

Safety for You

TEN GOOD REASONS!

With the great number of finger and thumb injuries that occur regularly here in our plant, we are wondering if some of us haven't disregarded the important part that these digits play in our earning a livelihood? We like to refer to our fingers and thumbs as "wage-earners," and to the fact that we cannot begin to run our jobs without them.

Some of our finger and thumb injuries are brought about through the handling of material, while others result from contact with moving parts of machinery, and especially in the use of our wood-working machinery. Amputations have taken their toll of fingers and thumbs here in our plant during the past few years, and the old adage really holds true about "the most useless part of a person being that part left in machinery due to an accident".

Since the greatest part of our work is done with our hands, it is only natural that the digits be involved in the majority of our personal injuries, so the great importance we attach to protecting these digits cannot be over-emphasized. Realizing that the injured person is always the greatest loser, and especially when such injuries result in amputations, we should all do our utmost to protect our "wage-earners".

WHAT CONSTITUTES A LOST TIME ACCIDENT?

The National Safety Council defines a lost time accident as "a personal injury occurring on the job, which prevents an employee from returning to work on his or her next regular shift."

Here at Ecusta, we have experienced too many such accidents since the plant started operations in 1939. We say "too many", because a great majority of them could have been prevented through the following of safe practices.

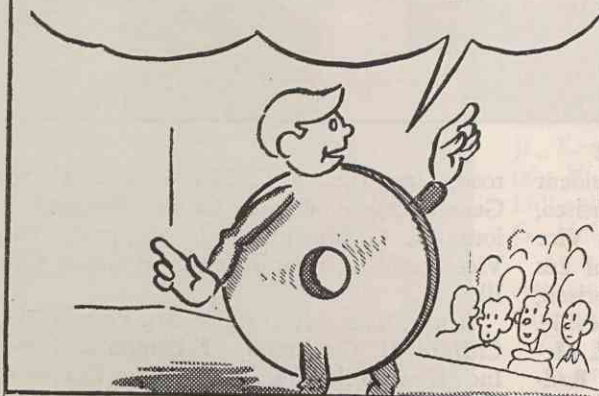
To begin with, Management is vitally interested in your remaining accident-free . . . in helping in every way possible, to save you the discomfort and inconvenience that automatically go hand in hand with personal injuries . . . in seeing that you stay physically fit to earn the livelihood that you so justly deserve . . . and last but not least, in pointing out to you the very important part YOU play in our accident prevention program.

We feel that the answer to eliminating personal injuries and lost time accidents, is good *teamwork*. It is very necessary that *we pull together* if we experience a good safety record, and like football, it takes a "full" team at all times. No individual or minority group can prevent personal injuries. We must all work together so the answer will be *ALL FOR ONE* and *ONE FOR ALL*.

With the frequency rate of lost time accidents

JOHNNY BOBBIN IN: "It Is Better To Be Safe Than Sorry"

BEING VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE PERSONAL WELFARE OF YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN, AND AWARE OF YOUR DESIRE TO HELP ELIMINATE NEEDLESS INJURIES, I WISH TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SAFETY AT SAPPHIRE.



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