

# SAFETY

## FOR YOU AND YOURS



With school days here again, every parent and operator of a motor vehicle should give serious thought to protecting the youngsters.

No child should ever be allowed to leave home for school, without having been cautioned to use every possible care to prevent personal injuries. The hazards in connection with getting on and off of buses, walking to and from school, riding bicycles, taking part in playground activities, in crossing streets and highways, should be continuously kept in the minds of the young ones. The old adage about "an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure", will really pay handsome dividends to everyone. Even though the law states that "The pedestrian has the right-of-way," there are too many motorists in this day and time who do not know or abide by such a law.

**"A CHILD MAY DARE — SO DRIVE WITH CARE."** — This slogan should be kept foremost in the mind of each individual motorist at all times. If you have ever had the misfortune to strike a human being with an automobile, you can appreciate the fact that it is not easy to throw off the sick feeling that hits you deep down inside.

During 1946 there were 33,700 fatalities caused by motor vehicle accidents, and a number of these occurred right here in Transylvania county. Of the 33,700 motor vehicle fatalities, 1600 were children under 5 years of age, and 2,600 were between the ages of 5 and 14. In other words, the 4200 children who were killed in traffic accidents last year, represents the approximate population of the town of Brevard.

**SAFE TODAY**  
Here tomorrow

## MAKE SAFETY A HABIT-- IT PAYS DIVIDENDS!

### MR. STRAUS SAYS

"Throughout my forty years in industry, I have stressed the prevention of personal injuries as a matter of good management, good human relations, and good sense.

"In my opinion the humanitarian considerations greatly outweigh the financial benefits of accident prevention. It must not be forgotten, however, that safety work benefits both employee and employer by largely eliminating the lowering of quality standards, the curtailment of production, and the loss of wages which occupational injuries can cause.

"Much remains to be done, but we have advanced far toward the goal: 'That the workman shall live to enjoy the fruits of his labor; that the mother shall have the comforts of his arm in her age; that his wife shall not be untimely a widow; that his children shall have a father; and that cripples and helpless wrecks who were once strong men, shall no longer be a 'by-product' of industry.'"

The above article was first carried in the Safety Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Industrial Commission, and was later printed in the monthly News Letter of the National Safety Council. We are indeed fortunate to have a "Boss" who is so interested in our personal welfare.

### IF A TIME CLOCK COULD TALK

On several occasions during the past few months, I have called your attention to some very unsafe acts that are taking place here in our plant at intervals. This is being done for your personal welfare, in an effort to keep you from being injured. On August 19th at approximately 10:00 a. m., I witnessed a somewhat careless practice, that could easily have resulted in a serious injury. While one employee was guiding an electric propelled hand truck up the ramp leading to the Carpenter Shop, another employee was standing on the bed of the truck. Yes, both of the latter employee's hands were in his pockets, and he could have easily received a broken arm had he lost his balance and fallen.

#### LADDER ACCIDENTS

About one-third of all ladder accidents are due to failure to secure ladders after putting them in place. Lack of non-skid bases, failure to provide for holding ladders, or failure to lash ladders at the top or bottom are important unsafe methods. Insecure grip on rails or rungs is the leading unsafe act.

### Help Eliminate Unsafe Practices

To begin with, the word "Safety" means freedom from danger, injury, or damage, the act of being free from bodily harm, not to be impaired in any way.

Safety will never cost an employee anything unless he or she forgets it.

Out of many discussions during the past six and a half years with the personnel of our three Corporations, have come various ideas and thoughts about Safety and safe practices.

Some have voiced an opinion that safety is just another necessary evil connected with present-day employment, and regardless of how sincere some have been in talking to them about safe practices, such advice has often fallen on deaf ears.

The majority of our personnel have fully appreciated just how much a well organized accident prevention program could mean to them and their loved ones, and have cooperated wonderfully in helping prevent personal injuries to themselves and to their fellow-workers.

Staying free from injuries will always be good business, whether one is working or vacationing. The injured person is always the loser, and lost wages like lost time, usually is gone forever.

As has been said before, there is no compensation payable for the first seven days lost due to an occupational injury, unless the injured employee loses more than 28 days. Few of us in this day and time can well afford to lose from one to seven days wages, and safe practice habits will surely eliminate the possibility of such a thing taking place.

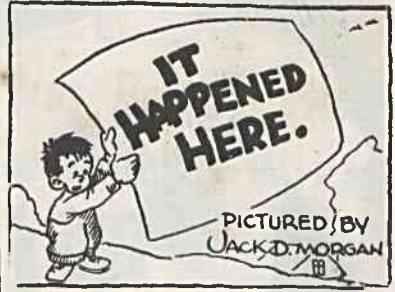
Your supervisor, members of the Safety Department, and all others who are interested in humanity, will continue to try and sell safety to every individual who is employed here, in the hopes that personal injuries can always be kept at a minimum.

**Remember: "Take Care of Safety and Safety Will Take Care of You."**

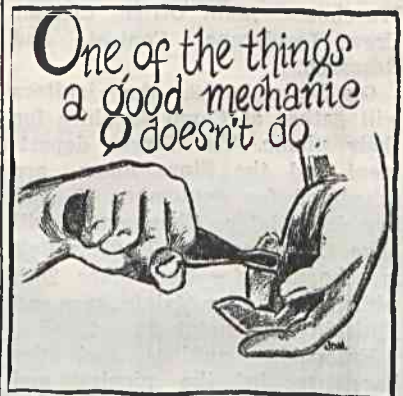
### Hunt With Care

With hunting season just around the corner, so to speak, we wish to urge each of you to use every possible care to avoid personal injuries.

Of the 2900 cases last year, approximately 700 of the victims were under 15 years of age, and 750 were between the ages of 15 and 24. This should impress each of us with the great importance of handling firearms with care at all times, as well as giving thorough instructions to the younger hunters we may have contact with.



It is an accepted fact that all woodworking machinery is dangerous and especially a jointer. Several of our employees have had the ends of fingers amputated on such a machine, and on more than one occasion, the accident was due to the all-important "push block" not being used. Any small piece of material, whether it be narrow or short, should be carried across the jointer knives with a "push block". This safe practice method eliminates the possibility of the fingers or thumbs coming in contact with the knives, and thereby prevents the amputation of "wage earners." The "push block" is for the protection of our employees—it should be used as shown above.



The point of a screwdriver can be as deadly as a rattlesnake, when used as shown above. Work like this should never be held in the hand, but should be clamped in a vise. Infections often result from puncture wounds caused by any sharp-pointed instruments, and there is always the great possibility of having a nerve or tendon cut in two. Although there has never been a serious injury here at our plant due to the above depicted unsafe practice, there have been several minor cases that resulted in painful lacerations. Such injuries are so uncalled for, and every effort should be made to guard against them.