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Warren Honored For 40 Years' Service



Joseph S. Warren, of the Synthetic Fabrics Mill, is shown (center) as he receives congratulations from officials upon his completion of 40 years of continuous service with the Company. Mr. Warren was presented his 40-year service pin by E. W. Medbery (right), production manager, together with a gift and a letter of appreciation from the management. Mr. Medbery and G. Halsey (left), mill manager, visit Mr. Warren in the weave room on

his anniversary date, Tuesday, March 2.

Mr. Warren is a native of Henry county, Va. and had worked with a construction company in Ohio before joining the Company at the old Lily Mill in 1914. He has been a loomfixer for many years and for a long period, including World War II, he was an assistant foreman. He has never been off the payroll in his 40 years and has worked in the weave room during all of that time.

Red Cross Campaign Progressing In Mills

Approximately \$2700 has been contributed by Fieldcrest employees in the 1954 Red Cross fund campaign. J. G. Perkins chairman of the industrial division in the community-wide drive, said final reports have not been received from all mills and that he expects additional funds to be turned in from the various plants.

John Smith, Jr., general chairman of the campaign in the Tri-Cities, reported that the drive is still short of the \$6424. He said most business places had been contacted although there are some to be called on during this week.

Persons who have not been reached in the campaign were requested by chairman Smith to send their contribu-

tion to the Red Cross either in care of Bill Amos, treasurer, or John Smith Jr., finance chairman.

The nation-wide drive being conducted during March has a goal of 30,000,000 members and \$85,000,000 in funds needed to meet extensive responsibilities for humanitarian services at home and abroad. More than a million and a half volunteer solicitors are conducting the month-long canvass under the leadership of William W. Overton, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., national campaign chairman.

Of the \$6424 sought by the Leaksville-Spray-Draper chapter, a total of \$3599—approximately 55 per cent—will remain in the Tri-Cities for local Red Cross services, with the remainder being used for the national and international work of the Red Cross organization.

Towel Mill Opens Quality Campaign

The personnel of the Towel Mill are engaged in a comprehensive quality program which has as its goal a 50 per cent reduction in seconds and thirds by the end of this year.

The mill has made several technical improvements such as changing various settings, a completely new sizing formula, covers for doff boxes, a change in the technique for piecing up ends in the spinning room and numerous other changes, some of seemingly minor nature, but which are of a great importance to quality.

Members of supervision, fixers and other employees are working on more ideas which will reduce or eliminate causes of seconds and which will bring improvements even in the first quality towels produced by the mill.

J. D. Moore, mill manager, in commenting on the quality program stated: "The loss caused by seconds and thirds at the Towel Mill amounted to approximately \$200,000 in 1953. We believe that through the concentrated efforts of our supervisors, with the cooperation of the employees, we will be able to reduce this loss in 1954 and lower our mill costs appreciably."

Bleachery Equipment Has Been Modernized

As a part of a program of modernization for better efficiency and quality, the company has spent several thousand dollars recently on improvements to the sheet finishing range at the Bleachery.

The water mangle has been equipped with roller bearings, and a new chain drive with hydraulic equipment has been installed for smoother starts. The old tenter frame has been replaced and the gear drives on the dry cans have been replaced with chain drives and new bearings. New steam lines and new traps were installed.

Weft-straightening equipment, which was developed by our own engineers working with some outside firms, has

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