

# Fieldcrest® MILL WHISTLE

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## Two Plants Honored For Safety Records

### Nineteen To Retire With Pension June 1

Ceremonies honoring 19 employees retiring under the Fieldcrest Mills' Pension Plan will be held in the Nantucket conference room at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 1. Attending with the retirees will be the officers of the Company from the Spray area, members of the Retirement Committee, and members of mill management. Representatives from these groups will take part on the program.

Miss Mollie B. Lea of the Synthetic Fabrics Mill and John J. Dodson of the Blanket Mill, both of whom have completed over 50 years of continuous service, are among those who will retire. Retiring on the same date at our Karastan sales office in Chicago will be

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### Displaced Employees Are Given Other Jobs

The Sheeting modernization program is nearing completion and so far Fieldcrest has been able to offer employment to every person affected by technological changes. Of the employees displaced, about two-thirds were given jobs in other mills and one-third were rehired on new jobs in the Sheeting Mill.

Increased operations at other mills and normal turnover enabled Fieldcrest to absorb the displaced workers. Only three persons declined the jobs offered to them.

It is understood that only a few more employees are to be affected by the Sheeting Mill changes. These likewise will be offered other jobs in line with policies of preferred hiring.

### Bedspread And Electric Blanket Mills Receive Labor Dept. Awards

Vice-President E. W. Medbery has been notified that the Bedspread Mill and the Electric Blanket Mill have won safety awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor. The awards are expected to be received within a few days after which they will be presented to the mills concerned.

The Bedspread Mill was honored for having operated the entire year of 1955 without a disabling injury, representing a total of 728,524 accident-free manhours. The records indicate that it was the first time in the history of the mill that it came through a full year with no lost time due to injuries.

The Electric Blanket Mill won a sixth consecutive year award, having operated since January 1, 1950 without a disabling injury. During this period and up to December 1, 1955, the employees of the Electric Blanket Mill had accumulated 1,352,317 manhours of safe work.

Frank Crane, North Carolina Labor Commissioner, in a letter to Mr. Medbery stated: "A safety award is a tangible token of outstanding safety work. It is evidence that you and others in

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### Enter Pageant

Three entries in the Jaycees' "Miss Tri-City" beauty pageant June 8 are shown at Lynrock Park. Gladys Tucker (left), is the daughter of W. J. Tucker, Finishing Mill, Martha Hale (climbing ladder) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hale, Leaksville, and Anne Navey, is the daughter of Mrs. Thomas B. Navey, of Draper, and the late Mr. Navey, who was a weaver at the Blanket Mill for many years.

Eight contestants have enrolled so far and several more entries are expected. Walter Schacht, of Quality Control, who is publicity chairman for the pageant, says, "We are trying very hard this year for another Miss North Carolina from the Tri-Cities to compete in the Miss America beauty pageant at Atlantic City."



Misses Tucker, Hale and Navey. See story at right.