



Karastan 25-Year Club members chat prior to start of program.



H. T. Lee, 50-year man, is presented gift by

25-Yr. Club Meet Held

The tremendous growth of the Karastan operation is due to the quality and dedication of its people, Walter B. Guinan, president of the Karastan Marketing Division and a senior vice president of Fieldcrest Mills, told Karastan members of the 25-Year Club at their annual meeting Saturday, October 28, in the Burton Grove School auditorium.

"You people make the finest carpet in the world and each year Karastan's reputation becomes more renowned. This is not an accident but is the result of planning," Mr. Guinan said.

He praised the manufacturing and sales organizations of Karastan, emphasizing that it is the characteristics of its people that make a company a success. He reviewed activities in the marketing division and showed some of the newest products of Karastan.

John G. Cunningham, plant manager-greige and finishing, was the master of ceremonies and opened the meeting by recognizing various special groups. Recognition was given to the retired members of the club, the members with 40 or more years of continuous service and several husband-and-wife combinations who are members of the club.

He also recognized Hugh T. Lee, retired member of the club who had more than 50 years of continuous service at the time of his retirement. Mr. Lee was presented a gift.

Mr. Cunningham read a letter from J. M. Norman, Jr., retired manager of Karastan, who was in Florida and could not be present for the meeting.

Jones W. Norman, area personnel manager, presented 27 new members.



Talking over old times.

J. Paul Kitchens, division vice president-rug and carpet manufacturing, described the capital program for Karastan in 1972-73 and said the improvements will give the mill capabilities to make new products and to increase the capacity in existing lines.

He expressed his pride in the Karastan employees and the products they produce. He said that Karastan's business is good and that the outlook for the future is optimistic.

John R. Mauney, division vice president and general manager of Karastan Rug manufacturing, Eden, gave highlights of mill operations. He asked the 25-Year Club members to "help to train and inspire the new employees coming into the organization."

He expressed appreciation for the contribution the long-service employees have made to the business and said that the 25-Year Club members can "greatly influence and encourage those

now joining the Karastan Mill."

In the drawings for the attendance prizes, conducted by William Balsler and Wilfred Stultz, prizes were awarded to Elsie H. Carter, Supply Room; Ola Walker, Setting Department; and Tula Knight, Winding Department.

Robert A. Turner, a retired member of the 25-Year Club, gave the invocation that preceded a luncheon served in the school cafeteria.

New members welcomed into the club were:

William E. Balsler, James W. Brown, William Lee Brown, Dewey Lee Corum, Nornie L. Grogan, Lorene A. Hale, Ralph W. Hicks, Delsie L. Hopkins and Margaret Hutcherson.

Also, Lois W. Joyce, Posie J. Joyce, Nancy W. King, William H. Marshall, Elwin C. Martin, Jess T. Newman, Charlie A. Terry, William F. Turner, Edward Vernon, Bertha M. Via, Pauline C. Wall and Charlie A. Ward.