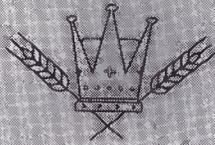


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## Bedsread Mill Expansion Announced

A major expansion of the Bedsread Mill has been announced by G. William Moore, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. The planned expansion of bedsread operations will require approximately 240 additional employees over the next three years.

The first phase of this expansion will

cost approximately \$4½ million and is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. It involves the purchase of 80 additional looms. Also, large additions will be built to the weave room, the twister room and the dyehouse.

In connection with the expansion of the bedsread operation, an addition

also will be built to the warehouse portion of the Bedsread Finishing Mill. Another part of the project will be the removal of the old bleachery equipment at the Blanket Finishing Mill to make room for an enlarged jig dyeing department for bedsreads.

In commenting on the expansion Mr. Moore said: "We are very pleased that our bedsread business has grown to the extent that the additional capacity is needed. This is an important expansion of our manufacturing facilities and substantially increases Fieldcrest's investment in the Eden area."

Mr. Moore said that there will be a number of other capital projects in Eden this year, mainly to provide space for additional equipment or more space for warehousing. Included are an addition to the picker room and spinning room at the Sheeting Mill; a second story to be added to the cotton warehouse at the Blanket and Sheeting Mills; and a second story to be added to the yarn storage building at the Karastan Mill.

"These are projects for which the money has already been committed," Mr. Moore said. "There will be other improvements and additions to our plants in Eden as we continue the modernization and improvement program carried on since the purchase of the properties by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. in 1953."



Looking over drawings for the \$4½ million expansion in the Bedsread operation, left to right, are, F. E. Barron, Jr., mill manager; A. G. Singleton, director of engineering; and J. G. Farrell, Jr., general assistant in engineering.

## Asia, Africa Topics Of 'Great Decisions' Group

"Africa, Asia and the Development Decade" is this week's topic for the discussion groups in the Great Decisions 1969 program. Many Fieldcresters are members of discussion groups and, while it is too late to form one for this year, it might be possible to join one for the remainder of the eight week program.

In addition to the regular weekly discussion group meetings, there are guest speakers who appear in Eden during the time of the program.

This program is in its 4th year in this area, and the idea of it is for groups of people to gather once a week and discuss topics of current interest.

The rest of the program includes Southeast Asia; Western Europe and the U. S.; Cuba—The Castro Decade; The Middle East Tinderbox; and Dis-

sent, Democracy and Foreign Policy.

There is no classroom atmosphere in these discussion groups, as each one is composed of a neighborhood group, a group of friends or a group of co-workers—whoever desires to form a discussion group.

Rockingham Community College is the local organization behind this program, and it is sponsored in North Carolina by Community Adult Education, UNC Extension Division, Chapel Hill. The program is offered by the Foreign Policy Association, an educational agency.

There is no set pattern to be followed for the meetings, and a teacher is not required, though the College will supply a leader for those groups who feel they want a leader.

## April 1 Is Deadline For Scholarship Requests

Those who plan to apply for Fieldcrest or Muscogee Scholarships should be preparing their applications now in order to submit them by April 1. The beginning date for applying for a scholarship was last Monday, February 10.

All of the scholarships are now worth \$2,800 each at the rate of \$700 a year for each of the four years the student is in college.

An application form may be obtained from the area personnel managers, the mill personnel offices, the Employment Office of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., in the General Offices building in Eden; or by writing to Dr. William McGehee, director of personnel research and development, Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., Eden, N. C. 27288.