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## Safety Pays Off In '50

The Caromount and Wilson employees made an outstanding safety record for 1950.

The Caromount Plant worked 1,253,976 manhours and had six lost time accidents which gives an accident frequency rate of 4.78%. The Wilson Plant worked 153,756 manhours with one lost time accident giving them a frequency rate of 6.5%.

This was an increase for Wilson which had a perfect year in 1949; however, the rate at Caromount dropped from 16.5% in 1949 to 4.78% in 1950. The rate for both plants is better than the National average for the textile industry which was 7.88% in 1949 and which will probably be even higher for 1950.

The workers are to be commended for their fine safety record. Though the supervisors and management constantly strive to encourage safety and to provide safe working conditions it is the worker who makes or breaks a safety record. A clear thinking, safe worker is the best safety device ever invented.

Our safety record, good as it may be, is not without pain or suffering. There were seven workers who had to endure inconveniences, loss of pay and discomfort. There were seven families who were also involved and had to put up with a cripple as well as the loss of pay which goes along with an accident. Let's make 1951 a perfect year of safety.

*It pays to work safely!*

## New Year's Message

We find ourselves on the threshold of a new year and as we look out on the horizon we can see indications of the same degree of activity which we enjoyed last year.

During the past year our operations were fruitful and our success was due to the very fine cooperation we received from all of you which enables us to give full value and service to our customers.

I am very proud of our organization and I am sure that you all share this pride with me and my earnest wish goes to you for a Bright Happy New Year.

E. H. SUESSMUTH,  
Resident Manager

## New Year's Day In New York State



Mrs. Katherine Riley (Wilson Division) spent the New Year Holidays with her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Jr., in Albany, N. Y. Mrs. Riley is shown in the picture on the sled with her daughter, pulled by her granddaughter, Carolyn Rae.

## Americans Speak-Up

The Sunday afternoon broadcasts of "AMERICANS — SPEAK UP" created such public interest and so many requests were received to continue the program that the friendly employees of The Shelton Looms decided to sponsor a second series that started January 14, 1951.

January 28, Peter W. Hogue, outstanding lawyer and an authority on Communism, spoke to us, "You Can Do It."

February 4, "Let Every Day Be Your Constitution Day" will be discussed by Hon. Albert W. Hawkes, former U. S. Senator from New Jersey and Past President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and this year's winner of a gold medal for good citizenship from the Sons of the American Revolution.

February 11, James H. Rand, III, son of the noted industrialist, has built a fortune by dreaming up "impossible" things — and making them work. He will tell us of "Freedom's Strong Arm."

February 18, "Defense Against Total War" will be the subject discussed by Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves.

February 25, Lucille Cardin Crain will speak on "What Is Taught Your Children."

The remainder of the series schedule will be printed in the February issue of The Caromount News.

## New Hazards-New Hopes

As we enter the second half of the twentieth century on January 1, 1951, many thoughtful words will be said about what lies ahead. The prophets of doom will be out in force to preach the imminence of holocausts, while opposing them will be the determined optimists who look on everything with a fixed smile.

Perhaps a synthesis of both attitudes would be a sounder philosophy for the future, a synthesis which weighs world progress against the perils which are its price. For, surely, communication and transportation advances have made the world dangerously small, and as in the case of the home that housed too many close relatives, it will not be easy to keep the peace.

Ironically, this very closeness offers our strongest hope for peace, since it encourages a sublimation of national identities in the interests of such revolutionary projects as the United Nations, the Schuman Plan and the Marshall Plan. Would any of these have been conceivable twenty short years ago?

The threat remains, of course, but the hope is there also. And it is not unwise to set our sights resolutely on the way when this turbulent small world will settle down, after several local convulsions, to being the One World that a certain idealist dreamed.—  
Dyelines and Bylines.

## Employees Benefit

241 employees of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions benefited from our free group insurance plan during 1950. The total insurance benefits paid out amounted to \$17,076.57. The company paid premiums amounting to \$30,932.64 for the group insurance plan during 1950. All employees are insured under this plan free of cost to them for the premium is paid by the company.

There were 118 cases where dependents of employees were hospitalized and the benefits payable for dependents' hospitalization amounted to \$5,235.46.

Employees were paid benefits for hospitalization, surgery, weekly indemnity for sickness, and medical expenses.

This group insurance plan which has been in effect since August 31, 1942, now provides hospital benefits in the amount of \$4.00 daily for hospital board and room for a maximum of 31 days plus \$40.00 for other hospital charges. These benefits are provided for employees, their wives, and unmarried children under 19 years of age.

The following benefits are also available to employees: (1) Surgical benefits according to the surgical schedule based on a \$100.00 maximum. (2) Weekly sickness benefits in the amount of \$14.00 beginning with the first day of disability due to an accident, or the eighth day of disability due to sickness. (3) Medical expense benefits for home, office, or hospital visits while disabled for work; and (4) life insurance in the amount of \$500.00 for all employees, \$750.00 for employees after ten years of service; and \$1,000.00 after 20 years employment.

**Assistance In Filing  
State And Federal  
Income Tax Returns  
Will Be Given At The  
Personnel Office On  
February 26th  
and 27th**