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TO COMPETE IN 'MISS TRI-CITY' BEAUTY PAGEANT

Five of the 15 girls who will compete in the "Miss Tri-City" beauty pageant June 15 are shown at Lynrock park. Left to right, Billy Jarrell, of the Fieldcrest Traffic Dept.; Mary Burton, Linda

Kallam, Nancy Spencer and Dale Paschal. Walter Schacht (Quality Control) is publicity chairman for the Jaycee-sponsored pageant to be held at the Leaksville-Spray junior high school.

Total Of 658 Have Retired With Pension

New Group Of 28 Employees Enter Retirement Ranks

A total of 28 employees retired effective June 1 with a monthly pension for life paid for by Fieldcrest Mills. This was one of the largest groups ever to retire at one time since the Company started the Pension Plan in 1943. The overall number to retire from all mills since the plan was begun now stands at 658.

The Management honored the new retirees at a meeting in the Nantucket Conference Room Friday morning, May 31. The retired employees' first month's pension checks and their vacation pay checks were presented during the program. Clinton J. Frank, Jr., director of industrial relations, presided and introduced several Company officials who spoke briefly to the group.

In an informal talk, President Harold W. Whitcomb reviewed the history of our Pension Plan, which he described as "superior to any I know of in the textile industry." He pointed out

that all of us at Fieldcrest are fortunate to have such a plan to provide income for us after we reach retirement.

On behalf of the Fieldcrest Board of Directors and his associates in management, Mr. Whitcomb expressed appreciation for the loyal service of the retiring employees and their contribution to the success of the Company. He predicted that the retirees will rapidly adapt themselves to their new routine and will find retirement a time of great happiness.

R. A. Harris, vice president, manufacturing, spoke briefly in a similar vein. He pointed out that the fact that so many employees stay with Fieldcrest Mills until retirement indicates that they have found it a good place to work and chose to spend their entire working lives here.

R. R. Roberts, treasurer, and Paul D. Emery, assistant to the vice president, manufacturing, who joined the Fieldcrest organization in recent

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Rug Sales Meeting To Be Held At Mill

Our semi-annual rug sales meeting will be held at the mill Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 12, 13 and 14. Attending will be Karastan sales officials and our rug salesmen from various sections of the country.

Headquarters for the conference will be the showroom where the sales group will view the new fabrics that have been developed and go over the new lines. The sales personnel will tour the mill to see new machinery which has been installed and other improvements in production and shipping facilities.

Karastan's selling program for the fall and winter will be established during the three days of planning and discussion. The meeting precedes the Chicago Furniture Market which opens Monday, June 17.

Our new rugs will be introduced at this international home furnishings market which attracts upwards of 40,000 exhibitors and buyers. Management officials and representatives of the Karastan sales force will attend the market opening.

Towel Mill Employees Reject Textile Union For Fourth Time

Employees of the Towel Mill at Fieldale rejected the Textile Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, in an election June 5 conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The vote was 636 against representation by the TWUA and 457 for representation by the union. Twelve ballots were challenged and nine were voided, making a total of 1114 votes of 1240 eligible employees. The 1240 figure includes a number of employees on military leave of absence.

Results of the election were announced by Louis Wallerstein, field examiner from the NLRB regional office in Baltimore, who supervised the election.

The balloting marked the fourth time the Towel Mill employees have voted against the TWUA, the union having been defeated in elections held in 1945, 1950 and 1953.