



One of nine audiometric testing booths built by shop at NCF for use in hearing conservation program.



At Karastan Worsted Plant, Dale House, certified technician, prepares to test hearing of Rebecca Davenport.

9 New Testing Booths Aid Hearing Conservation Program

Fieldcrest's continuing hearing conservation program has taken a big step forward with the construction of nine audiometric testing booths for use at outlying mill locations.

Built in the shop at the North Carolina Finishing Co. division at Salisbury, all of the booths have been delivered to the mills where they will be used and most of them have been put into place.

The Safety Department is in the process of certifying the booths, after which they will be put into use in hearing tests conducted by the Company's audiometric testing technicians.

Built to approved design and specifications, each booth has a 4' x 4' concrete base on which is constructed sheetrock siding with acoustical insulation. The inside is finished with sheetrock covered with Laurelcrest carpet. Ventilation and lighting are built in. Each booth is equipped with a Tracor audiometer.

The nine booths make a total of 17

Stores To Be Open

The Fieldcrest Stores, both in Eden and in Columbus, Ga., will be open on Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25. Regular store hours will be observed.

Also, the Employees' Outlet Store in the Draper section will be open on those dates during regular hours.

audiometric testing stations in the company. Three are booths purchased from an outside manufacturer and are permanently located in the Medical Departments at Eden, the Fieldale Towel Mill and the Columbus Towel Mill. In addition to these there are five testing stations in the company's mobile health unit.

To operate the equipment, there are trained and certified audiometric testing technicians in the Medical Departments and at each outlying mill location.

A large group of the technicians from those locations were certified after completing a national standard course last June conducted by Dr. J. G. Springer, corporate medical director and a certified audiometric testing instructor.

Their training is now being checked and updated by the central Medical Department. As the new booths are certified, the technicians will be responsible for the pre-employment testing of hearing as part of the job applicant's physical examination.

This is for the purpose of obtaining a baseline audiogram against which the person's hearing can be compared annually. People are not excluded from employment because of a hearing handicap but the baseline audiogram serves as a guideline in the protection of the person's hearing.

In addition to the regular audiometric tests, special studies and the annual examinations will be conducted by teams of certified technicians working out of the central Medical Department at Eden. They will use the equipment in the mobile health unit as well as that at the outlying mills.

The testing and close follow-up will make possible the identification of persons with hearing loss and the maintaining of records on a continuing basis of personnel who are exposed to noise levels which require them to wear hearing protection.

Interviews To Be Held On RCC Textile Training

Are you interested in textile training?

Robert Nesbit and other members of the textile staff at Rockingham Community College will be available for interviews with people who are interested in enrollment in the full curriculum of textile technology and management or for individual courses.

The RCC men will be available for interviews with employees in the Eden mills on Tuesday, November 28, and the rest of that week.

A specific schedule of the times and places for the interviews will be announced in notices on the mill bulletin boards.