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Scout Troop Takes Camping Trip

Boy Scouts Harvey English, Curtis Perry, and Frank Hay; mascot, Mac English; and Scout Masters Perry English and Roscoe Dawes went to Camp Cooper for a weekend camping trip recently. A program of training was carried out for the advancement of Troop 113. During their stay at camp each boy passed at least one of the requirements for the next rank in Scouting.

The boys slept in a large log cabin and cooked all of their meals themselves. The highlights of the camping trip for the boys was the outside cooking. They even cooked bread in a reflector oven. The trip proved very successful.

On June 26, W. J. Greenman, Committeeman on Advancement, attended the troop meeting. Some of the scouts gave exhibitions on first aid, and satisfactorily passed a first aid test.

On the last Monday in July the Board of Review will meet for the Advancement of the scouts, and Troop 113 will send at least three or more boys up for advancement. At the troop meeting held on June 19, Randolph Sutton, committeeman on camping and hiking and Charlie Laughridge, committeeman on supplies, attended. Jack Bennett, neighborhood commissioner also visited the troop meeting. Henry "Buddy" Owens, field worker for Rocky Mount, Nash, and Wilson area visited the troop several time during June.

SAFETY RECORD IMPROVES

During June the Caromount Plant had only one accident that required medical attention. This accident occurred in the Weaving Department and caused the injured to lose two days, thereby resulting in a lost time accident. Though our mill was not running at full capacity and there were fewer operating days and man hours worked, with only one accident, we are showing much improvement. The employees are to be congratulated on their improvement and, it is the hope of the Management and all those interested in Safety, that this diligence will continue and our record for the year be one of the best.

If you have any suggestions on Safety, write them on one of the suggestion forms and turn it in.



This picture was taken by truck driver Robert Trevathan at Camp Cooper during a camping trip for Troop 113. Shown here are Scoutmaster Perry English, Assistant Scoutmaster Roscoe Dawes and Scouts Harvey English, Frank Hay, and Curtis Perry.

Insurance Surveyed

During the eight month period from November 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, Caromount and Wilson employees received \$3,930.75 in hospital benefits; \$1,270.06 for surgical fees; \$203.50 for medical expense payments; and \$1,612.00 for sickness and accident benefits. Dependents of employees received \$617.30 of these total hospital benefits.

The average period of hospitalization was five days at an average cost of \$49.13.

Miss Marjorie Lee Sexton has joined the staff of the Personnel Office and will devote her time to administering the Group Insurance Plan for Caromount and Wilson employees.

Miss Sexton is a graduate of the Rocky Mount High School and in June she graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C., with a degree in Secretarial Administration.

Miss Sexton has been busy recently checking the Insurance Coverage for dependents in the

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FIVE DAY WEEK

Beginning with the week ending July 18, the Caromount and Wilson Divisions will resume operation on a five-day week in the Weaving and Warping Departments. Pay checks will be distributed on Friday in these departments.

All other departments will operate on a four day schedule until further notice, and pay checks will be distributed on Thursday in these departments.

Softball Games Begin

The Softball League got underway, Monday, July 14. There are six teams entered, representing the Dyehouse, Finishing Department, Final Examining, Machine Shop, First shift Weaving, and Third shift Weaving. In a practice game on July 9, the Finishers won a hard fought game from the Examiners by a score of 9 to 8. It looks as if there will be plenty of action in the league games.

The teams with their managers and playing names are: Third Shift Weaving, Blues, Hubert Sutton, manager; First Shift Weaving, Atoms, John Young, manager; Machine Shop, Braves,

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Employees Return

Particularly encouraging is the recent flow of people through the Personnel Office where they are being processed for return to work. As of July 25 more than 140 men and women had returned to their jobs held at Caromount prior to being laid off. Eighty of this number returned to the Weaving Department. Yet this department continues to have the greatest number who are still laid off because there is no work available.

The Mending Department returned practically en masse and they are now operating with nearly 100 per cent normal complement.

A steadying market will bring an increased demand for our products which will result in more people returning to work.

Suessmuth At New York And Chicago

E. H. Suessmuth, resident manager of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions, returned Monday, July 14 from a trip to the New York Office and Chicago, Ill.

While in New York, Mr. Suessmuth spent considerable time calling on customers of Sidney Blumenthal and Co., Inc. On these calls he had an opportunity to observe at first hand the use of our fabrics in making toys and cloaking materials.

Mr. Suessmuth also attended the nationally known exhibit of furniture, upholstering materials and household appliances held at the Furniture Mart and the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Here he saw all the new styles and lines in modernistic designs and reproductions in furniture, upholstery fabrics and household appliances.

Several types of fabrics prepared at Caromount and Wilson were prominently featured at this show.

Mr. Suessmuth stated that better quality may be expected in upholstered furniture in the future with a wider choice of styles available.

New At Caromount

James D. Elmore recently joined the Caromount office staff as Cost Accountant, replacing Wahab Edwards who was promoted to Mill Comptroller.

Elmore is a graduate of Scotland Neck High School and Kings Business College.

Prior to entering the Army he was employed for several years as an accountant with the Farm Security Administration in Raleigh, N. C.

Elmore served with the Transportation Corp of the U. S. Army in Alaska and the South Pacific Area. Entering the service in October, 1941, as an enlisted man, he attained the rank of First Lieutenant prior to the time of his separation in May, 1946.

Mr. Elmore is married to the former Helen Heebner, and they have one son, Ashley Dunn Elmore, age six months. The Elmore's are at present living in Scotland Neck until they can obtain a home in Rocky Mount.