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Pictured above is a model room using materials woven at Caromount. This group of chairs made by the Selig Manufacturing Company is covered with veleda quality which was woven here and printed at the Shelton Division. The pattern, known as leopard print, has been familiar for some time. Originally designed as a cloaking material, it found wide use in raincoat linings. However, decorators are always on the lookout for new ideas in upholstery and when this fabric was introduced as a chair covering, it met with instant success.

Export Club Hears Company Official

After pointing to advantages of the American system of individual enterprise, Herbert H. Schell, Chairman of the International Economic Relations Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, warned advocates of cartels that their program would bring about the nationalization of industry.

Mr. Schell, addressing a luncheon of the Export Managers Club of New York City on October 22, explained that the NAM, which represents 16,000 members credited with producing 85 per cent of America's manufactured products is unalterably opposed to cartels.

Declaring that no group of men ever sat around a table and fixed low prices, Mr. Schell added that "if private industry tried to fix prices that consumers must pay government would step in and protect the consumers against the price fixers.

"When government steps in to that extent there is no possible way to prevent it ultimately from

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YMCA Members Listed

The ten YMCA memberships contributed by the company have been awarded to sons of Caromount employees. In his letter to the boys receiving these memberships, J. A. Harper, YMCA General Secretary, stated "You will note that this is a full-privilege

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The Harvest That God Wanted

America's harvest picture has altered greatly since the Pilgrim fathers gathered in their first crops three centuries ago. And of the harvest of this year 1946, there is a remarkable story to tell.

Harvest time came to the Texas Panhandle around the end of May. In June it moved north to Oklahoma, then on to Kansas, where a sturdy crop had survived every setback of nature... a winter's drought, dust storms in February, abnormal heat in April, a sudden freeze in May. By July it had reached Nebraska and the tallies were in: the harvest that should have been, by all odds, lean, was the second biggest in history! Even the farmers were

President Schell Appointed Delegate For Conference Held At Brussels

Harper Joins The Personnel Office

George Harper joined the staff of the Personnel Office on November 4th. Mr. Harper is a graduate of Wake Forest College, having received his B. S. degree in Social Science there in 1942. As a Lieutenant in the Navy, Harper had additional training at the University of Notre Dame and Columbia University. During his service in the Navy from August 1942 through March 1946, he spent considerable time as an officer on an escort vessel also.

Mr. Harper is devoting much of his time toward interviewing and selecting applicants at present. He welcomes the opportunity of talking with employees and being of service to them also. Feel free to contact Mr. Harper and talk with him concerning your problems.

During the past eight months Mr. Harper was employed as an interviewer at the U. S. Employment Service in Rocky Mount. He is a native of Nash County, having received his high school education at Castalia High School.

Employees are reminded to report change of address, change of name or change in dependent status to the Personnel office.

* State Department Requested Mr. Schell to Attend International Conference.

Herbert H. Schell, Company President, was requested by the U. S. Department of State to attend the International Labor Conference in Brussels, Belgium November 14-22. He was appointed as a delegate representing the American textile industry.

Mr. Schell left New York on November 11th and was expected to return on November 24th. An article in the New York Times made the following observations as result of an interview with Mr. Schell:

A "modest" rise in prices, which may level off within thirty days was predicted by Herbert H. Schell, a director of the National Association of Manufacturers and chairman of its international economic relations committee. Mr. Schell, who departed by plane from La Guardia Field to attend the International Labor Conference in Brussels, said:

"I am convinced you will see production rise very quickly and favorably. In all probability there will be a modest rise in prices, but there will be a leveling off within thirty days at which time some prices will be slightly over present prices, but somewhat under."

Regarding the possibility of strikes for higher pay to meet increased costs, Mr. Schell asserted that increased production would bring "cheaper prices." "We believe in high wages and high production" Mr. Schell declared.

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Community Chest

The total contributions to the Community Chest from the Caromount Division amounted to \$969.00. The employees contributed \$219.00 and the company contributed \$750.00.

In Wilson this organization is known as the Wilson Community Budget and there was a total contribution of \$219.50 from the Wilson Division. The Wilson employees contributed \$69.50 and the company contributed \$150.00 to the Wilson Community Budget.