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Caromount Baseball Team Entertained

The Caromount Athletic Association entertained the members of the Caromount Baseball Team and the Caromount Recreation Committee at a barbecue and chicken supper at the Caromount Field House, Tuesday afternoon, August 12, 1947, at 6:45 p. m.

The team was complimented on their efforts during the first half of the season. Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth talked to the players and guests on "Good Sportsmanship." Mr. Suessmuth especially stressed the fact that good sportsmanship was much more to be admired and desired than a good score.

Jim Speight, C. A. A. President, spoke a few words of congratulations and encouragement to the team.

Dave Ezzelle, manager of Caromount's Baseball Team for the second half, thanked the team for their cooperation, and asked that they all try to be present at each game.

The players discussed plans for the second half and pledged their whole-hearted support to their manager and newly elected captain, Edmond Creekmore. Earl Raynor is serving as business manager and treasurer for the team.

After the supper the group enjoyed singing and a musical program furnished by E. H. Suessmuth and Walter Greenman at the piano with Clyde Evans playing the guitar.

The following members of the Caromount team were present: Richard Ezzelle, Ben Rivenbark, Herman Robinson, Runt Proctor, Lyn Proctor, Al Inscoc, Clyde Evans, Edmond Creekmore, Ralph Morris, Walter Thompson, Charles Johnson, John Ellis, Sam Cockrell, Jake Jones, J. Carpenter, Hubert Rowe, Wiley Joyner, Duke Cockrell, Jim Jenkins, Dave Ezzelle, Carl Raynor, and Wiley Ezzelle.

Notice To Veterans

Terminal leave bonds issued veterans may be cashed at any bank on or after September 2, 1947.

However, these bonds accrue interest at the rate of 2½ percent from the date of separation and the holders of such bonds are urged to keep them as long as possible.

BLUMENTHAL LENDS AID TO GIRL SCOUTS



Shown above from left to right are Girl Scouts Joyce Tippett, Sara Jo Bell, Betsy Templeton, Carolyn Womble, and mascot Margaret Suiter. This picture was taken recently on Mercer Street in front of the Girl Scout Cabin as Paul Savage, driver of the Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc., station wagon was about to take these Scouts to their camping grounds on Crabtree Creek, between Raleigh and Durham, N. C., where about thirty Rocky Mount girls were going that day for two weeks of camp life. The Girl Scout Camp was under the leadership of Miss Jimmie Cullens and Miss Mildred Reid. Assisting them were Mrs. Herbert Suiter, camp nurse; Mrs. Ben Saunders, dietician; James Wordsworth, waterfront director; Paul Langley, Frank Easterling, life guards.

Production Increased

Production schedules for both Wilson and Caromount Divisions have been substantially increased within the past several weeks. For the time being there is a heavy demand from the Cloaking trade for qualities like 79CC which we are now converting and printing in our own Dyeing and Finishing Departments. There is also some increased activity in the Upholstery trade, and we are adding more looms on mohair qualities which will also be converted in our own Dyeing and Finishing Departments.

The Management was very pleased to receive increases in production activity so that all our employees could return to work. It is nice to see all the old familiar faces back in the plant.

Rifle Club

Are you interested in the organization of a Rifle Club? Probably you have seen Bill Rotters and Henry Crozier hauling a gun around on their shoulder. They have been going out to the Police Department's Rifle Range practicing shooting every chance that they get. They go out almost every Saturday; and now they are interested in trying to get a rifle club started. Anyone who is interested can get in touch with

Printing at Caromount

During the week of August 4, Caromount started printing two color effects on various cloths. A two color print machine was set up and production started immediately. The pattern of the print is engraved on copper rolls. These two rolls have to be carefully adjusted so that the two parts of the pattern fit together and make a complete pattern as they turn.

Needless to say the operator of this machine has to stay on his toes and see that this pattern is always properly adjusted. He also has to see to it that the color is fed into the machine right.

The color is made up into a thick paste with starches so that the rolls will carry the color up to the cloth. The print paste stays in the engraving on the roll and the rest is scraped off by a very sharp blade. The engraved part really does the printing.

The spectacular color effect created by the printed cloth traveling through the dyeing and finishing lines prompted a prospective employee to remark, "Here is where I want to work."

This machine is being run by John Sterken and he is being assisted by Roland Quincy. George Drake keeps the machine supplied with print paste.

either Bill or Henry.

Accident Rate Is Cut 30 Percent

The Safety Committee reports that for the first six months of 1947 there has been approximately a 30% decrease in lost time accidents over last year.

The frequency rate for 1947 including July report was 13.9 as compared to 21.0 for the year 1946. The frequency rate means the number of lost time accidents per million man hours worked.

A further breakdown is accidents shows that the Caromount Mill has had 7 lost time accidents out of a total of 30 accidents requiring medical attention. The Wilson Mill has had 2 lost time accidents out of a total of 9 accidents, requiring medical attention.

Departmental accidents at Caromount are as follows:

Weaving—4 lost time accidents.
Dyehouse—1 lost time accident
Mechanical—1 lost time accident
Finishing—1 lost time accident

Though our record has shown improvement, we by no means can be proud of it for the average of all the textile mills in North Carolina shows a frequency rate of 10.54 compared to our 13.9. We are on the right road and those whose efforts have improved our record are to be congratulated.

Keep up the good work and let's further decrease our accident rate and put our mill at top in accident prevention. It is only by each individual's efforts that we can hope to prevent accidents and thereby save ourselves much needless suffering and money.

A few seconds of careful thinking can prevent an accident to you. Try It!

Storage Space In Use

Work on the Finished Goods Storage building is practically completed. The floor space is already being utilized. This new building will afford additional storage facilities which are urgently needed to accommodate finished goods stock.

The space now occupied by the Shipping Department, including the storage bins will be utilized for manufacturing purposes and should be instrumental in increasing the production capacity of the Dyeing and Finishing Departments.