

## The Caromount News

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### Devotional Thoughts

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." That tells of his eternal purpose for all mankind when he came nearly two thousand years ago. That is his purpose today.

Before us stretches an unmarked vista of time. What sort of life will be ours as the days and years unfold?

All men are challenged to strive for the best life possible—even an abundant life.

William James said: "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." Hence, one must bestir himself, take courage, stand upon his feet, dare to follow Christ, yes, dare to live.

A boy bereft of both parents at the age of four years lived as a prodigal and wastrel while a young man. During a visit with an elderly friend, the boy learned that his friend knew his father well. He further learned that his father had a great vision and an earnest desire for the son to become a fine Christian. With surprise the young man inquired, "My father thought that way about me?" "Then," said he, "I shall change my ways and be the kind of man he wanted me to be."

That is what Jesus is saying to all of us, "I am come that they might have life to the full". Surely, we too, will change our ways and be the kind of persons He wants us to be.

E. L. Hillman, Pastor  
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### From The Storeroom

With the coming of spring the Machine Shop softball club would like to serve notice on all other clubs of the Caromount Division that we are out to win this year. Although we got off to a bad start last year we think the last game we played made up for all the games we lost.

The way things are shaping up now it looks like a banner year for the boys in the Machine Shop. We have signed up three new players who have recently played for the U. S. Army on Saipan.

The only weak spot that has shown up so far in the training is the threat of Booty Goat Taylor to jump to the Mexican league, unless he be allowed to drink six bottles of beer before each game.

This reporter has learned that Walter Greeman of the Finishing Department had his boys out practicing one day last week. They were wearing their overcoats.

Popeye Land of the Machine Shop has recently purchased a good-looking Buick automobile. Popeye says that all he needs is Robert Bradshaw, formerly of the Machine Shop, to help him hold it down.

### Legend of Dogwood

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion, the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering, said to it:

"Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and who see it will remember—"

### ∴ Births ∴

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Myron Austin announce the birth the birth of a daughter, Myra Peggy, on Sunday, March 23, 1947 at the Rocky Mount Sanitarium.

### Helpful Hints At Home

Most door bells are electrically operated and its a good thing that opportunity knocks and doesn't bother with some door bells that are around. When your door bell stops ringing, this is what you should know, even if you do not do anything about it.

The door bell in your home can be operated by one of two systems, either it is connected thru a transformer into the electrical circuit of the house or it gets its power from batteries. For battery operated systems the first place to look is at the batteries because they wear out quick and must be replaced. If you find the batteries alright, then try the connections around the push buttons or the small spring inside. Remove the two wires connected to the back of the push button and touch them together. If the bell rings you then must need a new button. A broken wire or loose connection will throw a system out of order so check these carefully.

If your system works from a transformer on the house wiring keep in mind that the same troubles may develop except that the transformer replaces the battery and it in turn may burn out. One important thing to keep in mind when working with wires around the home is to look over your list of don'ts. Don't work with wet clothes or hands. Don't think that because the wire is small that it is not potent. Don't think a wiring system for the bell is harmless. Don't go at it without thinking.

One more employee received help and information from the Engineering Department during the last few weeks. C. L. Alexander had a washing machine out of order for a period of six weeks and could not get a gear for it. After an interesting discussion it was shown how its present or broken gear could be welded and in two days Leslie appeared with a clean shirt. It was gratifying that he came back and thanked all concerned for the help.

### Christmas Savings Club

Caromount now has 295 persons participating in the Christmas Savings Club with an average weekly savings amounting to \$730.

The Planters National Bank and Trust Company is handling this savings club and you can still join by talking with your foreman about a weekly payroll deduction.

### Did You Know?

If you drop by the storeroom and find Ray Barnhill, storeroom clerk, bombarded with such questions as: "Do you have a snakehead?", "How about a monkey's tail?", "Give me a live frog", "No, make it a dead one", "Do you have plenty of dogs in stock?", "Give me a frog box", don't think you've wandered into the zoo nor are we operating a supply house for museums. Someone merely is asking about replacement parts for a loom. The snakehead, for instance is the gadget which stops the loom when a filling breaks thereby saving imperfections; while the monkey tail is part of the stop motion arrangement which works with the snakehead when an end breaks. The live frog and dead frog are used on the right and left side of the loom and protect the shuttle and reed, while the frog box, which is about the only thing that makes sense here, houses the live and dead frogs.

### Safety Committee

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The following represent their Departments on the Safety Committee:

Weaving-Mrs. Nannie Dickens, C. L. Alexander, Owen Solmon, Hubert Sutton, Linwood Pullen, Warping-Paul Wells, Herman Allen. Raw Inspection-Knox Ellis. Office-Miss Dorothy Sturtevant. Receiving-J. G. Boone. Finishing-Walter Greenman, Walter Thompson. Final Inspection-Oscar Satterfield. Dyehouse-Julius Eppes, Charlie Sanders, Mark Dickens. Engineering Charlie Laughridge, Justice Boyd, Floyd Hedgepeth. Shipping-Charles Warren. A brief summary of the objectives reached are given below.

1. At least one member from each Department shall be on the Safety Committee. 2. The Safety Committee shall meet once each month. The first Monday of each month at 10 a. m. being the unanimous decision of the Committee. 3. A member of the Safety Committee missing three consecutive meetings without a good excuse shall be replaced. An alternate may be sent to represent regular member.

Following Committees were appointed: 1. Inspection Committee, 2. Poster Committee, 3. Rules-Steering-Program Committee, 4. Publicity Committee, 5. Accident Investigating Committee, and, 6. Safety Suggestion Committee.