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## R. W. Tippett Gets Suggestion Award

R. W. Tippett, employee of the Caromount Weaving Department, was the winner of a cash award as a result of his suggestions for changing and thereby improving the knife cord stop motion and the knife bumper guard on looms. These changes have been completed on nearly all of the looms at Caromount and Wilson with very effective results.

Tippett's simple change in the knife cord stop motion now immediately stops the loom when the knife cord breaks. It has resulted in less damaged cloth caused by knife cord breaks. The knife bumper guard which he designed has also decreased the breakage of knife carriers.

The Suggestion Committee has requested that this award be brought to the attention of employees in an effort to show the type of suggestions that is welcomed and the types which may win cash awards. Suggestions which will increase production, improve the quality of products, make for greater efficiency, or in some similar manner bring about an improvement will be considered for cash awards.

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## Absenteesim Surveyed

Absenteeism is a broad term which means the failure of workers to report on the job when they are scheduled to work.

Absenteeism is the gremlin in any production schedule, since the absence of one worker probably will interfere with the production of many.

From information recorded by Mrs. Mary Trevathan, Caromount Nurse, the Personnel Department has arrived at the following conclusions: from January through August 15, 1947, the percentage of absenteeism was 3.1 for Caromount and 4.1 for Wilson. This means that approximately twenty employees are away from their work at Caromount and about four at Wilson at all times. In comparison with other large plants this record is not bad. In fact it would be considered rather good; however, the absence of twenty-four employees in our organization makes a great difference in meeting a production schedule and filling an order.

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This lovely brunette is Miss Nell Perry, Edenton, North Carolina, winner of the Bathing Beauty Contest at the North Carolina Tobacco Exposition on August 16, in Wilson. Miss Perry is wearing a suit of "Safari" cloth which is made at both the Caromount and Wilson Plants, where it is commonly known as "79CC."

## Planners At Shelton

Mrs. Vera Capps and Miss Dorothy Sturtevant went to Shelton, Connecticut, Wednesday, September 10 to attend a Planning meeting held there Thursday, September 11, at 2:00 p. m.

The Caromount visitors were greatly impressed with the friendly welcome that they received upon their arrival at the Shelton Plant. In a very few minutes they were made to feel perfectly at home. The ladies said that they owed much appreciation and thanks to Dick Reynolds, who took them on a very interesting and enlightening tour of the mill; and to Mrs. Veronica Lawlor and Miss Emma Sheehan, who were most hospitable; and to Clem Frederick, who was so kind about driving the

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## Toys For Finland

The Home League of the Salvation Army are busy making toys to send to Finland to bring happiness to the little children of that country at Christmas time. The cloth that the ladies are using in creating these toys is rayon plush that was made at Caromount. This was given to the Salvation Army for the purpose.

Mrs. Amos Dail, Mrs. George Hughes, Mrs. Harvey Jordan, and Mrs. Elsie Sugg are on the work committee for this project. and

**If anyone has any dolls or other toys that they would like to send to Finland to lighten the heart of some child this Christmas, Mrs. Elsie Sugg, Finishing Department, will be glad to receive them.**

## Blumenthal Presents Suit To Queen

A jungle princess rode in the parade of the North Carolina Tobacco Festival held in Wilson recently clad not in the skin of a leopard from the jungle as it appeared but in a bathing suit of cloth from the looms of the Wilson Division of Sidney Blumenthal and Co., Inc. This cloth is known as "Safari" when it is a finished product. It is commonly known to weavers as "79CC."

President H. H. Schell of Sidney Blumenthal and Co., Inc., sent this bathing suit to be given to the winner of the Bathing Beauty contest of the Tobacco Festival held in Wilson on August 14, 15, and 16.

Miss Nell Perry, of Edenton, N. C., winner of the Bathing Beauty contest was awarded this bathing suit of "Safari" during a supper given by the Wilson Kiwanis Club at the Club Zam Zam. It was announced to the crowd present that the suit was a gift from Sidney Blumenthal and Co., Inc., and that the suit was woven at the Wilson plant.

While on the reviewing stand, seated by the Honorable Gregg Cherry, governor of North Carolina, Miss Perry was again attired in the "Safari" bathing suit. Miss Perry had already won the acclaim of the spectators as Bathing Beauty Queen and this bathing suit became the subject of many complimentary remarks from the onlookers.

## ECSC Meeting

The Eastern Carolina Safety Council held a meeting Friday night, September 19, at eight o'clock, in the Rocky Mount High School Auditorium.

J. H. Mayfield from Rosemary Manufacturing Company, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, chairman of the Safety Council, presided at the meeting.

The principal speaker was Thomas L. Carroll, personnel director of the Washovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston Salem, North Carolina. Mr. Carroll's speech was on personnel problems entitled, "Two Guys Named Joe."

Among those people present, from Caromount there were: Clayton Hedgepeth, Knox Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Solmon, Leslie Alexander, Julius T. Eppes, Paul Wells, and Hubert Sutton.