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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



Herbert H. Schell, Company President, shakes hands with Commodore Harry Manning, master of the U.S.S. America, on which he returned from the I. L. O. Conference, held in Brussells, Belgium.

Textiles In Europe Face Many Problems

The nursery rhyme about Old Mother Hubbard peering into her cupboard has more than a casual resemblence to Europe today as Herbert H. Schell, president of our company, saw it in his recent trip to Belgium where he was one of the American delegates to the International Labor Conference. There she is, old and war-weary, leaning on the crutch of government pricefixing, staring at the out-moded machinery, overworked, war-damaged or just obsolete. Apparently (Continued on Page Two)

Christmas Bonus

Caromount and Wilson employees will receive a Christmas bonus on Monday, December 23 according to this schedule announced by the company: One full week's pay to all those who have been in our employ one year or more; One half of one week's pay to all those who have been in our employ from six to twelve months, and one quarter of one week's pay to all those who have been in our employ from one to six months.

Safety Officers Elected

A reorganizational meeting of the Eastern Carolina Safety Council was held in Rocky Mount on Friday evening, December 13th. Officers for 1947 were chosen as follows: Chairman, J. H. Mayfield, Rosemary Manufacturing Co., Roanoke Rapids; Vice-Chairman, H. B. Gaylord, North Caro-(Continued on Page Two)

Wilson Employee Wins New York Trip

President's Message

As the year comes to a close? your minds turn toward the Christmas Season. The spirit of teamwork always evident in the Caromount and Wilson Divisions has contributed so much to our general welfare aduring the year.

May I express the company's May I express the company's appreciation of your continued friendship and loyalty.

It is my fervent hope that you will be blessed with health and happiness.

A very very Merry Christmas to you all.

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H. H. Schell, President

Caromount Cafeteria Is Open To Employees

The new Caromount Cafeteria was opened recently for serving food to the employees. Ernest Taylor assumed the managership of the cafeteria. He has had considerable experience in managing and operating similar establishments. Mr. Taylor stated, "We are serving approximately 400 employees."

The employees crowded the cafeteria to its full capacity on the first day. They have been following a routine schedule since (Continued on Page Two)

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blank. He writes his bright idea in detail and places the signed blank in the suggestion box for the Suggestion Committee to consider. Thus, a suggestion is born.

The suggestion blanks are found beside the bulletin boards in the weave shed and dyehouse and by the time clock near the first aid room and near the bulletin board at the Wlison Division.

Periodically the suggestions are gathered and typed without signatures for the consideration of the suggestion committee. The signature of the suggestor is withheld from the committee until they have reached a decision. This

An employee has a bright idea | committee has a representative and he rushes to get a suggestion | from each department. They discuss the suggestions in detail and send the suggestor their conclusions and opinions. If the suggestion will result in a wise economy for the company or an improvement in production, the committee considers the possibility of a cash award. After the disposition of the suggestion is recorded, it is carefully filed for future reference.

The Suggestion System was initiated in June 1945, and since that time 176 suggestions have been dropped in the suggestion boxes. Three suggestions have merited cash awards. The winners of these

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Mrs. Frances Williams Wins First Place In Letter Writing Contest



Mrs. Frances Pittman Williams, weaver in the Wilson Division was recently selected as winner of first place in the Letter Writing Contest sponsored by the Company. "How my Favorite Recreation Will Benefit An Employee Recreational Program" was the topic for this contest.

As first place winner Mrs. Williams will be awarded a trip to New York with all expenses paid. The complete details concerning the trip have not been announced

Mrs. Williams declared indoor games as her favorite recreational activities and suggested the use of an "indoor game room" in the recreational program for employees. In her letter Mrs. Wil-

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Holiday Schedule

The Caromount and Wilson plants will close for the Christmas Holiday on Tuesday, December 24, at 2:00 p. m. and reopen Thursday, December 26, at 2:00 p. m. and run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with all three shifts working on Saturday, December 28, 1946.

In order that we can take annual inventory, both plants will be closed Monday, December 30; Tuesday, December 31; and Wednesday, January 1, 1947 and will reopen Thursday, January 2, 1947, at 6:00 a. m. and run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with all three shifts working on Saturday, January 4, 1947.