

# The Caromount News

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## Final Examining Nears Prewar Level

According to Norman McKinnon, Superintendent, "The Final Examining Department has nearly reached its prewar level of production". In February an average of 1550 pieces of cloth per week were examined and prepared for shipping. Mr. McKinnon stated that "good eyesight and cloth sense" were essential qualifications for performing the final inspection effectively. About one month ago the Finishing Department was yelling for "racks"; now the Final Examining Department is in high gear and is yelling "cloth".

There has been a noticeable increase in the variety of beautiful colors that travel the length of the converting building recently. There has been a marked improvement in the quality of the rayon and alpaca cloths reaching the final inspection tables.

Miss Marie Daniels has been transferred from the Weaving Department to the third shift of the Final Examining Department where she has assumed her duties as framer. Miss Daniels replaced Mrs. Bertha Eason who has moved out of town.

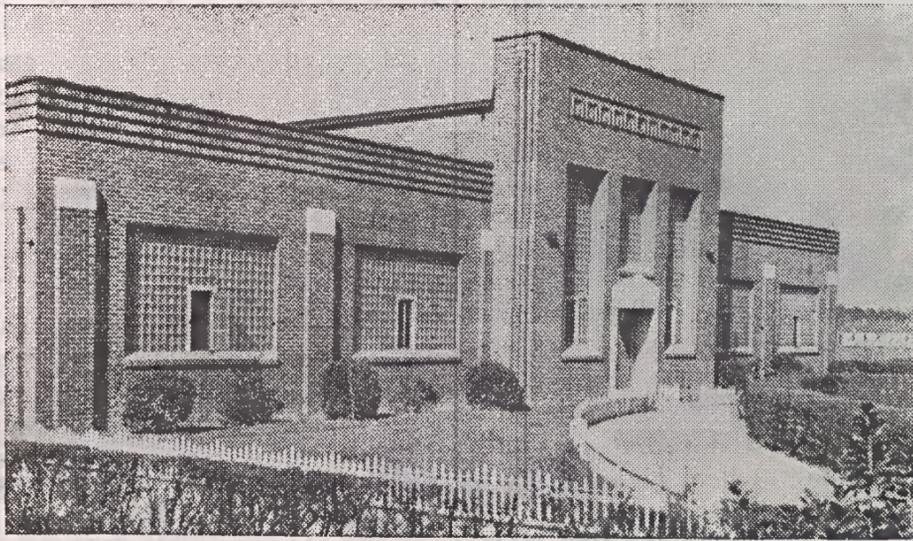
News from Oscar Satterfield indicates that he is anxious to discard his army gear and resume his work at Caromount. He hopes to be in the States by June.

## Bradley Visits Here

Richard C. Bradley has been discharged from the Army and is on terminal leave now. He was assigned to the 84th Infantry Division while overseas in the E. T. O. He participated in the campaigns of Central Europe, Rhineland, and Ardennes.

At the close of the war Mr. Bradley was at Weisbaden, Germany, and finally moved on to Berlin. He was assigned to assist in guarding a train load of coal as it travelled through Germany. After having followed several incorrect directions and instructions, his party later learned that an overpass in their rambling tour carried them over the moving train, the object of their search, and further that the train went unguarded and three cars

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ENTRANCE TO WILSON PLANT

## Wilson Plant

In February, 1941 the Southern Division of Sidney Blumenthal and Company, Inc., expanded to include the present Wilson plant and it began its operations in March of that year. Fifty looms were installed and put into operation as soon as possible with a total employment of approximately one hundred. These employees include weavers, loom fixers, knife fixers, and material handlers who had had very little or no experience in textile work, but made splendid progress in learning their jobs.

All yarns for the Wilson Plant are prepared and supplied by the Caromount Warping Department. The cloth is woven in Wilson and subjected to raw goods examining there. After the weaving and examining processes are completed, the cloth is returned to Caromount for dyeing, finishing, and final examining.

## Eight Looms On Auto Cloth

The first production of auto cloth in the Weaving Department has been described as of fair quality. Four additional looms have been devoted to this production making a total of eight looms on auto cloth. There is an increasing demand for this auto cloth now that the General Motors strike is being settled. The increase in the number of looms on this cloth in the Southern Division depends on the quality produced by these eight looms weaving at the present.

## Pfc. Skinner In Japan

Pfc. James A. Skinner is stationed in Yokohama in Japan. At present he is assigned to the Air Corps but plans are being completed for his transfer to another outfit. He stated that news from home is always welcomed by the overseas service men.

In describing Yokohama and surroundings, Pfc. Skinner writes, "Mount Fujiyama can be seen very easily—It really shines when covered with snow."

Prior to entering the Army in April, 1945, Pfc. Skinner was employed in the Caromount Weaving Department.

## Wilson Auto Accident

Six persons were injured on the night of March 17 when cars driven by John D. Gold, Jr. and Benjamin Harris, negro chauffeur, collided on Kenan and Warren Streets in Wilson, one car overturning on top of a fire hydrant.

In the overturned car driven by the chauffeur were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith and E. H. Suessmuth. They were hospitalized for treatment.

James Ragsdale of Florence, S. C., Wilbur Turner and Gold were occupants of the Gold car. Ragsdale suffered a concussion of the brain, Gold was slightly injured, and Turner escaped without injury.

The Smith car was almost demolished and the other car was badly damaged.

## Reid Assists Scouts

Scoutmaster Perry English has announced that Tom Reid joined the staff of Scout Troop 13 as Assistant Scoutmaster in early March replacing Horace Hudson who was unable to continue this work. Mr. Reid is a native of Rocky Mount and a former scout of Troop 11. He entered the Army in February, 1941, and was discharged in July, 1945. He served with an observation battalion of the Field Artillery in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Germany. At present he is engaged in business with his father, G. C. Reid.

Many scouts of Troop 13 are participating in the advancement program. Harvey English and R. G. Capps appeared before the Board of Review on March 25 for advancement to second class scouts and Vernon Moody, John Daniel Everette, Paul Lindsey, and Cecil Hartley, Jr., were reviewed for first class scouts. At a meeting just prior to the Board of Review, the scoutmaster's Pow Wow Circle discussed plans for the coming camporee.

Plans have been completed for the troop committee to meet with Troop 13 at their regular meeting on March 28.

Dennis Gardner, first class scout and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, has recently registered with Troop 13. His registration with Troop 14 had expired. Billy Littleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Littleton, has recently been inducted into this

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## Fire Causes Loss

On Thursday, March 14, at about 8:00 o'clock p. m., fire completely destroyed the garage, pack house, and poultry brooder on the property of W. C. Davis, Caromount loom fixer, who lives on Nashville Highway, Route No. 1. The loss, estimated at \$2,000.00 was partially covered by insurance. In addition to loss of buildings, many farming implements, fertilizer, and hay were destroyed. The dwelling was slightly damaged.

An explosion of the oil brooder has been determined the cause of the fire. The Rocky Mount Fire Department was called to fight the fire.