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## Weaveshed Is Scene Of New Installations

If you have passed through the weaveshed lately, surely you will have noticed that many changes are being made there. They are for the purpose of starting twenty looms with which to weave Jacquard fabrics.

About fifteen years ago, there were four Jacquard looms at Caromount; however, they were only used for a short period of time; consequently, for most everyone weaving Jacquard fabrics will be a new experience. Randolph Sutton, superintendent of the weaveshed, states, "We are looking forward to the weaving of this fabric to broaden our experience, and to give us more Diversification. This will, in turn, aid us in having better production."

With the installation of something new, there are many obstacles to be overcome before the job can be successfully done. This will be true when the Jacquards are put into use at Caromount. The complete cooperation and the best that is in everyone concerned will be necessary and essential to make-up for the lack of experience with Jacquard looms. Capable instructors will be provided to aid in starting the first few looms, and it is hoped that the work can be carried on from there without further outside assistance.

The new fabric that is to be woven is now on display in the Weaving Department and everyone is invited to look it over and to discuss it fully in order to clear up any vague points or doubts that may exist about the weaving of this fabric.

## Employees Praised

The workers in the Cafeteria were high in their praise of the cooperation of the employees. They commented on "the great improvement made by the employees in helping to keep the tables clean, and in placing the drink bottles in the racks."

Everyone is urged to continue their fine cooperation in this matter. It is hoped that every effort will be exerted to see that each and every employee leaves their cigarettes and matches in the ash trays provided, thereby helping to keep the floors clean.

## THANKSGIVING IS HERE—AND SWEET POTATOES TOO!!



In tune with the spirit of the harvest season, are R. W. Tippett, weaveshed knife-fixer, and Richard Lewis, cleaner in the weaveshed, pictured gathering their sweet potato crop which was grown on land owned by Mr. Tippett, and cultivated by Lewis. They reaped a harvest of approximately 15 bushels. As they examine some of their choice samples, they vision candied yams, sweet potato pies and puddings, and many other delicious dishes. Yum! Yum!

## Harvest Scenes Recall First Thanksgiving

It is altogether fitting and right that we put aside what we are doing, and take time to devote our thoughts to the annual holiday of Thanksgiving. The festival is a harvest thanksgiving; and its earliest observance can be traced to the Pilgrim Fathers.

After the scanty harvest of the summer of 1621, the Pilgrim Fathers foresaw for themselves starvation unless help speedily came from Europe. Yet amid such surroundings as these, we learn from the old chronicles that Governor Bradford, "the harvest being gotten in, sent four men out fowling, so that we might, after a more special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labor."

During the Revolution, Thanksgiving Day was a national institution, being annually recommended by Congress; but after the general thanksgiving for peace, in 1784, there was no national appointment until 1789. Then Washington, by request of Congress, recommended a day of thanksgiving for the adoption of the Constitution. Washington issued a second proclamation of thanksgiving, in 1795, because of the suppression of insurrection.

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## Our Fabrics Travel Around The World

All aboard for Canada, China, South America, Ireland—but wait a minute, before we get too far from home, let us look back to the Shipping Department at Caromount and see what preparations are made for the trip.

There are piles and piles of cloth being brought in from the Final Examining Department to be processed for shipment. Around us are about fifteen workers helping to prepare the fabric for travel. After the rayons have been put on frames and enclosed in paper cartons at the end of the Finishing room, Garland Manning, Jesse Lee Adams, and Raymond Winstead move them from there to the new warehouse for storage, and place the tickets from these in the Shipping Office file.

Then the cotton and mohair goods are rolled and wrapped, these same men place them in storage bins in the warehouse. Each roll has a location tag on the outside; and a duplicate tag is attached to the place ticket, and put in the file.

When orders are received from New York for roll goods, Miss Elizabeth English and Mrs. Josephine Best pull piece tickets from the files and pin them to the orders.

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## Safety Record Shows Gain Over Last Year

Our Safety record for the year is better than last year but we are having too many accidents. One accident is too many; however, we have shown that accidents can be reduced and if they can be reduced 30 per cent in one year; then they can be reduced further until a lost time accident or one that requires medical attention becomes a rarity.

Our accident record for October showed an increase in severity. There were 2 lost time accidents out of a total of 6 accidents that required medical attention.

The lost time accidents occurred when one employee lifting a roll of cloth strained his back. The other lost time accident occurred when an employee tearing up the floor in the weave shed, tripped and in an effort to right himself, threw his foot forward and stepped on a nail protruding from some of the boards. The nail punctured his foot.

In addition to the 2 lost time accidents there were 4 more requiring medical attention. Two of these accidents were caused by employees cutting their hands with loom knives as they went to step down from the loom bench.

To date the Caromount Mill has had 45 accidents requiring medical attention and of these 45, 10 were lost time accidents.

Your earnest cooperation is asked in observing the fundamental rules of Safety. One of these is to think about what you are doing at all times; and by so doing this, you will not only do your job well, but you will do it safely.

Speak to your fellow worker who is doing an unsafe act. He may thank you later for saving him a serious injury.

## Contributions Announced

The total contributions to the Community Chest from the Caromount Division amounted to \$1051.00. The employees contributed \$301.00 and the company contributed \$750.00.

In Wilson this organization is known as the Wilson Community Budget and there was a total contribution of \$201.25 from the Wilson Division. The Wilson employees contributed \$51.25 and the company contributed \$150.00 to the Wilson Community Budget.