

Response To RCC Textile Program Exceeds Expectations

Response to the Rockingham Community College textile curriculum has far exceeded the expectations of those involved in establishing it. After a year of planning, the new program will begin with the fall quarter in September.

RCC's textile program is believed to be the only full-time program of its kind offered at any of the state's community colleges.

The curriculum was developed jointly by the college and the textile industry in Rockingham County. The college was aided in the design of the program by an advisory board composed of representatives of nine textile companies, including Fieldcrest Mills.

Aware Of Opportunities

Robert Nesbit, textile instructor at RCC, is coordinator of the program. He pointed out that young people are becoming increasingly aware of the textile opportunities available in the county. Also, he said, persons already employed in textiles realize that, because of the complexity of today's modern industry, additional training is needed.

"The textile industry accounts for 60 percent of the employees in Rockingham County. Therefore, the college feels a moral obligation to assist the people in the county in training for good positions with textile companies," Mr. Nes-

bit said.

He said the success of the program in attracting students was due to the fact that a curriculum has been developed which is very practical and applicable. Three broad areas are covered: foundation courses designed to improve the student's basic education, textile manufacturing, and supervisory development.

Associate Degree Offered

The program is designed for full-time students as well as for employed persons attending part-time. Both day and night classes will be conducted. Also, the program will accommodate the student desiring to take only one or two specific courses for which certificates will be issued upon completion.

Those completing the full two-year program will be awarded an associate in applied science degree. Completion of the program is designed to equip the student for work in a pre-supervisory or technical capacity.

While there are no entrance tests, persons without a high school diploma will be encouraged to obtain their high school diploma through the college before enrolling in the textile program.

The tuition for full-time attendance is \$32.50 per quarter plus the textbook cost. Scholarships and other financial assistance are available in some cases.

Fieldcresters interested in enrolling may first talk with J. E. Gardner, Fieldcrest training manager, to get additional information, or they may submit an application as soon as possible to the Office of Student Affairs at the college.

Bedsread Operation To Get Sears Award

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tend the ceremonies. A special invitation was sent to the retired employees of the two mills, inviting them to visit the mills, have lunch and attend the program.

"Very few people ever receive this award, and still fewer, if any, have ever received it four consecutive years," Mr. Barron said in his letter. "Obviously, Bedsread and Bedsread Finishing Mill employees are to be commended for this outstanding achievement."

The award is based primarily on the excellence of the merchandise produced but it also recognizes the general excellence of the mills' performance in such matters as shipping goods on time, providing merchandise free from service or replacement problems, a minimum of customer returns, and the mills' initiative in developing new and improved products.

Scholarship Winners

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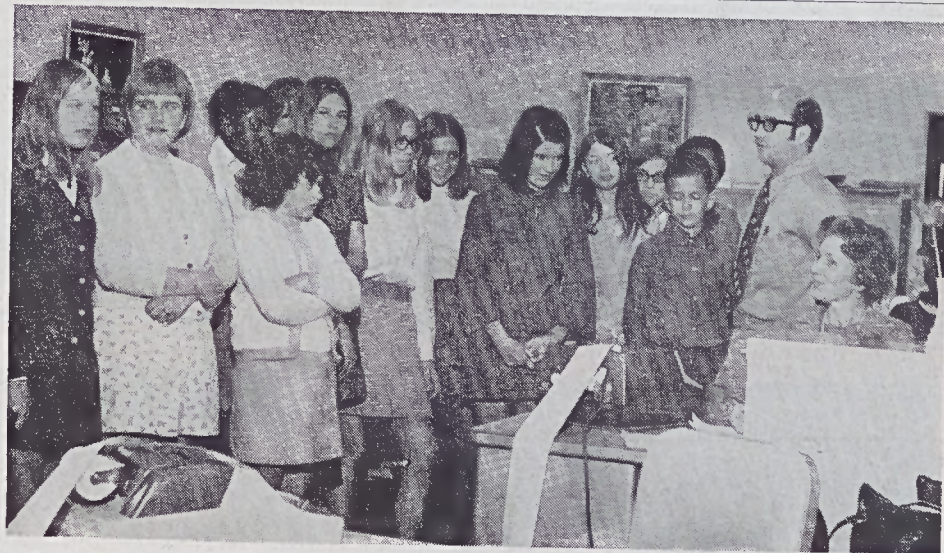
at the Automatic Blanket Plant.

Karen Lynne Hodges plans to attend UNC-G and will major in elementary education. Her father, Irving Hodges, is retired from the Sheet Finishing Mill where he was manager of customer service.

Cecil Jerome (Jerry) Nance, Jr., will major in electrical engineering at North Carolina State University. His father, Mr. Nance, Sr., is a computer programmer at the North Carolina Finishing Co. division, Salisbury.

Clara Elizabeth Shepherd has been accepted at UNC-G and will major in English and perhaps psychology. Her father, Earlie M. Shepherd, is a continuous dye range operator at the North Carolina Finishing Co. division.

Norma Gail Shively will attend UNC-G and will major in secondary education.



John Goodman (standing at right), general accountant, explains operations in the Fieldcrest Accounting Department to Holmes Junior High School students who visited General Offices. Scottie Cox, a bookkeeper, is seated in right foreground.

Holmes Junior High Students See Offices

A group of students from Holmes Junior High visited the General Offices as part of the Eden Schools' Middle Grades Occupation Exploration Project. John Goodman, general accountant, conducted the visitors on a tour of the Fieldcrest Mills Accounting Department.

In the special program, students in

the sixth through ninth grades are getting a first-hand look at local occupations through field trips, visiting speakers, and classroom laboratory experiences.

The project, one of 21 pilot programs approved by the State Board of Education in December, 1969, is designed to give all students a more realistic look

at the occupational choices and demands facing them and to help them relate this information to curriculum areas.

Accompanying the group on the visit to Fieldcrest were Mrs. Alice Galloway, project counselor; and Mrs. Betty Warren, project para-professional who has been instructing the group in exploring uses of adding machines.