

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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Vice President's Message

Christmas is at hand and once again it has been an eventful year for me. I sincerely feel that all of you were responsible, by your kind cooperation through the years, in bringing about my recent appointment as Vice President of the company, and I am humbly grateful to you all.

Progress, in all human affairs, is measured by the work and spirit of men and women. That is true of our business, as indeed it is true of all business. I look back over the year with quiet pride in what we have been able to accomplish . . . and recognition to you whose work and good spirit have aided our progress.

I could not let Christmas pass without these words of appreciation . . . and sincere thanks for your help in making this business all that it is.

E. H. SUESSMUTH, *Vice President*

Christmas Bonus

Vice President E. H. Suessmuth has issued the following notice to employees concerning the Christmas Bonus: "It is once again my privilege and pleasure to announce to all of you that the company will pay a Christmas Bonus this year.

Bonus checks 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.

Checks will be distributed according to the schedule posted on the bulletin board by the Mill Comptroller."

The Land Of The Free

The thrilling story of a Georgia born explorer, John Charles Fremont, who mapped the Oregon trail, will be broadcast on December 27 on the Land Of The Free radio series. These programs are broadcast every Sunday at 1:45 p. m. on stations WCEC, W

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The Stockings Were Hung By The Chimney With Care



Shown above is the Christmas display made by Al Boyd, Jr., son of Justice A. Boyd (Engineering) and Ethelene Boyd (Weaving). Al constructed this display for a cost of \$.65. The candles were made from cardboard tubes which had been used as rug centers. Santa was cut from a cardboard box. The Boyds live at 218 Earl Street in Rocky Mount.

Christmas Savings Club

Four hundred and sixty-one employees of the Caromount and Wilson Divisions received Christmas Savings checks this year. The total amount of all checks was \$90,617.50. This plan is offered each year to all employees who wish to participate, and those who have been members of the "Christmas Club" like the idea.

Caromount had 390 employees participating with a total of \$76,248 in savings. The Wilson Division had 71 employees in the club with \$14,269.50 paid in.

Response to the 1954 Christmas Club was very favorable and we hope that everyone who joined will be able to continue with their savings all during the year, in order to be among the employees receiving nice checks before Christmas next year.

Holiday Schedule

The Caromount and Wilson Weave Sheds will be closed at 2:00 p. m. on December 24, 1953 and will reopen at 6:00 a. m. on January 4, 1954.

The Dyeing Department will close at 6:00 a. m. on December 24, 1953 and will resume operations at 10:00 p. m. on January 3, 1954.

The Finishing Department will close at 2:00 p. m. on December 24, 1953 and will reopen at 2:00 p. m. on January 4, 1954.

With the exception of Christmas Day, the Shipping Department will operate through December 31, 1953 and will then close for the purpose of taking an inventory. Shipping will be resumed on January 7, 1954.

CAA Mails Gift Boxes

Our Servicemen were remembered by the Caromount Athletic Association this year with gift boxes.

Clayton Hedgepeth, President of CAA, announced that eight packages were sent overseas and eight to camps within the United States.

Each package contained: a fruit cake, stationery, cigarettes, candy bars, a ball point pen, six packages of razor blades, chewing gum, stamps and shaving cream.

Christmas Message From Mr. Schell

Christmas will soon be with us once more and I know we all look forward to this greatest of all days.

We have much to be thankful for this year. Our own immediate operations have continued very good, in spite of the fact that most of the textile business is poor.

Our entire operating forces in Rocky Mount and Wilson through their fine spirit of team work and efficiency, have kept these plants so strongly in the competitive field that we are able to take business which many of our less efficient competitors cannot get. That is the advantage that we get from good management and your fine team work.

During the year your Company sold its plant in Shelton, Connecticut. It was a difficult decision to make but your Management found it impossible to continue for purely economic reasons. The operations formerly performed in Shelton will be transferred to Wilson and Rocky Mount. The large building programs at our two North Carolina locations are progressing very satisfactorily

and they should be completed within the next few months. More machinery will be moved in and put in place as we go along and I am in hopes that by July 1st the greater part of this large project will be finished. Of course, this will increase our employment in these two areas substantially.

The war in Korea has stopped during the year. Our Government is trying its best to conclude a peace and while we are not meeting with much success in this effort, at least the active shooting has stopped.

Let us turn our eyes towards heaven and thank God for these exceptional blessings which He has seen fit to send to us during the year. Let us also pray to Him to show all people the way to get along with each other, so that we all may look forward to a better life in peace.

It is my hope that everyone of you, along with your entire family will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. SCHELL, *Chairman*