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President Of Turkey Visits Wilson And Rocky Mount



President Bayar (left) arrived at Caromount in an open car. Honorable John F. Simmons, Chief of Protocol of the State Department, (right) rode with the President in the parade. Lt. Col. Alpkartal, Aide to the President, is shown getting out of the car. In the background is Sgt. Kenneth Sutton of the Rocky Mount City Police Department, who helped provide security for the President during the parade. Also seen in the background are news cameramen photographing the President's arrival at Caromount.

During his tour of the Caromount plant, President Bayar (left) stopped to speak with many of the employees. In the above photo he is shown shaking hands with Clyde Evans (right) in the weaving department, which is typical of his keen interest in the spirit of American workers and their outstanding production records. Bayar stated that he wanted to see, talk with and be seen by as many Americans as possible while in the United States

Bayar Sees Plant Operations And Talks With Employees

Turkish President Celal Bayar was enthusiastically welcomed by thousands of school children and adult citizens as he visited Wilson and Rocky Mount on February 19. Due to his particular interest in schools a special route, decorated with American and Turkish flags, was designated taking his official party by the Woodard Elementary School, and Charles L. Coon High School in Wilson, and the Rocky Mount Senior High School, Braswell and Wilkinson Elementary Schools in Rocky Mount.

Our Wilson employees greeted President Bayar as he passed the Wilson plant which had been decorated with American and Turkish flags. Upon arrival at the Caromount plant, President Bayar was welcomed by H. H. Schell, Chairman of the Board; Andre' Blumenthal, President; and E. H. Suessmuth, Vice President. All of the officers and members of the Board of Directors were here for welcoming President Bayar.

His party was taken on a tour of the Caromount plant, this be-

ing the first textile plant Bayar had visited in the United States. The President's interpreter, Orhan Erlap, Director General, was at Bayar's beckon call for explanations and interpretations.

A luncheon was held at the Caromount Field House for the members of the official party and invited guests. In his words of welcome, Chairman H. H. Schell stated, "The Directors, the Officers, the Department Managers and the Production Employees of the Shelton Looms feel greatly honored by the presence of your Excellencies here today. Along with the citizens of both Wilson and Rocky Mount they have asked me to express their appreciation of your visit. We hope you will find your short stay in our community not only a pleasurable one but a profitable one.

Wilson and Rocky Mount are the two smallest cities which you have chosen to visit within the understandable limitations of the time you are spending in the Unit-

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Free X-Rays At Wilson

There will be an X-ray unit at the Wilson Division on Tuesday, March 9, from 10:00 a. m.-4:00 p. m.

Everyone over 15 years of age should get a chest X-ray. It takes only a minute or two to be X-rayed.

There is no undressing.

There are no charges.

Every person who is X-rayed receives a written report by mail.

This chest X-ray survey is made available by the Wilson County Tuberculosis Association, the Wilson County Health Department and the N. C. State Board of Health.

Every employee should take advantage of this opportunity.

First 1954 Safety Meet

The first meeting of the Eastern Carolina Safety Council for 1954 was held in Rocky Mount on Friday, February 26.

J. G. Jones, Safety Chairman, Mechanical Department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad talked on the "Personal Side of Safety".

Teachers Tour Plants

At a wind-up dinner meeting February 23 Chamber of Commerce and city school officials termed Rocky Mount's first Business - Industry - Education Day a success.

The dinner meeting at the Ricks Hotel wound up a day in which the teachers were given a first-hand view of the operation of local manufacturing, distributing and service firms.

As an additional feature of the day, a panel of business men presented a program for students at the high school.

Miss Ruby Vause, Mrs. Sue Bowden and Lee Chapman who visited Caromount were greeted by Vice President E. H. Suessmuth who discussed company history and management problems. George Harper took them on a plant tour followed by explanation of our production by Howard Snedeker, Randolph Sutton and Clayton Hedgepeth.

The program was planned and directed by the Chamber's education committee headed by Quillen Ward.