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Local Delegation At Shelton Conferences

On May 19, 20 and 21 the company held conferences on training, research, public relations at the Shelton Division. Representatives from all divisions of the company were present for these conferences.

The Training Conference on May 19 was concerned with the discussion of the best methods of training new employees whereby they could learn their jobs quickly and perform their work well. Thomas Shock, Administrative Assistant, presided at this meeting where training methods in the various plants were discussed.

Warner Bayley, Director of Research, conducted the research meeting on Tuesday, May 20, at which time various research projects were discussed during the morning sessions. Improvements of machinery, development of new products, and methods of reducing costs were the topics. During the afternoon sessions the representatives visited the various laboratories of the Research Department after viewing a film produced by the company on certain mechanical improvements.

On Wednesday, May 21, the Public Relations Conference of Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc., was held at Shelton also with Mrs. Audrey Huesser, Editor of the Tales of Tufts, presiding as Conference Chairman. In addition to company officials, including President H. H. Schell, Vice President Andre Blumenthal, Vice President Duncan Ferguson, and Vice President James Hoyne, representatives from the various divisions participated in this session. Mr. Schell opened the conference with an address on the topic, "The Front Office and Public Relations." Mr. Ferguson addressed the group on "Long Term Public Relations," and Mr. Blumenthal

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GRADE A

Much effort has been made to improve the Cafeteria facilities; and according to Ernest Taylor manager, these efforts have begun to justify themselves. The Cafeteria at the latest grading was given a grade "A" Sanitary rating for the first time; and every effort will be made to keep this high grade.



Shown here are the members of the Safety Committee who are currently leading a campaign for safe practices at work, at home and at play. Reading from left to right: Justice Boyd, Walter Greenman, Knox Ellis, Mrs. Mary Trevathan, Floyd Hedgepeth, Miss Dorothy Sturtevant, Walter Thompson, Mrs. Mary Brunson, Owen Solmon, George Harper, Hubert Sutton, and on the back row: Julius Eppes, Linwood Pullen, Herman Allen, J. G. E. Boone and Clayton Hedgepeth. Employees are urged to cooperate by doing each job the safe way.

Textile Production Low Throughout Nation

There has been a general slump in the textile industry throughout our nation and this slump has affected our production at the Caromount and Wilson Divisions as well as other divisions of our company. The cut in production which was necessary resulted in a temporary lay-off at Caromount and a temporary closing of the Wilson Division. After a lapse of several weeks production was resumed on six looms at Wilson. Many other textile mills have closed completely.

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Accidents For Four Months Summarized

During April, the Caromount Division had seven accidents requiring medical attention. Of these accidents, two men lost time due to back strains. In Wilson one accident occurred and this was a lost time accident caused by the person bumping into an object.

In the first four months of this year the Caromount plant has had twenty-one accidents requiring medical attention and of these, five were lost time. Wilson has had eight accidents, two of which lost time.

Manager At USCC Meet

Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth attended the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce held in Washington, D. C. recently. Mr. Suessmuth is a National Councilor and member of the Board of Directors of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce. He stated, "One of the most important addresses presented at the recent meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce in Washington was delivered by Lt. General Collins on the subject of National Defense."

General Collins pointed out that we are now regarded as the major

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Hedgepeth Attended State Safety Meeting

Our Safety Director, Clayton Hedgepeth, attended the Seventeenth Annual Statewide Industrial Safety Conference in Winston-Salem on May 8-10.

At this conference many different phases of Industrial Safety were discussed and a brief summary is given below.

In Industrial plants, fire is one of the chief hazards. Adequate fire protection is necessary not only to protect the company's investment; but also to protect each workers job. Good housekeeping is primary in good fire prevention. Second in importance is the education of employees in fire prevention; and third is prompt methods of handling in case of fire.

Safety on the highways is one of the main drives of the Industrial Commission. Last year in the United States, approximately 33,000 persons were killed in automobile accidents and many hundreds of thousands were injured. Loss of life and injuries can be prevented by closer observance of the driving laws and more "courtesy of the road."

Management must assume its responsibility in carrying out any safety program and must have the whole-hearted support of supervisors and labor. Prompt elimination of hazards and investigations of all accidents, whether they cause injuries or not, is essential. Rules must be made and enforced.

CAA President Elected

The Board of Directors of the Caromount Athletic Association, consisting of Charlie Sanders, secretary; W. H. Young; Knox Ellis, F. F. Simmons, H. K. Landis and Bill Williams, have elected Jim Speight to serve as president of the association for the coming year.

Heretofore the Board of Directors has been rather small; and in order to make it more representative of the employees, three new members have been added: Wahab Edwards from the office, R. W. Tippet from the weaveshed, and Frank Brock from the Finishing Department. In addition to those Cecil Lewis has been made Vice President.

The departmental records of accidents at Caromount are as follows:

Dept	T.A.	A.L.T.
Weaving	10	3
Finishing	4	0
Shipping	1	0
Engineering	3	1
Raw Goods	1	0
Dye House	2	1
Total Accidents (T.A.)		
Accidents Lost Time (A.L.T.)		
Wilson, with all weaving, had 8 accidents, two of which were lost time.		