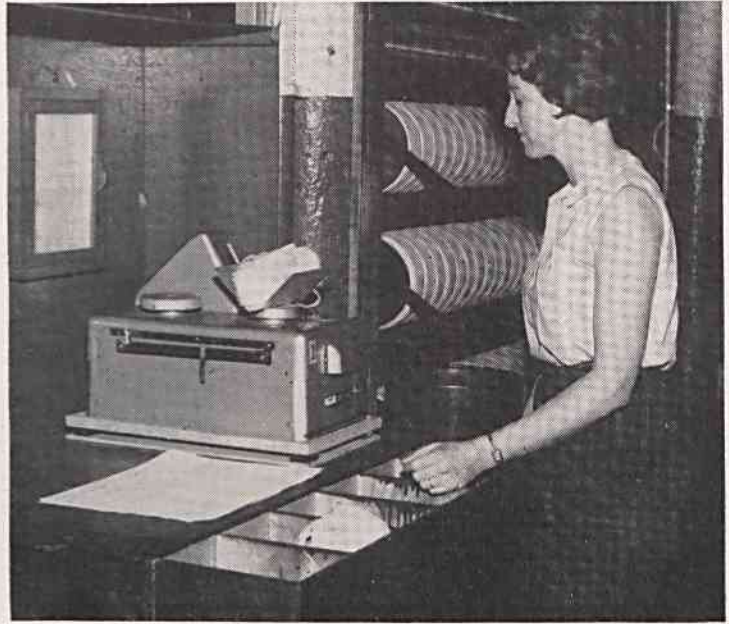


Extra Care Helps Prevent Losses Due To Waste



Doreen Minter, card tender, puts roving waste in can where it will be kept separate from waste from other cards and will be fed back into the card before end of the shift.

Roving used to check weights is saved and is placed in a compartment at the weight station. This waste, too, is kept separate from other waste until it is fed into the card.

New Method In Wool Carding Dept. At Blanket Mill Shows Cooperation In Waste Control

Waste is like a termite chewing away at the foundations of a house. Because each instance is usually so small, most of the time it goes by unnoticed. But when you put all the little instances together the total reaches a startling figure.

At Fieldcrest where there are thousands of employees, many lines of products and a huge volume of production, losses from waste amount to millions of dollars each year. If all employees put forth a little extra effort in preventing waste, much of this loss can be avoided.

No company is so efficient or well-established that it can afford an undue amount of waste. Losses from waste can be a good-sized hole in company profits—profits which, when reinvested in the company, can provide more work for everybody.

Furthermore, waste can actually cost jobs. When a business fails to keep pace in highly competitive markets because of excessive operating costs, including the cost of waste, the loss of jobs is a distinct possibility.

An example of how employees can help prevent waste is shown in the accompanying pictures.

In the Wool Carding Department at the Blanket Mill, the roving waste from each card is kept in a separate can. Also, small amounts of roving used to check weights are kept separate in compartments at the weight station.

Once each shift the waste is collected and still kept separate in compartments of the waste truck—and carried to the back of the card and fed into the hopper. No sorting is required except that occasional lap stick waste is held out for



When the waste is collected from all the cards once each shift, it is kept separated in a box truck which has a compartment for each card. Here, Percy Robertson gives close attention as he places waste on pile of stock at hopper.

re-running in the picker room.

Under the old method, roving waste was placed in the cans but little care was shown in keeping it separated, since it would be sorted in the Picker Room later. The new system eliminated the need for transporting the waste to another department and also eliminated the necessity of storing and later sorting the waste and re-running it through the pickers.

This improved method at the Blanket Mill is typical of instances in which employees can cooperate in helping the company reduce manufacturing costs by eliminating losses caused by unnecessary waste.

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