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Hospital Building Fund Drive To Open

Instructors Prepare For Training Courses



Instructors for a series of departmental management courses to open September 16 map plans for class work. The courses, covering several phases of departmental management, are sponsored by Fieldcrest Mills and the Vocational Education Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Left to right are C. D. Rhodes, instructor for "Fabrics Analysis and Design"; E. S. Barksdale, instructor for "Cost Control"; J. T. MacIsaac, who will teach "Basic Mechanics"; and J. E. Gardner, of the Fieldcrest Training Department. The instructor for the course in "Cotton Evaluation" is to be announced later.

25-Year Picnic Set For Sept. 14

Company officials have announced that the annual picnic for members of the Fieldcrest 25-Year Club will be held at Morehead Stadium Saturday, September 14, at 3:30 p. m.

Invitations will be mailed this week to all present members and to the large group of new members coming into the club this year. Tickets will be sent to the members about a week in advance of the date of the picnic.

Plans are in progress to make this outing the most enjoyable in the history of the club. It is expected, too,

that the 1957 picnic will be the best attended of all such meeings of the 25-Year Club.

Jim Eanes and his string band from Station WHEE in Martinsville, Va., and the Fieldcresters, the well-known quartet comprised of Fieldcrest employees, will provide musical entertainment. In addition, Gordon Siler, of Leaksville, will show his extensive collection of old guns, old money, newspapers and other articles of historical interest.

Officers of the Company and other (Continued on page six)

Solicitation At Mills Will Start Sept. 9

Fieldcrest men and women will have an important part in the campaign to raise \$500,000 toward the cost of a beautiful, new, air-conditioned, modern 75-bed hospital for the Tri-Cities.

The \$500,000 represents the community's share of the \$1,125,000 needed for a new hospital built and equipped to the approved specifications of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and the U. S. Public Health Service under regulations of the Hill-Burton Act.

Because Fieldcrest is the Tri-Cities' largest employer, the community's ability to raise \$500,000 will be determined largely by the success of the campaign at the mills. Wholehearted support by Fieldcresters will be the (Continued on page seven)

Results Of Fieldale Election Are Certified

The National Labor Relations Board has certified the results of the representation election at the Towel Mill June 5 when the Textile Workers Union of America was soundly defeated.

Following the balloting, in which 636 employees voted against the TWUA and 547 voted for representation, the union filed objections to the conduct preceding the election.

As it is required to do under federal law, the NLRB investigated the union's charges. The labor board found that the Company had done nothing that affected the employees' freedom of choice in voting for what they believed to be best for themselves.

Following his report, the NLRB agent gave the union an additional week in which to find evidence to support its charges against the Company. Then last week the NLRB notified the Company that the union had withdrawn its charges and that the labor board had certified the results of the election.