

Fieldcrest Floor Finishing Crew

Short On Numbers, Long On Performance

Fieldcrest's floor finishing crew is short on numbers but long on performance.

Eight men supervised by Woodrow Vestal keep the floors in all the Eden area mills clean and shining. Working only on third shift or on Saturdays, the crew also finishes the floors in adjoining locations as needed.

Rotating from mill to mill on a regular schedule, the crew strips and applies new finish to wood flooring, reconditions concrete floors, and completely sands and refinishes new flooring.

Two members of the floor finishing crew have been on the job for more than 30 years.

Howard Moyer, with 34 years of service, says he really likes always working at night. "I wouldn't have it any other way," he says.

Robert Wade, with 33 years of service, says he can sleep just as well during the day as at night. "When you're sleepy, it doesn't matter if it's light or dark outside. If you're sleepy, you'll sleep," said Mr. Wade.

In order to maintain both safety and housekeeping standards, all flooring in the company's manufacturing locations must be kept clean and must have a hard, clear finish, the main function of which is to protect the life of the floor.

To accomplish this, the crew uses a variety of scrubbers, sanders and buffers. A large wheeled cart carries all the equipment in addition to electrical outlets and connector cords for the heavier equipment.

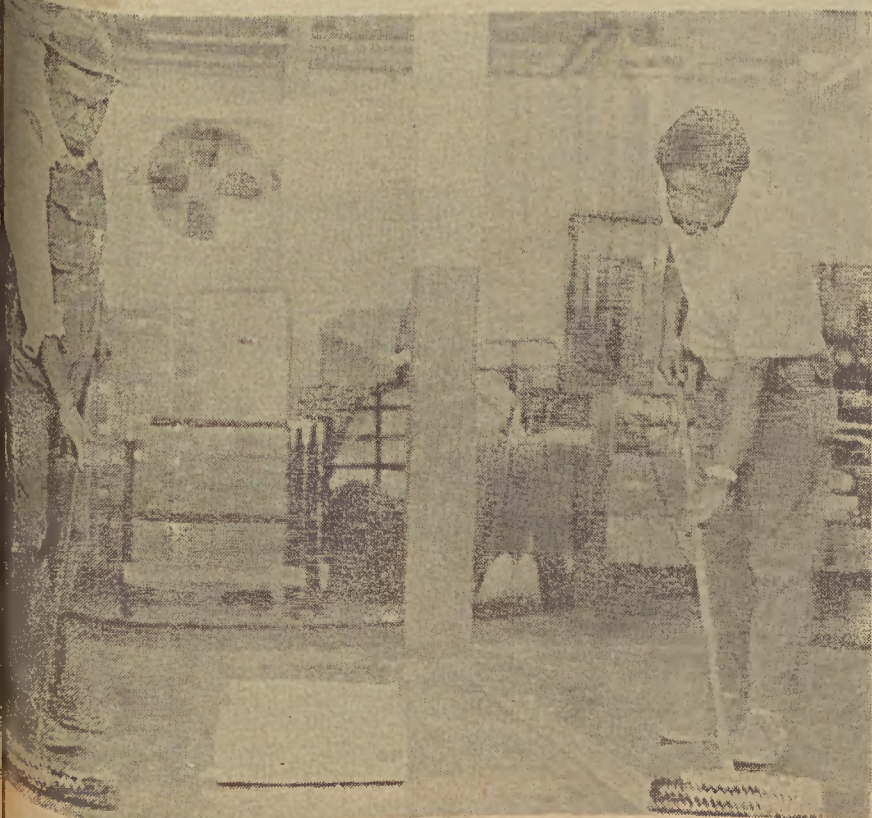
While most Fieldcrest employees never see the floor finishing crew on the job, the results of their fine work are apparent to everyone.



FIELDCREST FLOOR FINISHING CREW — From left, front row: Robert Wade, Dennis Terell, Howard Moyer, James V. Dillard, Frederick Brown. Second row: James Rucker, Percy Burns, Sammie Abbott.



Howard Moyer "wouldn't have it any other way." He has 34 years of service.



Robert Wade, left, and James Dillard.