

Melrose and Glenn Mills To Hold A Christmas Party At High Point College Gym, Saturday, December 22

The Christmas Party for the Melrose and Glenn Mills is scheduled to be held this year at the High Point College Gym, Saturday, December 22, at 7 o'clock p. m.

By general consent two features belong to the party as a kind of Melrose tradition. Each department will have its own Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. "Bill" Pappas will provide a splendid dinner.

A meeting is called in the Social Hall at the Seamless Plant Thursday afternoon, December 6. All departments and interested groups are requested to send delegations to this general planning committee. Full Fashion and Glenn Plants are asked to have representation at this meeting in addition to a meeting scheduled for Kivett Drive plants Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 in the Full Fashion Finishing Room, with delegation from all Full Fashion and Glenn departments.

There seems to be a desire to get away from a "monologue" type of Master of Ceremonies. The way is wide open for suggestions. Some employees have hinted that it may be possible to make our own program with stunts and features of our own. This sounds good; can it be done?

Do you want to run a contest for Santa Claus like last year?

Let's have ideas for games, fun, etc.

The tentative plan is the same as 1944 and the same as used at the summer picnic—invitation is extended to all employees, and upon request, ticket can be secured for wives or husbands.

The thing that will make the party a success is for all of us to save the date—December 22—and do everything possible to make it a Melrose affair, with exchange of gifts and good fellowship among Melrose people.

1945 BONUS

Bonus checks are in process of preparation for employees who qualify in the three mills. The bonus is a vacation bonus; the money being paid this year for the reason that all employees stayed on the job and did not take time from production. The requirement is that a worker was in continuous employment from October 1, 1944 through October 1, 1945. Two per cent of all earnings, including overtime, is paid for employees having one year of

service; four per cent is paid for employees having five or more years of service.

The book work for this sort of payment is considerable. The Payroll office is tentatively TRYING to get all checks in the Seamless plant ready by December 7, and in the Full Fashion plant December 14. The Glenn plant will pay the bonus December 7. In any event, checks will be ready before Christmas, but, if possible, checks will be delivered on the above schedule.

OUR NURSE SAYS

If over the counter sleep were sold, Hour by hour, for silver and gold, How many people would wail and weep Because they could not afford to sleep?

Sufficient sleep is essential to health. Individual requirements vary widely but generally eight hours are necessary to the well-being of adults. Some, in order to work effectively, may require more but few can consistently put forward their best effort with less than this amount. Every person knows his own need. It is a matter of good judgment to observe this need. Sleep should always be sufficient to leave one refreshed and ready for a day's work.

Loss of sleep for a night or two can be made up, but too little sleep night after night will undermine the health of a rugged person and turn a cheerful individual into a cross, irritable one. Sleep is essential to life and the restoration of tissues.

Perhaps 90 per cent of all infections are taken into the body thru the mouth. They reach the mouth in water, food, by fingers, dust, and upon innumerable objects that are sometimes placed in the mouth. The fact that the great majority of infections are taken by way of the mouth gives scientific direction to personal hygiene. Sanitary habits demand that fingers should be kept away from the mouth and nose, and that no unnecessary objects should be mouthed. All food and drink should be clean or thoroughly cooked. These simple precautions alone would prevent many a case of infection.

THERE'S A BOUNTY ON PET PEEVES!

Here's a story told by the superintendent of a plant visited not so long ago. It seems that one of the boys was always storming into the shipping department wanting to know why things weren't done in this way or that. Finally, he had to be transferred to another department which had nothing to do with the shipping room.

His successor soon found that there were some improvements that could be made in shipping room practice to make things a bit easier for everyone concerned. Instead of getting tough about it, and telling other people how their jobs should be handled, this man made a good thing out of the faults that existed.

He simply figured out the remedies and submitted them via the Suggestion System. On a couple of points he discovered that there were very good reasons why the

changes could not be made. But on several others, his ideas were good; even the boys in the stockroom admitted that when those ideas were put into effect.

So, there you have it—two men on the same job, faced with the same problems. One used nothing but his mouth and had to be transferred for his own good. The other used his head and remedied a bad situation without making or causing a daily headache. In addition, he collected a nice piece of change and found out several things worth knowing about his job.

Pet peeves just don't fit into modern business. That's one of the reasons we have a Suggestion System here—to help get rid of them. How about it? Have you any gripes to trade for cash? Try the Suggestion System way.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

An especially important meeting of Credit Union officers, including loan committee members, will be held in the Social Hall Tuesday night, December 4th, at 7:00 o'clock.

CREDIT UNION THEORY

You can borrow on your signature at low cost if you are a member. Any savings you have can be safeguarded. Your credit union would rather help you with a small loan than to see you give up the attempt to save. Do not draw your savings; borrow instead. This is the idea behind the credit union. Try it; and it will bring results in savings — in the long run.

CHRISTMAS SHUT-DOWN

All three plants will be shut down December 24th, through the 28th. There will be no work on December 22, but there will be work on December 31, with work on January 1 (time and half).

There will be work available for loopers December 26th, 27th and 28th. Loopers are to make arrangements with foremen.

This schedule seems practical for most people and for the company. It is urged that all employees, knowing well in advance, plan to work on all days before and after the shut-down.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE COLORED EMPLOYEES

The Christmas party for the colored employees of Melrose-Glenn will be held in Social Hall on English Street on December 22nd, similar to last year.

MELROSE MACHINE SHOP



Front Row: W. R. Davis, Sr., M. M.; W. T. Davis, Machinist; E. G. Worman, Fireman; James McMahon, Fireman; A. N. Hill, Supt. Back Row: D. C. Rule, Fireman; J. W. Mason, Fireman, G. K. Saunders, Maintenance.