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Employees Getting Free Chest X-Rays

Mobile Unit Will Visit All Mills In N. C. Area

The free chest x-ray program for employees in the North Carolina mills will get under way today (Monday). The mobile x-ray unit of the N. C. State Board of Health will be in the Spray area from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

The unit will be at the Draper mills Tuesday from 9 p. m. to 3 a. m., Wednesday from 12 o'clock noon to 6 p. m., and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Leaksville employees will get their chest x-rays next week when the unit will be stationed near the Karastan Rug Mill and Bedsread Mill on the following schedule: Wednesday, November 12, 9 p. m. to 3 a. m.; Thursday, November 13, 12 o'clock noon to 6 p. m.; Friday, November 14, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Employees will be released from work long enough to have x-rays made. The schedule is arranged so that employees on all three shifts will have an opportunity to get the free chest x-rays.

Unavoidable circumstances caused a

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\$13,480 Pledged In Fund Drive At Mills

Fieldcrest employees pledged a total of \$13,480 to the Tri-City Community Fund in the solicitations recently completed in the North Carolina mills. This is approximately the same amount as given by employees in last year's campaign.

In addition to the employees' contribution, Fieldcrest Mills as a corporation gave \$5,000, making a total contribution of \$18,480 by employees and the Company. This is slightly more than half of the community-wide goal of \$36,790.

At the latest report, a total of \$29,500 had been contributed in the over-all campaign, leaving \$7,290 yet to be raised in the community.

Participating agencies which benefit from the Community Fund are: Boys Club, Boy Scouts, Consolidated Central and Henry Street YMCAs, Draper YMCA, Girl Scouts, Rescue Squad, Red Cross and Carolinas United.



AT COUNCIL MEETING—W. C. (Dan) Daniel, Carolina Council speaker, is shown third from left as he talked with officials following the meeting. At left are President Harold W. Whitcomb and W. B. Lucas, assistant secretary of the Company and vice-president of the Council. At right is Robert A. Harris, vice-president, manufacturing, and immediate past president of the Council.

Cheap Imports Harming Textile Industry

The United States has become the dumping ground for textiles made in low-wage foreign mills and this situation is not likely to improve under the present policies of the U. S. government.

So stated W. C. (Dan) Daniel, assistant to the president of Dan River Mills and past national commander of the American Legion, in an address before the Carolina Cooperative Council Thursday evening, October 16, at Consolidated Central YMCA.

Source of the trouble, he said, is the government's two-price cotton system, whereby foreign mills are allowed to purchase U. S. cotton at 20-25% less than United States mills, and cheap labor in foreign mills where hourly rates range from 10 to 50 cents an hour, far below the high wage scales of American mills.

"As Congress closed up shop until

next year, the textile industry saw the Trade Agreements Act extended for four more years, and the two-price cotton program still in force. The United States textile industry will have to continue to suffer under a governmental policy which gives all of the advantages price-wise to foreign textile producers," Mr. Daniel said.

He urged that textile people let their congressmen know of their feelings in this matter. "Let them know we are not looking for government favors, but only for an opportunity to compete fairly and equitably in the market places without undue government restrictions," Mr. Daniel said.

R. A. Harris, outgoing president of the Council, opened the meeting and called on C. P. Wilson, to give the invocation. Mr. Harris installed the new officers and in turn was presented the

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