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Vacations With Pay To Begin July Third

According to the management the plant will be closed for one week's vacation starting Monday, July 3, 1950 and will re-open Monday, July 10. A notice will be placed on the bulletin board explaining all details regarding vacation pay checks.

Vacation Pay for Employees Laid Off

Employees who have been temporarily laid off will be awarded their vacation pay if their records indicate that they are eligible.

To be eligible for vacation pay an employee must have worked at least one year immediately prior to two weeks before the time set for vacation.

Vacation Pay Checks on June 30

In addition to the regular paycheck employees will receive on June 30, 1950, they will also receive the vacation pay check.

Softball Sidelights

The Caromount Softball League got underway on May 8 when Bill Spruill's Office crew out ran Ray Bass and his Weavers to the score of 10-9. On the following Wednesday Cleveland Walker's heavy-hitting Shipping team ran over Bain Curtis's Dyfins to the tune of 15-2. Herman Roberson and his machinists then came to bat to be taken by the Shipping
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Business Is Better

The first indication of an improvement in business was during the week of May 15th, which made it possible to provide more work in the Dyeing and Finishing Departments. Weaved activity had already been stepped up due to a greater supply of rayon yarns.

At the present writing the indication is that we will be operating on full time schedules by the end of June or early in July. Some strikingly new and attractive upholstery cloths have been developed and we anticipate a very brisk business at the July Furniture Show. The Fall demand for our Rayon Fabrics also looks very promising and we feel confident of good volume on these fabrics which should provide full time working schedules.

Billy Vick Receives Distinction



Billy Vick, age 13, the son of Mrs. Mary Vick (Warping) and Elijah Vick (Final Examining) is quite a hand at running a tractor. He has been operating a tractor since he was 7 years of age and he is now so good that he demonstrates tractors for Andy's Tractor and Implement Company and is the winner of several prizes.

Above in the picture he is shown operating a small tractor used in transplanting tobacco plants. This is a familiar scene around eastern North Carolina during the month of May.

Accident Rate Rises

The number of accidents for the month of April requiring medical attention was equal to the combined total of the first three months of the year.

It is encouraging, however, to note that during the same period last year three times as many accidents occurred as we have this year.

Will you be a victim of summer sluggishness?

Hot weather brings about many health and safety problems. Heat causes fatigue and sluggishness which sets the stage for an accident. Too, with spring and summer weather and with thoughts of fishing, working a garden, house cleaning or a beach trip running through one's mind, it is hard to pay attention to the job at hand. Distraction or inattention to duty is one of the prime causes of accidents.

We must recognize these safety pitfalls and guard against them. Eat sensible foods, wear comfortable clothes, and concentrate on the job while at work. Don't let an accident spoil your summer fun.

Safety Scoreboard

The first column shows the number of accidents requiring medical care but no lost time. The second column shows the number of accidents requiring loss of time.

	Medical Case	Lost Time Case
Warping	1	1
Weaving	3	0
Raw Goods Storage	0	0
Mending	1	0
Engineering	1	0
Office	0	0
Receiving	0	0
Dyehouse	0	0
Finishing	1	0
Final Examining	1	1
Shipping	1	0
Wilson	1	0

Watch The Safety Display Boards Near The Time Clock

The white light indicates a medical case while the red light indicates a lost time case. If your department has no light, work safely to keep it that way. If your department has a white light, work doubly safely to avoid a lost time case and a red light. You have a good record. Keep it that way.

Weaving Employees In College Open House

Russell Joyner and Leslie Alexander of the Weaving Department participated in the North Carolina State College Textile Open House in Raleigh on April 22.

A considerable amount of floor space and equipment plus some new buildings have recently been completed at the North Carolina College; and the Textile School was opened to the public.

About a year ago Sidney Blumenthal and Company reconditioned and put into operation the only pile fabric loom at State College. This loom has been used by the students for laboratory work.

Before the "open house" program, Alexander and Joyner went to Raleigh to check over the loom and make it ready. On Saturday, April 22, they went back to Raleigh and operated the loom during the "open house". Several hundred people toured the school during the day.

Machinery Exhibit

Resident Manager E. H. Suessmuth, C. H. Laughridge, D. W. Adams and E. H. Sullivan attended the Textile Machinery Exhibit in Atlantic City, N. J., during the week of May 8th.

It was by far the largest and most comprehensive exhibit of Textile machinery ever staged. The convention hall looked like a textile mill in full operation, and there were all types of machinery on display including spinning machinery, looms, dyeing machines, finishing machinery, and various types of special apparatus and appliances.

The Caromount delegation split forces in order that all exhibits could be comprehensively inspected. As a result they came away with a wealth of new ideas which may prove very beneficial in the operation of our own plants. The Textile machinery companies who made this very wonderful exhibit possible are to be congratulated for the splendid display they provided, and their efforts will undoubtedly be rewarded by many orders for new machines from the textile industry.