



Joe Hailey, head supply clerk, keeps a close check on the data processing cards that are placed at each supply bin. A card must be marked for each transaction.



The key to the success of this system is in marking the card as Calvin Estes is doing.

Supply Room System Is Now Usin

One of the newest applications of electronic data processing at Fieldcrest is the recently-developed automated system for the supply room at the Blanket and Sheeting Mills. The Draper set-up is a forerunner of the eventual installation of such systems in all of the supply rooms. The Columbus Towel Mill, Columbus, Ga., already has installed a similar system.

The new method makes a tremendous

savings in paperwork. No longer is it necessary to keep written lists of all parts in stock, parts issued each day, number of parts remaining, etc. With the use of the computers in the Data Processing Department at the General Offices, the supply room now receives reports each week showing all transactions during the previous week, the current inventory, price changes and a summary of financial expenditures.

The computer system now assists the Purchasing Department by showing when it is time to re-order an item and what is the most economic quantity to buy. It is planned eventually for the computers to write the purchase orders.

An additional advantage to the Company is that, once all of the supply rooms are on this system, it will be possible to obtain a company-wide supplies inventory. This would make it

Roy Whitten Completes 40 Years Of Service

Roy G. Whitten of the Karastan Mill has completed 40 years of continuous service with the Company. He has been presented with the Fieldcrest 40-year emblem and a letter of commendation from G. William Moore, president of Fieldcrest Mills, Inc.

Mr. Whitten is a native of Stokes County and first joined the Karastan Mill December 29, 1928, as a clamp hand in the Setting Department. He became assistant foreman in the Burl-

ing Department in 1937 and in 1942 was promoted to foreman.

He continues to work as foreman of the Burling Department and has never been off the payroll for any reason during his entire 40 years of service.



ROY G. WHITTEN

SS Deductions Rise With January Checks

Social Security deductions from paychecks are up slightly and thus salaries, beginning this month, are down slightly.

The new rate is 4.8 per cent of earnings up to \$7,800, and this is an increase of two cents on each five dollars of earnings. Both the employee and the employer pay this additional amount, which became law in January, 1967, through amendments to the federal law.

An example of the change is the following illustration of an employee earning \$100 a week. During 1968, this employee contributed about \$4.40, per week, to Social Security. In 1969, on this same amount of salary, the employee will contribute about \$4.80.

This increase is the first in a series of gradual increases built into the law in 1967. The tax rate is scheduled to go up gradually until 1987 when it reaches 5.9 per cent.

The protection employees earn through Social Security is now greater than ever due to changes made in the law. Increased by at least 13 per cent were monthly cash retirement, survivors and disability benefits. The increase in benefits payable to workers and their families in the future will be even greater.



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