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Employees Give To Red Cross Generously

Wilson and Caromount employees gave generously to the American Red Cross this year. At Caromount they contributed \$286.84. The Wilson employees contributed \$76.25.

The company contributed \$150.00 to the Rocky Mount Red Cross drive making a total of \$436.84, and with the company contribution of \$85.00 our contribution to the Wilson Red Cross amounted to \$161.25.

The solicitations were handled entirely by workers within their departments and everyone who helped was commended for the fine job which they did.

In the Warping Department Herman Allen collected \$12.75. The Weaving Department contributed \$157.75; and the solicitors in the Weaving Department were: First shift: Miss Johnnie Bell Harrie, Mrs. Doris Satterfield, Mrs. Nannie Dickens, Mrs. Lina Clark, Mrs. Rebecca Phelps, and Mrs. Edith Ezzelle.

Second shift: Mrs. Myrtle Wranch, Miss Leslie Bowden, Herbert Denson, Ed Raper, Frank Worrell, Willie Harper.

Third shift: Paul Parker, Frank Ashby, Jack Thomas, Frank Shelton, James Long, William Trevathan, Garland Rose.

Miss Susie Peaden was in charge of the drive in the Raw Goods and Mending Department. She collected \$17.35.

Milford Harrison and Billy Williams turned in \$23.78 for the Engineering Department.

The office gave \$23.50 which was collected by Mrs. Roberta Hawaway.

"Shorty" Hamrick, solicitor for the Receiving Department, collected \$5.00.

The Dyehouse gave \$16.50 which was collected by J. T. Eppes, James Bone, and Bain Curtis.

The Finishing Department turned in \$14.45 to Mrs. Elsie Sugg, Mrs. Rachel Cartee, Mrs. Ruth Haskins, Lancey Winstead and James Starling.

Final Examining handled by Miss Julia Williams, Mrs. Lina Creekmore, and Mrs. Dot Sutton gave \$10.50.

The Shipping Department contributed \$6.26. This was collected by Mrs. Jo Best and Mrs. Audrey

Military Bonus Granted Service Men

In accordance with a newly established company policy, Military Service Bonus checks have been mailed to six of our employees who are now in the armed services of our country. These men are Oliver K. Williams, Gerald R. Frye, Irvin L. Young, Lester Vick, Raymond Spivey, and Herman Roberson.

In order to qualify for this bonus, the company must receive written notice from a commissioned officer of the Armed Services stating that the employee in question is actually inducted and giving his date of entrance and serial number. This bonus will be paid regardless of whether the employee is drafted or whether he enlists in the Armed Services during the period when the draft is in effect, or during a period of national emergency.

This Military Service Bonus is computed as follows for hourly paid employees:

1. No bonus for service under three (3) months.
2. 2% of actual earnings during the previous twelve months for employees with three months service to one year.
3. 4% of actual earnings during the previous twelve months for employees with one to three years service.
4. 8% of actual earnings during the previous twelve months for employees with more than three years service.

If you know of any employee who meets these qualifications but has not received his Military Bonus check, please tell him to request his commanding officer to write the company immediately. We are happy to recognize the contribution our employees are making to preserve the freedom of our nation, and we are indeed proud of them.

Sowers.

The Wilson Division contributed most generously. The drive in Wilson was handled by Mrs. Mae Dickerson, Mrs. Julia Sutton, Mrs. Kitty Riley, Mrs. Marie Early, Mrs. Bertha Williams, Mrs. Mamie Ellis, Bill Wilson, William Goodwin and Theophilis Barnes.

Demands From Armed Forces Cause Changes At Wilson And Caromount

In a recent interview with E. H. Suessmuth, resident manager, he stated that, "demands by our Armed Forces for heavy woolen clothing have brought about many changes at our Wilson and Caromount plants. Our company has pledged its wholehearted support to the government to help meet the needs caused by the war crisis in Korea and at present approximately 40% of the total output of the Southern Division is going into defense production.

"During March the government accepted our bid for an additional contract which amounts to one million dollars and it will require the combined efforts of all of us to meet the delivery dates which we promised.

"Messrs. Clayton Hedgepeth

and Stephen Bennett returned recently from a trip to Shelton, Connecticut where they observed methods the company is employing in connection with shipping our goods against these defense contracts. All goods which are furnished against these contracts are sold according to very strict government specifications and must pass rigid tests and inspection for quality. A government inspector will come to our plant from time to time to see that these goods meet the specifications before the government will accept them for shipment.

"We must take every precaution to avoid damaged goods because the kind of fabrics we are making for the government cannot be sold in any other market."

Nurse Attends Refresher Course

Mrs. Mary Trevathan, plant nurse completed a Refresher Course for Industrial Nurses held in Winston-Salem, N. C. from March 12th through 16th.

This course was sponsored by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and some sixty plant nurses from North and South Carolina attended.

The classes were conducted throughout the day by outstanding doctors, nurses, and insurance men. While each speaker dealt with his particular specialty, such as treatment or records, they all emphasized the importance of accident prevention and control. This can be brought about through cooperation and understanding among management, supervisor, employee, doctor, and nurse.

Means of Accident Control

P. W. Williams, Safety Engineer, pointed out the important means of accident control and prevention as follows:

1. Remove the hazard.
2. Guards in proper place.
3. Education and Training employee.
4. Proper attitude of employee.
5. Proper job placement.

Safety Is Part Of Job

It was emphasized that every employee should be safety conscious at all times. They should be carefully instructed and followup made.

Every accident, whether or not there is injury to the employee, slows down production. Safety is part of the job and should be treated as such.

Report All Accidents

Another part of the program dealt with the reporting of accidents. All accidents should be reported immediately so that:

1. Treatment can be started.
2. Cause of accidents can be removed.
3. Another similar accident can be prevented.

Causes of Accidents

The two main causes of accidents are:

1. Unsafe conditions.
2. Unsafe acts.

Unsafe conditions can be remedied by proper maintenance and repair. Unsafe acts can be remedied only by safety conscious workers. Unsafe acts account for about 80% of all accidents.

Mrs. Trevathan states that a tremendous amount of class work was crowded into the five days but it was not all work and no play. They were treated to luncheons, conducted on a tour of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco plant and at graduation time each nurse was given a certificate and corsage.