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## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

### Christmas Boxes Mailed

Blumenthal men in the service of our Armed Forces were not forgotten by the Caromount Athletic Association this Christmas. Early in November the CAA met and approved this project in order to get the boxes for the boys who are overseas in the mail before November 15 as required for delivery to them for Christmas. Boxes to Service men in the United States were mailed December 10th.

Oscar Satterfield and his committee of Floyd Hedgepeth and Ralph Bobbitt gave a lot of time and thought to preparation of the boxes before they decided

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### Getting Ready For Christmas



Jerry and Lynda Fay children of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hamrick are shown preparing their Christmas display. Jerry, age 6 years and Lynda Faye, age 8 years, are eagerly looking forward to Christmas. Mr. Hamrick, better known as "Shorty", is the genial Caromount Storeroom Clerk.

### Caromount Division Leads In Safety

The Caromount Division continues to hold its own as leader in Safety among the textile manufacturers of this area. The Caromount plant has worked since November, 1951 without a lost time accident and stands at the top of the list of a group accident analysis prepared by the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Caromount has a lost time frequency of 0 compared to an average frequency rate of 12 for all the plants in the comparison.

The Wilson plant has suffered three lost time accidents this year which has run their frequency up to 15.

Out of this survey five predominate types of accidents were listed as follows: 1. Handling materials caused 21% of all accidents. 2. Oiling, cleaning, and repairing machines 18%. 3. Operating machines, 15%. 4. Eye injuries, 14%. 5. Falls and poor housekeeping 11%.

It is important that we be aware especially of these major accident causes and be on guard against them. Safety pays everyone.

### Christmas Bonus

"It gives me great pleasure indeed to announce to you all that the company will once again pay a Christmas Bonus this year," states Manager Suessmuth.

Bonus checks will be distributed on Tuesday, December 23, 1952 and will be received by all employees who have had continuous service with the company prior to January 1, 1950.

Employees who began their employment after December 31, 1949 must have five years or more continuous service prior to December 1st of the year in which the Christmas Bonus is given in order to receive it.

### Christmas Message From Mr. Schell

As Christmas is only a short time off we should approach it with a thankful heart.

Our operations have continued with reasonably good regularity, in spite of the fact that many textile plants have been shut down.

While the profits for the year will not be near as satisfactory as they were last year, we feel we are fortunate that there were not more losses, as has been experienced by the textile trade in general. Heavy taxes are still the order of the day, not only for your Company but for you, in addition. Many taxes, which we all pay, are not too apparent, such as the Cigarette Tax, which is more than twice the cost of the cigarettes themselves.

Last year we referred to the war in Korea. If anything, it has grown worse. It is depressing that we cannot foresee the end of it. Last year at this time our total of killed, wounded and missing was over ninety thousand. This year it is around one hundred twenty thousand. This

is thirty thousand more than last year, a very sad situation.

I have just returned from a trip to Europe. The situation there is very confusing. The red menace is apparent everywhere. Inefficient, unstable governments are still in power all through Europe; the only exception is Germany, whose Government must be more or less stable since it is under the control of the Occupying Forces. What it will be when it is released we do not know. However, there is one thing about which I am sure; the plain people all over the world must find a better way of governing themselves. Ninety per cent of our problems lie in the political area.

I sincerely wish each one of you and your entire family a generous share of God's Blessings for the year to come, and in particular for the nearby Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,  
H. H. SCHELL,  
President

### Manager's Message

Christmas is here again . . . The message of goodwill which Christmas brings never grows old. This year it has an even greater significance for me, and I am thankful that I can bring you this message. You were all so very kind to me during my illness.

Once again I send you friendly greetings. I appreciate what you, in your work, have done to aid this business. My cordial thanks to you—and my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Bountiful New Year.

E. H. SUESSMUTH,  
Resident Manager

### Holiday Schedule

Plant operations for the Christmas and New Year Holiday Season will be as follows:

The Caromount and Wilson Weavesheds will be closed at 2 P. M. December 24th and will re-open at 6 A. M. January 5th, 1953.

The Dyeing Department will close at 6 A. M. December 24, and will resume operations at 10 P. M. January 4th, 1953.

The Finishing Department will close at 2 P. M. December 24th and will re-open at 2 P. M. January 5th, 1953.

The Shipping Department will close at 3 P. M. December 24th and will re-open at 6 A. M. December 26th and operate through December 30th and will close down for the purpose of taking inventory. They will resume operations on January 7th, 1953.