

SAFETY PAGE

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Firearms Are Very Dangerous!

With the hunting season now open, and many of you enjoying your favorite sport each week, let's take a look at the safety angle of this "Much Looked Forward To" pastime.

To begin with, if you shoot a man by mistake, you're guilty till you prove otherwise, and many a hunter has paid a heavy penalty because he shot without having made sure of his target.

For the safety of you and your fellow man, read and observe these **HUNTING CAUTIONS:**

- 1.—Never carry a loaded gun in an automobile, wagon or other vehicle. Keep it in its case until you start hunting.
- 2.—Before shooting, look into the breech and make sure that the barrel or barrels are clear.
- 3.—Keep the safety lock on until just ready to shoot.
- 4.—Never pull a gun through a fence. Carry it over with you. Keep the muzzle pointed away from yourself and others.
- 5.—Never lay a loaded gun down in a boat, or lift it from a boat by the barrel.
- 6.—Don't set a loaded gun against a tree or a fence, or leave it lying on the ground.
- 7.—After a fall, or a climb, or after walking over ploughed ground, examine your gun to make sure the barrels are clear.
- 8.—Never shoot at objects indistinctly seen among trees or bushes; they might be human beings.
- 9.—Before shooting at game, make sure that no house, barn or other building is in the line of fire.
- 10.—Don't leave your gun or shells near a stove, fireplace or other fire.



Unsafe Practices Cause Many Personal Injuries

Traffic Accidents In North Carolina Are Alarming

The following letter, addressed to Ecusta Paper Corporation, was received from Governor R. Gregg Cherry on September 12th, and really stresses the importance of our helping to eliminate traffic accidents.

Gentlemen:

You are, I am sure, appalled by the staggering loss of life, not to mention the economic loss resulting from highway accidents in North Carolina.

According to an estimate of national organizations, based on previous records, North Carolina will in 1947 experience 76.7 hundred million miles of motor vehicle travel, which will be attended by some 1250 fatalities, as a result of accidents.

Using the nationally recognized figure of \$45,000.00 cost per fatality, we may calculate a financial loss of \$56,250,000.00 to the people of North Carolina in 1947, and 1,500,000 man-days loss from work.

I think you'll agree that this tremendous economic burden, added to the human suffering caused by 168,750 accidents, is a prospect which we in North Carolina can no longer ignore. Something must be done about it, and it must be done now.

Following the State Traffic Safety Conference called by me, the State Committee for Traffic Safety, Inc., was organized to carry on a continuous overall traffic safety program, having as its immediate objective a five year program to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities at least 50 per cent. This would result in a saving (based on experience for the first three months in 1946): 3,125 lives, 119,370 personal injuries, and \$140,625,000.00 financial loss to the people and business institutions of North Carolina.

To accomplish worthwhile results, we have had to plan comprehensively and to think in terms that we have never dared dream of before. We are face to face with a problem that only you and I and all the people of the state can do anything about.

I have full faith and confidence in the program which we have designed; and believing that you will, I am asking the Committee to send you full information, trusting you will give the Committee the benefit of your active support.

I will be glad to have any suggestions and ideas you may have to offer.

With best regards,
Sincerely yours,
R. Gregg Cherry.

The entire personnel of Ecusta, Champagne and Endless Belt is urged to do their utmost in making this a successful program.
IT CAN BE DONE.

Work And Play The Safe Way!

When we stop to realize that approximately nine out of ten personal injuries are the result of doing something the unsafe way, and that we personally have to endure a certain amount of suffering in such cases, we begin to believe the age-old saying that "Accidents Can And Should Be Prevented."

To give you a better picture of what we mean by unsafe practices, we wish to list some of the things that are taking place daily right here in our plant, and often do cause personal injuries.

Running in the plant and on the grounds—Failing to wear personal protective equipment that is furnished by the Company—Operating elevators with the safety gate up and blocked out—Trying to lift more than one can safely handle—Carrying pencils in the pocket with sharp point protruding—Indulging in numerous types of horseplay—Wearing loose clothing, rings and costume jewelry while working around moving machinery—Leaving guards off of V-belt drives, shafts and gears—Operating electric and hand trucks at too great a speed—Using hammers, chisels, pliers, wrenches and other hand tools that are worn and in bad shape—Leaning back in chairs that could easily kick out from under you—Leaving cores, bottles, lumber, pieces of pipe and numerous other tripping and stumbling hazards on the floor—Leaving loose objects overhead that could fall and injure someone—Riding on electric and hand trucks—Climbing up and down ladders with something in one or both hands—And jumping on and off walkways and ramps.

Ask yourself this question: "AM I GUILTY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE UNSAFE PRACTICES?"

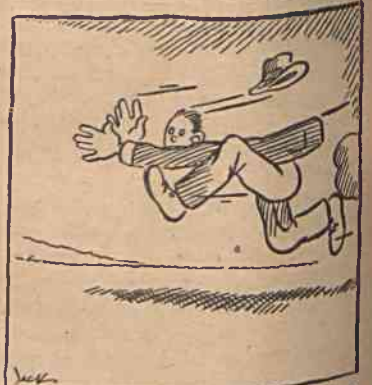
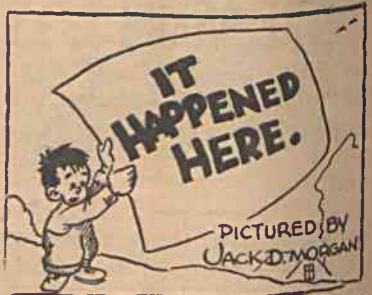
If your answer is "No," you'll live to be an old person, and not have too many injuries. If your answer is "Yes," then resolve now to turn over a new leaf, and practice safety for your own sake.

Walk And Drive With Care!

With old man winter just around the corner, we should all give serious thought to the hazards it brings. When freezing weather arrives, hazards underfoot and on the highway will be numerous, and it will take our best efforts to avoid personal injuries.

Cold Shots Available

The Medical Department now has a supply of Sherman's Vaccine on hand, and will gladly administer cold shots to employees desiring same. This service is without charge to the entire personnel, and has helped eliminate numerous colds in the past.



An employee was running across mill yard when the shift change was over, when he stumbled and fell to the ground. Both knees were bruised and lacerated.

SUGGESTION: Always use same care when leaving work that you use when coming to work. Broken bones have often resulted from such unsafe practices.



Employee was standing on makeshift ladder while doing work overhead. Boxes tilted, and he fell to cement floor, bruising his left hip.

SUGGESTION: Always use a ladder for this type work, and be sure that the ladder will not slip.



Employee was walking across wet floor in lower end of mill when his feet slipped and he fell.

SUGGESTION: Be especially careful when on wet or slick floors. Be sure that your shoe soles and heels are kept in good shape.