

of the cards verified on a 100 percent basis and on a sample (4 percent) basis by two-week periods were as follows:

| Period                  | Cards verified |                      |                   |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                         | Total          | On 100 percent basis | On a sample basis |
| Prior to Mar. 13.....   | 4,873,279      | 23.9                 | 76.1              |
| Mar. 14 to Mar. 26..... | 2,587,911      | 6.1                  | 93.9              |
| Mar. 27 to Apr. 9.....  | 2,732,089      | 4.2                  | 95.8              |
| Apr. 10 to Apr. 23..... | 2,346,108      | 4.7                  | 95.3              |
| Apr. 24 to May 7.....   | 2,476,149      | 4.1                  | 95.9              |
| May 8 to May 21.....    | 2,169,117      | 4.6                  | 95.4              |
| May 22 to June 4.....   | 2,278,096      | 3.6                  | 96.4              |
| June 5 to June 18.....  | 2,470,653      | 3.9                  | 96.1              |
| June 19 to July 2.....  | 1,885,249      | 27.6                 | 72.4              |
| July 3 to July 16.....  | 1,986,001      | 3.7                  | 96.3              |
| July 17 to July 30..... | 1,909,290      | 2.7                  | 97.3              |
| July 31 to Aug. 13..... | 1,392,863      | 0.7                  | 99.3              |
| Aug. 14 to Aug. 26..... | 1,049,598      | 0.5                  | 99.5              |

Correction of punching and other errors prior to publication.—The checking for errors before the publication of data was per-

formed at three stages—before tabulation, after tabulation, and just prior to publication.

Before tabulation, all punch cards were subject to an examination by means of electric statistical machines for possible errors. Mechanical methods were used to select punch cards which lacked required information, those on which the data punched were inconsistent or unreasonable, and those with data of sufficient importance to warrant further verification. Specifications were established for each card type so as to select cards having any of the characteristics of these three groups and all cards were passed through the Census Multicolumn Sorter for the purpose of selecting these cards. Before the selection of error cards was made, reproductions of C cards were made, so that the information for only one crop appeared on a C card. (The information for as many as 3 crops was punched on a C card. See fig. 26.) The specifications for the selection of cards for further verification were as follows: (See fig. 26 for copies of the cards and fig. 1 for a copy of the Agriculture Questionnaire.)

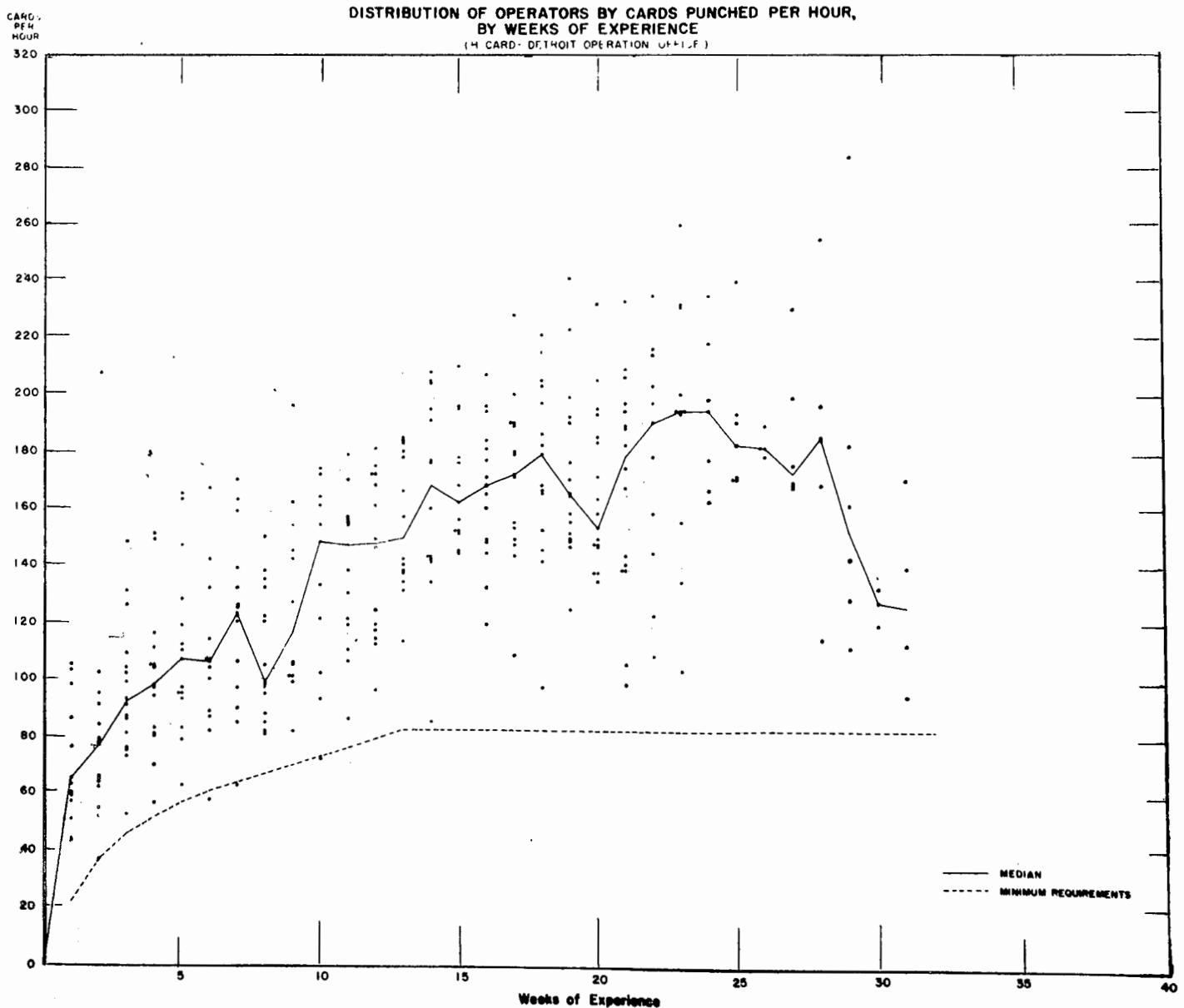


FIGURE 32.—H cards punched per hour by weeks of experience, Detroit Operations Office.