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COORDINATED FASHIONS  
FOR BED AND BATH



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AMERICA'S FINEST POWER-LOOMED RUGS

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## Three Mills To Get Safety Certificates

The Automatic Blanket Plant, the Bleachery and the Bedspread Mill have qualified for Certificates of Commendation, awarded by the National Safety Council, for having operated the entire year of 1961 without a disabling injury.

The awards will be presented to the mills when they are received from the National Safety Council.

In addition to the three plants that won awards, three other mills—Finishing Mill, Karastan Mill and Towel Mill—had better than their normal safety records in 1961.

The company has received from the National Safety Council an evaluation of the injury rate at the various plants. Each year, the company sends its safety records to the Council for evaluation and comparison with other mills throughout the country.

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., is a member of the National Safety Council and distributes NSC information and educational material to the various mills.

Fieldcrest in 1961 had the lowest accident frequency rate in its history. The rate was 1.34 as compared with the Department of Labor's 6.3 frequency rate for the textile industry in North Carolina.

Only 14 lost-time injuries occurred in 1961, as compared with 22 such injuries the previous year. Through March, 1962, there were four disabling injuries, which is the same number that occurred in the first three months of last year.

## Draper YMCA Drive

The annual membership campaign at the Draper YMCA opened April 1 and continues through the month of April. Robert Stewart is general chairman.

Paul Setliff, of the Draper Cost Department, is captain of the No. 2 team, and Bob Reece is the No. 1 team captain.

Assisting them will be a large organization of canvassers—including many Fieldcresters—who will solicit memberships among the various community groups in Draper.

## TEXTILE MEN TO HOLD MEETING HERE

### Fieldcrest Will Be Host To S.T.A. Division; Whitcomb To Speak

Fieldcrest Mills will be host to the spring meeting of the Northern North Carolina-Virginia Division of the Southern Textile Association which will bring approximately 250 mill operating officials here for a general meeting and a number of technical sessions.

The meeting will be held in the new auditorium at Morehead High School Saturday, April 28, starting at 10 a. m.

Harold W. Whitcomb, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., will be the main speaker and will be introduced by Robert A. Harris, Fieldcrest vice president of manufacturing.

Langdon Joslin, of Dan River Mills, Danville, Va., chairman of the division, will preside at the general meeting. The invocation will be given by the Rev.

## Operations Being Moved To Karastan Service Center At Spray Mill

The new Karastan Service Center, designed to facilitate service to customers, is rapidly taking shape in the former Synthetic Fabrics Mill building in Spray.

The Sample, Cut Order, Carving, Warehousing and Shipping Departments already have been moved and began operations in the new location Monday, April 9.

The Billing Department and the Customer Service Department are scheduled to be moved during the Easter week end and holiday.

The move will enable the mill to give better service to its customers through the consolidation of all order and shipping functions and related operations, the installation of modern sample and cut order machines, improved storage facilities and the rearrangement of operations for greater efficiency.

The Spray building for several years has been used for rug and carpet storage.

Space vacated at the Karastan Mill in Leaksville will be used to alleviate crowded conditions in some of the existing operations. Certain departments and operations at the mill will be relocated and rearranged for greater convenience and efficiency.

J. K. McConnell, Fieldcrest industrial chaplain.

R. C. Going, superintendent of the Sheeting Mill, is in charge of arrangements for the meeting. Mr. Going is on the board of governors of the Southern Textile Association and is a director of the Northern North Carolina-Virginia Division.

Mr. Going said that all supervisors and staff men at Fieldcrest are cordially invited to the meeting and that he urges a good attendance from the Fieldcrest organization.

Following the general meeting there will be group discussions on the general theme of "Preventive Maintenance." Discussion leaders will be as follows:

Herbert Hayes, Cone Mills Corp., Opening, Picking and Carding; J. F. Ritchie, Washington Mills, Spinning; W. B. Chambley, Fieldcrest Towel Mill, Spooling and Warping; W. A. Kirk, Erwin Mills, Slashing; Fred L. White, Dan River Mills, Weaving; and R. C. Tanner, Fieldcrest Mills, Quality Control.

## Heads 'Y' Campaign



John G. Cunningham, superintendent of the Karastan Mill, is general chairman of the Consolidated Central YMCA membership campaign which opened April 9 and continues through April 30. A large number of Fieldcresters are assisting in the campaign.