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Helpful Hints Offered By Engineering Dept

Through The Caromount News the Caromount Engineering Department will make available to employees of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions its experience and knowledge. In an interview with W. G. Lawson, plant engineer, he stated,

"We will put the knowledge and experience of our entire department at the disposal of employees for their use in advice on mechanical, repair and construction problems. We propose to prepare a column entitled 'Helpful Hints At Home' for each monthly issue of The Caromount News."

Mr. Lawson stated that the Engineering Department will be glad to study any problem or question related to repair, mechanics or construction which Caromount or Wilson employees may present. If a suitable solution to the problem, suggestion or advice is developed the employee will receive this information for his use. Any employee who needs advice on repair problems around the homes may explain their problem in writing and address it to "Helpful Hints At Home" in care of The Caromount News and drop in the suggestion boxes or take their written statement to their foreman or Mr. Lawson. Mr. Lawson promised the combined efforts of his department in rendering a solution to these problems which will appear in the Column "Helpful Hints at Home."

Mr. Lawson also stated that this column will also endeavor to provide consumer education for employees, suggesting certain

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WHAT TO DO WHEN ABSENT

When absent employees are requested to contact their foremen immediately and advise them concerning the reasons for their absence. These reasons are being recorded for further study. Be sure that your record does not indicate that you have been absent without reporting your reasons for absence. During the last three months of 1946 our percentage of absenteeism was lower than it has been for several months. Let us continue to improve our attendance record. Be present and ready for work every day.

BLUMENTHAL FABRICS USED IN RAILROAD CARS



An interior view of one of the dining cars on the new streamliner of Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company is shown above. The upholstery for the chairs is a Blumenthal product. The gray color in this quality blends harmoniously with the dark maroon carpeting and the ivory walls and ceiling.

Business Outlook For 1947 Reviewed

Herbert H. Schell, president of Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc., recently released his comments concerning the business outlook for 1947. His complete comments are quoted below.

"I am confident that the business outlook for 1947 is bright. As we gain more and more freedom from wartime controls and restrictions, the prospect for an era of unprecedented prosperity becomes more favorable, 1947 can make great strides towards that era of prosperity if both employers and employees cooperate to insure the high productivity which is essential. This trend can be reversed only by a new surge of wage increases which would increase costs and selling prices and

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Fixers Make Plans For Coming Year

During the latter part of 1946 the fixers of the Weaving Department resumed their regular meetings. This group of fifty includes the loom fixers, repair fixers and stop motion fixers.

Their recent meetings were devoted to reviewing the accomplishments of the past year and completing plans for 1947. The individual fixer is afforded an opportunity to contribute his ideas and suggestions to these discussions all of which leads toward a better understanding of how to cope with the problems at hand. This exchange of ideas also provides an opportunity for the fixers to anticipate the possible problems and be prepared for them.

The present plans indicate that

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1899 News Pictures Rocky Mount Years Ago

The excerpts quoted below were taken from an edition of the Raleigh News and Observer, published Thursday August 24, 1899 which Charlie Laughridge, Assistant Plant Engineer, recently uncovered in his garage.

"Rocky Mount is one of the most important tobacco markets in eastern North Carolina, and the remarkable growth and progress of the city during the past few years has been due largely to the tobacco interest which center here.

"Though a small beginning had been made prior to 1890, that year witnessed the real inception of the tobacco warehouse business in Rocky Mount. The place was then a village of between 1,000 and 1,500 population, and today it has a mayor and commissioners, and boasts of nearly 4,000 population, and it can be safely said that tobacco has been the seed from which has sprung this growth and prosperity.

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Record Of Learners Merit Recognition

There are about 45 employees learning to weave in the Caromount Weaving Department at the present time. An interview with Randolph Sutton, Superintendent of Weaving, revealed that this group has shown an outstanding record as learners. They have grasped the operations involved in weaving with unusual rapidity. Sutton stated "Their advancement has been most satisfactory. It has been marked by a keen interest in the accuracy and quality of their work. We are looking forward to their good work in the future with a resulting increase in quality production."

This group of learners includes the following: First Shift; Herman Joyner, Edwin Viverette, Alvin Joyner, Alton Edwards, Milford Harrison, Jasper Griffin, Merl Wallace, and Earl Wallace. Second Shift; Margie Strickland, Paul Bunn, Eitel Mate Joyner, Annie Bass, Eugene Matthews, Joseph Webb, Oscar Sherrod, Marvin Langley, Lyman Taylor, Wilbur Inscoe, Luther Jacobs, Dan Bone, and Medie Barnes. Third Shift; Babara Manson, Doris Hadnott, Willie Davis, Bennie Spain, Christine Raper, Fred Joyner, George Thompson, Elijah Crocker, Joseph Daniels, Dreadon Kea, Jesse Watkins, Elma Rowe, Floyd Rowe, Fonto Bennet, David Dew, Edsel Durant, Martha Strickland, Eddie Parker, Linwood Lan-

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Manager's Message

I am sure we all had a very joyful Christmas and started the New Year right. Most of us have children and had the pleasure of sharing their enjoyment with new toys, clothes and other Christmas trinkets.

We have now once again settled down to a normal daily routine, and are looking forward to a very good demand for our goods and I am confident that we can count on your support to help us make this one of the best years we have ever had.

I want to extend to all of you my wish as well as the Company's for a joyful New Year.

E. H. Suessmuth,
Resident Manager.