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Children's Christmas Parties Scheduled

Sunday afternoon, December 17, will be the date of the annual children's Christmas parties sponsored by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., at Fieldale Va., and at Eden.

The Fieldale party will be at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Fieldale-Colinsville High School. The Eden party will follow at 4 p.m. in the Morehead High School auditorium.

A special Christmas program is being developed by the Pendulum Players of Rockingham County, with features adapted to the age groups involved. This program is expected to be unique and outstanding among the various types of entertainment that have been featured at the parties.

Santa Claus will be present to greet the children and to hand out Christmas stockings filled with candy bars. Mill officials will assist Santa Claus in distributing the treats.

Children's Christmas parties also are to be held at the Company's other mill locations. The times and places for the parties will be announced locally when arrangements have been completed.

Fieldale Employees Support Fund Drive

Employees at the Fieldale Towel Mill again demonstrated outstanding support of the Fieldale Community Fund by pledging \$22,000 during the campaign which recently ended.

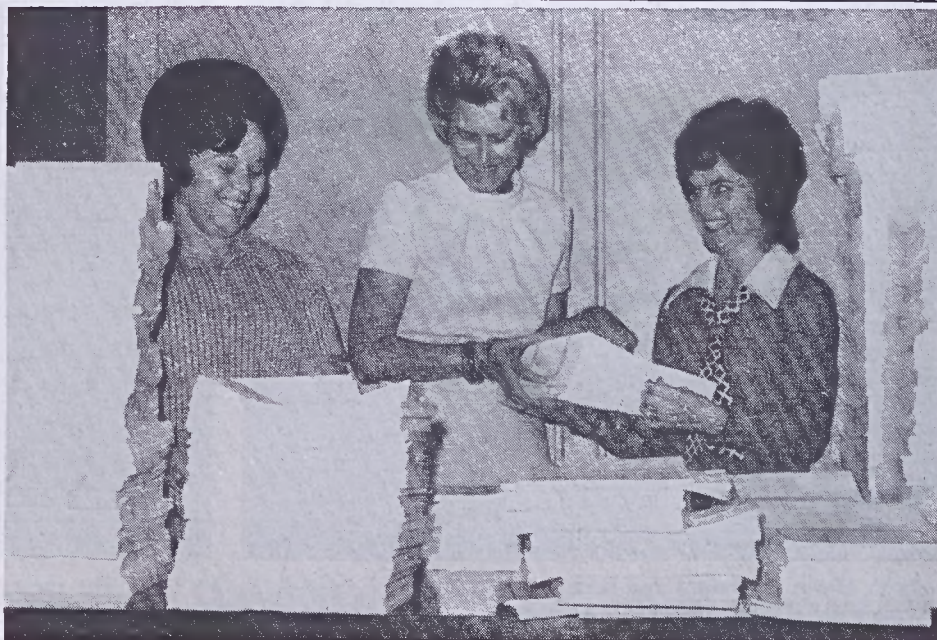
An additional \$3,000 to be contributed by the Company through the Fieldcrest Foundation will make a total of \$25,000 given by the employees and the Company.

Final reports showed that 58% of the Fieldale employees pledged a Fair Share or more and that 62% participated in the campaign by contributing in some amount.

The grand prize in the drawing among Fair Share givers, an 18-inch portable color television set, was won by Dennis Walker, Yarn Preparation.

Departments in which all employees contributed a Fair Share were: Card-

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Insurance Department employees Vicki Strong, Barbara Janney and Frances Paschal, left to right, prepare new insurance certificates which will be distributed this week to all plan members in Fieldcrest's southern mills. The new certificates reflect major improvements in the group insurance plan.

New Insurance Certificates Are Ready

New insurance certificates reflecting the major improvements made in the group insurance plan in July are to be distributed this week to all plan members in Fieldcrest's southern mills.

Additional certificates are to be received later for distribution to employees elsewhere in the country.

The certificates replace the present certificates which are out of date due to the extension of Major Medical insurance to all employees and other improvements. The company's Major Medical insurance was updated, improved and made effective throughout the company July 1, 1972.

(Major Medical is an additional form of protection, coming into operation after benefits under the Base Hospital Plan have been exhausted).

Basic Plan Unchanged

The basic hospital plan was not changed and it continues to cover the initial expenses and the average hospitalization. The base plan for the past several years has covered 75% to 85% of the average charges of all hospitalization for employees and their dependents.

However, the average costs of being sick and admitted to the hospital continue to increase, due to general inflation, more sophisticated methods of treatment, expensive drugs, etc.

It was found that there was an increasing need on the part of all Fieldcrest employees for additional cover-

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Winchester Employees Set Record Of Giving

For the fourth consecutive year, 100% of the employees at the Winchester Spinning Mill at Asheville have contributed on the Fair Share basis to the Buncombe County United Fund.

Winchester Spinning Mill was the only textile mill in Buncombe County to achieve this outstanding record of giving.

In this year's campaign, the employees contributed a total of \$4,014. An additional \$500 will be contributed by the Company through the Fieldcrest Foundation, bringing the total contributions to \$4,514 from the employees and the Company.