President and General Manager P. H. Hanes (center) showed the way yesterday as the job of fingerprinting some 3,000 P. H. Hanes Knitting Company employees got under way. President Hanes is flanked by Police Chief W. F. Anderson, on the left, and Officer Eugene Fender of the identification division. — (Staff Photo.)

A large-scale project to fingerprint the approximately 3,000 employees of P. H. Hanes Knitting Company, which is working on large war orders, was started here yesterday afternoon.

Officials announced simultaneously that identification badges would be issued to each employee and henceforth would be required for admittance to or exit from the plant. Each employee's badge will carry his picture for quick identification.

Both the fingerprinting project and the inauguration of the badge system were recommended by Federal Bureau of Investigation men after a survey of the plant, and are being carried out in cooperation with the F.B.I.

Fingerprints of the workers will be sent to Washington and placed in the civil identification files of the F.B.I. This project is part of a nation-wide program of civil identification which is being pushed by national, state and local authorities.

Employees in both the local and the Hanes divisions of the company are included in the fingerprinting project and badge system.

P. H. Hanes, president and general manager of the company, was the first man to be fingerprinted. The printing will be handled by Eugene Fender, identification expert with the local police department.
Mildred Lumsden, of 1181, is being fingerprinted by Clyde Williams of the identification bureau of the local police department. He is assisting Eugene Fender, head of the department, who also is working on the project. Each person "identified" gets a small card with his own prints and record on it. This can be carried as a means of identification in case of accident, amnesia or if one wishes to fully establish his identity for any one of a number of reasons. A copy of the complete record of all ten fingerprints is filed here and with F. B. I. in Washington.