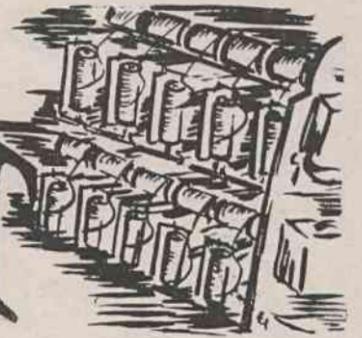
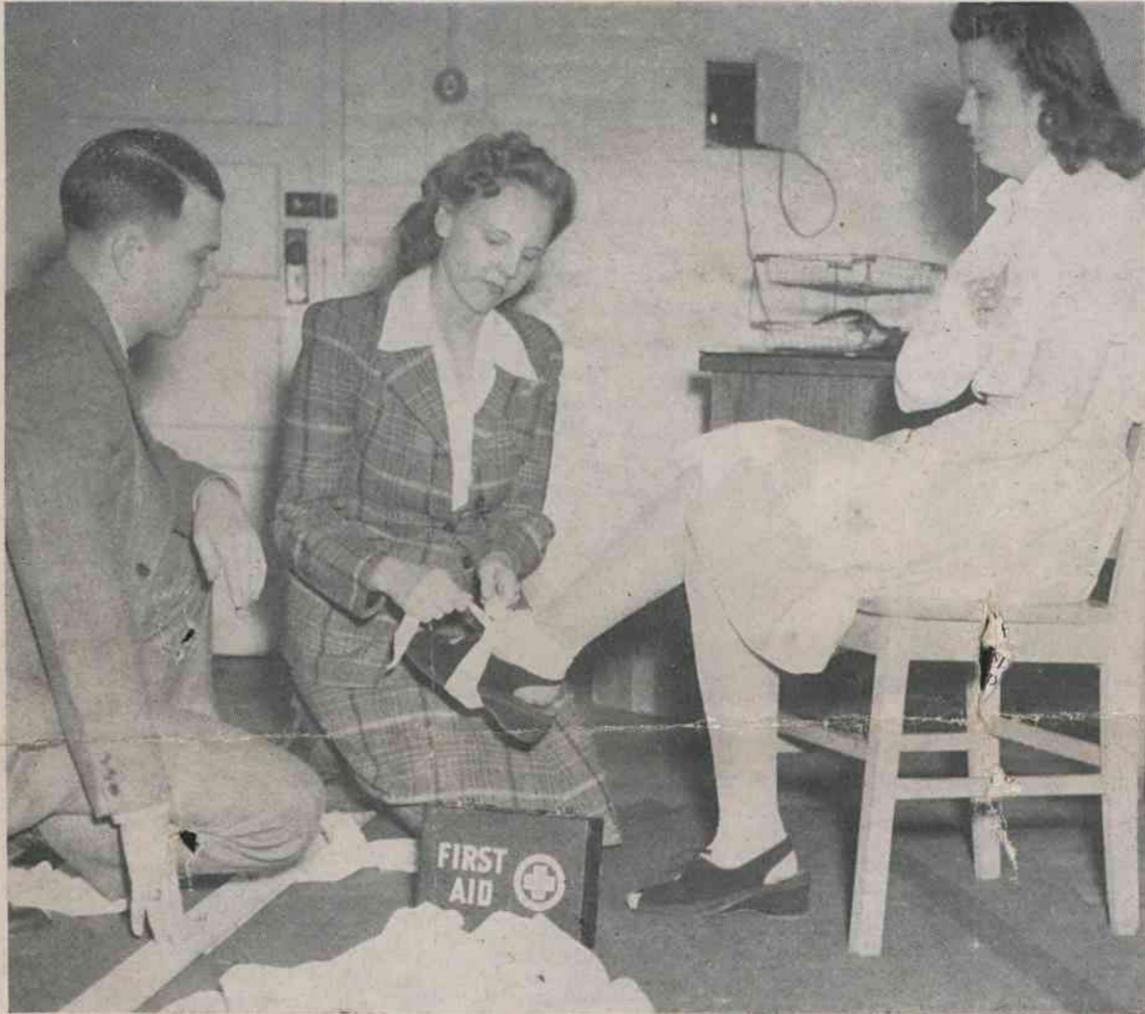


POINT-CREST



Plants In Midst Of Red Cross Drive



ONE OF THE important functions of the local Red Cross Chapters is to provide competent first aid instruction to industrial plants. The picture above shows Harold S. Kearns, former first aid chairman and instructor for the Red Cross, now serving in the Navy and soon to be discharged, directing Sadie Walker, first shift redrawer at High Point, in the procedure for bandaging an ankle while Virginia Morris serves as a willing victim. Virginia, up until recently, was second shift first aid attendant at High Point. Further first aid instruction will be given both at Hillcrest and High Point Weaving plants in the very near future.

40% OF FUNDS COLLECTED TO REMAIN WITH LOCAL CHAPTER

On Tuesday, March 12th the annual Red Cross Drive was launched at the Hillcrest and High Point Weaving plants. The High Point Chapter of the American Red Cross is raising a quota of \$30,000 which is a cut of 50% of last year's quota.

It is significant to point out that 40% of all the money raised this year will be used by the local chapter to carry out the many phases of work which they do. Those of you who have had the opportunity to see the breakdown of the activities which are sponsored by the local chapter since 1940 will realize the great importance and necessity for continuing this work. Such things as home nursing, home economics instruction to school children, first aid instruction to industrial plants of which our plants have and will continue to benefit, swimming and life saving instruction and many activities including aid when disaster occurs, all point to our responsibilities to see that the good work continues.

Our quotas this year are based a three hours per employee subscription. We earnestly hope that each of the drives in our plants will go over the top again this year.

Course In J. I. T. Given

The following supervisors and apprentices have recently completed a course of instruction in J. I. T. The course was given at the Overseers' Club by Bob Burns. They are: Wesley Hutchins, Glenn Morris, Ray Giles, "Pete" Rowe, R. J. Beane, Harold Beane, David Flesh, Dick Smith, Jack White, and Gladys Hill.

Hillcrest Overseers Club Elects Officers

The Hillcrest Overseers' Club recently elected their officers to serve for the coming year. They are as follows: President Layton Yow Vice-President Forest Archer Sec.-Treas. John Trotter One of the club's most recent activities was a farewell party given for two of its members, Jack Cuyler and Lee McLean, both of whom have been transferred to new assignments in the Company.

Safety Record Broken at High Point Plant After 1,350,000 Hours

After building up a safety record of approximately 1,350,000 manhours without a lost time accident, the record at High Point Weaving has been broken as a result of an accident which occurred in the Winding Department on the first shift in which Willie Mae Sink fractured her wrist. This accident occurred on January 23, 1946, but she was able to report to work every day until March 14, when after consultation with a bone specialist in Winston-Salem, it was decided that it would be necessary to operate on the wrist.

Two hundred and eighty-seven straight working days have entered in to the making of this record. This is the best record that has ever been built up at this plant and the very fact that we made our one million manhours and over compares very well with the records of the best operated plants in this vicinity and in the State as well. Actually there are very few plants who acquired as many as a million manhours without lost time accidents.

We regret that it was necessary to have the record broken since it appeared that Willie Mae was getting along so well.

Insurance Plan Provides For Dependency Coverage

High Point Begins Softball Practice

Plans are being laid for the coming softball season at High Point Weaving and the outlook is again bright for a successful season. Indications are that the team this year will be even better than last year when they led the City Industrial League and lost in the playoffs to Hillcrest.

At an organization meeting recently, Charlie Carden who is well known in local softball circles for his managerial ability was elected manager for the 1946 season. He is the father of Clyde Carden who played third base and who pitched a number of games for us last year. Arthur Jones, slasher tender on the first shift, was elected field captain. Arthur played for Burtner Furniture at Greensboro last year and is well known both as an outstanding outfielder and as a field leader. Paul Spencer was elected business manager and Joe Church, treasurer.

New uniforms are being made and they will be solid blue with white striping. A meeting was held last week when all interested persons attended to map plans for the season and it was decided to begin practice this week. The manager invites any High Point employee who is interested in playing softball to come out for the team.

Weavers Take Ossipee

In a close contest at the local Y.M.C.A. on February 22nd, the Weavers again beat Ossipee by a score of 48-42. Although Ossipee picked up a few ringers en route plus the fact that "Skinny" Lewis was back in shape, they were unable to turn the inevitable tide which flowed in the direction of High Point. One of the features of the game was the drawing of names for the winners of three pair of nylon hose which was given as an added attraction for those holding the lucky numbers. The winners of the hose were David Campbell, first shift 5-B Department; Myrtle Yarbrough, third shift Weave Room, and Ollie Newby, second shift Winding Department. Prior to the game members of both teams were entertained at dinner at the Asia Restaurant.

Lose in Piedmont Open

The Weavers entered the Piedmont Open Basketball tournament again this year and won the first game against the Burlington Camcos, 29-25. In the semi-finals against Burtner Furniture of Greensboro in a rather rough and tumble game, the Weavers lost 42-24. The victors went on to lose in the finals to Lucky Strike of Durham.

GOOD NEWS

It used to be that a girl wanted a new Easter bonnet this time of year, but now the clamor is "Oh for a pair of nylons . . ."

And so, the good news is that employees are being given the chance to buy three pair of Burlington Mills made-nylon hose for Easter. The hose are first quality nylon, will sell for 90 cents per pair and orders are being taken through special blanks handled by departmental supervisors.

PERCENTAGE COVERED SHOWS AN INCREASE

As of March 15th, 42 persons at Hillcrest and 109 at High Point have taken advantage of the broadened group insurance plan currently offered to include dependency coverage. Approximately 86 1/2% of the employees at Hillcrest and 77% at High Point hold the regular life, hospitalization and sickness insurance, and the goal is to have the expanded coverage policy in the hands of all eligible employees who do not otherwise have sickness and hospitalization insurance for their dependents.

To date much interest has been displayed in this program which is the result of considerable study and review. In the opinion of W. I. Spencer, plants manager, it will more nearly answer the insurance problems of employees than any other plan which could be adopted at this time. Opportunity to carry this additional coverage closes on March 16.

Carried by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, the policy, which was previously in effect in several Company plants and operating satisfactorily, increases premiums by 80 cents every four weeks. There is one dependent and \$1.25 for more than one dependent. This amounts to 20 cents a week or 31 cents for more than one dependent. Parents, wife or husband, and children under 18 years of age are regarded as dependents; however, should such persons work, they would not qualify under the employee's policy. An employee has the option of covering only himself or both himself and his dependents.

Employees will be contacted on the basis of the enlarged insurance program through Saturday, March 16. At the same time employees who are desirous of taking group insurance for the first time will be permitted to do so without medical examination. New employees will continue to have a 30-day waiting period before becoming eligible for insurance coverage, but if insurance is subscribed during this period medical examination for the employee and his dependents is not required.

Reviewing reports covering the last insurance year, claims paid and reserves set up covering pending claims amount to \$220,877.45. Between 65 and 75% of Burlington employees hold a Company-sponsored policy. However, since the insurance program has not yet been introduced in certain recently-acquired plants, the actual percentage of employees eligible for coverage is much higher.

Additional benefits for dependents provided by the extra premium are:

Hospital board and room - \$3 per day, maximum of 31 days.

Hospital extras - \$15 maximum.

Surgical benefits - \$75 maximum.

Maternity benefits - \$15.

HILLCREST REACHES 225,000 HOUR MARK

Hillcrest employees have passed the one-quarter mark in their safety goal of a million man hours without a lost time accident, having accumulated 225,000 hours since the last accident on September 3, 1945.

The road to our goal is still long and hard, but with a continued effort on the part of each employee to work only the safe way it can be reached. Let's all make "Safety First" our daily motto.