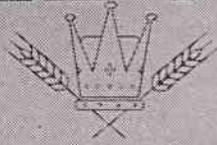


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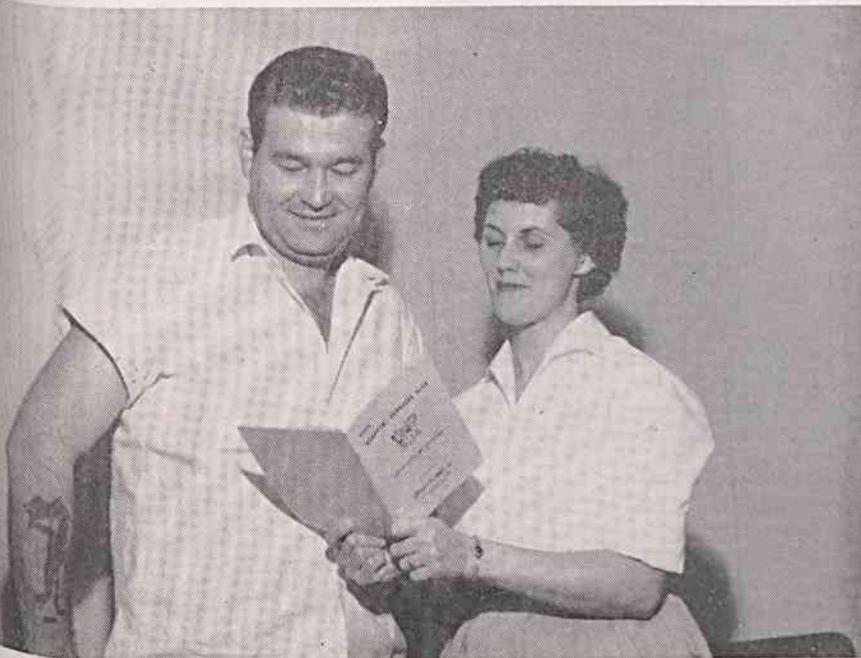
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Barbara Hopkins, Abbott winder tender at Blanket Mill, shows new Mutual Aid booklet to her husband, Elroy J. Hopkins, sealer operator at Automatic Blanket Mill. The booklets are to be distributed to members this week.

## Large Crowd Attends 25-Year Club Picnic

Fieldcrest Mills honored its long-service employees at a picnic Saturday afternoon, September 17, in Morehead Stadium. The event was well attended by members of the 25-Year Club, composed of 1,267 employees who have records ranging from 25 to over 56 years of continuous service.

A highlight of the program was a talk by President Harold W. Whitcomb, who expressed the Company's appreciation for the faithful service of the long-service employees. He praised the loyalty and skill of the veteran employees, and cited the valuable contribution they have made to the Company's success through the years.

### Much Six-Day Operation

He pointed out that on October 1 it will be seven years since the purchase of the mills by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. For the past five years the mills have operated at a high rate of activity with much six-day operation resulting in a considerable amount of overtime pay for employees.

Mr. Whitcomb reported on the new Morehead Memorial Hospital which Fieldcresters had a prominent part in building through their generous support of the building fund campaign. He described the tremendous improvement in medical care facilities for employees and the community, and pointed to the

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## New Mutual Aid Booklets To Be Distributed

Liberalized benefits of The United Mutual Aid Association are incorporated in an attractive booklet describing the Mutual Aid hospital-surgical plan for Fieldcrest employee in Leaksville-Spray-Draper.

Copies of the booklets will be distributed later this week to all member of the United Mutual Aid Association.

The increases in benefits, approved by the members effective July 1, 1960, were as follows:

The hospital room rate was increased from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per day.

Hospital extras were increased from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per day (the maximum for extras was increased from \$100.00 to \$125.00).

Maximum surgical benefits were increased from \$150.00 to \$200.00.

Maternity benefits were increased from \$100.00 to \$120.00.

To finance the increased benefits, the membership of the Association approved an increase in dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week to become effective October 1.

First deductions at the new rate will be from employees' payroll checks for

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## Fieldcrest Credit Union Invites New Members

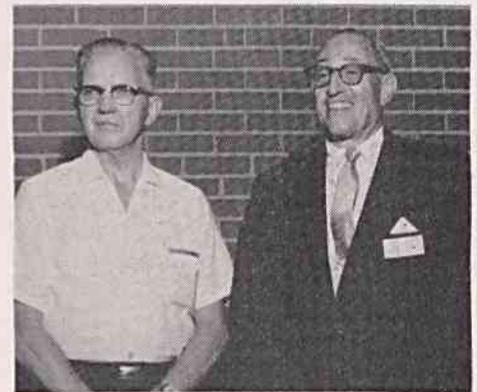
Have you considered joining the Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union?

Fieldcrest employees in the North Carolina mills have one of the outstanding credit unions in the state. Organized in July, 1958, the Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union has grown steadily until it now has approximately 2500 members.

These members use the Credit Union to save regularly by having a small amount deducted from each paycheck. They also use the Credit Union for low-cost loans when it is necessary for them to borrow money.

What about you? Maybe you'll want to consider joining the Credit Union as a means of saving or for a low-interest loan when you need extra money.

Make it a point to talk with the Credit Union representative at your mill and learn how you would benefit from the Credit Union. These representatives are: Bob Moore, Spray area; Melvin Moore, Draper; Jones Norman, Leaksville; Roger Wilkes, General Offices.



AT PICNIC — President Whitcomb greets W. A. Blackburn, of the Mechanical Development Department, who has over 56 years of continuous service with the Company.