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FIELDCREST MILLS, INC. • Plants at Draper, Forest City, Greenville, Leaksville, Mount Holly, Salisbury, Smithfield, Spray and Worthville, N. C.; Fieldale, Va.; Columbus, Ga. and Auburn, N. Y.

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Fieldcrest Big Factor In Local Economy

Fieldcrest Mills paid out more than \$25-million in the Tri-City area in 1965 in payrolls, for city and county taxes and for new machinery, equipment and buildings in Leaksville-Spray-Draper.

The company's payrolls in Leaksville Township in 1965 were \$20,547,217, an increase of 16 per cent over 1964. Total employment in the company's plants in Leaksville, Spray and Draper at the end of 1965 was 4,351, an increase of 315 people or a 7.8 per cent increase over the previous year.

Fieldcrest paid city taxes in Leaksville, Spray and Draper amounting to \$265,007, an increase of \$64,727, or a 32 per cent increase over 1964. The company's Rockingham County taxes were \$222,045, an increase of \$27,408, or a 14 per cent increase over the previous year. Total property and personal property taxes paid in Rockingham County, including city and county taxes, were \$487,052, an increase over 1964 of \$92,135 or 23.3 per cent.

Total cash payments for new machinery, equipment and buildings in the Tri-City area for 1965 were \$4,636,000, making a total of \$22,961,000 in capital expenditures by the company in the Tri-

Cities since October 1, 1953, when Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. was organized.

Fieldcrest paid close to \$1,000,000 in Social Security taxes and payroll taxes for unemployment insurance for Tri-City employees. By law, the company pays half and the employee half of Social Security taxes and the company pays 100 per cent of the taxes to provide state-administered compensation for eligible employees when out of work.

In addition, a substantial sum was distributed in 1965 in the form of pensions for the company's retired employees, a majority of whom are residents of the Tri-City area.

Most of the over \$25-million pumped into the local economy by Fieldcrest operations was in direct payments. Additional large sums were spent on fringe benefits for the 4,351 Tri-City employees and their dependents. Also to be added are the expenditures made for purchases of goods and services from local firms.

The figures do not include the money paid out at any manufacturing locations other than the Tri-Cities or for sales personnel. Expenditures for raw materials also are excluded.

Safety Barbecue



Betty Roach, of the Towel Mill Data Processing Department, carries plate at barbecue dinner served to mill's employees as award for their outstanding safety record. (See story and additional pictures on pages four and five)

200 Blood Donors Needed Feb. 10

Fieldcrest employees will have a prominent part in the visit by the Bloodmobile to the Leaksville Moose Hall on Forbes Street Thursday, February 10, with a goal of 200 pints.

Fieldcrest Mills will conduct its own recruitment campaign in its Leaksville plants. Every employee of the Bedspread and Karastan Mills will be contacted and asked to give a pint of blood. Giles Hunnings, mill superintendent, and Jones Norman, industrial relations representative, will be recruitment chairmen for the two mills, respectively.

John G. Cunningham, chairman of the Tri-City Blood Program, made an urgent appeal for donors. "The 200 pints will barely meet the community's needs and will do little toward reducing the deficit in blood donations," he said.

He reported that by the end of January the Tri-City community will have used 728 pints since the fiscal year began July 1, 1965. During the same period only 589 pints have been donated.

Chairman Cunningham said the local program cannot continue to operate in

arrears. "Each community must be able to care for its own needs. It is going to be imperative that we increase our donations here to match our usage."

He urged everyone who can give blood to do so on the February 10 visit. "Regardless of where a person lives or works, we call on him or her to give blood at this time instead of waiting until the Bloodmobile visits their own localities," he said.

Community Fund To Have Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tri-City Community Fund will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Consolidated Central YMCA.

All persons who have contributed \$1.00 or more in the most recent campaign are invited to attend, according to Warren Wilson, president.

Reports will be heard from the various participating agencies and new directors and officers will be elected for the coming year.

Payroll Department Preparing W-2 Forms

W-2 forms, employees' federal income tax withholding statements for 1965, NC-2 forms for employees in most of the North Carolina plants and VA-2 forms for employees of the Towel Mill are being prepared in the Payroll Department at Spray and will be distributed to employees during the week ending January 28.

In addition to the Tri-Cities and Fieldale, forms are being handled at Spray for Greenville, Mount Holly and Smithfield as well as for employees at Muscogee Mills, Columbus, Ga.

The withholding statements for the Nye-Wait plant at Auburn, N. Y., are prepared there and those for the North Carolina Finishing Company, the Alexander Sheeting Mill, Forest City and the Worthville Plant, at Worthville, are prepared at Salisbury.

Employees who are out sick or laid off are to receive their withholding statements through the U. S. mail.