

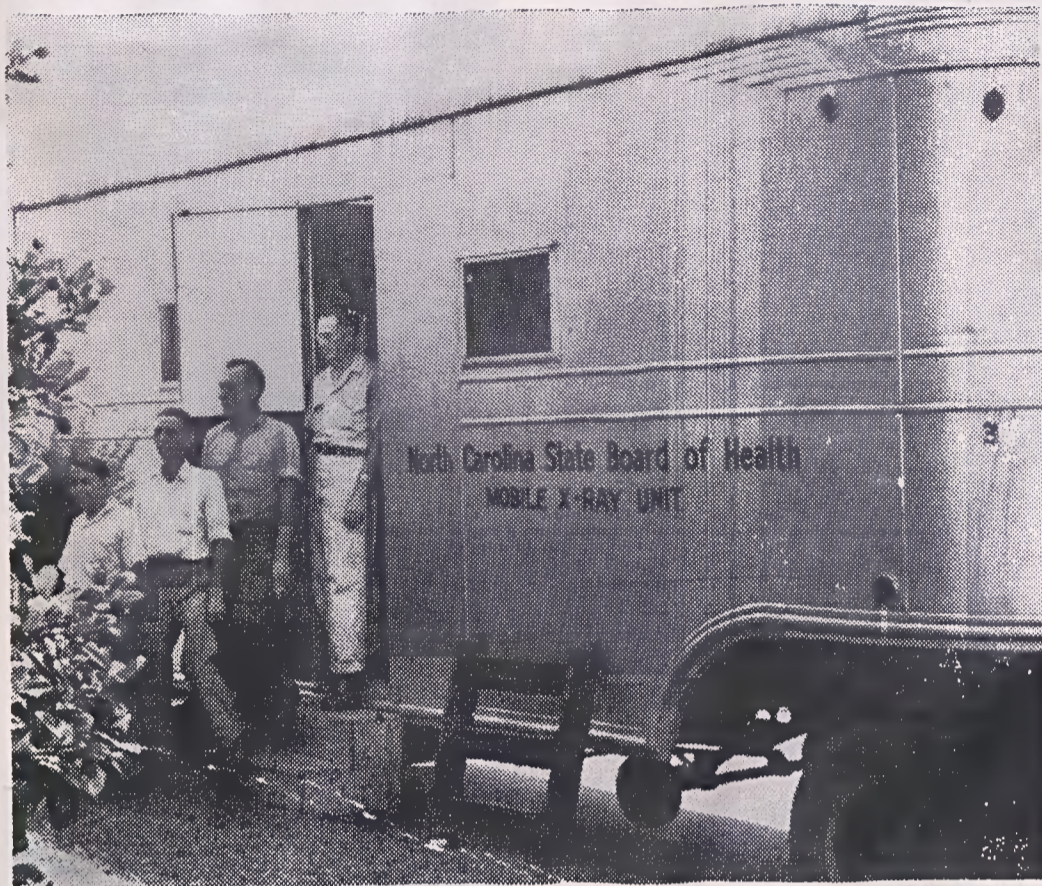
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Six hundred eighty-three Caromount employees took advantage of the opportunity for a free chest X-ray on September 12-13. Through arrangements with the North Carolina State Board of Health, Mr. Bob Padgett and Mr. Tudor brought a Mobile x-ray unit to the Caromount Division where everyone was offered a free chest x-ray. Mr. Padgett stated that the Caromount Plant had the largest percentage of total employees using the x-ray, of any industrial plant visited.

T. E. "Shorty" Hamrick, Storeroom; Argo Mitchell, Finishing; John Parker, Dyehouse; and Johnnie Cockrell, Dyehouse, are shown leaving the unit.

Community Chest Drive

Hundreds of men, women and children benefit directly from the Rocky Mount Community Chest. Indirectly the whole community benefits for the purpose of the Community Chest is to provide a better community in which to live.

The 1949 Community Chest has nine participating agencies. This means that instead of nine separate campaigns only one will be conducted. The money then will be divided among the following agencies: Family Service, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Child's Guidance Clinic, Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army, Community Council and United Jewish Appeal.

The Community Chest serves not only the underprivileged and needy, nor any small group—the Community Chest is designed to help everyone.

The goal for 1949-50 is \$37,510.00. This would be distributed as follows:

Family Service	\$9,000.00
Salvation Army	4,800 00
Child's Guidance Clinic	500.00
United Jewish Appeal	2,500.00

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The Hidden Payroll

Did you know that each company has an additional labor cost which does not show up in wages paid to its employees? An employee of the Wilson or Caromount Divisions receives benefits which amount to nearly eleven cents per hour for each hour that he works.

A study completed recently shows that the labor cost at Caromount and Wilson is actually \$0.1081 per hour above the hourly wages paid to the employee.

This Hidden Labor cost goes to pay for such things as Unemployment Compensation, Workmen's Compensation in the case of accidents, Vacation Pay, Christmas bonus, and the employees contribution for old age benefits (Social Security).

In addition to the above this extra cost also pays for our group insurance plan which provides hospital benefits for their wife and children.

If this hourly rate were figured on a yearly basis the labor cost for each employee above that which is shown in his earnings amounts to \$224.85.

Vick Visits Cuba

Lester G. Vick of the Weaving Department recently returned from a two week tour of duty in the Naval Air Reserve. This is an annual two-week training period.

From August 14-29 Lester was stationed at the Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While at Guantanamo, Lester went on shore liberty to Guantanamo City. Guantanamo City is several miles from the base and is reached by an antique railway which is narrow gauged and consisted of a wood burning engine and two or three uncomfortable coaches.

Upon arrival at Guantanamo City the liberty party was beset by native peddlers who offered for sale any and everything.

Lester and a few friends hired a guide, which he states is really a good investment. The guide acts as body guard, buyer, contact man, good will ambassador and serves in many other capacities.

Vick reported that the natives live in an entirely different world from what we know. Their standard of living is low, their moral concepts differ from ours and they are always expecting the next revolution.

Vick was delayed one day in returning because of the hurricane in that area. He did not come in contact with the hurricane but the planes were not allowed to fly into Florida.

CAA Elects Officers

The Board of Directors of the Caromount Athletic Association, consisting of Charlie Sanders, secretary; W. H. Young, F. F. Simmons, Bill Williams, Wahab Edwards, R. W. Tippet and Frank Brock elected Cecil Lewis to serve as president and Knox Ellis as vice president for the coming year at their meeting September 15 at the Caromount Field House.

John Sterkin was added to the board to represent the Shipping Department.

Jim Speight, the outgoing president, has served the association faithfully for the past two and a half years.

Safety Council Meets

Leslie Alexander, J. G. Boone, "Crow" Davis, Roscoe Dawes, George Harper, John Salsburg, and Owen Solmon attended the third quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Safety Council on September 15, 1949, held at Roanoke Rapids.

Pat Ormsby, noted Safety speaker, made the principal address. Ormsby is a humorist and kept the audience laughing most of the time. Through the medium of funny stories he developed his safety points. He stated that there is need for optimism. The worker

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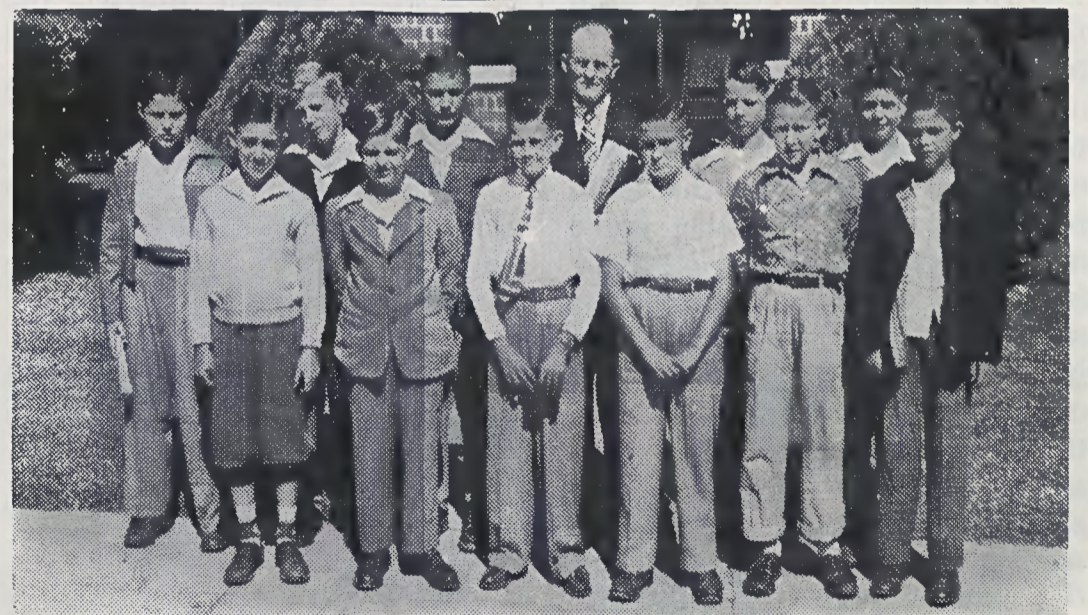


Photo by Eppes

Cliff Joyner of the Weaving Department is proud of his Sunday School class of eleven year old boys which is pictured above. Cliff teaches the Junior Class at the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church. Shown left to right, Front row: Charlie Overton, Bertice Joyner, Kenneth Parker, Jimmie Frazier, J. C. Spells, and Ray Wood.

Back row: Ernest Coley, Carlton Ruffin, Billy Wilbat, Cliff Joyner (teacher), Al Boyd and Carlton Moore. Al Boyd is the son of Justice Boyd (Engineering) and Mrs. Ethelene Boyd (Final Examining) and Bertice Joyner is the son of the teacher.