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At drawing for prizes among names of Fair Share contributors to Eden United Fund, from left are: Ceylon Thornton, Blanket Warehouse; Beulah Yarbrough, Bedspread Mill; Mary Mangrum, Draper Sheeting; Roslyn Henry, Blanket Finishing; Ella Blackwell, Blanket Greige; Allie Houchins, Sheet Finishing; Toni Chambers, Industrial Relations; Mildred Heiner, Payroll Department; William D. Hicks, John Yount, Flock Blanket; Lloyd Price, Bedspread Finishing; William Balsler, Karastan.

Drawings Held For Fair Share Givers

J. Marvin Eggleton of the Napping Department at the Blanket Finishing Mill won the grand prize in the drawing conducted among the names of all Fieldcrest employees who contributed a Fair Share or more in the Eden United Fund campaign.

Mr. Eggleton is to receive a 9 x 12 Karastan oriental-design rug in the pattern of his choice.

The names of all employees, mill and staff, who participated on the Fair Share basis were included in the drawing.

Other drawings were held by mill divisions among those who gave a Fair Share or more. These winners received \$15 gift certificates good for any purchase at the Fieldcrest Store.

Winners of the gift certificates were: Blanket Operation — Robert E. Taylor, Weave Room; Michael W. McAl-

ister, Stock Department, Blanket Warehouse; George E. Frazier, Plant Service Department, Blanket Greige Mill; Hazel P. Gilley, Cotton Spinning; Doris S. Shockley, Stock Department, Blanket Warehouse; Robert L. Doe, Jr., Weave Room; and Stella Porter, Wool Spinning.

Sheeting Operation — Brenda M. Patterson, Cutting and Sewing; Boyd L. Fisher, Weave Room; Carson D. Slaughter, Sheet Finishing Office; and Christine McCormick, Cutting and Sewing.

Bedspread Operation — Emmett C. Gilley, Weave Room; Barbara C. London, Bedspread Finishing Office; George R. Little, Store and Ship; and Kerrey Y. Talbott, Bedspread Finishing Office.

Karastan Rug Mill — William H. Cohen, Jr., Pilot Plant; Nancy P. Corum, Burling; Darrell V. Dillion, Weave Room; William J. Garrett, Burling; and Linda F. Wilkinson, Winding.

Staff Departments — Thomas E. Knight, Canteen; and Carrie M. Hall, Accounts Receivable.

The drawings were conducted in the Conference Room at the General Offices Friday afternoon, October 20 by William D. Hicks, supervisor of quality control at the Karastan Rug Mill who was chairman of the campaign at Fieldcrest.

Employees representing the various mills and the staff departments assisted with the drawings.

Sales, Earnings Rise During Third Quarter

Fieldcrest Mills' sales for the third quarter rose to \$62,648,000, up 9% from \$57,228,000 in the same 1971 period. This rate of increase is comparable with the nine-month sales increase of 8%.

Quarterly earnings increased for the third consecutive quarter this year to \$2,158,000 (\$.60 per share), up 7% from the year earlier level of \$2,009,000 (\$.56 per share).

The operating results were announced October 23 by William C. Battle, president and chief executive officer of Fieldcrest Mills Inc.

Mr. Battle said rug and carpet sales continued the first half trend of substantial sales increases relative to 1971. In addition, sales increased for the Fieldcrest and North Carolina Finishing divisions.

"Inventories at the retail level during the third quarter continued to be rigidly controlled, reflecting the national statistics which indicate moderate growth in business inventories.

"Our unfilled order position and the attitude of our retail customers point to a strong Christmas selling season and improved fourth quarter shipments," Mr. Battle said.

Mount Holly Employees Set Record Of Giving

For the eighth consecutive year, 100% of the employees of the Mount Holly Spinning Mill at Mount Holly have contributed to the Gaston County United Appeal.

The record is more outstanding when it is considered that in all of the years but two, 100% have participated on the Fair Share basis.

In this year's campaign, the employees contributed a total of \$1,867.81 and the company through the Fieldcrest Foundation gave \$450, making a total of \$2,317.81 from the employees and the Company.

In the two years that the mill did not have 100% Fair Share participation, all employees except one pledged a Fair Share and that one person pledged an amount just under the Fair Share figure.

25-Year Meetings

The combined meeting of the 25-Year Club members from the Sheeting Operation, General Offices and Specials Department was scheduled for Saturday, November 4 in the cafeteria at the Draper Elementary School.

Dates for other 25-Year Club meetings have been announced as follows: Blanket Operation and Columbus Towel Mill, both on November 11; and Bedspread Operation on November 18.