

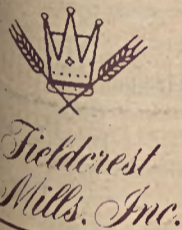


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Jeffries Marks 50-Year Record

Payton E. Jeffries, filter operator at the Filter Plant, achieved 50 years of continuous service on January 30, and is the newest member of the Fieldcrest 50-Year Club.

He came to work for Fieldcrest in 1928 as a learner at the old Nantuxet Mill, worked briefly at the Karastan Rug Mill as a learner and became a winder at the old Nantuxet Mill in 1930. He went to the Synthetic Fabrics Mill in March, 1930, became a warper there in 1935, second hand in 1940, and was promoted to assistant foreman in 1946. When the old Synthetic Fabrics Mill was closed in 1957, he went to the Filter Plant as an apprentice operator, becoming a filter operator later that year.

One of 12 children, his parents were originally from Virginia. All of the children were born and raised in Rockingham County and all have worked for Fieldcrest at some time. His father, the late J. H. Jeffries, was a retired employee of the Karastan Rug Mill. Two brothers

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PAYTON JEFFRIES

Karastan Introduces Commemorative Rug

Celebrating "Fifty Fashionable Years" since its founding in 1928, Karastan has introduced a Mameluke design as its 50th Anniversary Commemorative Rug. A rarity among Oriental style rugs, the Mameluke design was chosen as the Anniversary Rug for "both its beauty and unique history," according to Robert V. Dale, vice-president of styling and design for the Karastan Carpet and Rug Marketing Division.

In Karastan's Mameluke design rug, a progression of geometric forms establish the complex, but visually fascinating pattern. A large

octagon central medallion is imbedded in an eight-point star surrounded by smaller octagons and geometrics. These motifs are filled with interlacing motifs of rosettes, cartouches, stars, rolled papyrus leaves, palms and cypress trees. The jewel-like colors give the appearance of precisely placed pieces of turquoise and jade inset on a warm antique red ground.

Dale reported that the rarity of Mameluke rugs was the result of its relatively short history. He explained, "The original for this new Karastan rug was created in Cairo in the late 15th or early 16th century by weavers for the Mameluke sultanate. This was a warrior class which ruled an empire based in Egypt from about 1250 to 1517. However, because they were conquered by the Ottoman Turks in 1517, the Mameluke style ended abruptly.

"Gradually the Turkish influence took over in the designs, and with the forced shipment of the Cairo wea-

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I.D. Photographs To Be Taken At Eden Area Plants Feb. 20-24

Employees at the Eden, Fieldale and Stokesdale plants should note that Stone's Personnel Services will take identification photographs during the Week of February 20. All employees who do not have a permanent I.D. card must have their pictures made during that week. Ask supervisors for the proper information regarding the date, place and exact time of appointments.