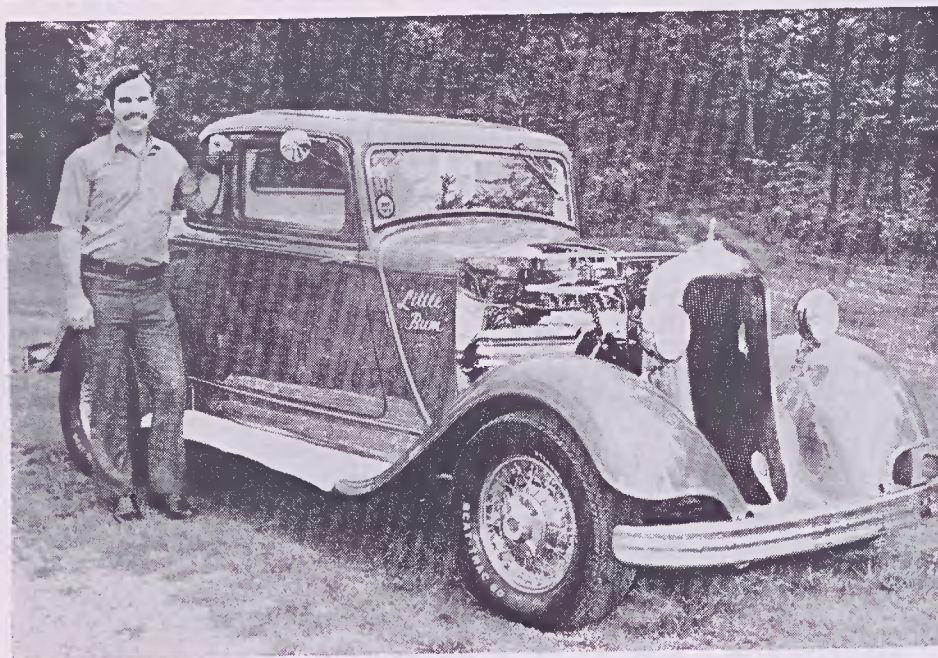
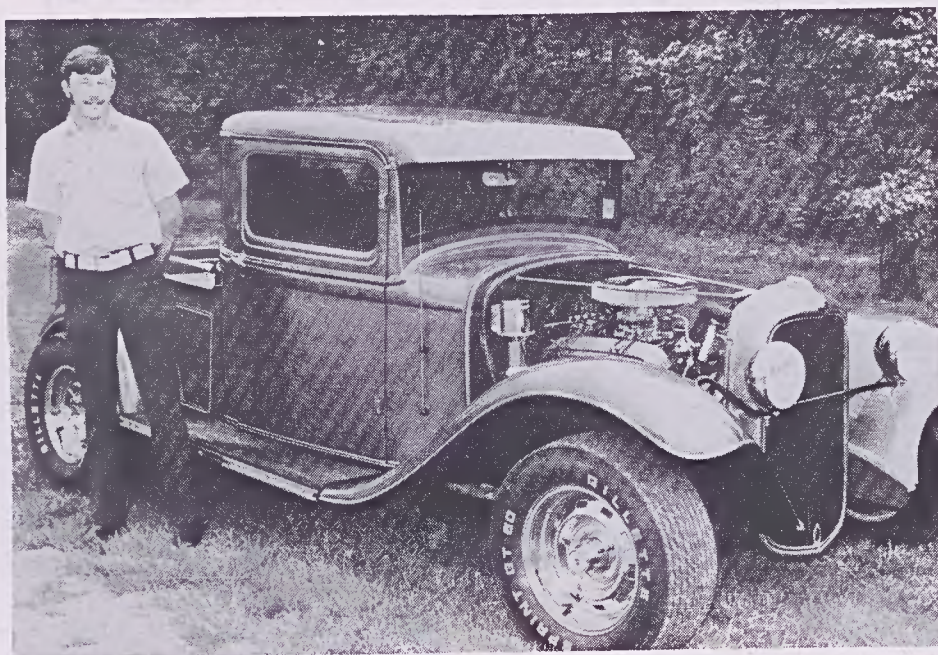


Fieldcrest Men Convert Old Autos Into 'Street Rods'



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Fieldcrest Is Named In Fortune's 'Top 500'

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., holds 437th place in Fortune magazine's annual ranking of the 500 largest industrial corporations in the U. S., based on 1971 sales of \$227,275,000.

Fieldcrest ranked 433rd a year ago, based on sales of \$211,629,000 in 1970, and has been on the "top 500" list since 1963, with a ranking of 486th on the list for the first year.

In categories other than sales, Fieldcrest now ranks 114th on 12.7% net income as a percent of stockholders' equity; 140th with its 10.22% earnings per share growth rate 1961-71; 185th

on 4.7% net income as a percent of sales; 305th in the number of employees, 11,801; 332nd on net income of \$10,-640,000; and 430th on assets of \$160,-567,000.

Among other textile firms listed their rankings based on 1971 sales, were: Burlington Industries, 65th, down from 56th last year; J. P. Stevens, 145th, down from 133rd; Springs Mills, 340th, down from 329th; Cannon Mills, 342nd, down from 331st; Cone Mills, 346th, down from 338th; Dan River, 351st, down from 344th; and Collins & Aikman, 427th, down from 420th.

Jerald Jeffries, a loom fixer in the Bedspreed Mill Weave Room, and Joe Chatman, foreman of the Channel Blanket Department, Blanket Finishing Mill, own a couple of pre-1940 cars that make the fanciest 1972 models look drab.

Both the vehicles have been rebuilt, reupholstered, painted and shined to a lustrous finish and are now show cars or "street rods" as they are called by car fanciers.

Mr. Jeffries' "Little Bum" is a 1933 Plymouth with a Chrysler motor, Plymouth transmission and de Soto rear end. It is painted bright red and decorated with gleaming chrome.

Featured In Magazine

"Little Bum" was featured, with full-color pictures, in the December 1971 issue of "Hot Rod" magazine. The pictures were taken at the Memphis National Street Rod Run, Memphis, Tenn., which Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries attended in August 1971.

Mr. Chatman's "Little Bandit" is a 1933 Ford truck painted a bright shade of purple called "plum crazy". It has a Chevrolet motor, automatic transmission and has been cut in size, or "chopped and channeled" in car jargon. "Little Bandit" was recently entered in its first car show, the Custom Car Show held in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Both Mr. Chatman and Mr. Jeffries have worked around cars virtually all their lives and their interest in restoring and rebuilding old cars grew out of this experience.

They plan to enter as many car shows as possible. In the meantime they continue to make improvements and refinements on "Little Bum" and "Little Bandit" and keep their eyes open for old cars to work on.

Family Projects

The two "street rods" are both family projects. Mrs. Chatman (Lynda) helped her husband polish and wax the car for the Greensboro car show and the Chatman's four children, Darryl, Jerry, Kelly and Pam, also show a great deal of interest in it.

Mrs. Jeffries (Gwen) is the morale booster in the family. Mr. Jeffries said that she encouraged him to rebuild the car after it was wrecked several years ago. Their son Jamey takes care of polishing the chrome, a big job on a "street rod".

Both families enjoy Sunday afternoon pleasure rides and frequently get together with other "street rod" owners. Their cars are a source of pride to them. They are not raced and there is no "cutting up" on the highway.

Street rod owners in North Carolina and Virginia have banded together to form CARVA, the Carolina-Virginia Street Rod Association. Ownership of a pre-1948 model car or truck is required for membership. Interested persons may contact Joe Chatman.

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