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March Winds Bring Disaster To Employee

Although hastening the arrival of spring, the March winds brought disaster for Mrs. Mavis Parker, first shift Finishing Department employee. Her home was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday, March 6.

While Mrs. Parker was at work her home burst into flames resulting in a complete loss of the house and household furnishings except a few chairs and a few clothing articles. A defect developed in the oil stove in use that morning and the blaze from this stove engulfed the house immediately. The house was located near Langley's Cross Roads, Route No. 2, Rocky Mount. No fire fighting equipment was available and the fire reached proportions far beyond control. There was no fire insurance coverage on this house, which was owned by Mrs. Parker's mother-in-law, Mrs. C. J. Parker.

There were no injuries suffered by the family. Mr. and Mrs. Parker found temporary accommodations for their children with various relatives and friends throughout the community. They are now sharing housing accommodations with M. G. Parker, Route No. 2.

Realizing the plight of the Parker family the Caromount employees immediately began contributing to a fund to help their fellow employee. The total contributions from employees amounted to approximately \$500.00. In addition to the money employees

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Notice To Veterans

The Veterans Administration is sponsoring a nationwide information program on the great value of National Service Life Insurance.

Reinstatement of policies which have lapsed may be effected until August 1, 1947.

If you have been separated from military service under honorable conditions for less than one year you may now apply for a complete dental check-up and dental treatment—free of cost.

Full information may be obtained at the V. A. office in the Municipal Building, Rocky Mount, N. C., or in the Wilson County Courthouse, Wilson, N. C.



Mrs. Mavis Parker (center) is pictured at the scene of the charred ruins of her home recently destroyed by fire. Shown with her are three of her eight children. (Left to right) Barbara, Richard, and Christine. Children not shown here include Aileen, Elsworth, Myrtle Ray, Jean and Edith.

Savings Plan Begins * Four Accidents Occur

Arrangements have been completed for the instigation of a savings plan for the Caromount and Wilson employees. The Planters National Bank of Rocky Mount and the National Bank of Wilson have agreed to accept this club on an interest bearing plan.

Each employee who makes a deposit in this savings plan will receive a standard bank book. Deposits may be made in any amount starting at \$2.00 per week and all deposits above \$50.00 will draw interest at the rate of one per cent.

At the written request of employees weekly savings will be deducted from their paychecks. Applications for joining this sav-

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In the Caromount Division there have been three lost time accidents and one lost time accident at the Wilson Division during January, February, and March. These accidents probably could have been prevented if more employees had been thinking of the safe way to do their jobs.

Accidents are not mere happenings, nor are they all due to machinery failures. The chief cause of accidents is a brief mental lapse when the individual forgets safety for a second or two and the accident happens.

To prevent accidents each individual must at all times be safety minded. He must think not only

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Travels To Holy Land Decided Easter Date

Very few people seem to know the correct means of determining the Sunday on which to wear your Easter bonnet. How about you? Do you know? It seems that one year the ground will be covered with snow on Easter, and the next, the trees and flowers will be blooming and robins dancing and chirping in the warm sunshine.

The changeable seasons may be accounted for by the fact that way back in 325 A. D. (1622 years ago) the Council of Christian Churches in the known world at that time drew up a creed and

set the date of Easter so that Pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land for Easter festivities would have moonlight to travel by. They decided, therefore, that Easter would always be the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon which happens on or after March 21st. Thus, the date of Easter may vary between March 22nd and April 25th, over a period of 35 days.

Bear in mind when you select your Easter outfit in the future, so your white orchid won't be competing with the little jonquils covered with snow.

Irish Textile Expert At Caromount and Wilson

The Caromount and Wilson Divisions had a distinguished visitor recently in the person of Patrick J. Lenihan, director of General Textiles, Ltd., Athlone, County Westmeath, Ireland, who has been in this country in the interest of supplies for his company, and incidentally studying American production methods.

"This is America's century," Mr. Lenihan told us, "both politically and economically." He said he thought the country had a sense of its war responsibility—much more so than in 1919—which he felt was a good sign.

Mr. Lenihan is a great admirer of this country. He says there is real democracy here, where every man has a chance to make something of himself. Our ideas are not so crystallized as Europe's and our thinking less stereotyped.

We asked him to tell us about his own plant and he described it as a new cotton mill, established in 1937, patterned along American lines with modern automatic machinery and mass production of utility cloth. It is operated on the vertical plan with spinning, yarn preparation, weaving, dyeing, printing, and finishing carried on successively at one location.

It was Mr. Lenihan's first visit to America and he was most favorably impressed. Aside from the material comforts—hot and cold running water, central heating and good food, which he in no way depreciated—he thought the spirit of the country was good and the people alive to their problems and solutions.

We asked him about the training of craftsmen, and we were interested to learn that aside from textile experts in the managerial

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SOFTBALL

Many employees are beginning plans for their softball teams for the coming season. It is hoped that there will be eight teams in the men's league and two or more teams for the women. Notice the bulletin boards for announcements concerning the formation of these teams. Some of the players are planning to begin practice sessions during the first week of April.