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1943, issue. With this issue the reports from home to the service men were added along with an editorial for each issue.

In October, 1943, Miss Peggy Cockrell (Mrs. Leon Lake) who was Laboratory Assistant was called to the aid of the staff with her art work and she sketched covers for our publication which was known as "The Caromount News for Service Men and Women" by this time for some of the Caromount women had joined the WAACS and WAVES.

Printed Copies

The first printed copy of "The Caromount News" came in January 1946. There were many requests from employees for copies of the paper which could not be met for the duplicating process did not provide sufficient copies. The Wilson Daily Times accepted the printing job and turned out sufficient copies for the Caromount and Wilson employees in addition to the service men. This issue carried the present name, "The Caromount News". Many employees had returned to their jobs and the "Service Men and Women" was dropped from the title.

Pictures Used

The January 1946 issue carried the first picture of "The Caromount News" showing Mrs. Mamie Taylor, Worley Edwards, Randolph Sutton, and Jimmie Speight beginning the production of Quality 7396 A, a new automobile upholstery. (Picture below). Other pictures in this issue showed the beginning of the new addition to the Weaveshed and some 30 of the approximately 60 veterans of World War II who had returned to their jobs. These pictures were taken by

Miss Frances Anderson, the first staff photographer.



"People You Know", a column now a part of the present make-up of "The Caromount News" began in the March, 1946 issue with Miss Susie Peaden as the first employee to be featured in this column. (Picture above).

In the beginning an editorial was included in each monthly issue of "The Caromount News" and in June, 1946 the "Devotional Thoughts" was introduced to replace the editorials. Various ministers in Rocky Mount and Wilson are invited to write this column with the Reverend Clyde Lanier, former pastor of the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church, being the first guest writer of "Devotional Thoughts."

By 1953 approximately 1100 copies of "The Caromount News" are being distributed. Thus through these ten years there have been many changes in "The Caromount News" but it is the sincere hope that it holds true to the purpose indicated under the title on page one "Published each month by and for the employees of the Wilson and Caromount Divisions of Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc."

Ten Years Ago

Here are some news items in the first issue of *The Caromount News* mailed on January 15, 1943 to the service men who are now back with Blumenthal.

Mr. Andre' Blumenthal, Vice President, who is serving as a Lieutenant (sg) in the Naval Reserve is stationed at a U. S. Naval Air Base in the Canal Zone.

Buck Private Cecil Lewis is bringing honor to Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he is stationed. As you know, Cecil did a great deal of shipping while he was at Caromount, and we hope things won't go in reverse now that it's Uncle Sam who is in charge of "shipping".

John Sterken who is now at Amarillo Field, Texas, was confined to the hospital with flu over the Christmas holidays, but is now up and at it again. He evidently misses us as much as we miss him for he is quoted as saying, "He would like nothing better than to go on one more southern bender." We heard from Washington that the dames were strictly on the straight side. What's the matter, John, don't you agree?

J. D. McCorkle is stationed at Camp White, Oregon, in a hospital unit. He states he is liking his work for it is exactly what he would rather do. McCorkle likes the Army so well that he may stay in after the war is over. (Editor's Note: Apparently he liked Caromount even better for in January, 1953, he is a Caromount employee.)

Al Inscoe is at Barksdale Field, Louisiana. He is now a Sgt. and incidentally he is a M. P.

"Smokey" Taylor is stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. We were sorry to hear that "Smokey" was hospitalized for two weeks due to trouble he was having with his feet. Could it be flat feet, "Smokey"??

At present a total of 95 men, former employees of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions of Sidney Blumenthal & Co. Inc. are serving in the Armed Forces of our Country. (Editor's note: This number reached approximately 160 during World War II).

Give . . .

Blood for the sick and injured in our hospitals at home. . . Blood for derivatives like serum globulin, immunizer against several virus diseases . . . The Red Cross finances this vital program to fill these homefront needs for blood, besides serving as the pro-

Penny Sellers



Little Miss Penny Sellers, who is just three years old, was so excited with all the "goings-on" at Christmas that she just did not know what to turn to first on Christmas. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Sellers (Weaving).

Engineering Dept

Hospitalized

Bootigoat Taylor has returned to work after a short period of hospitalization.

At Home

Mrs. Kinchen Joyner has been moved to her home on Nashville Road after being treated at the hospital. She is getting along fine.

Out Sick

Mrs. Anne Reid was out for a few days due to sickness. We are glad to have her back.

Gone Back To School

Tommy Thurmond has left his work at Caromount to go back to school. He plans to attend Atlantic Christian College and to try to find some work to do on the side.

New

Charlie Short of Nashville, N. C., started to work January 19, at Caromount in the Machine Shop. He is replacing Tommy Thurmond.

25th Anniversary

Charlie Laughridge (Plant Engineer) and his wife celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary January 6, 1953, with open house. A number of their friends dropped by to offer congratulations; and the couple received some very lovely presents.

curement agency in collecting blood for the military and for a civil defense plasma reserve. Help pay for the operation of the Red Cross blood program by giving generously in its 1953 fund campaign.

