

# On Being Secure

There is a very real and justifiable concern throughout the nation with the sense of security industrial employees feel in the face of rapid technological development such as we now have.

Technological development reduced to ten letters is "automation". The word "automation", and in some cases the mere thought of it, scares a lot of people. They regard it as a threat to job security.

Certainly the people who destroyed Richard Arkwright's first spinning system saw it that way, even if they didn't use the word automation. The same is true for the early textile workers who destroyed Jacquard's loom. So, also, is it true for the English officials of the 18th and 19th centuries who jealously guarded their textile machinery secrets because they feared the consequences of the spreading of such knowledge.

Even today, there is an element of fear in the attitude of those who look askance at automatic doffers, high-speed spinning equipment and other new methods and machines.

The recurring theme in all of these examples is that the textile industry has known automation by one name or another since the first days of the machines which started the Industrial Revolution. "Technological innovation" has been a way of life in the American textile industry since Samuel Slater cranked up his crude little mill in Rhode Island 174 years ago — with five machines and four employees.

Because this is true, we have the ring spindle, the shuttleless loom, highspeed machinery, greater production with less effort, miracle fibers and fabrics — and, most important, a vital, vigorous industry that has almost a million Americans in reliable, rewarding jobs.



From left, Billy Burke, of NCF employees store, Nellie Williams and H. K. Robertson, both of Fieldcrest Store and who helped arrange store at Salisbury.

## NCF Man Observes At Fieldcrest Store

Billy Burke, who is in charge of the newly-opened employees store at the North Carolina Finishing Company division, Salisbury, was a recent visitor at the Fieldcrest Store at Spray.

Mr. Burke, a member of the Personnel Department at North Carolina Finishing, spent a day at the Spray store making observations that will be helpful to

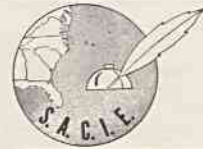
him in the operation of the store at Salisbury.

The establishment of the store at North Carolina Finishing enables the employees there to see the products on display, to make direct purchases or place orders to be filled from the Fieldcrest Store, all at the employee discount prices.

# THE MILL WHISTLE

*Fieldcrest. Karastan.*

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