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"The Good Old Days"

Pennington, N. J. 3/10 1898

M. M. Burroughs
To ELY BROS. Dr.

DEALERS IN

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, FLOUR AND FEED,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, CLOTHING, CROCKERY AND
GLASSWARE, FANCY GOODS, ETC.

1 qt Groceries	09
1 doz Eggs	12
1 lb Butter	18
1/4 Beef	08
1 lb Lard	05
1 web	01
4 Flour	11
2 1/2 Jewelery	25
2 Starch	10
Lard	02
Pail	10
Coke	07
Total Paid	\$1.23

During the big snow when everyone was forced to stay at home and amuse himself, L. R. Campbell decided to pass the time going through an old chest at his house. He ran across some very interesting proof that "The Good Old Days" really did exist. It is especially novel today when the main topic of conversation everywhere is the "high cost of living", and the hope for better conditions in the near future seems like wishful thinking.

Mr. Campbell found this old bill (shown above) in the trunk. It is dated May 10, 1898—about fifty years ago. It seems fantastic now to try to visualize a dollar bill going so far; but those were "the good old days". Evidently, we were all born too late!

Employees Invited To Use Library

Mrs. Ruth Jeffreys, librarian at the Thomas Hackney Braswell Library has extended a cordial invitation to the employees of the Caromount Division to visit the library and read the books. For those employees who are interested in reading, the library is open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Monday through Saturday.

Watch for the beginning of a new column, "Books I've Read and Enjoyed." This will probably appear first in the March issue of *The Caromount News*. Perhaps you have read some good books recently that some of the other employees would like. If you have, please send these suggestions to the Personnel Office.

Minstrel Underway

Plans are underway to stage a minstrel and after piece under the sponsorship of the Caromount Orchestra. The minstrel, planned as a benefit for Scout Troop 13, will have many employees among its participants and also the Caromount Band and Hillbillies.

All employees who are interested in having a part in the minstrel can contact Walter Greenman in the Finishing Department or Bill Williams in the Machine Shop.

GIVE
TO THE
RED CROSS

Men On Active Duty

Major C. H. Simms, unit instructor, ORC, announced that orders had been received by two local men; and they reported for active duty on January 26 for one year, with their consent.

They are Staff Sergeant Remus C. Parker, Arlington St. Extension and Sergeant James A. King, Kingstone Avenue.

Both men are stationed at Charlotte, where they are performing the duties as escorts for World War II dead. Both men had previous duty of this type during the month of November, 1917.

Major Simms said that these men had excellent records during the war and also during their month of previous duty last November. The importance of this duty requires men of the highest qualifications and character.

James Allen King formerly worked in the Dyehouse at Caromount; and Remus C. Parker was employed in the weaveshed.

Thomas Home Burns

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Thomas reached home Monday afternoon, February 9, and found their house on fire. They suffered an entire loss of all their furniture, clothing, and personal possessions.

The house, owned by Mrs. Eva Bowden, is located south on highway 301. Mrs. Bowden was the only person at home when the fire began, and she was able to get out without injury.

The fire was caused by a bad chimney; and it burst into flame at about the time that Mrs. Thomas arrived home. The snow and the strong wind spread the fire so quickly that little could be done towards salvaging much.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are making their home with relatives in Swelton Heights at present. Mrs. Thomas works in the main office at the Caromount Division.

President Schell Appears Before House Foreign Affairs Committee

Europe must "produce more and experiment less" if the European Recovery Program (The Marshall Plan) is to succeed, Herbert H. Schell, President of Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc., testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on January 28.

Mr. Schell, member and former chairman of the NAM's International Relations Committee, said that industry is "enthusiastically in favor of the purpose and objective of the ERP" as a program based on "self-help and mutual cooperation."

After presenting his prepared statement, Mr. Schell was questioned by the members of the committee for almost two hours. He stated that this exchange of ideas was completely spontaneous and no answers were prepared; however, according to Mr. Schell this was the most interesting part of his experience before the committee.

One of his spontaneous proposals was reported on the front page of the *Daily News Record*, New York City, of January 29, under the headline, "Bomb Russia With Sears Catalog, Textile Man

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Herbert H. Schell, Company President, is shown as he presented American industry's views on the Marshall Plan to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

New Finishing Dryer

A new finishing dryer has been shipped and is scheduled for delivery at an early date. The dryer will be installed in the Finishing Department immediately upon its arrival, materially increasing the drying capacity of production.