

Generous Support Given To Community Fund Drive

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ing Department, second and third shifts; Weave Room #2 (old Hosiery Mill), third shift; Warehouse Office; and Production Control. Drawings were held in each of these departments for prizes of Fieldcrest towel sets.

Winners of the Fieldcrest towel sets in each department were Kathleen Gusler, Warehouse Office; Wanda Scott, Production Control; John Eggleston, Carding Department, third shift; Jerry Wyatt, Carding Department, second shift; and Bennie Lawson, Weave Room #2 (old Hosiery Mill), third shift.

The Community Fund Committee, which allocates the money to a number of health, welfare and recreational agencies serving the Fieldale area, is composed of employees representing

various departments of the Fieldale Towel Mill.

Members of this year's committee are: John Spencer, Yarn Preparation; Spotwood Taylor, Beam Dye; Ronald Spencer, Bleachery; Joel Dalton, Pack and Stock; Muscoe Draper, Shipping;

Frank Hundley, Cloth; Jean Rorrer, Warehouse Office; Mae Perry, Data Processing; Vera Warrick, Cost Department; Reuben Edwards, Spinning; Elvia Fretwell, Sewing; Roger Moore, Weave Room #2 (old Hosiery Mill); and Dot Davis, Production Control.

Top Weavers, Fixers

Weavers—W/E November 5

Dobby Terry Lee Hubbard
Jacquard Terry Robert Ferguson

Fixers—W/E November 5

Dobby Terry Melvin Clark
Jacquard Terry Jesse Davis

Weavers—W/E October 29

Dobby Terry Lemie Wright
Jacquard Terry Bobby Stegall

Fixers—W/E October 29

Dobby Terry Clay Merriman
Jacquard Terry George Lynch



Dennis Walker, a twister tender in the Yarn Preparation Department, was the grand prize winner in the drawing among Fair Share givers.



Thomas Plaster With Carvings

Fieldale Retiree Develops An Unusual Hobby; Carves Decorative Wooden Items For Friends

Thomas A. Plaster, a retiree from the Fieldale Towel Mill, has developed an unusual hobby since his retirement in 1969.

Mr. Plaster carves wooden belts, chains, necklaces and decorative pieces. Each item is carved from a single piece of wood, either sourwood, white pine or cedar.

Using a pocket knife as his only tool, Mr. Plaster has carved about 50 chains in the past two years. He says he can do 22 links in one evening while watching television. He uses no ruler, only his eyes to judge the size of the links. After completion, each item is dipped in shellac to preserve the wood.

"Just Started Piddling"

He has had no instruction in wood carving. He says he "just started piddling one night about two years ago." "I saw a carved chain in a museum years ago and I figured if whoever did that one could do it, so could I," he said.

Now he carves almost every evening "to keep from eating too much popcorn," he said.

In addition to belts and chains, Mr. Plaster has carved a duck house for his yard which now houses a family of

ducks, a series of likenesses of his parents, brothers, and sisters, and several curved staffs for friends. He has also carved a marble headstone for his wife's grave.

For his next project, he plans to carve a wooden clock with all wooden parts.

Mr. Plaster refuses to sell any of the items he carves, although he has been offered money for them by gift shops in the area as well as by individuals. He gives most of the items to relatives and friends. "I would rather give than receive," he said.

36 Years Of Service

A native of Patrick County, Va., Mr. Plaster achieved 36 years of continuous service at the Fieldale Towel Mill. He began employment in June of 1933 as a beam roller. In April of 1935 he became a slasher tender, remaining in that classification until retirement. He now resides on Route 1, Fieldale.

Discussing his retirement, he said, "A lot of people think that when a person retires he can do nothing but sit around. That's not true. I get lots of exercise and with my fishing and carving, I'm as busy now as before I retired."