

Waste Control Stressed

The wools going into our Karastan rugs and carpets are among the most expensive raw materials used by the company. Wool prices have increased more than 15c a pound in some instances during the past few months and are now at an all-time high for peacetime.

In order to keep costs down and sell our rugs and carpets successfully in competition with other manufacturers, it is absolutely necessary that every pound of wool possible, once it starts in production, be processed into finished yarn.

To lower costs by preventing unnecessary losses from waste, a concerted effort has been put forth in recent weeks at the Karastan Spinning Division at Greenville to reduce the amount of waste and to classify properly the unavoidable waste. By keeping the various types of waste separated it is possible to return them to the blends to which they belong, thereby reducing reprocessing costs.

The mill made manufacturing improvements designed to reduce waste and, under the leadership of the supervisors, enlisted the cooperation of employees in an all-out attack on the problem of preventable waste. Emphasis was placed on what employees can do to control waste on their individual jobs.

At the blending machines, greater care is used in eliminating the contamination of colors and other foreign fibers which if not detected might reduce the value of the blend or cause off-quality rugs.

Likewise in the Carding Department, employees are careful to see that card fly waste is not contaminated with mixed colors, oil, grease or dirt. This waste can then be cleaned in a duster

and blended back into similar lots of wool.

In the Spinning Department, employees are more aware of the necessity of running their spools of roving as low as possible before creeling in new spools. Much progress has been made in this area in recent weeks.

In the Twisting Department all thread waste is separated by being placed in compartments of a truck especially designed for this purpose. The waste can then be garnetted and utilized in blends without the necessity of stripping and redyeing.

To date, outstanding progress has been made toward the established goals. Strict records are kept and charts are posted in the mill showing the ratio of actual waste to the standards. Such reporting of results gives employees a feeling of pride in their personal achievements.

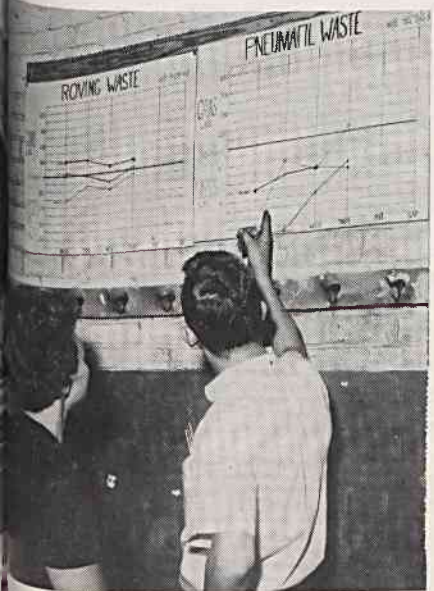
Melvin Moore, mill superintendent, in commenting on the employees' accomplishments in waste control said:

"At this point we are extremely well pleased with the results of this program. Our waste control ratio for the past month was at an all-time low. We want to continue this effort and do even better in the future. There are greater possibilities for savings by preventing unnecessary waste than in almost any other phase of our operations.

"We have had outstanding cooperation from employees throughout the mill, for which we want to express our appreciation. The interest and enthusiasm shown by employees indicates that they realize that by reducing waste we reduce costs and that when we lower our costs we can compete more successfully, making everybody's job more secure."



Key separates thread waste by placements of specially-designed truck.



inent, spinning supervisor, Faye Joy-azel Lockamy discuss waste charts.

Top Operators

The Towel Mill's top quality weavers and loomfixers are listed below for the most recent periods of record.

Weavers—W/E May 10

obby & Cam Terry J. A. Ingram
 equard Terry None
 w C-7 Looms Fred Hodges
 Hosiery Mill building)

Fixers—W/E May 10

obby & Cam Terry Rucker Hardy
 equard Terry None
 w C-7 Looms None
 Hosiery Mill building)

Weavers—W/E May 3

obby & Cam Terry Bobby Haskins
 equard Terry None
 w C-7 Looms William Maxey
 Hosiery Mill building)

Fixers—W/E May 3

obby & Cam Terry Rucker Hardy
 equard Terry None
 w C-7 Looms None

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Muscogee Employee Is World's Fair Visitor

Edna Jackson (left), an employee of the Finishing Department at Muscogee Mills, Columbus, Ga., shows souvenirs of World's Fair to co-workers, Gladys Littleton (center) and Linda Dixon.

Mrs. Jackson's husband, E. W. Jack-

son, an insurance man, won the trip for himself and his wife in a sales contest conducted by his company. The Jacksons were away for one week, visiting the World's Fair and sight-seeing in New York City.