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1966 Safety Record Is Best In History

Fieldcrest employees in 1966 achieved the best safety record ever established for the total Fieldcrest operations. Nine of the locations completed the year with no disabling injuries, accumulating over 5-million man-hours of accident-free operation.

Among the mills obtaining "firsts" in their safety records were the Karastan Mill, Leaksville, and the Muscogee Mill, Columbus, Ga. The Karastan Mill had no lost time due to injury and has op-

erated over 2-million man-hours since the last lost-time accident occurred. The Muscogee Mill attained second place, the highest it has ever ranked, in the Georgia Textile Manufacturers Association's safety contest and is to receive an award from the GTMA.

Mills or units which had no lost-time injuries in 1966, in addition to Karastan, were: Bedsread Finishing, Bleachery, Central Warehouse, Foremost Screen Print, General Offices, Mount Holly Spinning Mill, Nye-Wait and Virginia Specials.

The company-wide frequency rate (the number of lost-time accidents per million man-hours) and severity rate (the number of lost-time days per million man-hours) were less than half of those in the previous year. The 1966 frequency was 2.50 compared with 5.02 in 1965. The severity rate was 559 in 1966, having been reduced from 1197 in 1965.

The above are highlights of a report by K. R. Baggett, Fieldcrest safety director, covering safety activities in 1966. Mr. Baggett congratulated the mills on their safety record and urged a continuation of the emphasis on the prevention of accidents.

"Each employee can take pride in the part he has played by working safely," he said. "These accomplishments have made 1966 a banner year in Fieldcrest's safety endeavors. 1967 has gotten off to an even better start than 1966 and, (Continued on Page Eight)



A. J. Talbert, of Finishing Mill Quality Control, prepares to give blood.

Bleachery, Finishing Furnish Most Donors

Bleachery and Finishing employees were outstanding among the donors when the Bloodmobile visited St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Spray, Thursday, February 16. Bleachery and Finishing furnished 26 donors, the largest group from any mill or blood donor team.

A total of 76 Fieldcrest employees gave blood, accounting for over 56% of the 135 pints obtained on the Bloodmobile visit. Every Fieldcrest plant in the Tri-Cities, the General Offices, Research Building and Specials, were represented among the donors.

Besides Bleachery and Finishing, the other mills furnishing the largest number of donors were Karastan 10; and Sheet Finishing and Specials, eight apiece.

Guy Buckle, chairman of the Tri-City Blood Program, expressed appreciation to those who donated blood and to the large group of volunteer workers at the Bloodmobile. He said the local Blood Program is "barely holding its own" and donor recruitment efforts must be intensified.

Melvin Harmon, of the Blanket Cutting and Sewing Department at the Finishing Mill, and William Lee Davis, of Morehead Mills, became members of the (Continued on Page Three)

Deadline Is Near For Scholarship Requests

The deadline for applying for a Fieldcrest Scholarship or a Muscogee Foundation Scholarship is April 1. Applications must be received prior to that date to be considered by the Scholarship Committees.

Both the Fieldcrest and Muscogee Foundation Scholarships are worth \$2400 each over a period of four years at the rate of \$600 for each of the four years of college attendance.

Both employees and the children of employees are eligible to apply for scholarships. They must be high school graduates who are entering college for the first time and must plan to enroll in an academic four-year college or university in a course of studies leading to (Continued on Page Three)

Hospital Campaign Under Way At Forest City

Employees of the Alexander Sheeting Mill this week are engaged in a campaign to help raise \$1,500,000 in the Rutherford Hospital \$3,750,000 Development program.

The balance will be met by a government grant and area philanthropies. Corporations (including Fieldcrest) and business firms of the area are contributing substantially to the fund to meet the need for better hospital care for Rutherford County people.

Jack T. Carter, personnel manager, is general chairman of the campaign at the Alexander plant. The supervisors are assisting by personally contacting employees and soliciting pledges to the hospital fund.

Each employee is being asked to make a pledge averaging about the cost of one cup of coffee a day. The pledge

may be paid in small installments through payroll deductions over a three-year period.

The goal at the Alexander plant is \$40,000, which will be attained if all employees pledge on the suggested basis.

The present hospital, located in Forest City, has two buildings. It is planned to raze the older building, constructed in 1911. It will be replaced by a brand new three-story building, modern in every respect, to accommodate the hospital service areas.

The other building, built in 1952, will be completely refurbished to eliminate existing overtaxed facilities and to augment in every way the new building housing the service areas.

The improvements will provide a new, modern surgical suite, a new and larger (Continued on Page Eight)