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## Program Will Help To Reduce Hand Injuries

A total of 82 lost-time accidents due to hand injuries occurred at Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., during 1968, 1969 and 1970, resulting in 2,744 actual days lost.

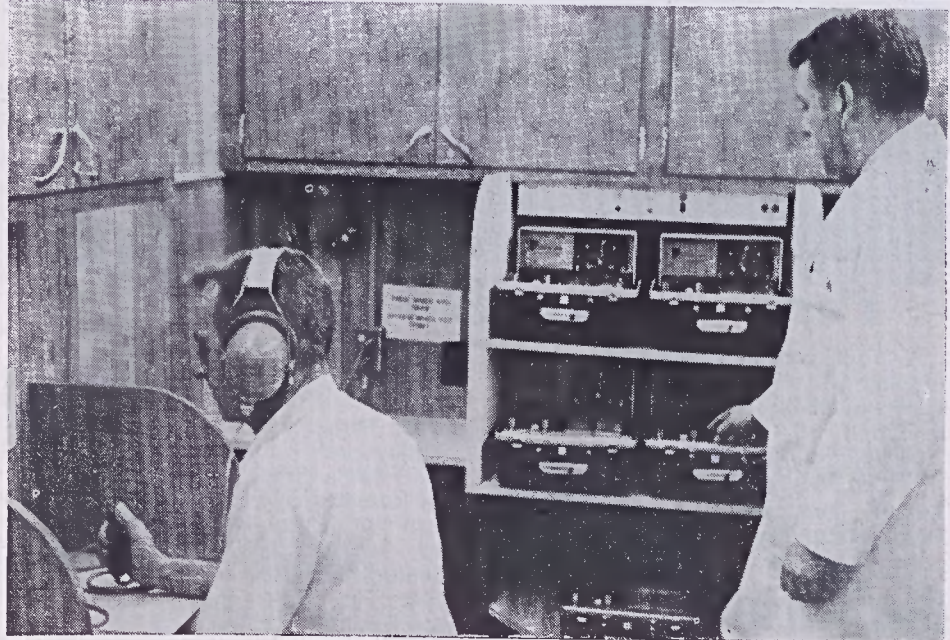
In order to reduce the number of such injuries, a special program called "Stop Hand Injuries" will be launched at Fieldcrest Mills Monday, April 5. The program initially will be carried out in the Eden plants, the Fieldale Towel Mill and the North Carolina Finishing Company division. It will be extended to other locations later.

Prepared by the Fieldcrest Safety Department, the three-month program will utilize giant banners, bulletin board posters, employee hand-out materials and five-minute safety talks.

Three different banners are to be displayed in each mill at various times. Posters, some obtained from the National Safety Council and others drawn by Major E. R. Pistilli, Fieldcrest security officer, will be used on the mill bulletin boards.

The materials are designed to point out everyday hand hazards and indicate safe operating practices to be observed in the prevention of hand injuries.

"Our hands are precious possessions," said Kenneth R. Baggett, Fieldcrest safety director, "therefore, everyone would agree that preventing injury to them is a most worthwhile endeavor."



**HEARING TEST** — M. A. Proffit takes hearing test during Fieldcrest health van's visit to Blanket Mill. R. D. Shackelford, of Medical Department, is shown at right. Picture-story on health van appears on pages four and five.

## Group To Attend Training Conferences

Superintendents and general foremen of Fieldcrest Mills will, during the months of April and May, attend week-long "action-oriented" training conferences to be held at the Holiday Inn at Boone.

The first session will take place April

4 through April 9 with repeated sessions scheduled for April 18-23, May 9-14 and May 18-23. Each session will be attended by about 21 superintendents and general foremen.

General topics for the conferences will be solving problems and making decisions, using manufacturing controls, developing subordinates and handling grievances.

These topics will be handled primarily through case discussions giving superintendents the opportunity to discuss situations and make decisions in connection with practical problems of running a department.

### Conference Leaders

Conference leaders, who will be handling the discussions, are: W. G. Hunnings, division vice president-bed fashions manufacturing; W. O. Stone, division vice president-bath fashions manufacturing and general manager-Fieldale Towel manufacturing; J. P. Kitchens, division vice president and general manager-Karastan manufacturing; N. F. Young, division vice president and general manager of blanket manufacturing; C. L. Kametches, general manager-

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## Purchasing Manager

Jimmy D. Huffman has been appointed manager of supply purchasing, replacing John M. Geer who recently retired under the Pension Plan. Mr. Huffman reports to Hurdle H. Lea, vice president-purchasing.

A native of Marion, Mr. Huffman received his B. S. degree in industrial management from East Tennessee State in 1962. After graduation he joined Fieldcrest as assistant packaging coordinator.

In November, 1964, he was made assistant purchasing agent and in December, 1968, purchasing agent-expense supplies.

In September, 1969, he was appointed assistant director of supply purchasing and served in that capacity until his latest appointment.



J. D. HUFFMAN