both at the mill and at the Vocational

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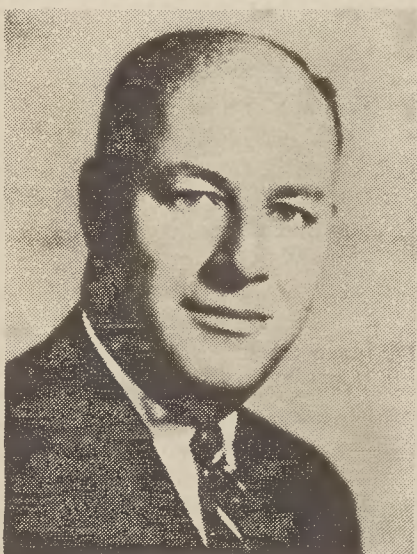
Fieldale 25-Yr. Club Picnic Set

The annual picnic for 25-Year Club members at the Fieldale Towel Mill has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, September 14, in the picnic area at the Fieldale Baseball Park.

The main speaker will be Francis X. Larkin, former divisional vice president and merchandise manager of towels and bath fashions who was recently promoted to the newly-created position of executive vice president of the Karastan and Laurelcrest marketing divisions.

Entertainment at the picnic will be furnished by The Fieldcresters, gospel-singing quartet of Eden.

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