

Know Your Company — Karastan



JOYCE JONES, left, spinner instructor, and LINDA SHEPARD, spinner trainee.

The Karastan Spinning Mill, located at Greenville, manufactures wool and synthetic carpet yarns for the Karastan Rug Mill and the Laurelcrest Carpet Plant, as well as for outside customers.

Purchased by Fieldcrest in 1960 and giving employment to 300 people, the 103,188 square foot facility operates complete spinning equipment on the woolen system and the necessary accessory equipment, including a large raw stock dyeing department. A total of

3,120 spindles are in operation.

Since the purchase by Fieldcrest, the facility has been extensively modernized. It now operates one of the most modern blending operations in the country. The Carding Department was modernized, including the installation of the latest type condensers and other yarn uniformity equipment.

The Spinning and Twisting Departments were completely overhauled and rearranged and new, modern reels were installed in the Reeling



EARL EDWARDS is a blender in the Blending Department.



CECIL HARRIS, left, and WILLIAM B. MILLS are kettle loaders in the Dye House.



RUBY RIGGS, twister, Twisting Department.

THE MILL WHISTLE