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## 'Y' Membership Drives Under Way



Leaders in membership campaigns being conducted simultaneously by the Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A. and the Draper Y.M.C.A., left to right are, Mert Warren, chairman of the Consolidated Central drive, and Robert Joyce of the membership committee; Frank Setliff, co-chairman, with Dr. C. H. Sugg, of the Draper "Y" campaign; and Robert Powell, an area captain at Draper.

## Fieldcrest To Discontinue Synthetic Fabrics

Fieldcrest Mills will discontinue the manufacture of novelty fabrics and will close the Synthetic Fabrics Mill at Spray, President Harold W. Whitcomb announced Friday, March 29. The mill will end operations upon the completion of work now in process, probably by May 1.

Notices concerning the decision to close the plant were posted Friday afternoon. The employees still at work were addressed by Vice President Robert A. Harris and Mill Manager A. L. Jackson, who pointed out the circumstances necessitating the closing of the plant and explained the status of the employees.

The mill has employed 350 people and about 80 of these have been transferred to other Fieldcrest plants. It is expected that the other displaced em-

ployees will be absorbed in some of the seven other mills operated by the company as rapidly as conditions permit, since Fieldcrest gives a priority to the placement of such employees.

In order that all of the employees might have more complete information concerning reasons for the closing of the mill and the future status of the employees, the following letter was mailed Friday to the homes of the employees:

**"TO: EMPLOYEES OF THE SYNTHETIC FABRICS MILL**

"After long and careful study we have decided to discontinue the operation of our Synthetic Fabrics Mill as soon as present orders and materials have been run out, which we anticipate will be approximately May 1. This mill has lost money for five consecutive

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## Consolidated Central, Draper Y.M.C.A.'s Holding Simultaneous Campaigns

Membership campaigns conducted simultaneously by the Consolidated Central Y.M.C.A. and the Draper Y.M.C.A. began March 25 and continue through the month of April. Goals are 1600 members at Consolidated Central and 1200 at Draper. Efforts are being made to contact all families in the Tri-Cities and offer them an opportunity to join.

Leaders of the drives believe the 1957 campaigns will be the most successful to be held so far. Mert Warren, chairman of the membership committee at Consolidated Central is heading the drive, assisted by members of the committee and a group of helpers. Dr. C. H. Sugg and Frank Setliff are co-chairmen of the Draper "Y" campaign and they have the assistance of a large number of volunteers.

### Softball Bleachers Purchased

The Draper "Y" has recently purchased a section of softball bleachers seating 200 spectators and a successful membership campaign will provide encouragement to continue improvements in facilities, officials said. Also, the Draper Y.M.C.A. is planning to employ a girls director either on a full-time or part-time basis as another forward step, it was stated.

A progress report for Consolidated Central shows that since 1951 the "Y" has grown in several directions. Organized purposeful and hobby clubs have been increased from three clubs and 94 members to 27 clubs and 1218 members in 1956. Enrollment at the

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## Guinan To Be Speaker At NRDGA Conference

Walter B. Guinan, vice president in charge of rug sales, will be a member of a five-man panel who will discuss floor coverings at a two-day conference on home furnishings at Philadelphia April 9 and 10.

The National Retail Dry Goods Association will sponsor the conference, the third annual one of its kind. Mr. Guinan's topic will be "The Importance of the Room Size Rug."