

Fieldcrest Participates in Caravan

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., is participating in Caravan America, a Bicentennial project designed to promote international understanding.

Under the program, a total of 200 foreign journalists and their families are traveling across the United States on nine one-month tours via recreational vehicles, covering all of the contiguous 48 states.

Fieldcrest has joined a number of other nationally known companies and organizations in sponsoring the project and has contributed 104 double blankets for use in the travel trailers in which the journalists are traveling.

Some of the other companies participating in the project are Stream Trailers which is providing the travel trailers; Chrysler Corporation which is providing automobiles just off the assembly line to pull the



With flags flying, travel trailers of Caravan America, in which 200 foreign journalists will see America, rendezvous at Dayton, Ohio, before starting Southern Tour. The picture is courtesy of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

trailers; and Marriott which is arranging parties for the groups in various cities.

Through the weeks of cross-

country tours, the guests will be offered a wide range of cultural and scenic experiences as well as given an opportunity to meet Americans and participate in their festivities. The tours will cover many beauty spots of the West, including Yellowstone and Grand Tetons.

Caravan America was

initiated by the Wally Byam Foundation to foster better relations between Americans and the peoples of other lands, on a non-government basis and without the expense of public funds.

Mrs. Carolyn Bennett Patterson, chairman of the board of the foundation, is a

senior assistant editor of the National Geographic Magazine.

The Wally Byam Foundation was established to honor the memory of Wally Byam, a pioneer caravanner who led Americans on travel trailer tours to Europe, Asia, Africa, Mexico, Central America and Canada.



LAURA GILLIE graduated from UNC-G with a perfect 4.0 record.

Fieldcrest Scholar Has Perfect Record

Laura Gillie, a 1972 Fieldcrest Scholarship recipient, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a perfect 4.0 record.

She is the only student out of a graduating class of 1,300 with a perfect record for all four years of study at UNC-G.

A graduate of Morehead High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillie of Eden. Her mother, Lois, is a secretary in the Industrial Relations Department.

Laura majored in mathematics and plans to teach, although she has not accepted a job as yet.

She says that she is interested in statistics. "I think I like statistics because it's a useful kind of math. You can work through problems and see things that help an industry. You can really see it working," she said.

Laura is convinced that college should do more than help prepare a person for a career and has sought wide exposure to other subjects in her classes.

"I guess you really have to want an education. I wouldn't trade it for anything," she said.

"The most important part of college," she said, "has been the opportunity to come over here and make my own decisions. You make some mistakes, but you sure learn a lot."

J. A. Thomas Is Promoted

John A. Thomas has been appointed acting manager of plant engineering, replacing J. G. Farrell, Jr., who has retired.

All personnel previously reporting to Mr. Farrell now report to Mr. Thomas who reports to R. A. Harden.

Mr. Thomas was registered as a professional engineer by the North Carolina Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors in February of last year.

He is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He joined Fieldcrest in 1963 as assistant superintendent in the Karastan and Bedspread Plant Service Department.

He later was superintendent of Blanket and Sheeting Plant Service before joining the Engineering Department in 1969.



JOHN A. THOMAS



Mayor Jones Norman signs proclamation for Eden YMCA Week. Looking on are R. L. Glasgow, left, YMCA president, and Broadus Vernon, Y membership chairman.

YMCA Campaign

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able in the Y spring program include: for youth — softball, tennis, baseball, swim classes, aquatic safety classes, basketball and Tri-Gra-Y, a club for third through sixth grade girls.

Adult programs include women's volleyball, men's and women's fitness classes, gymnastics, softball and tennis

for both men and women, sand scraping, beginner's and advanced beginner's guitar, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, ceramics, bridge, food conservation and health club.

Membership plans include youth, adult, college student, family, individual health club, husband and wife health club, friends of youth and century club.