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6-Million Man-Hour Safety Record Set

Automatic Blanket Plant Employees Receive Recognition For 'Best Record In Fieldcrest And In Southeast'

Employees of the Automatic Blanket Plant, Smithfield, have achieved a six million man-hour safety record which was described as "the best at Fieldcrest and the best at any industrial plant in the Southeast."

In a brief program at the mill, first shift employees assembled in the Blanket Wiring Department and heard congratulations extended to them by representatives of the mill management and general management.

Speakers were Robert A. Harris, Fieldcrest vice president-manufacturing; Robert F. Sambleson, manager of the Automatic Blanket Plant; and Haven H. Newton, Fieldcrest director of industrial relations.

All first shift employees were served a free barbecue dinner at the regular lunch period. Arrangements were made for second and third shift employees to obtain barbecue dinners from the cater-

ing restaurant. As part of the award earned by the employees for their record, the canteen was redecorated and a music system installed.

The Automatic Blanket Plant previously has received the highest awards given for safety performance. Included is an Award of Honor, the highest award given by the National Safety Council.

Also received previously were an Award of Excellence given by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., and the third consecutive blue ribbon award as a Certificate

of Safety Achievement, given jointly by the N. C. Department of Labor and the U. S. Department of Labor.

Technically, the Award of Honor was given to the plant for having operated 3,561,561 man-hours without a disabling injury between September 21, 1960, and December 31, 1963.

The blue ribbon award was for the employees' having worked the entire year of 1964 without disabling injuries. The plaque from Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., was given as an Award of Excellence to the employees in recognition of five million man-hours without a lost-time accident, a record which was attained on June 18, 1964.

Barbecue Won In Safety Contest

The barbecue dinner was given under terms of the Fieldcrest safety contest in which the company gives a barbecue dinner for all employees in any mill which operates without a lost-time injury for an average of 2,000 hours per employee.

Fieldcrest for many years manufactured automatic blankets at Spray and the six million man-hour record dates from July 27, 1956, when the last disabling injury occurred at the Spray mill. To date, there has not been a disabling injury since the Automatic Blanket Plant began operations at Smithfield in June, 1960.

Muscogee Employees Give \$28,012 To Fund

In a phenomenally successful campaign among the 1,567 employees of Muscogee Mills at Columbus, Georgia, 1,535 employees, or 97.96 per cent, contributed to the United Givers Campaign. A total of 1,213 employees, or 77.41 per cent, gave a Fair Share or more and 698 employees, 44.54 per cent, signed up for continuing deductions on the Fair Share basis.

A total of \$28,012 was pledged by the employees at the Muscogee plant, representing a per capita gift of \$17.88 for all Muscogee employees and an average donation of \$18.25 for each contributor.

Credit Union Grows

The Fieldcrest Mills Credit Union has exceeded the 6,500 mark in membership and has assets totaling approximately \$1,600,000. Loans outstanding at present total \$1,031,000.

Since its organization, the Credit Union has loaned approximately \$5-million to members to help them finance important purchases or tide them over emergencies.

Loans are made for a wide variety of purposes: school expenses, taxes, medical and dental bills, consolidation of debts, making cash purchases instead of buying "on time" and many other purposes beneficial to the members.

The Credit Union was formed among the employees of the mills and offices in the Tri-City area in 1958. The membership was subsequently extended to employees in all locations, including the sales divisions.

Employees who are not members of the Credit Union may join by paying a 25 cent fee and signing a card authorizing the company to deduct a specified amount of savings from each paycheck.

Only 66 Pints Donated At Bloodmobile

The visit by the Bloodmobile to the Meadow Greens Shopping Center November 8 was a near-failure as only 66 persons contributed blood. It was the poorest turnout of donors since the Tri-City Blood Program was started in 1961.

The quota for the Central Area visit was 150 pints, an amount necessary to maintain a balance between blood donations and the actual usage of blood for the benefit of Tri-City patients.

Blood Program officials expressed extreme disappointment at the number of donors. They pointed out that 154 pints were contributed at Spray September 30 and that 189 pints were donated on the Bloodmobile visit to Leaksville August 5. The record blood collection was in May, 1964, in the Central Area, when 282 pints were given.

Of the 66 pints given November 8, 37 were given by Fieldcrest employees, primarily from the General Offices and the Karastan Mill. General Offices employees rallied to help a fellow worker, Ernestine Cox, of the Data Processing Department. Sixteen pints were given as replacements of blood for Miss Cox, who remains a patient at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The General Offices and the Karastan Mill furnished 15 donors each. Other mills or staff units accounted for seven pints.

Four donors, all Fieldcresters, gave their eighth pint and became eligible for the "Gallon Club". They were: Paul Kitchens, Karastan; Edward Specht,

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