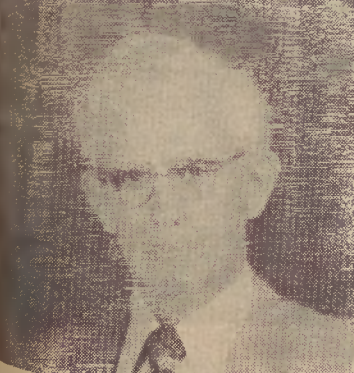




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George N. Haynes



Ruby U. McGuire



Adam W. Snider



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**BASKET WEAVER** Ed Gilley (second from left) teaches the "lost art" to Fieldcrest retirees Rosa Cox, Elizabeth Webster, Peg Adkins, Pearl Reed, Mae Austin and Charles Hopkins (not from Fieldcrest).

## Fieldcrest Retiree Teaches Art Of Basket Weaving

Weaving may come naturally for many Fieldcrest retirees but several in the Eden area recently learned some new weaving skills. Weaving baskets is not like work, "it's a real good pastime," says Ed Gilley, a retiree of the Blanket Greige Mill. And he claims former weavers from mills turn out wonderful baskets.

Gilley has been weaving baskets for quite a while and now he's teaching the craft to others in a 30-hour course through Rockingham Community College. "We're trying to reach all the senior citizens in the area (Rockingham County, N.C.) and let them know about it," he said recently. "There may be a new night class starting in the Fall at the community college and anyone interested should call the Continuing Education Department there." Registration fee is \$5 for people under 65 years and no charge for those over 65. There is also a \$5 materials fee.

Gilley learned the craft from a friend who got his materials from going to the woods and cutting splits (thin pieces of pliable fiber in various widths) from a small white oak but Gilley now uses vine-like cane splits because they are easier to get.

"There is one basic basket not found anywhere around and that is the 'Gizzard basket' and that's what I teach," he says. "Basket weaving is a lost art and I'm well paid by the satisfaction of seeing how others enjoy it."



**WEAVING** a gizzard basket is a skillful pastime for Pearl Reed.

## Senior Citizens' Activities

A special salute during May, National Senior Citizen's Month, to all of Fieldcrest's retired employees, both those who retired effective May 1, and those previously retired at all locations.

Listed below are programs and services available for senior citizens in various Fieldcrest plant locations.

**Columbus - Phenix City area** - Coming up are a Senior Ms. Pageant and an award program for "Outstanding Senior Citizen." For information, call Jack Mickle, Jr., Lower Chattahoochie Valley Planning and Development Commission, 324-4221.

**Stokesdale area** - Senior Citizens' Dinner Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Stokesdale United Methodist Church, 10:30 a. m., bring a covered dish. For information, call Rev. I. T. Rutledge, 643-4289.

**Eden Area** - Senior Citizen's Day,

May 31, 1 p. m., Rockingham Community College, sponsored by the Council on Aging and Recreation Departments of Eden, Reidsville and Madison-Mayodan. For information, call 349-2343 or 427-4206. Theme will be "Roaring 20's". Events will include special entertainment, costume parades, contests including Charleston contest, games, prizes, refreshments, agency information booths and displays. Blood pressure checks and hearing tests will also be available.

Transportation for Rockingham County residents, 60 or older, who need rides for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Transportation is available five days a week, Monday through Friday, 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Call the Council on Aging office, 349-2343 or 427-4206 at least 24 hours before transportation is needed.

"Wise Old Owl", quarterly publication for Rockingham County senior citizens, free, become a subscriber by calling Patty Clark, 349-2343 or 427-4206.

County-Wide Nutrition Program, call Sara Matthews, 349-2343 or 427-4206.

Greenville area - Pitt County Council on Aging, provides information on local programs for senior citizens as well as transportation. Call 752-1717.

Pitt County Senior Citizen's Association, president, Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, 756-4867.

American Association for Retired People, president, Pete Anderson, Farmville, call 753-4411.

Greenville Senior Citizens Center, Call Lesley Ball, 752-4137. Programs include scheduled activities such as yoga, crafts, swimming, cards,

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