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Chairman Schell Breaks Ground At New Plant



Chairman H. H. Schell is shown turning the first shovel of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremonies of the Scotland Neck plant on April 29. Scotland Neck citizens witnessing this ceremony are (left to right) Robert Ashford, Chairman of the Business Bureau; Edward J. Hattem, treasurer, Lions Club; M. Rose, Jr., president, Lions Club; J. I. Walston, cashier of Bank of Halifax; E. H. Suessmuth, vice president, Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc.; D. O. Moore, local resident; Miss Christine Moore, president of Business and Professional Women's Club; Randolph Sutton, superintendent of Weaving for Sidney Blumenthal & Co.; and Mrs. Ralph Phillips, Jr., president of Junior Woman's Club.

Ceremonies Begin New Plant Construction

In ground-breaking ceremonies for the new plant for velvet weaving in Scotland Neck, Chairman H. H. Schell lifted the first shovel full of dirt as a large group of Scotland Neck citizens braved threatening skies to see the ceremony on April 29.

P. E. Shields, Robert E. Ashford and J. Irwin Walston, members of the special committee of the Scotland Neck Business Bureau joined in welcoming the Blumenthal officials and expressed their gratification that the plant construction is off to such an early start.

Mayor Ben Bracy expressed his delight at being able to witness the ceremony and welcomed Mr. Schell, E. H. Suessmuth, Vice President, Randolph Sutton and C. H. Laughridge. Also present for the ceremony were Henry T. Clark, Ennis Bryan and Sam T. Gregory, officials of the Halifax County Hosiery Mills, who expressed their pleasure in the coming of Sidney Blumenthal and Company, Inc.

Bulldozing work, done by F. O. Bunting, started immediately after the ceremony.

Company Gets Award For Safety Record

In a letter to E. H. Suessmuth, Vice President, in which he congratulated our company for our 1953 safety record, Forrest H. Shuford, Commissioner of N. C. Labor, stated: "It again gives me a good deal of pleasure to congratulate you and your company for your outstanding work in accident prevention which has resulted in your winning a safety award from our department."

"The real test of a safety program is in the continuance of safety work. The fact that your company is again winning an award is evidence of the continuing emphasis in industrial safety in your plant."

The Caromount Division has won the Department of Labor's Award for four consecutive years by operating with an accident frequency rate 75% below the state average.

The Department of Labor has conducted special industry drives among industries with high frequency rates.

Scotland Neck Clubs Entertain Company Men

The Scotland Neck Business Bureau, the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club joined in inviting Messrs. Schell, Suessmuth, Sutton and Laughridge to a welcoming dinner which was held on Monday night, May 10 at the Scotland Neck High School Cafeteria.

Eric Rodgers, Assistant Director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development and secretary of the Scotland Neck Business Bureau was toastmaster for the dinner. He introduced the Blumenthal officials to the hundred guests present and introduced to the officials citizens who are prominent in the Scotland Neck community.

In a brief address to the dinner group, Chairman Schell expressed "deep gratitude for the outstanding welcome" and added, "It is our purpose to be good neighbors. We always attempt to take our place in the community and share the problems that go with it."

Caromount Team In Top Three For City

The Weavers of Caromount continue to pace the City Softball League and as of May 28, they were in third place with 8 wins and 3 losses or better stated "1-2 game from top".

The following men are on the Caromount roster: Richard Eason, H. C. Robinson, John Lewis, Sam Cockrell, Vernon Wood, Joe Parker, Clyde Evans, Dennis Gardner, Ed Creekmore, Bud Incoe, Henry Melton, Larry Raper, Pig Whaley, Joe Hull, Doug Ferguson, Len Motisi and Roger Hull.

A complete schedule is posted on the bulletin boards but a partial schedule follows:

- May 28—Firestone
- May 31—Evening Telegram
- June 4—A. Schotland, Inc.
- June 9—Rocky Mount Mills
- June 11—National Guard
- June 14—Firestone
- June 16—Evening Telegram
- June 23—A. Schotland, Inc.
- June 25—Rocky Mount Mills
- June 30—National Guard

Ed Creekmore is manager of the Caromount team and would like for a good crowd to come on

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Troop 113 Packs Up For 1954 Camporee



Shown here are the scouts from Troop 113 who participated in the East Carolina Boy Scout Camporee held at the Fair Grounds in Rocky Mount on April 29, through May 1. Front row, left to right, Phillip Bone and Ronald Smith; second row, left to right, Bobby Smith, Ronald King, Kurt vonGehr, George Odom, J. D. Privette, Phillip Riley and Ronnie Hay; top row, left to right, Harold Eason, Randy Sutton, Ken Smith and Billy Bunting. See the story in this issue for a detailed report of activities by Troop 113 during the Camporee.