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Hand Injuries Caused Most Accidents

Hand injuries and slip or fall injuries topped the list of lost-time accidents at Fieldcrest during 1976. Of the 91 disabling injuries during the year, 30 were from machinery and equipment, occurring mostly to the hands, and 22 were due to slips and falls.

The 91 accidents resulted in a frequency rate of 4.50 disabling injuries per million man-hours of operation, compared to 4.03 in 1975, said K. R. Baggett, Fieldcrest director of safety and Workmen's compensation.

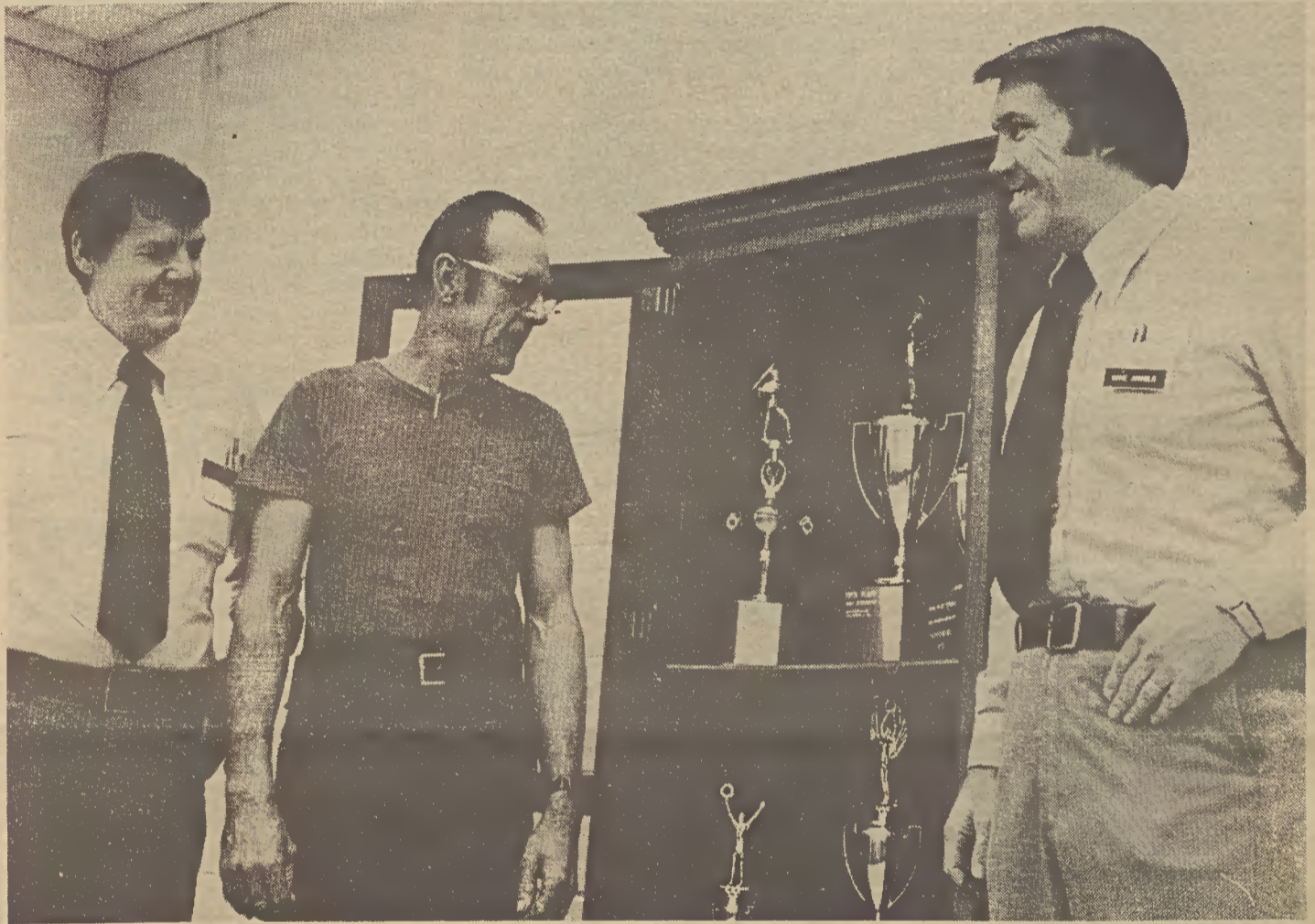
The severity rate, which is the number of days lost due to injury per million man-hours of operation, was 1.5 in 1976, about the same as the previous year.

"Hands and eyes cannot be replaced," Mr. Baggett said, "yet, every year many industrial workers injure their hands while performing unsafe acts around machinery. The majority, if not all, of the hand injuries could be prevented if the workers would not attempt to repair, clean, or adjust machinery that is in motion."

The majority, if not all eye injuries could be prevented if the workers wore the prescribed type of personal protective equipment provided by the company."

Striking against objects or being

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They're Champs

Bedspread Mill employees for the second consecutive year have been awarded the Most Outstanding Achievement trophy by the American Red Cross for participation in the Blood Program. Pictured are the Bedspread employees who have donated the most blood to the program.

Shuford Lollis, center, has donated eight gallons; Dave Arnold, right, four gallons and five pints; and A. D. Robertson, four gallons and three pints. See story and more pictures on page five.

Battle Article Reprints

An interesting article on William C. Battle, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. is in the March issue of "Nation's Business" magazine but is too lengthy to be carried in The Mill Whistle.

However, reprints of the article have been ordered and will be made available to employees upon request as long as the supply lasts. Those wishing to obtain copies may write to The Mill Whistle, Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., Eden, N. C. 27288 or telephone 919-623-2123, extension 53356.

Covington Is Appointed New Division VP

The appointment of Van A. Covington, Jr. as division vice president for purchasing at Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. has been announced by Arthur L. Jackson, Fieldcrest senior vice president.

Before joining Fieldcrest, Mr. Covington was director of purchasing at Springs Mills, Inc., Fort Mill, S.C., and had been with that company for nine years. He previously was assistant director of purchasing at Burlington Industries, Greensboro.

He also worked with Burlington in research and development, as a manufacturing superintendent and as assistant manager of the Brighton Division, Shannon, Ga., maker of

men's and women's ready-to-wear fabrics.

He attended Davidson College before going to Baylor University where he received a B.B.A. degree with a major in management and a

minor in accounting. Upon graduation he joined his father's firm, Covington Co., cotton merchants in Gastonia, and then was with Pharr Yarns in Gastonia for a time before joining

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Columbus Store Event Unique

Fieldcrest's traveling store event, designed to introduce and promote the Halston for Fieldcrest Collection, is still playing to large crowds across the country.

One of the most recent appearances at the Fieldcrest Store in Columbus, Ga. was marked by large and

enthusiastic crowds and an extremely enthusiastic pickup at the local press level.

The event is actually a very unique decorating seminar, conducted by Ms. Sue Bernard, Fieldcrest Publicity's traveling representative,

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