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Mehle Interviewed By Major League Scout

Billy Mehle of the Engineering Department may soon be a major league baseball player, or at any rate he has been interviewed by a major league scout.

C. H. Laughridge, Plant Engineer, recommended Billy to his friend Don Padgett, former catcher for the Cardinals, Dodgers, Braves, and Phillies. He is now with Oakland (Calif.) in the Pacific Coast League.

Padgett in turn contacted Ray Hayworth, scout for the Chicago Cubs. Hayworth who was a big league catcher for 16 years came down to talk with Mehle and was impressed. He offered to pay all expenses for 8 weeks training and tryouts during spring training this season. Billy is now awaiting assignment to a training group.

Billy was quite an athlete in high school. He was a three letter man playing baseball, basketball and football and co-captain of his baseball team in 1949. Last season he played semi-pro ball with Walstonburg in the Bright Leaf League. He aspires to become a professional baseball player.

Harrison Talks To Art Enthusiasts

Walter Harrison, Dyehouse foreman at Caromount, spoke to the members of the Art Division of The Rocky Mount Woman's Club and their guests at the Ricks Hotel recently on "Pile Fabrics."

Approximately 75 women were delighted with the talk in which Harrison traced the yarn from the Warping Department to Weaving where it is made into cloth, and from there through each department at Caromount describing the processes in turn. Harrison showed the women samples of various Blumenthal qualities and named for them the uses of each fabric, such as: furniture upholstery; draperies and curtains; cloaks; toys; and automobile cloth.

A lengthy discussion followed the speech; and Harrison answered numerous questions on the subject of designs and other processes used in the manufacturing of pile fabrics at Sidney Blumenthal and Co. Inc.

Employees Cited For Cooperation



In the above picture Dr. Margaret Battle, Chairman of the local Red Cross Blood Donor Committee, is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth. The certificate, issued by General George C. Marshall, President of the American National Red Cross, stated: "This Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc., Caromount Division for outstanding cooperation with the American National Red Cross Blood Program."

Participating in the awarding of the certificate were: (reading left to right) Miss Janet Cox, Red Cross Field Representative; K. C. Lattimer of the Red Cross Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Mary Robbins Oliver, Executive Secretary of the Rocky Mount-Nash County Red Cross Chapter; Mr. Suessmuth and Dr. Battle.

Caromount employees volunteered for participation in the Blood Typing Program. These volunteers have assisted the Rocky Mount - Nash County Red Cross Chapter in meeting the needs of numerous emergencies since establishing this registry of blood donors.

Watch Your Record

Two Safety Display boards have been constructed and installed at the time clocks in the Weaveshed building and the Converting building.

The board shows a scale layout of the mill floor. Each department is shown and is wired for an electric light. When an accident occurs in your department which requires medical care by a doctor but no loss of time, a yellow light will flash in that department. When an accident occurs which requires loss of time a red light will flash. On the right hand side of the board is a summary or "scoreboard" which shows the total number of accidents in each department for 1950. Let's keep this number low. Remember *It Pays To Work Safely*.

If you have any suggestions which will improve our safety work, talk to your safety committeeman.

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Attend VFW Meeting

Oliver J. Parker and Garland Manning of the Shipping Department at Caromount, attended a District Meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held in Roanoke Rapids, January 20 and 21, 1950.

Manning stated that the local chapter of the V. F. W.; Post 2057; Clifton Parham, Commander, is initiating a membership drive. Anyone who has served time overseas in the wars is eligible for membership. The chief purpose of the organization is to promote the rights of veterans.

Post 2057 has bi-monthly meetings at Buck Overton's; but they are making plans for a place of their own.

If you are a veteran, contact Garland Manning or Oliver Parker or any other member of the V. F. W. Let them familiarize you with the organization. Maybe it is just what you have been looking for. If so, you can join!

Perry English Honored By District Pow Wow

Perry English has been selected by the scoutmasters of the Rocky Mount District as the Scoutmaster to attend the 1950 International Scout Jamboree representing the Rocky Mount Pow Wow Circle. The Jamboree is being held at Valley Forge, Penn. beginning June 26 and Scouts and scoutmasters from all over the world will be there.

English has done an outstanding job as scoutmaster of Troop 113, sponsored by the Caromount Athletic Association. Being selected as the representative of the Rocky Mount Pow Wow Circle is a distinct honor well deserved by him.

Had An Accident?

In looking through the First Aid Log many minor accidents were noted which might have developed into more serious cases, if the injured employee had not promptly reported to the First Aid Room for treatment.

It is very important that all accidents be treated as soon as possible. Prompt first aid will in many cases prevent such complications as blood poisoning or other infections.

The accidents listed below are typical first aid cases. See if they might happen to you. Think! Is there some way to prevent their happening again? 1. Wrench slipped causing bruised hand. Would the proper wrench with a good fit have prevented that? 2. Struck palm of hand with pocket knife. This happens very often. There should be some way to cut down on the number of these accidents. Use a blunt pointed knife or preferably a sheath knife if a knife must be used. Pocket knives should be used sparingly and carefully. 3. Stepped on quill and turned ankle. Pick up loose objects on floor. 4. Stuck scissors in hand. 5. Caught finger between two flats. 6. Slipped backward and fell over bale of cloth—sprained ankle. 7. Started to sit on filling box. Box turned over and fell against loom causing contusion of left thumb and hip and lacerations of palm of hand. 8. Strained back in lifting roll of cloth. Use correct method of lifting. Get help if needed. 9. Stuck pick in thumb.

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