

The Caromount News

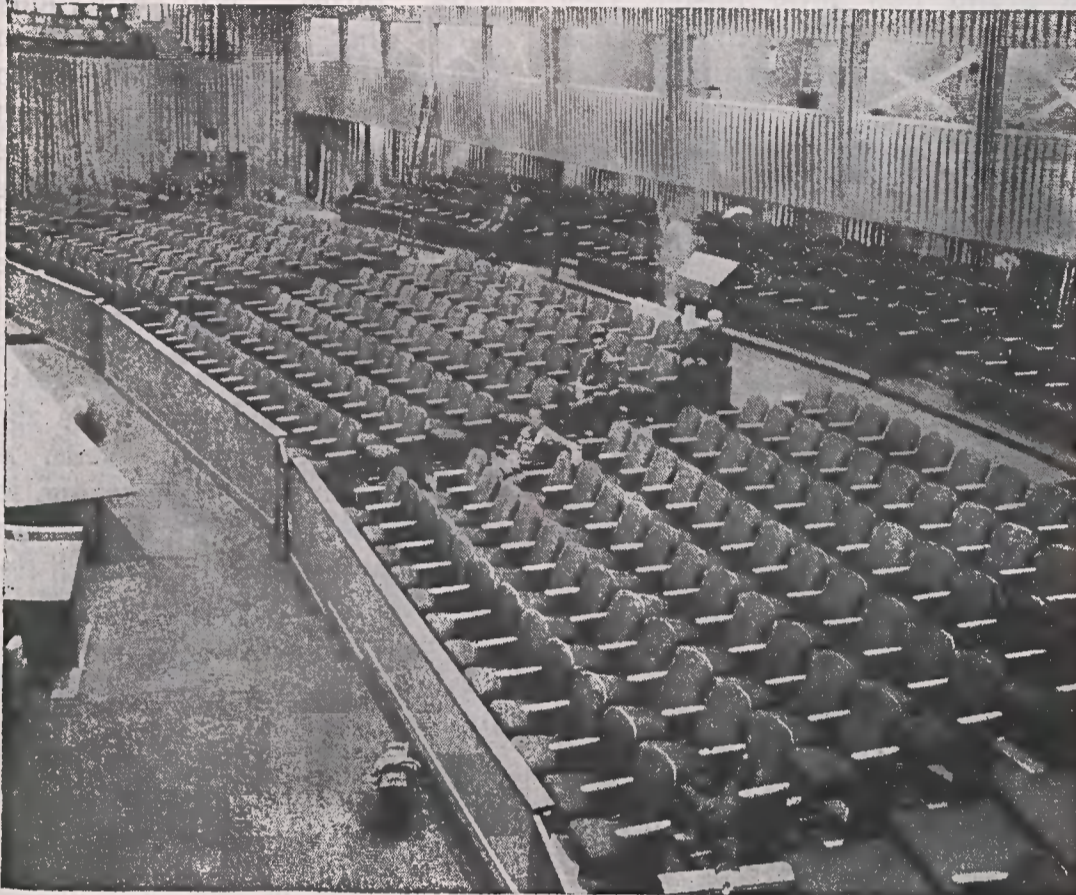
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CAROMOUNT AND WILSON WEAVE FABRICS USED BY U N



Fabrics woven at the Caromount Division of Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc. in Rocky Mount, and at the Wilson Division in Wilson, were used for the upholstering of the chairs in the United Nations Council chambers in the transformed gymnasium at Hunter College in New York. In the photograph above is shown a section of these upholstered chairs.

Sutton, Ward Attend Recreational Meeting

Randolph Sutton and R. Quillen Ward recently attended a conference of the Southeastern Industrial Recreational Association held in Charlotte, N. C., at Hotel Charlotte. The conference was attended by representatives from various industrial organizations.

Upon their return to Rocky Mount, they rendered a report on their trip and have made some recommendations which will be very beneficial to the company for the conduct of its future recreational program.

The company is clearing a field on recently acquired property directly opposite the Gate House for a soft ball field.

Satterfield In Germany

Word has been received that Oscar Satterfield was transferred to Frankfurt, Germany, in April. Prior to that time, he was stationed in Norway, where he was assigned to the duty of selling surplus supplies to the Norwegian Government.

Wilson Wins Match

The team of the Wilson Division wish to announce the results of our bowling matches. Three matches were played and the Wilson Division was victorious over Caromount in two of three games.

Herring and Industrial Avenues are the scene of much working these days. Fifty-nine houses are being erected there.

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Caromount Orchestra Now in Two Groups

The Caromount orchestra has procured the Masonic Temple Ballroom two nights weekly, namely, Mondays and Thursdays, for rehearsals. Two separate musical groups have been developed. Monday nights are devoted to the rehearsals of the group mainly interested in popular music and Thursday nights the Hill Billies practice their string music. With this new arrangement, it is hoped that at each session the various members now associated with the orchestra will be able to play more music of the type they enjoy.

Recently Paul Langley joined the orchestra. He plays the piano and from all reports, he plays well.

DRIVE TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS BEGINS

Hedgepeth, Head of Caromount Lab, To Direct Safety Program

Two Local Employees Visit Shelton Plant

Mrs. Lula Solmon and Mrs. Lottie Bridgers, employees of the Final Examining Department at Caromount, recently enjoyed a vacation trip to New York and Bridgeport, Connecticut. They saw quite a bit of New York on sight-seeing tours and shopped on Fifth Avenue before visiting friends.

While in Connecticut, Mrs. Solmon and Mrs. Bridgers visited Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc., at Shelton where they were taken through the entire plant by Edmund C. Forbell, personnel director. They commented on the beautiful setting for this plant alongside a canal with a river and peaceful Connecticut hills in the background.

Mrs. Bridgers and Mrs. Solmon spent a most interesting afternoon observing the different departments of the Shelton mill and the most interesting work performed there. They were also shown the office formerly occupied by Mr. Suessmuth, our manager, when he was located at the Shelton Plant. They were taken back to Bridgeport on the station wagon, with a very cordial invitation to visit there again. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit at the Shelton Mill and appreciated so much the kindness and friendliness extended them. They state that they wish everyone could have the opportunity to visit the Shelton Plant.

Clayton Hedgepeth, Chemist in Caromount Laboratory, has been appointed Director of Safety as recently announced by Manager E. H. Suessmuth.

According to the findings of Hedgepeth, our plant safety record for the past few months has not been very encouraging and indicates an increase in accident rate and severity. Investigation of the accidents that have occurred show the chief causes to be carelessness.

To work safely on a job is as much an accomplishment as learning to weave well, or to operate a shearer. Knowing how to do your job and performing your job safely are both vitally important and must go hand in hand to perform good work.

Our management realizes the suffering and hardships connected with accidents as well as the loss to the company and desires that the employees become safety conscious. A safety drive is to be launched under the direction of Mr. Hedgepeth and new efforts will be made to reduce the accident rate. Every measure decreasing accidents will result in the betterment of the employees' welfare.

Each and every employee is asked to cooperate fully in this drive. It is felt that accidents will be reduced if safety is continually in the minds of the employees.

Our slogan for the coming month is: "If you don't know how to do your job safely, ask someone who does."

Ball League Underway

Several groups of employees from various departments have participated in soft ball practice within the last several weeks and have indicated a desire to form teams. It is hoped that at least three teams representing the first, second, and third shifts will be organized in the Weave Shed and three more teams will be formed in the other departments of the plant. The Caromount Athletic Association will furnish the necessary equipment and the company will establish a playing field. More details in connection with this mill league will be announced in the near future.