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Vacation pay for employees of Fieldcrest Mills in Leaksville, Spray, Draper, and Fieldale, Virginia, this year will total more than \$370,000. Vacation pay checks will be distributed on the regular paydays during this week. At the Towel Mill where operations are curtailed for inventory purposes and because of a seasonal drop in orders 770 employees received their vacation checks Friday, June 22.

Employees eligible for vacation pay number approximately 4,449 as compared with 4,356 last year. The equivalent of two weeks' regular pay will go to 3,020 employees and 1,429 will receive the equivalent of one week's pay.

Almost 100% of all the employees now working will receive vacation checks. In addition, the persons out sick and those laid off within the past 12 months will, in most cases, draw vacation pay.

Fieldcrest Mills was one of the first textile companies to give employees paid vacations. The vacation pay plan was adopted in 1940. For several years during World War II when the mills ran continuously during the summer, the vacation pay was given as a bonus in addition to full time earnings.

The customary vacation period is being observed this year with all mills except the Rayon Mill closed down from July 2-8. Operations will be resumed on Monday, July 9.

All employees with continuous service of 5 or more years receive 4% of their earnings for the past year. Those with one or more years of service but less than 5 years receive 2% of their past year's earnings.

In addition to the vacation pay, group insurance premiums and Mutual Aid dues will be waived for the week ending July 8.

The Rayon Mill will be closed for a week later in the year while the machinery is being relocated in the former Woolen Mill building.

The Employee's Store at Spray will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 28, 29, and 30 for inventory and will remain closed during the week the mills are standing for vacation. The store will re-open Monday, July 9.

Jesse J. Shumate Retires With 46 Years Of Service



Jesse J. Shumate of the Karastan Mill is shown, second from left, as he received congratulations upon his retirement under the Marshall Field & Company pension plan. Mr. Shumate retired with an outstanding record of 46 years of continuous service. In the planning and development of looms and other machinery, he had a big part in making the Karastan Mill one of the

outstanding rug plants in the nation. He is a charter member and a past president of the Carolina Cooperative Council.

In the picture left to right are: H. W. Whitcomb, assistant general manager; Mr. Shumate, J. M. Norman, Jr., Karastan mill manager; and E. W. Medbery, production manager. (More Retirement Pictures on Page Three).

Spray Fire Dept. Gets Recognition By State Group

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Spray Civic Association
Helps Community To
Secure Fire Protection
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Spray's new Volunteer Fire Department now has 47 members. The department has met State requirements and has become a member of the North Carolina Firemen's Association. The North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau in Raleigh has been contacted with the hope that fire insurance rates on homes and business places in Spray may be reduced.

As no tax funds are available for Spray Fire Department, money for this year's operating and maintenance expenses has been provided by the Spray Civic Association. Members of the fire company are donating their services in the interest of better fire protection.

The project grew out of an offer about a year ago by Spray Civic Association to donate a fire truck to the Spray community if certain conditions were met. A committee of interested citizens organized the fire company and raised approximately \$2,000 by public subscription to provide housing for the truck, an alarm system and other necessary equipment.

A new siren has been installed and a temporary building has been erected. Plans are to construct a permanent building at a later date.

The Spray volunteer fire department is directed by Fire Chief Woodrow Vestal who in turn is responsible to the Spray Sanitary District Commissioners C. P. Wall, chairman; Jesse W. Griggs and C. R. Thomasson. (See page five.)

★ MILLER HONORED

Gov. W. Kerr Scott, has re-appointed Macon P. Miller as a member of the State Personnel Council, for a four-year term, expiring June 9, 1955. Mr. Miller has just completed a two-year term.