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Dowcraft Corporation Of Falconer Has Proof Of The Computer Age In A Machine That Is Only One Of Four In The United States

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The advent of the computer age has influenced not only large nation-wide corporations but many smaller concerns which have been forced to keep pace with the increasing technology of contemporary industry.

This principle can be illustrated locally by the recent purchase of a Behrens Numerical Control Punch Press—only the fourth such machine in the United States—by Dowcraft Corporation of Falconer.

Dowcraft, which was created in 1961 with the purchase of Steel Partitions, Inc., had concentrated its production efforts largely on metal office partitions. In recent years the firm has also taken on contracts in the highly competitive electronic field, fashioning complete assemblies and parts for Univac, Raytheon, IBM, Western Electric and other corporate giants.

The greater complexity of these parts—which require more time-consuming setups—made the acquisition of the Behrens machine a necessity.

The new press, which has a 40 ton capacity and 34 individual punch locations on what is the world's largest turret can handle sheets up to 50

