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Wilson Plant Damaged By Fire

On Sunday morning, July 27th, at 5 A. M., the watchman at the Wilson Plant noted that the building was becoming cloudy with smoke. He could not find any fire, so he called Calvin Jones who immediately turned in the fire alarm. The Wilson Fire Department arrived on the scene promptly and discovered a smoldering fire between the roof and the ceiling of the front portion of the building. With the help of our automatic sprinkler system which went into operation, they had the fire under control by 9 A. M. While actual figures are not yet available, it appears the damage will run from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The exact origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed that it developed in connection with a welding operation the previous day.

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Contest Nears Deadline

The contest, sponsored by Sidney Blumenthal & Company Inc., to find trade names, one for all of the fur fabrics, and the other for all automobile fabrics, is still underway and will end September 1, 1952.

The prizes in each group will be a trip to a World Series Game for two people with all expenses paid; so two employees from the Southern Division of the company will be given this trip.

All employees of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions are eligible to participate and entry blanks are available at the Personnel Office at Caromount and in the office of the Wilson Plant. A good many employees have already put entry blanks in the box in the Personnel Office; and blanks will be available for all interested persons until the contest closes September 1, 1952.

Judges are: H. H. Schell, president; J. J. Horne, vice president; V. J. Harper and J. Sedlak

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Labor Day Holiday

In order to observe Labor Day the Mill will be closed from 6 A. M. Saturday, August 30, 1952 until 6 A. M. Tuesday, September 2, 1952.

Sutton's Sextuplets Have Hardy Appetites



W. W. "Pap" Sutton, formerly of the Wilson Division, is shown as he prepares to feed the litter of bird dog puppies, owned by his son, Randolph Sutton, superintendent of Weaving. "Pap" has the job of keeping their ever hungry appetites satisfied.

Real Friends Prove Their Worth

Owen Solomon of the Weaving Department, knows that he has real friends at Caromount. In the early spring his father became ill and was unable to carry on the farming operations. To protect his father's investment, "Sol" decided to operate the farm.

The real problem was in planting and harvesting the tobacco and that's where the story of friendship comes in. The May issue of The Caromount News told about how some eighteen employees of the Caromount Weaved banded together on May 10th and planted the tobacco crop.

Using a tractor for cultivation, Solmon managed fairly well until harvest time came. Then comes the second tale of friendship. For the past several Sat-

urdays Ed Eber and his two children, and Ferner Atkins and two of his children journeyed to Solmon's farm near Spring Hope to help "hoose" the tobacco. Occasionally Sidney Collier lent a hand.

The job usually required six to eight hours and with the temperature in the 100's we know it took real friends to stick with the back-breaking jobs of priming, stringing, and hanging tobacco.

The season is over, and now that the tobacco market is opened Solmon plans to sell his crop and wind up his venture in farming. He stated that in spite of the dry weather and other problems that he encountered he expects to make some profits—thanks to the friends who helped him out.

Training Film In Safety Well Liked

The third in the series of Human Factors in Safety training films, entitled, "People Are All Alike," was shown to the Caromount Safety Committee and Supervisors on Thursday, August 14, at the Caromount Field House.

These training films produced by the National Safety Council, are being shown by S. M. Roberts, Service Engineer, for the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.

The film, "People Are All Alike" brings out five basic points: 1. All people have problems at some time or another. 2. All people like to belong to the crowd—to feel that they are part of the organization. They like to feel that it's OUR work. They want to be proud of OUR company. 3. All people like recognition for what they do both as a group and as individuals. 4. All people like to know what goes on. They prefer to hear the straight story from their supervisor. The grapevine is a poor substitute for good communication. 5. All people like to be able to talk to the boss. A good boss never brushes a man off. He listens, corrects or explains and listens some more.

These are things which all people want. How do they affect safety? The same as they affect production. A happy worker is a safer worker. A safe worker is a better worker and a better worker is a better producer. When we are happy, we are better producers and better safety men.

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At Army Camp

William E. Rose (Final Examining) and Holton Boyd (Wilson Division) attended an Army Reserve encampment at Fort Jackson, S. C. from July 27 — August 10, 1952.

Both men are members of the Rocky Mount unit of the Organized Reserve, 906 Field Artillery Battalion, 108 Infantry Division.

They attend weekly drills and each summer go to a two week camp. During this years camp they had to endure several rainy days while out in the woods on bivouac.