



Fieldcrest MILL WHISTLE

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Christmas Holidays Schedule Is Given

All Fieldcrest plants will close at the end of the third shift Wednesday, December 24, at 7 a.m. to observe the Christmas holidays. Mills operating on a six-day schedule will start at 11 p.m. Sunday, December 28. Mills on a five-day schedule will resume operations at 7 a.m. Monday, December 29.

Payroll checks for the week ending December 21 will be distributed at the mills Wednesday, December 24, at 2 p.m. Straight-time pay for an 8-hour

The banks in Leaksville, Spray and Draper will be open Wednesday, December 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Since the mills are paying off at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, December 24, all banks, as a courtesy, will re-open from 3 p. m. to 4 p. m. in order that employees may cash their checks.

work day will be paid to each employee for Christmas day, provided his name appears on the active payroll for the week including the holiday and he worked his last scheduled work day before and his first scheduled work day after the holiday.

Pay for Christmas day will be included in the regular paycheck for the week ending January 11, 1953.

For the New Year holiday, all mills will close at the end of the second shift Wednesday, December 31, at 11 p.m. All mills will start up again at the beginning of the third shift Thursday, January 1, at 11 p.m. Certain departments in the mills will close earlier and start up later in order to complete the taking of inventory. Employees affected will be notified of any change in the above schedule. Mills that would normally be paid Thursday, January 1, will be paid Friday, January 2.

All offices at Fieldcrest will be closed for the Christmas holidays Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, and for the New Year holiday Thursday, January 1.

The company announces that due to favorable experience for the past year, group insurance premiums will be waived for six weeks ending December 14, 21, 28 and January 4, 11 and 18. These together with two weeks waived for the vacation period in July total eight weeks for the insurance year. These premium waivers will make a total reduction of 15.4 per cent in the annual cost of employees' insurance.

New Lines Of Fieldcrest Products Shown At Sales, Distributor Meetings

Our new 1953 merchandise was unveiled for Fieldcrest salesmen and our wholesale distributors at the annual domestic sales and distributors meetings at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, Va., December 5-12.

At the sales meeting December 5-8 our road salesmen, mill and sales executives devoted attention to sales problems, new products and new merchandise ideas to help sell Fieldcrest products and keep the mills active.

A chartered bus brought a large group of the salesmen to the Tri-Cities and Fieldale where they visited the mills and quality control laboratories on Monday. The salesmen were given a luncheon at Meadow Greens Country club which was attended by local mill officials.

The distributors meeting brought together with members of our sales organization executives and salesmen from Fieldcrest wholesale distributors from all parts of the United States. The distributors were given a preview of the new merchandise and sample rooms enabled them to make their advance purchases for 1953. The four-day meeting was packed with presentations of new merchandising and selling ideas.

Many of the distributors visited the mills Thursday, touring the Blanket, Sheeting, Bedspread, Electric Blanket, and Finishing mills, the Bleachery, Central Warehouse and the Research and Quality Control Dept. The group attended a luncheon with Company officials at Meadow Greens and visited the Towel Mill at Fieldale before returning to Roanoke.

County Tax Listers Will Visit The Mills

Tax listing for 1953 for Rockingham County begins January 2 and listers will visit the mills on the following schedule:

Rayon Mill — January 12
Central Warehouse — January 13
Electric Blanket Mill — Jan. 14 (a.m.)
Nantucket Bldg. — Jan. 14 (p.m.)
Draper Personnel Office — Jan. 20, 21

Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

Will you please use a small space in your paper for my thanks to Fieldcrest Mills for all past favors to me. I want to wish the Company and every employee a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MRS. DORA SIMPSON
Retired Fieldcrest Employee

Make safety your job.

Employees Store Open All Day On Christmas Eve

The Fieldcrest Mills Employees Store will observe its regular hours Christmas Eve but will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday December 25, 26 and 27 for the Christmas holidays. The store will be open on regular schedule Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30.

The store will be closed for inventory Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 1, 2, and 3, reopening on regular schedule Monday, January 5.

Perfect Safety Record

In the story accompanying a picture of Karastan Finishing Dept. employees in the last MILL WHISTLE, the name of Willie Wilmoth was inadvertently omitted. The picture was in recognition of the employees' working 14 years without a lost-time accident. The omission was doubly regrettable since Mr. Wilmoth has a perfect safety record during his many years of service.

More than 10,000 bales of cotton are used annually to provide nurses with neat, starched uniforms.

BUY... SELL... SWAP

FOR SALE: Link-Belt Coal Stoker, 500-lb. capacity. Fully equipped, excellent condition. Sacrifice price. Also 60-gal. hot water tank. Telephone 328-J.

FOR SALE: Baby Stroller, good as new. Used only one week. Wine color. Will sell for \$8.00. Mrs. Major Church, 211 Lee St., Spray.

FOR SALE: 16-Gauge Double-Barrelled Shotgun. Perfect condition. See Jesse A. McKinney, 519 Ellett Ave. or Call 1275-R.

FOR SALE: Apartment size Electric Range. See Mrs. Pratt 328 Greenwood St., Leaksville or Telephone 770-M.

FOR SALE: Breakfast room set (Sellers) table and four chairs, white. In excellent condition. Mrs. Ray Turner, Print Shop, or telephone 1810-R.

FOR SALE: Craftsman Heavy Duty Builder's Bench Saw, complete with bench, 3/4 HP motor. Switch Cord for 110 volts, 10" and 8" blades. Call 282-J after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: Pet Ram Lamb seven months old. See Tom Barker, Rayon Mill.

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