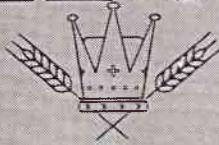


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Community Fund Drive Will Open Today

Day's Pay Per Employee Is Suggested Basis For Giving In Canvass In Tri-City Plants

94.1% Give Day's Pay In Towel Mill Drive

In an outstandingly successful campaign at the Towel Mill, 94.1 per cent of all the employees pledged a day's pay or more to the Fieldale Community Fund. In addition, there were others who made contributions in some amount, representing participation by 95.6 per cent of all the employees.

The records show that of the 1,281 persons on the payroll, 1,205 gave on the day's pay basis. In addition, there were 20 who gave smaller amounts. This means that a total of 1,225 employee made contributions, leaving only 56 who did not take part in the campaign.

Pending a tabulation of the results, the final money figure was not available Friday as *The Mill Whistle* went to press but will be known this week.

Drawings are to be held this week for a number of valuable prizes to be awarded among those who gave on the day's pay basis.

Certificates of Merit from D. A. Purcell, mill manager, are to be presented to a large number of departments in which 100 per cent of the employees contributed a day's pay.

Fieldcrest employees in the Leaksville-Spray-Draper area will be contacted in the mills and offices this week and asked to pledge the equivalent of a day's pay to the Tri-City Community Fund.

Robert A. Harris, vice president-manufacturing, is general chairman of the drive at Fieldcrest Mills. The manager of each mill will serve as chairman for the solicitation in his mill with the assistant managers and superintendents as co-chairmen. Heads of the major staff departments will be in charge of the campaign in their respective departments.

The budget-goal for the community-wide campaign is \$65,353, representing the minimum amount needed for the continuance of the 10 health, recreation and welfare services receiving support from the Community Fund.

At Fieldcrest, the payroll deductions authorized by employees will not begin until the first pay period in January of 1964.

To reduce the work involved in an annual campaign, employees will be asked to make a pledge on a continuing basis. The pledge would be on the basis of a percentage of earnings that

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Community College Is Possible For County

Fieldcresters will have an opportunity soon to join with other citizens of Rockingham County in approving the construction of a community college which could be in operation by the fall of 1965.

The county commissioners have set November 19 as the date for citizens to vote on \$1.25 million in bonds and an eight cents per \$100 tax levy to finance the building costs. The state will pay \$500,000 toward the cost of construction.

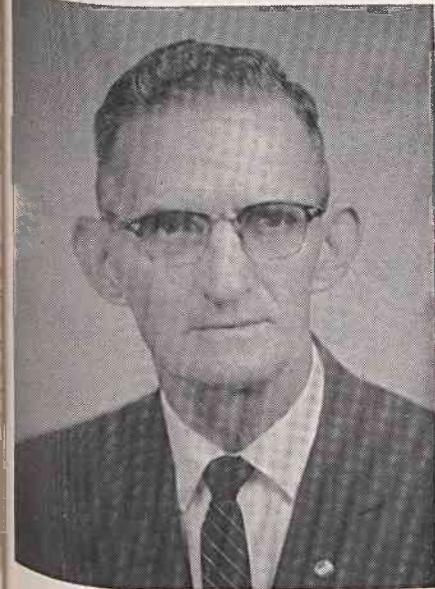
Once the buildings are erected, the state is obligated to pay the major portion of the college's operating costs—65 per cent. The county must pay 15 per cent; and the students, through their tuition, 20 per cent.

Provision for community colleges

comes under the Higher Education bill passed by the last General Assembly which appropriated funds for a network of community colleges to take care of the increasing number of college students. Studies have shown that the state by 1970 will have 31,000 more college students than the present institutions of higher learning can absorb.

A site for the college has not been definitely chosen. However, the steering committee has recommended a centrally located site near Wentworth. The county already owns 65 acres of the 115-acre site. The final decision on the location will be made by the trustees.

Aside from the educational aspect,
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HUGH T. LEE

Lee, 50-Year Man, Gets Service Awards

Hugh T. Lee, of the Karastan Mill, who completed 50 years of continuous service with the company October 15, was honored by the management and presented awards in recognition of his outstanding record of service.

Mr. Lee was the guest of honor at a luncheon at Meadow Greens Country Club Friday, October 11. Attending were the officers of the company, officials of the Karastan Mill, and the eight other 50-year employees.

President Harold W. Whitcomb presented Mr. Lee with the Fieldcrest diamond- and -gold 50-year pin and a letter of commendation, together with other gifts and remembrances.

Mr. Whitcomb congratulated Mr. Lee on his steadfast and loyal service for 50 years and praised the record of the Lee family, which now has three 50-year employees, including two sisters of Mr. Lee who completed over 50 years each before their retirement.

Recalling that several other members of the Lee family were associated with the mills in the past, Mr. Whitcomb

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