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FOREMEN VISIT—This group of weave room foremen is shown at Bedsread Mill during one of a series of inter-plant visits arranged by the Training Dept. Left to right, C. A. Davis, Blanket; R. D. Hundley, Towel; J. W. Griggs, Synthetic Fabrics; C. J. Squires, assistant superintendent, Bedsread Mill; F. W. Younts, Bedsread; and T. B. Hamrick, Sheeting Mill.

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Fieldcrest Men Visit European Mills

John T. MacIsaac, manager of the Mechanical Development Department at Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., and I. O. Moberg, development engineer, left February 14 for a three-week inspection tour of European textile installations. The pair will visit mills and textile machinery plants in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, and Italy.

Before leaving Danville airport Monday afternoon, Mr. MacIsaac said: "Textile manufacturing is a universal process. Therefore, competition is world-wide. If we are to stay ahead at Fieldcrest, we must know what improvements are being made in processes and machinery, not only in our own country, but what new things are being developed elsewhere in the world. There are indications that the Europeans in some instances are far ahead of us in the development of new and better manufacturing equipment.

"We plan to inspect as many textile mills and textile machinery plants as possible so that we may have up-to-date information at Fieldcrest on the

advancements in both processes and machinery, which are being made in Europe at the present time."

Visit Textile Center

Traveling by air, the Fieldcrest men arrived in London last Wednesday morning and spent Thursday and Friday in Manchester, center of the textile industry in England, and in (Continued on page three)

Late Registration Set For Evening Classes

Final registrations for adult classes at Tri-City high school will be taken Tuesday, February 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fieldcrest employees interested in taking some of the evening courses may telephone H. M. Tomberlin, principal of Tri-City high school, for further information or may enroll by registering at the school between the specified hours Tuesday.

The classes will begin Thursday, February 24 and will last for 10 weeks. Courses are available in filing, clerical payroll procedure, elementary typing and advanced typing.

Foremen Study Similar Depts.

A program designed to give supervisors of Fieldcrest Mills a wider range of knowledge in Company operations through observation of current processes and techniques in similar manufacturing departments was begun February 2 with the weave room foreman.

The project was recommended by the Training Advisory Council and is being coordinated by the Training Dept. The weaving foremen have visited Bedsread, Blanket and Sheeting weave rooms and will visit the Synthetic Fabrics Mill this week and the Towel Mill March 2.

The foremen meet each Wednesday morning at the host mill and spend two hours in a briefing session before going to the weave room for observations. The group then holds another session to review what they have seen and to ask questions.

A similar program for carding and spinning foremen is planned for March. It is contemplated that when the foremen's tours have been completed, assistant foremen will participate in such a program.

In commenting on the project, D. A. Purcell, chairman of the Training Advisory Council said: "We feel that by pooling the accumulated years of ex- (Continued on page eight)

Dumaine, Co. Director, Spends Week At Mills

Mr. F. C. Dumaine, Jr. a member of the board of directors of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., spent most of last week at the mills where, accompanied by local mill officials, he visited all of the plants in the Tri-Cities and Fieldale, Va., and several of the staff departments at Spray.

Mr. Dumaine spoke informally to members of the management group at a luncheon at Meadow Greens Country club Thursday. At the meeting of the Carolina Cooperative Council Thursday evening Mr. Dumaine addressed the group briefly describing his impressions during the visit and expressing confidence in the future of the mills.

Mrs. Dumaine accompanied her husband on the trip here. She attended the Council meeting with him and was with him a part of the time during his tour of the plants.