

Supervisory Workshop Held At Alexander

Twenty-four production supervisors at the Alexander Sheeting Mill recently completed a workshop in "Methods Improvement For Plant Operations," sponsored jointly by Fieldcrest and the Industrial Extension Service, School of Engineering, N.C. State University. The instructor was Fred Eargle of NCSU. George Jolley, plant manager, presented certificates to the supervisors on completion of the course.

The workshop consisted of four three-hour sessions over a two-week period, and included lectures, demonstrations, discussions, methods improvement examples and team methods improvement projects.

The 24 participants were divided into teams. Each team selected sample jobs within the plant which needed improvement and each was guided by the instructor through procedures to improve the jobs.

The objectives of the workshop were to expand the supervisors' awareness of the need for searching out and developing better and more efficient ways of performing work; to provide manufacturing supervisors and managers with a working know-



Fred Eargle, right, of NCSU, instructed the Alexander supervisors.



Arthur Blanton, left, receives certificate from George Jolly, plant manager.

ledge of proven systematic procedures for reducing costs by developing more efficient methods, and to encourage management to continue the project team effort for profit improvement and cost reduction in the future by setting goals and reporting on progress in periodic follow-up meetings.

According to J. T. Carter, manager-management development, "The most important benefits from the program are cost savings through improvement in the employees' job or work area and the increased team spirit and morale arising from the project

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Energy Conservation Continues

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company has taken to successfully reduce its total energy consumption, along with the measures individuals have taken at home are only the beginning of what is going to have to be a continuing program of energy conservation. The shortages are not going to disappear next month or even next year," he said.

Both the management and the employees of Fieldcrest have taken the energy conservation program very seriously with the

result that the program to date has been highly successful.

A 10 percent reduction in energy consumption with no curtailment of production is still the goal, and in some locations this has been surpassed.

"Cooperation in all locations has been excellent and this accounts for the success of the program," Mr. Farrell said.

"Now it's a matter of continuing the good work not only by using the established energy conservation procedures, but also by looking for new and better ways to

reduce energy consumption, both at home and on the job," he said.

Mr. Farrell also stressed the importance of waste reduction as a large factor in energy conservation.

"Wasting steam, heat or water amounts to wasting energy," he said.

"We must also avoid wasting raw materials. Petroleum-based synthetic fibers are now in short supply due to the energy crisis and the prices of natural fibers, wool and cotton, have soared. Therefore, reducing waste in these areas is also very necessary," he said.

Energy conservation must be everyone's goal, according to Mr. Farrell. "The only way Fieldcrest can keep all of its mills running and all of its employees working, is to conserve every ounce of energy possible. Every employee has a stake in this objective and every one must do his or her part," he said.

Car Pool Lists

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Employees who indicated an interest in the plan but who do not receive a list because no match-up was possible are urged to make their own arrangements, perhaps with persons living in their area and working similar hours at other industries located nearby.

It is hoped that the car pool plan will not only help to alleviate the continuing gasoline shortage, but will also in some measure help to shorten the long lines at gasoline stations, particularly in North Carolina and Virginia.

Disbursed In Eden

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The foregoing figures do not include capital expenditures for land, buildings, machinery or equipment.

Money spent for purchases of goods and services from local firms and expenditures for raw materials also are excluded.

The figures apply only to Eden and Rockingham county and do not include any money paid out at other manufacturing locations or in the sales divisions.

How You Can Help

Here are some things that each person can do, both on and off the job, to help ease the mounting drain of the country's energy supplies. Each individual conservation program can make a worthwhile contribution to solving the energy crisis, and at the same time save money.

On the job

Submit cost improvement ideas. Suggestions related to energy conservation will receive special attention.

If you are a machine operator, turn off your machine when it not being used (while waiting for parts, during lunch or breaks, for example).

The same goes for electric typewriters, adding machines and calculators. Leave them off until you are ready to use them.

If you have a portable radiant heater, don't use it. They're real energy hogs.

In your car

Observe the 55 mph speed limit. A late model car doing 55 mph uses 30 per cent less gasoline than one doing 70 mph.

Tune up. A well-tuned engine can save as much as 50 gallons of gasoline a year.

Keep tires inflated to the proper level.

Organize a car pool.

Ride the bus to work if you live in an area served by public transportation.

On shopping trips, make an itinerary and follow it carefully to drive as few miles as possible.

At home

Turn down your thermostat to 68 degrees. Each degree above this setting uses up about three per cent more fuel. Turn the temperature to a lower setting at night. If you go away for a few days turn the heat down further, but not off.

Keep all exterior doors, as well as those to the garage, attic and basement, tightly closed.

Close off and don't heat unused areas.

Install weather stripping around doors and windows. A quarter-inch gap at the bottom of an average 36-inch door is the same as a 9-square-inch hole in the side of your house. Proper weather stripping can save as much as four per cent on your annual fuel bill.

Have your furnace inspected by a qualified contractor to make sure it is operating efficiently.

Change furnace filters regularly. Dirty filters make your furnace work harder to heat your home.

Install snugly-fitting storm windows. They will pay for themselves in a few years with the money you'll save on fuel costs. A less expensive way to stop heat loss is to cover windows with sheets of clear vinyl plastic.

Don't waste heat up the chimney. Close the damper when the fireplace is not in use.

When the sun is shining, open window coverings and let the heat of the sun into the house.

Insulate. Proper insulation keeps weather outside where it belongs, and can save as much as 17 per cent on your annual fuel bill.

Turn off all outside decorative lights and other unnecessary lights. One 100-watt bulb burning around the clock for one year wastes more than 60 gallons of oil and adds \$28 to your annual electric bill.

If you have an "instant" on feature on your TV, turn it off. It will take only a few second for your set to "warm up," and you will save lots of watts.

Fix leaky hot water faucets. A faucet leaking one drip per second will drip 700 gallons of water in one year's time, wasting not only the water but also the fuel needed to heat the water.

Don't leave the refrigerator door open longer than necessary. Every time the door is opened, the air in the refrigerator is warmed and the compressor must work harder to cool it again.

Check gaskets around the refrigerator door to see that they are sealing tightly. A simple test is to close the door on a piece of paper. If the paper slips out easily, you need to replace the gaskets.

Monitor your utility bills carefully each month. Try to set up a conservation budget, and see how you are performing against your goal. You probably will be surprised to see how much money you are saving.