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Engineering Dept Aids Puzzled Employees

Many employees have requested "Helpful Hints at Home" from the Engineering Department as described in the January issue of the *Caromount News*. W. G. Lawson, Plant Engineer, stated, "The Engineering Department is happy to announce that several employees have taken advantage of our offer to help." One employee requested information regarding lighting which proved to be an interesting question plus the pleasure of digging up and talking about the answer. Discussion with another employee was about an iron fence and the painting of it.

What undoubtedly was the most helpful was a request from one of our employees who needed two switches to complete some wiring on his home and buildings. This man had advanced to a point with the wiring and construction where he was at a standstill without switches that would pass inspection by a state inspector. The Engineering Department not only supplied the information on a substitute switch but made it possible for this employee to purchase the two switches from a dealer in town at the company's discount. It is needless to say all concerned were happy with the arrangement.

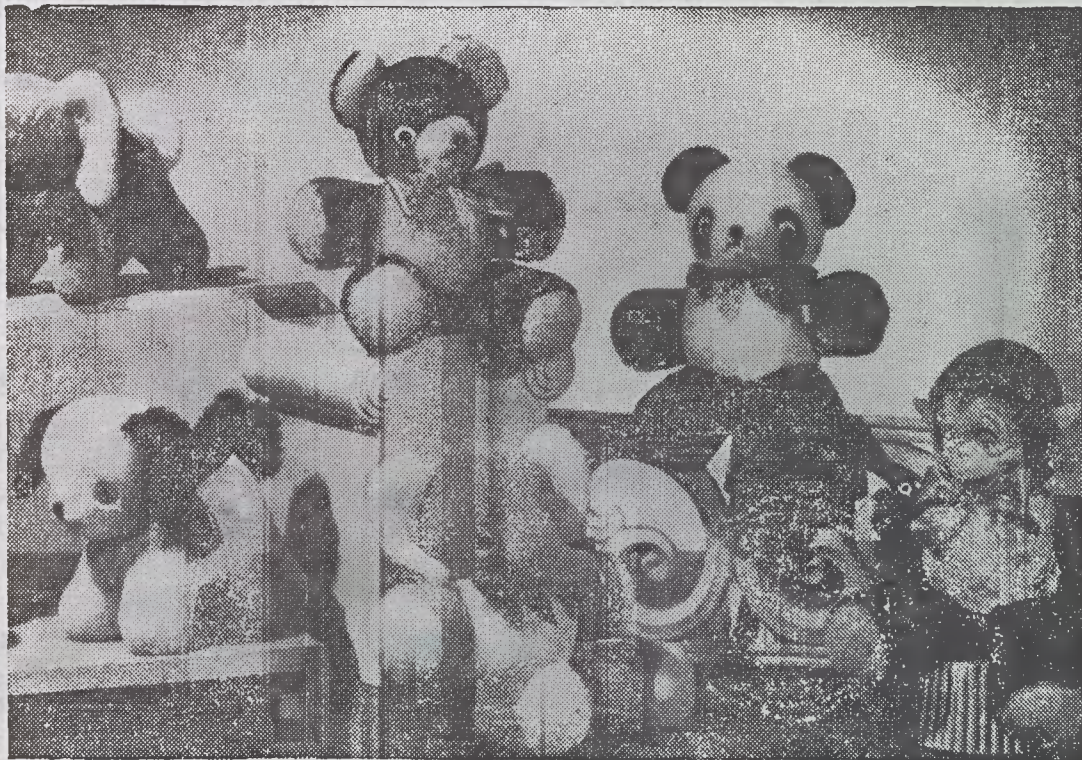
The problem concerning the switches was presented one afternoon and the following morning a satisfactory solution had been rendered and the employee was able to continue his construction which had been interrupted by this problem.

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 re-

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Christmas Savings Club

Plans have been completed for starting a Christmas Savings Club in the plant. The details of the plan have been announced on the bulletin boards. All employees are urged to participate in this method of saving. All employees wishing to join this Club may obtain application forms from their foremen.



You may be interested to see what happens to C R qualities when the toy makers get their hands on them. These are Gund toys. There are two assortments of animal toys shown. Toy makers call them "standing" assortment (extreme left) and "cuddle" assortment (right).

New Methods Shown

Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth, D. W. Adams, Randolph Sutton, and Clayton Hedgepeth recently attended a meeting of the Research Branch of the Company at the Shelton Division, Shelton, Conn. Thirty-seven from all the Company's plants and all the Company's officials were present at the meeting at which all research problems were discussed. The meeting was directed by Warner Bayley who is Research Director for the Company. Many interesting topics were discussed and demonstrations of new methods and devices were given in the laboratory, all of which will be sooner or later utilized for production purposes.

Floormen Meet Here

Fifty Caromount floormen gathered at the new field house on Wednesday, February 12 at 4:00 p. m. for their first meeting of 1947. All floormen from the three shifts were present.

Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth opened the meeting with an optimistic message for the floormen. He commended them for their 100% attendance from all three shifts with particular gratitude to those who were inconvenienced by being there at a time other than their regular working hours. Mr. Suessmuth stated, "We have made great accomplishments in reconverting to civilian production. We hope 1947 will be the best year yet for us. Accurate

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Employees Appreciate More Space In Building

The new building adjoining the weaveshed has been closed in now and is being used for storage purposes. The present arrangement of materials for storage is temporary; however the use of this space has been a great relief to many other departments. A mere glance at the Weaving Department will verify this fact for there is much more room and the floor and surroundings are kept much cleaner.

The employees of various departments have sounded their praise and appreciation for more

space. In the weaveshed Thomas Phelps stated: "I can work much better now that cases are not piled around me. There is plenty of room for taking off motors. Now the thing to do is for everyone to cooperate in keeping the place clean and orderly." Dick Brown described the present condition as "much nicer looking and much needed space." O. B. Solmon remarked, "It's fine. We are going to have the place looking fit now." Mrs. Ellene Stencil Williford declared, "It looks much better. When I go to get help on my loom

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Benefits Increased For Insurance Plan

During recent months the benefits of the group insurance plan for employees have been increased and other benefits added. At present all employees are eligible for insurance if they have been employed here for 90 days. This insurance is free for the Company pays the cost of each employee's insurance. This plan now includes life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, daily hospital benefits, extra hospital charges, surgical benefits, weekly sickness and accident benefits and medical expenses benefits.

The wives of employees and their unmarried children under eighteen years of age are insured also for daily hospital benefits and extra hospital charges free of cost under this group plan.

The medical expense benefits for employees have been recently added to this insurance coverage. With these additional benefits the insurance plan pays employees the amount charged by the physician up to \$2.00 for each office visit and up to \$3.00 for each home or hospital call. Benefits will be payable for only one visit or call during any one day and in no event will benefits be payable for more than three calls or visits during any one week or for more than 50 calls or visits during any one continuous period of disability. For employees of age 60 and over benefits will be paid for a maximum of 50 calls or visits during any one calendar year.

These medical benefits are payable commencing with the first day employee receives treatment during period of disability resulting from an accident and commencing with the 4th day the employee receives treatment during

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Pay Increase Announced

In keeping with its policy to pay the highest wages in the area for its type of industry, Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc., is pleased to announce a general wage increase of 2½% in its Rocky Mount and Wilson plants, effective Monday, February 24, 1947.

This increase in addition to the 7½% increase announced in January will effect a general increase of 10%.