

# SAFETY

## FOR YOU AND YOURS



IT ISN'T HOW OFTEN YOU READ THEM - IT'S HOW WELL YOU KNOW AND APPLY THEM.

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### They Are For Your Preservation!

To begin with, each of us should be so interested in our own well-being and safety, that we would do everything possible to prevent personal injuries.

It is without a doubt a wonderful gesture to know the safe practice rules that apply to the type of work we are doing, but unless they are heeded and applied daily, they will be of no material value to us or the department in which we work.

There is no doubt but that safety is an operating problem in any industry, and that it is just as important as production, quality, and the elimination of waste. The security of our job depends greatly on the quality and production of our product not being lowered, and we should extend our every effort to help eliminate any conditions that could possibly cause this.

It is an accepted fact that even the most minor injuries do interrupt the smooth operations in any type of work we may be engaged in, even though employees do not lose time due to said injuries. Too, the individual who is the victim of an accident is always the greatest loser, and we must all remember that lost time is gone forever.

It has often been said that a good leader will practice what he or she preaches, and this idea will surely pay great dividends to all of us. To preach and practice safety in and day out, really sets a good example for those we work with.

Let's all not only know the safe practice rules, but follow them in our daily routine.



## ACCIDENT FREQUENCY IS STILL DECREASING

### Millions Of Bats

Riding alone over the arid wastes of New Mexico one summer evening in 1901, Jim White saw what appeared to be the smoke of a friendly campfire. As he approached the swirling column, he discovered that it was not smoke but a rising cloud of millions of bats. The bats came from an opening in the ground, and when the column disappeared into the south, Jim White ventured into the cavern.

The next morning he was awakened by the swirling of millions of wings, and the column rewound its way back into the security of the cavern.

Each day, even now, this activity takes place, punctually and unerringly. The bats leave the cave at sunset, fly over the Rio Grande, consume some eleven and a half tons of insects, and at dawn return to the sanctity of the now famous CARLSBAD CAVERNS. But each night, the returning group is smaller, for owls and preying animals exact their toll from the bat population. Eventually, the species may become extinct.

Like the bats, we human beings venture forth each day, dash about our business, then turn back to the security of our homes. As with the bat population, each day a toll is exacted and the group diminishes. Each day some of the millions of drivers and pedestrians do not make the return trip home. They are killed or crippled in traffic accidents.

Unlike the lower orders, man has always found the means of combatting the destructive forces which beset him. Traffic accidents present a serious threat to this generation. How soon we succeed in solving this modern menace, depends on the cooperation of each individual driver. IT CAN BE DONE!!

### A Car Is Like A Cat

It is quiet except for a low and pleasing purr. Its rubber tires are like padded feet. It has powerful eyes that shine at night—and when it is allowed to run wild, it gives an awful screech at the moment before it does its victim to death.

At 25 miles an hour, it is like a pussy-cat. It may scratch you up in an accident, but it isn't likely to kill you. Few fatal accidents occur at low speeds.

At 50 miles an hour, it is not twice, but four times as powerful. Like a bobcat, it is quite able to inflict great damage.

At 75 miles an hour, it is not three times but nine times as powerful as at 25. Nine times as hard to stop—nine times as hard to turn—nine times as deadly.

### The Answer To It Is Cooperation!

As this article is being written, the frequency of lost time accidents in our plant has reached a new low.

It is very gratifying to know that suffering and loss of wages have been greatly reduced this year, due to your untiring efforts in the prevention of personal injuries. You have shown that through safe practices and thinking, that accidents can be prevented.

It is true that minor injuries are somewhat higher than in past years, and that we must keep these at a minimum if we are to eliminate the more serious ones.

What greater compliment could be paid an individual, than to say that they have followed safe practice rules for their own personal welfare, as well as that of their fellow-workers.

### If A Time Clock Could Talk

Having been one of the regular readers of the Safety Page of the Echo for the past few years, I can recall having seen several articles with reference to "Safety Being Everybody's Business".

This statement sounded somewhat out of line when I first read it, but I am beginning to realize more as the days go by, just how true it really is.

For instance, the majority of us see and come in contact with conditions on our job during an eight hour shift, that are at times hazardous and should be eliminated. With the known interest that Management takes in our personal welfare and safety, these things would be taken care of if they were reported.

We must realize that those connected with the accident prevention program can only cover so much territory each day, and that they are dependent on us for suggestions about hazardous conditions.

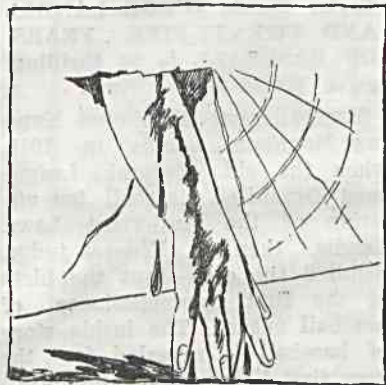
In the future, let's agree that Safety Is Everybody's Business, and get in touch with our foremen or the Safety Department when we have an idea for the elimination of personal injuries.

Keeping safe is like eating three square meals a day; you can't stop if you want to stay healthy. While you are going home and when you get there, use the same good sense you use while at work. Remember, accidents can be prevented.

Already the newspapers are reporting hunting accidents throughout the state. These accidents can be tragic! Learn all good rules of gun safety and practice them.



The above is an exact reproduction of what occurred here in our Maintenance department. One of our employees was using an air hammer to break loose some cement floor, when a piece of cement struck the lens of his safety goggles. Due to the lens being made out of hardened glass, the impact of the blow was stopped without injury to the eye. There is no doubt that the entire vision in one eye would have been lost, had this man not been wearing his goggles. Remember to protect your vision at all times.



One of the most serious injuries we have had that was due entirely to "horseplay", is shown above. Several stitches were required to repair the deep laceration, and the employee was unable to work for several days. Remember, "horseplay" is the worst enemy of Safety.

