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ELECTRIC WARES SHOWN—D. L. Alfred, department sales manager for the Electric Blanket Mill, who is chairman of the electric housewares section of the National Electrical Manufacturers association is shown with noted radio and television personality Maggi McNellis at the industry's recent press meeting. Miss McNellis narrated the commentary on Fashions in Electric Housewares Living, demonstrating their role in modern life. Attending were members of the consumer and trade press, as well as members of the Section, Edison Electric Institute and National Association of Electrical Distributors.

Whitcomb Completes 20 Years Of Service

The service anniversary column in this issue of the MILL WHISTLE includes the name of President Harold W. Whitcomb who completed 20 years of continuous service with the Company on Friday, March 16.

Mr. Whitcomb first joined Marshall Field & Company in 1936 as manager of the Lumb Knitting Co., Pawtucket, R. I. but moved in 1937 to the Spray headquarters of the Company as director of purchases.

He was elected divisional vice-president of Marshall Field & Company in 1946 and on October 1, 1953, upon sale of the mills by that company, was elected vice-president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. On December 1, 1953 he became President and was elected to the board of directors.

He was born in Concord, N. H. and graduated from the University of New

Easter Egg Hunt

The Leaksville-Spray Y's Men's club is preparing to hide more than 20,000 Easter eggs at the annual egg hunt to be sponsored by the club on Easter Monday, April 2. The event will be held at the Fairgrounds on the Ridge-way road beginning at 10 a.m. A brief devotional period conducted by the Rev. O. Dewey Smith, pastor of Spray Methodist church, will precede the hunt.

The egg hunt is open to all boys and girls of the Tri-Cities 14 years old and under. The hunt will be divided into four age groups to assure the smaller children's having a fair chance and

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Hampshire with a B. S. degree in economics and business administration. He was associated with the Sulloway Hosiery Mills in Franklin, N. H. in various capacities prior to joining Marshall Field & Company.

Two Plants Will Get Awards For Safety

The National Safety Council has notified the Company that the Electric Blanket Mill is to be presented with the Award of Merit for its outstanding safety performance for the five-year period January 1, 1950 through December 31, 1955. During this time the employees worked a total of 1,352,317 man-hours without a disabling injury.

Notice also was received of the Certificate of Commendation to be awarded the Bedsread Mill for its safety performance in 1955. Bedsread employees set a record by working the entire year without a disabling injury and accumulated 728,524 accident-free man-hours.

H. E. Williams, safety director, said the awards are expected to be received from the safety council in about four weeks, after which they will be placed on display at the mills concerned.

"The people at the Electric Blanket Mill and the Bedsread Mill are to be commended for the extra effort they devoted to accident prevention and their consistent practice of safe work habits," Mr. Williams said. "The fact that these mills were able to earn the awards indicates that safe methods have been used and safe work areas have been maintained. Congratulations are in order to both the employees and the supervisors at these plants," the safety director added.

Electrical Engineers Will Tour Karastan

Approximately 45 members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will visit the Karastan Rug Mill Tuesday evening, March 20. The tour will be a field trip for members of the Institute's North Carolina mid-state section, of which M. J. Mulhern, Western Electric Company, Winston-Salem, is chairman.

The engineers will arrive at 7:30 p.m. They will be welcomed to Karastan by John Mauney and then will be divided into smaller groups for their tour. Guides will be A. G. Singleton, J. T. MacIsaac, Frank Brey and Mr. Mauney. Following their trip through the plant the visitors will re-assemble in the

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