

SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOURS

CONTRIBUTING CAUSES OF PERSONAL INJURIES!

"Day Dreaming" Breeds Accidents

So many of our injuries each month can be charged directly to "daydreaming" or "not thinking", and this is not just an idea advanced by the Safety Department. In checking into the actual causes of personal injuries here at our plant in an effort to prevent the recurrence of said injuries, it has been found that numerous employees readily admit that they were not watching what they were doing, and that their injuries could have been prevented.

It is an accepted fact that no one gets hurt intentionally, and believe you me, 'tis not a pleasant sight to watch a surgeon do his utmost to repair a serious laceration or amputation, with parts of the body so badly torn that a "hem-stitching" job is necessary. It is things like these that we are endeavoring to prevent here among our personnel, and wish to again emphasize the fact that "Safety is for Your Sake."

Even an amputated finger is gruesome to the majority of us, and after having been present when someone was seriously injured, so many of our personnel have remarked that "they never wish to witness such a thing again." Yet, some of these same employees are continuously taking unnecessary chances daily, and seem to forget that they are just inviting personal injuries.

Regardless of the rules and regulations that have been adopted for our protection . . . the numerous types of protective equipment that are furnished free by management . . . the many articles and safety posters that are used in an effort to better acquaint us with hazards in connection with our work, and to enlist our wholehearted assistance in the accident prevention program, the elimination of personal injuries will still be dependent on how well we cooperate as individuals.

Working together as a team, all major or serious injuries can be eliminated, and the minor ones can be kept at a minimum. Always set an example by doing things the safe way, and do not hesitate to offer advice to those taking unnecessary chances.

Realizing that the person who gets hurt is always the greatest loser, it is hard to visualize any employee "daydreaming" while at work, much less absolutely disregarding safe practice rules that have been explained to them, and that are a part of the Company policy.

We must remember that the adopted safe practice rules and regulations here in our Plant are not set up to throw a hardship on any employee, but to help protect

Mental Attitude Ranks High

To begin with, 'tis a known fact that "accidents don't just happen—they are caused," and the contributing causes of personal injuries are often overlooked.

Oftentimes, our mental attitude is the direct cause of accidents, and there's no doubt but that worries, loss of sleep, lack of necessary rest, depression of many types, and not eating as we should, actually controls our mental attitude from day to day.

Carrying a chip on the shoulder, so to speak, keeps one upset . . . feeling that safe practice rules are too strict, often creates the wrong attitude . . . minor ailments have a tendency to get one's mind off their work, and when a person is NOT THINKING, they're certainly not at their best.

As an added effort toward preventing personal injuries, let's all try to better control our mental attitude by leaving our worries outside the plant, and staying in the best physical shape possible at all times.

If A Time Clock Could Talk

Having been moved to a new location in my department in recent months, I am in a position now to see things going on that have been out of my view for the past seven years.

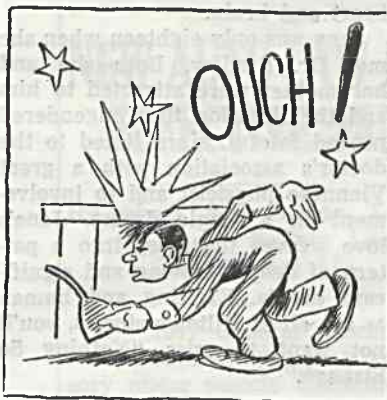
With our department so close to the cafeteria, it surprises me daily to see how the employees run and race each other at meal time. I have often heard the supervisors discuss this unsafe practice with the employees, but as yet, this bad practice has not been stopped. There have been a few slips and falls lately, but fortunately, none of them resulted in a serious injury. In fact, several bruised knees have not even been reported to First Aid, and I do know that every injury should be treated immediately.

Confidentially, I have never yet seen an employee running to get "to work" or "back from the cafeteria". However, those returning after meal time usually have from five to ten minutes to loaf before they return to work, and I still can't understand why they stamper as they do.

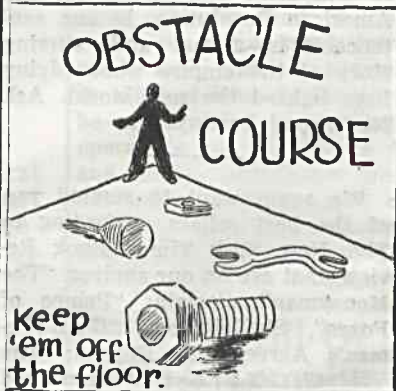
If you want to drink, don't drive if you want to drive, don't drink. If only the brakes would get tight when the driver does, what a happy world this would be.

everyone concerned, as well as to assure us of staying physically fit to earn a livelihood.

Need more be said?



On more than one occasion here in our plant, such accidents as that above have happened. The injuries at times have been such that it was necessary to take several stitches, and a number of these "head bumpings" have resulted in severe headaches. In the interest of your own personal safety, we urge that you be sure there is ample head room before raising up.



The items depicted on the floor above are obstacles in the true sense of the word, and such obstacles often cause serious injuries. Every effort should be made to keep the floor free from all tripping or stumbling hazards, and no one can do that better than those employees in each department. No safety conscious person will allow such items to remain on the floor—join the group that aids accident prevention by helping eliminate such conditions.



You Could Be The Next Victim!

Too much can never be said about the "helpless cripples" that sometimes result from personal injuries.

Accidents are often ghastly mistakes, and 'tis in an effort to prevent such tragedies that we say, and again, please WORK, and LIVE the SAFE WAY. Too often in our everyday walk of life, we meet people who are missing a finger, toe, arm, or leg, and a great percentage of these injuries resulted from an accident. Many could have been prevented. Eye injuries and the loss of sight are due to thoughtlessness on the part of someone.

As little as we think about it, many of us can really appreciate the full use of all the members of our body, until some unforeseen tragedy has robbed us of that useful function. Too late in lots of cases, we realize just how important the following of safe practices can be with us . . . just how much suffering and loss of wages can be eliminated through doing things the safe way . . . and how much better our outside activities are when we're free of personal injuries.

We readily admit that all accidents do not entail permanent paralysis, the loss of wages, or the actual loss of parts of the body, but a great percentage of them do. Too, there are very few personal injuries that are without suffering and discomfort. An age-old saying that "the person who gets injured is always the greatest loser," is true indeed. Remember, "Accidents are often ghastly mistakes".

