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## Hospital-Surgical Benefits Increased



**SPRAY AREA PLANTS AT EDEN** are shown in this new air photo of industrial complex. Fieldcrest plants in central portion of picture include the Bleachery, Finishing Mill, Central Warehouse, Research Building and several storage warehouses. Also shown are other textile mills of Spray and some of the surrounding area.

## City, County Voters Must Re-Register

Prospective voters in the new City of Eden will need to re-register twice in order to vote in the Eden municipal election May 7 and in the Democratic or Republican primary May 4.

All former registrations are void and two separate re-registrations are necessary. The registration in Eden is needed because of the unincorporated area brought into the unified city and the establishment of the ward system. The county-wide re-registration is required by a new system adopted by the Rockingham County Board of Elections.

Re-registration in the county began Saturday, March 30, and the books will be open through Saturday, April 20. Registrars will be at the regular county polling places from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on each Saturday. Eligible voters may also register by appointment with the registrars on other days during this period.

Prospective voters in the Eden city

election will register on the Saturdays April 6 through April 27 from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the polling places in the respective wards. On days other than Saturdays and Sundays, the books will be open at the homes of the registrars by appointment.

The registrars and in most cases the locations will be different for registering for the Eden city election and the county re-registration. The former precinct polling places will be used for the county but in the Eden registration the registrars will be at the polling places for the seven wards.

Complete information including a map showing the locations of the various wards is carried in an insert in this issue of The Mill Whistle in the Eden area. Prospective voters should study the material to determine where they are to register for the Eden election and the second and separate place for the county re-registration.

Substantially increased benefits under the Hospital, Surgical and Medical Insurance Plan at Fieldcrest's southern plants were announced last week to become effective Monday, April 1.

The improvements are for the purpose of keeping the plan up-to-date in view of the continually rising costs of hospital, surgical and medical care and provide greater protection for employees and their dependents.

The hospital room allowance was increased from \$15 a day to \$25 a day for a maximum of 70 days. Hospital extras continue on the basis of \$150 plus 75% of the balance up to \$1,000.

The maximum surgical benefit was raised from \$200 to \$300 and the anesthesia allowance was raised from \$40 to \$60, maximum. The maternity benefit and the obstetrical benefit were increased from \$75 to \$100 for each. The allowance for in-hospital medical expense (doctor's visits) was raised from \$3.00 per day and a \$150 maximum to \$4.00 per day and a maximum of \$280.

An important improvement for parents with sons or daughters in college was a change in eligibility for dependents. Under the revised plan, full-time students up to age 23 are allowed as dependents, whereas the former plan covered them to age 19.

Other Fieldcrest insurance coverages such as group life, accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life, accident and health, supplemental accident benefit, outpatient diagnostic procedure, etc., continue as before.

Employees who were currently insured under the group insurance program automatically became insured under the revised plan effective April 1. Those not presently insured, but who

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### INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION

See the special insert in the Eden area copies of this issue of The Mill Whistle for information on re-registering for the City of Eden municipal election and in the county-wide re-registration.