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## Employees Give More To Red Cross In 1954

The Wilson and Caromount employees continue to be more generous year by year in making contributions to the American Red Cross. This year they topped the all-time high reached last year. In Wilson employees contributed \$133.50. In Rocky Mount employees reported a total of \$512.45. These figures were considerably higher than the record set last year.

The company contributed \$200 to the Rocky Mount Nash County Red Cross Chapter making a total of \$712.45 in Rocky Mount. For the Wilson Red Cross Drive the company contributed \$100 making a total of \$233.50 as our part in Wilson.

The solicitations were handled by workers from each department. In the Warping Department Herman Allen, Rodger Joyner and Pauline Evans reported \$16.86.

The Weaving Department first shift was handled by Willie Clyde Davis, Reynolds Kennedy, Charlie Dorsey, Earl Mosley and Medie Lindsey. They collected \$55.75. The second shift weaving was handled by B. D. Joyner, H. C. Williams, W. C. Joyner, Pearly Morris, Frank Worrell, Marable Outlaw and Sam Gurganus. They reported \$46.35. The third shift weaving, which was handled by Jack Thomas, B. W. Jones, Ray Woodard, Ed Jones, William Trevethan and Garland Rose, gave \$75.50.

This made a total of \$157.60 for the Caromount Weaving Department.

In the Raw Goods and Mending Department Mrs. Claudie Dough-tie, Ruth Reid and Tellie Coley collected \$25.60 on the first shift. On the second shift Mrs. Vata Lou Perdue, Mrs. Emma Skinner and Miss Zettie Walker collected \$24.75, totaling \$46.35 for the Raw Goods and Mending Department.

In the Engineering Department, Parks Oliver, Floyd Hedgepeth, Justice Boyd, James Davis and J. R. Crawford reported \$73.45.

In the Receiving Department Mrs. Ann Reid collected \$10.55. John McAdams received \$89.50 from the office.

In the Dyehouse Mark Dickens

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## Caromount Addition Makes Progress



The new building program is progressing very satisfactorily. The first portion of this project which was the storage area is completed and machinery installation has begun in the second portion. The third area will be roofed over within the next three weeks and machinery installations have also been started in this section.

In addition to storage of finished goods the new area will be de-

voted to additional dyeing and finishing operations.

The entire building project is under the supervision of C. H. Laughridge, our plant engineer, and he has received the able assistance of: Justice Boyd, Frank Cockrell, Horace Hudson, Floyd Hedgepeth, Slim Harvell, Kinchen Joyner, Gene Pernel, Bill Williams, and all the other capable men in the Maintenance and Repair Department.

## State Accident Record

North Carolina workers lost: 90 eyes, 81 arms, 143 hands; 124 legs; 81 feet; 837 fingers (entire); 238 fingers (partial); 42 toes.

From these statistics it is readily seen that there is a great need to renew and to strengthen our industrial safety efforts in 1954.

In North Carolina industries during 1952-53 there were 97,007 injuries reported and the reports showed the following: 148 workers killed; 58 permanent total disability; 579,125 days lost; \$7,606,259 cost of compensation and medical.

The official reports of the 97,007 injuries reported give the following causes of accidents:

Handling Objects .....	36.6%
Working Machines .....	13.1%
Hand Tools .....	11.4%
Falls of Persons .....	12.5%
Stepping & striking objects .....	7.9%
Hot substances, Poisons corrosive .....	4.0%
Falling Objects .....	2.8%
All other causes .....	11.7%

"MAKE SAFETY SCORE IN '54"

## Bethune Inspects Plant

W. M. Bethune, inspector for the N. C. Department of Labor made his inspection of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions on March 11 and 12. Bethune made a physical plant inspection and submitted his recommendations for an improved safety program.

Mr. Bethune was complimentary of our safety record during the

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## Employee's Auto Burns

The 1950 Buick automobile owned by Kinchen Joyner was completely destroyed by fire on March 4, 1954. The fire is believed to have started from the cigarette lighter and rapidly spread over the entire car. Joyner was visiting friends in the country at the time of the fire and no fire fighting equipment was available. Some of the Joyner children were in the automobile but Kinchen succeeded in extinguishing flames on their clothes with no resulting injuries.

## Employees Give Hints For Spring Gardening

With spring in the air, our gardeners can be seen daily making ready the soil for early planting.

K. J. Hawkins of the Dyehouse is one of Caromount's regular gardeners and we asked him for some gardening tips. Mr. Hawkins has already worked and liberally fertilized his strawberries. He states that strawberries can use a large amount of fertilizer and there is little danger in applying too much.

If the ground has not been broken it should be prepared as early as possible now. Be careful that the ground is not too wet when preparing. Mr. Hawkins says that the ground should be dry enough to crumble and should not have a slick or watery appearance. Preparation when the ground is too wet will cause trouble throughout the year.

Mr. Hawkins says that you can plant cabbages, beets, carrots, and lettuce anytime now. For most crops he would wait until the ground is warm before planting. He waits until early in May for planting butter beans, snaps, tomatoes and peppers and states that he'll be harvesting his vegetables before the early planters do. Corn should be planted at intervals from now until July.

Mr. Hawkins also gives the following recommendations:

Plant cabbage 12-14 inches apart. Sow beets, carrots, and lettuce and thin out later. Use about five pounds of commercial fertilizer to a fifty foot row. Later on apply a sidedresser to most crops. Mr. Hawkins thinks a garden plot 50 by 100 feet will provide enough for a family of four if it is properly cultivated.

Kinchen Joyner of the Engineering Department is another successful gardener. Kinchen started last January and already has garden peas, onions, and cabbage growing. He plans to plant his corn on the full moon in March and will plant butter beans, snap beans, tomatoes, and irish potatoes on Good Friday.

For a successful watermelon and cantaloupe crop Kinchen plants them on the first morning in May before sun up.

Both Kinchen and Mr. Hawkins agree that there is no substitute for hard work and good cultivation when it comes to gardening.