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George Cassell, an employee of the Beck Dyeing Department at the Finishing Mill, has his blood pressure checked before donating a pint of blood during visit by the Bloodmobile July 30. Taking his blood pressure is Mrs. Robert W. Moore, one of the several registered nurses who assisted. More pictures are shown on pages 6 and 7.

Fieldcresters Support Bloodmobile Project

Community Falls Behind Quota Of 750 Pints A Year; 139 Pints Needed On Next Visit Sept. 12

Fieldcrest employees, mainly from the Bedspread and Karastan mills but including a sizable number from other plants and offices, had a prominent part in the visit by the Bloodmobile to the Leaksville Armory July 30 when 111 pints of blood were collected.

The amount collected was 14 pints short of the quota of 125 pints per visit by the Bloodmobile which comes to the Tri-Cities six times a year.

The Tri-City quota for the 12 months from July 1, 1962, through June 30, 1963, is 750 pints, a reduction from the 850 pints originally established as the area's quota when it began participation in the Blood Program in January, 1961.

For the 12 months ended June 30 of this year, local people received 718 pints of blood through the program. Only 661 pints were collected here which means that the Tri-City area used 37 more pints than were donated.

The current quota of 750 pints represents a realistic minimum quota based on the expected usage for local patients in the Morehead Memorial Hospital and for people from the Tri-City area who go to outside hospitals which participate in the Blood Program.

Ben Dunton, assistant purchasing agent at Fieldcrest who is the local

Bloodmobile chairman, expressed appreciation to those who donated blood on the Bloodmobile's July 30 visit.

"While I am pleased that these 111 donors gave blood, it is necessary that the number of donors be increased so that sufficient blood will be available for the needs of local people," Chairman Dunton said.

"I would like to call attention again to a situation which is very disappointing to all of us who give our services (Continued on Page Seven)

No Lost-Time Injuries To Date In August

The campaign at Fieldcrest to "Make August A No-Accident Month" apparently is meeting with success. As of Friday, August 10, at noon, when The Mill Whistle went to press no lost-time injury had been recorded.

Special efforts are being made during the month to seek out and correct any unsafe physical situations that might lead to an accident. Extra inspections are being made with emphasis on physical factors which contribute to injuries.

The supervisors are giving special attention to any physical hazards that may exist and employees are urged to be alert to detect unsafe conditions and to report them to the supervisor so that corrective action can be taken.

H. E. Williams, safety director, said, "We have been fortunate so far this month and Fieldcrest's safe operation is especially commendable since August is normally a peak period for the occurrence of on-the-job accidents. If we can continue to be alert to spot any unsafe conditions or unsafe acts and correct them immediately, we can enjoy an accident-free month."

Mr. Williams cited remarks by J. G. Cunningham, chairman of the Central Safety Committee, at the group's recent meeting in which Mr. Cunningham pointed out the many small things that can be done to make the mills safer and eliminate many of the minor and submajor injuries which occur.

195 New Members Join Credit Union In July

The Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union enrolled 195 new members during the month of July to bring the total membership to 3,155, representing approximately 56% of all employees of the company in all locations.

The increase in membership in recent weeks was a continuation of the constant growth of the Credit Union since it was organized at the Leaksville-Spray-Draper mills and offices in 1958. The Credit Union was subsequently extended to employees in all locations, in manufacturing and sales divisions.

Each month has seen more employees join the Credit Union to save for school expenses, winter fuel bills, taxes and for Christmas. Many are saving for the children's education, to make the down payment on a home or a car and for other long-range purposes.

Because the money is saved through payroll deduction it usually is never missed. With the Credit Union's four per cent dividends the savings are growing all the time.

All Fieldcrest employees are invited to join the Credit Union and take advantage of the opportunity it offers for easy, systematic saving.

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An employee may join by paying a 25c fee and signing a card authorizing the company to deduct a specified amount of savings from each paycheck. Savings of as little as 25c a week are accepted. Those interested in joining or obtaining additional information should inquire at their Personnel Office.