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Foundation Gift Aids Memorial Campaign

Fieldcrest Contributes \$500 To Purchase 5,000 Tickets For School Children In County

A gift of \$500 by Fieldcrest Mills will help make it possible for all the school children in Rockingham County to have advance tickets to the Battleship North Carolina when she is brought to Wilmington as a war memorial and educational exhibit.

The \$500, given through the Fieldcrest Foundation, will purchase 5,000 tickets, the first for children in Leaksville Township Schools and the remainder for children in other schools in the county.

Schools throughout the state were offered tickets at 10 cents each, less one-half the regular children's admission price, to give children a chance to play a personal role in helping to bring the retired battleship to North Carolina.

A special effort is being made to see that every school child in Rockingham County receives an advance ticket and to have all of the county's schools placed on the honor roll of schools which have contributed or have had contributed for.

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W. K. Saunders, Guard at Karastan, Served On U.S.S. North Carolina

The campaign to save the Battleship North Carolina as a war memorial is of special interest to William K. Saunders, Burns guard assigned to the Bedsread at Karastan mills.

Mr. Saunders, who retired in 1947 after close to 23 years in the navy, was chief petty officer on the North Carolina when she was commissioned in 1941 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

He was aboard the "showboat" on herakedown cruise but subsequently was transferred to another ship.

Following his retirement from the navy Mr. Saunders, a native of Spray, worked in the Blanket Mill and later in the Sheeting Mill. He became a Burns guard in August, 1959.

Mr. Saunders and his wife, the former Blanche Vidal, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, live at 103 Billy Morris Street, Central Area.

29 More Persons Retire Under Pension Plan

Towel Employees To Have Safety Barbecue

As an award for their good safety record in 1960, employees of the Towel Mill will be given a barbecue Saturday afternoon, June 17, at 4 p. m. at the softball field at Fieldale, Va.

Harold W. Whitcomb, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., will make a talk to the group. Several attendance prizes will be awarded in drawings and a string band will furnish music.

For the entertainment of early arrivals there will be a softball game starting at 2 p. m. Also, the swimming pools will be open to employees without charge for those who wish to swim.

Employees of the Towel Mill worked the entire year of 1960 with only one lost-time accident. Their low accident frequency rate qualified them for a barbecue under terms of the safety contest in effect at the mills.

Until the one injury occurred November 22, the Towel Mill employees had worked over three million man-hours without a disabling injury.

June 1 Retirees Make Total Of 687 Retired Employees Now Receiving Pension Checks

Ceremonies honoring 29 employees retiring under the Fieldcrest Pension Plan, effective June 1, were held in the various mill managers' offices Wednesday morning, May 31.

The newest group of retirees includes employees from eight mills, the General Offices, and the Mechanical Development Department, and makes a total of 687 retired employees who are now receiving monthly pension checks.

At the informal meetings, mill officials congratulated the employees upon having reached retirement age when they can enjoy greater leisure with a monthly pension for life paid for by the Company.

C. J. Frank, director of industrial relations, and members of his staff explained the various benefits available to the Company's retired employees. Mr. Frank said retirees are still considered members of the "Fieldcrest Family" and he invited the retired employees to visit the mills frequently to keep up with

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W. K. Saunders, Burns guard who served aboard U.S.S. North Carolina, examines ship model with W. B. Lucas, Company attorney who heads the Battleship North Carolina campaign in Rockingham County.