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St. Marys Operation To Be Moved Here

Additional Facilities For Making Automatic Electric Blankets Will Be Opened At Smithfield

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., will discontinue all manufacturing operations at its St. Marys blanket manufacturing plant in St. Marys, Ohio, before the end of the year and will move all of the machinery and equipment from St. Marys to the company's blanket mill in Draper and finishing plant in Spray, North Carolina, according to a statement issued by H. W. Whitcomb, president of Fieldcrest and chairman of St. Marys Woolen Manufacturing Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fieldcrest.

The St. Marys operation was purchased by Fieldcrest October 1, 1957, and has been operated the last two years solely on wool blankets. Fieldcrest will continue to manufacture the St. Marys line of wool blankets in its North Carolina mill. Substantial economies will be achieved by combining the two operations and enable the company to be more competitive in the blanket field, in which it is a large factor.

A building program involving an expenditure of \$650,000 is under way at the Draper blanket mill, and an overall expenditure of \$2,450,000 will be made in modernizing present machinery and installing additional equipment in the Draper blanket mill and the finishing mill at Spray during the next six months.

The St. Marys mill normally employed 200 people, and it is expected
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Fund Reaches \$64,358

Latest reports show \$64,358.72 has been raised for the Tri-City Community Fund against the quota of \$50,508.

At Fieldcrest, the employees pledged \$39,504 and the Company gave \$5,000. The community other than Fieldcrest contributed \$19,854.72 — largest Fund amount ever raised by the community outside of Fieldcrest.

D. F. Mitchell, campaign chairman, said, "There's more to come in and we are sure to reach the \$200,000 mark in the community."

Senator Jordan Will Address Council Meet

United States Senator B. Everett Jordan will speak at a meeting of the Carolina Cooperative Council Thursday evening, November 12, in the Leaksville-Spray Junior high school auditorium.

It will be the opening meeting of the Council's new program year and new officers will be installed. Wives of Council members will be invited together with members of the Junior Carolina Council and their husbands and other guests from the community.

Senator Jordan, whose home is at Saxapahaw in Alamance County, was appointed to the U. S. Senate April 19, 1958, and was elected to the Senate in November, 1958. He is a former chairman of the North Carolina Democratic
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SENATOR B. EVERETT JORDAN



GETS GRAND PRIZE — Calvin Rodgers (left). Karastan supply room, is presented \$100 U. S. Government Bond by J. M. Norman, Jr., Karastan mill manager. Mr. Rodgers received the grand prize in the drawing among all employees who pledged a day's pay or more to the Tri-City Community Fund. (See page six for mill winners.)