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Schell Speaks Here To Chamber of Commerce

"The people of the United States are today faced with the greatest challenge which has ever been accorded any people," H. H. Schell, president of Sidney Blumenthal and Co. Inc. and world traveler, asserted in his address here April 4 at the Forty-fifth Annual meeting and banquet of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce at the New Ricks Hotel. Mr. Schell's subject was "International Relations" and was broadcast over the Rocky Mount and Wilson radio stations.

J. B. Brewer, president of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, presided over the group. The speaker was introduced by Kemp D. Battle, local attorney.

Following the 45 minute address and the recognition of retiring members of the Board of Directors of the local Chamber of Commerce, Millard F. Jones, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the slate of new directors to replace the five retiring board members.

In connection with the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting an Industrial Exhibit was set up in the Civic Room of the Ricks Hotel. More than 20 manufacturing

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Insurance Summary

During the first three months of 1949, 55 workers at the Caromount and Wilson Divisions received benefits which totalled \$3,755.85 from our group insurance plan for sickness and non-occupational accidents.

Thirty-one employees received weekly sickness benefits which averaged \$30.33 for each claim. Eighteen employees were hospitalized for an average of 4.2 days and received an average benefit of \$41.12. There were 26 dependents of employees who were hospitalized for an average of 4.7 days. They received an average benefit of \$47.70. Eight employees received medical expense benefits which averaged \$9.87. An average surgical benefit of \$30.96 was paid to 15 employees.

The premium cost for this period was \$7,358, the entire cost of which was borne by the company.

Shelton Looms Products Exhibited Locally



The Shelton Looms products were prominently displayed at the Industrial Exhibit held in connection with the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce. The exhibit was bordered on either side by many pieces of upholstery fabrics in gay colors. Furniture in Laurel 7058 JX quality was used through the courtesy of Montgomery Ward and Company. A model loom, which went through the motions of weaving and created much interest, is shown in the center. Toys, coats, and a rug made from Shelton Looms fabrics were also displayed.

This exhibit was set up in the People's Bank lobby the week of April 19.

Council Meeting In Charlotte

Rocky Mount was represented by eight delegates in Charlotte during the weekend of April 8-10 for a council conducted annually for the young people of the Salvation Army. While there the delegates visited the "Lord's Supper" sponsored by the Lion's Club in a specially arranged trailer. A table almost the length of the trailer was lined on one side. The figures of Christ and His disciples were around the table. They were made of wax and were very life-like. Christ was in the center.

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It's Time For Softball

Spring is definitely here and it's time for all soft ball players to turn out for practice.

The Engineering Department has done a good job in preparing the playing field and it is now in excellent shape.

People who are interested in playing soft ball should talk it up in their departments and help get together a practice team.

Any group interested in forming a departmental team should contact the Personnel Office.

Employees Commended For Neat Work Area

A Word of Praise

The Safety Inspection committee for April had a word of praise for the general housekeeping conditions throughout the plant. Nearly all departments have made a marked improvement in the appearance and orderliness of their work area.

Working in an orderly department creates a more wholesome atmosphere and leads toward a more satisfactory production job as well as making the department more safe. Let's strive to keep our department neat and orderly.

Samples On Display

On April 7, 1949 Rex Teaney, representing the International Shoe Company was on hand to measure the shoe sizes of 150 employees interested in wearing safety shoes. These shoes are very reasonable, comfortable, and offer protection against toe injuries. Samples of these shoes may be seen in the personnel office where you may place your order.

Rehearsals For 1949 Minstrel Get Underway

On Friday, April 8, members of last year's Caromount Minstrel cast gathered at the Field House to enjoy a delicious barbecue and chicken dinner and to talk over the possibility of putting on another minstrel show this year.

Manager E. H. Suessmuth welcomed the group and invited them to have a good time.

After the eating, the minstrel spirit prevailed and many of the old time songs were revived from last year's show and new ones were suggested.

Manager Suessmuth was particularly adept at "tickling the ivories" and the Caromount orchestra composed of Clyde Evans, Walter Greenman, E. H. Suessmuth, Herbert Taylor, Bill Williams, and Billy Williams also performed creditably. Julius Eppes, who plays the saxophone was absent for this meeting.

Manager Suessmuth appointed a committee to find out if there was sufficient interest in putting on another show but the group without hesitation decided unanimously to favor another minstrel.

Others present were Mesdames Alma Lancaster, Georgine Pittman, Jean Proctor, Pearl Green,

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Booklets Presented To High School Seniors

Approximately 130 high school students in Wilson and 150 high school students in Rocky Mount received individual copies of "Your Future is What You Make It" as gifts of the Wilson and Caromount Divisions of Sidney Blumenthal and Co. Inc. This is the second year that Blumenthal has presented this booklet to the seniors. Last year the Braswell Memorial Library, the Rocky Mount High School library, the Wilson County library and the Charles L. Coon High School library were presented sets of books on vocational guidance by Sidney Blumenthal and Co. Inc. The booklet is prepared with the assistance of personnel executives, school administrators and teachers throughout the country. Its purpose is to give a fresh approach to the subject of vocational guidance.

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