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Free Insurance

We Have Learned From The Company That Group Life Insurance For Employees Will Be Extended

After ten years with the company, the \$500. life insurance provided for employees with less than ten years of service, will be increased to \$750. This policy will be increased to \$1,000. after 20 years service with the company. In case of permanent disability, an employee insured under this plan will receive double amount of the principal sum of the policy since double indemnity is provided also. After an employee is with the company for 20 years and at the age of 65, the company will maintain his insurance in force until the principal sum is payable.

These benefits are typical of the progressive record of the company in paying the highest wages in each area in which it operates, and leading the way in employee benefits. In line with its policy of extending benefits whenever possible, the company has decided to pay the entire cost of the present Group Insurance Plan for employees.

Beginning with the first pay day of February, 1946, no further payroll deductions will be made for the Group Insurance Plan. The entire cost will be paid by the company.

Sea Bees Win Safety Contest

Safety Record Improved

The Sea Bee Safety team had the winning score during the third period of the 1945 safety contest at Caromount and the Army team won at Wilson. Hubert Sutton served as captain of the Sea Bee team prior to his transfer to the Wilson Division when Frank Shelton was promoted to captain.

The Coast Guard team was winner of the first period and the Field Artillery of the second period of the safety contest at Caromount. The Marine team won during the first two periods at Wilson and Army team was the third winner there. Captains of the 6 Caromount teams were: Cecil Lewis, C. L. Alexander, Justice Boyd, E. I. Raper, J. G. Boone



QUALITY 7396 AX

The new quality of cloth for auto upholstery is beginning production on these two looms. In the foreground Randolph Sutton, Superintendent of Weaving is examining the cloth. To the right, Mrs. Mamie Taylor is the operator of the loom. In the background left Worley Edwards and right, Jimmie Speight are observing the weaving.

Two looms have begun Caromount's production of a quality of pile fabrics to be used as automobile upholstery. Prior to the war this quality was produced in large quantities, but this is the first run of the cloth by the company at Caromount since the end of the war.

Randolph Sutton, Superintendent of Weaving, stated "The full cooperation of the employees and

careful use of their skills are necessary in successfully accomplishing this new assignment." This job requires the very skilled performance of the weaver. It is hoped that satisfactory quality and production of this cloth by local weavers will merit a continuation of the assignment of similar work to the Southern Divisions.

and R. G. Ferrell. Hubert Sutton and Frank Shelton respectively succeeded R. G. Ferrell.

The Caromount Division was awarded a certificate of merit by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for working 267,674 manhours from March 16, 1945 to June 15, 1945 without a lost time accident. No lost time accident occurred from July 31, 1945 through September 1, 1945 while working 69,267 man hours at Caromount. Although not working the 100,000 man hours without lost time accident necessary for receiving Certificate of Merit, the Wilson Division did work 62,588 man hours from January 16, 1945 through May

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Sgt. Collins Writes

Sgt. John W. Collins dispatched "news from Austria" in a recent letter to President H. H. Schell. Sgt. Collins has been assigned to the 329th Infantry at Reid, Austria, for about three months. He stated that he hoped to sail for U. S. in February about which he writes "I will be very happy." At present he is relieving the first sergeant of his outfit, who had enough points to merit a discharge. He describes the Austrian weather as "pretty bad right now—some snow nearly every day"—all of which makes the roads very dangerous for travelling.

G. Mills Gets Award

Repairs Communication Lines Under Enemy Fire

Gennie Mills, helper in the Caromount Dyehouse, has been awarded a certificate for receiving more medals than any other former student of the first grade of Castalia school. He was awarded the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star Medal for his outstanding achievement with the 79th Infantry Division while in the European Theater of Operations.

While stationed in a church building in Hatten, Germany, as a forward observer, Mills and Lt. Charles Gurganus of Washington, N. C., were separated from their infantry line. As a radio operator he was observing enemy positions and reporting them to the artillery. He remained in this position for 7 days within about one block from the German line with German gun positions on all sides separating him from his own unit.

Mills and Lt. Gurganus were stranded there and held their positions relaying much needed information. Mills and Lt. Gurganus were awarded the Presidential Citation for this daring deed.

As a telephone operator while in Southern France, Mills volunteered to repair the damaged communications line under enemy fire. Mills was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for this outstanding performance of duty. He also received five battle stars for participation in ETO campaigns. Mr. Mills entered the army on June 17, 1942, and was discharged on October 4, 1945.

Pfc. Saulter In Japan

Pfc. Franklin Saulter is now stationed on the Island of Hokkaido in Japan. He is a member of the Task Force there and he describes this duty as "easy for us." Naturally he is looking forward to the time when he can return to the "good old U. S."

Prior to entering the Army in March, 1945, Pfc. Saulter was employed as a perch helper in the Wilson Division beginning his work there in August, 1943.