Towel Mill Sets New Safety Record

Employees of the Towel Mill at Fieldale have set a new safety record for the mill by working more than a million man-hours without a lost-time accident. This is believed to be the second time that the millionman-hour mark has been reached since the Towel Mill began operations in 1919.

For some time the mill has conducted a well-planned and well executed safety program. Efforts have been made to eliminatee any unsafe conditions that have been reported by inspection committees and numerous other suggestions by the safety committees have been put into effect.

Membership on the plant safety committee is rotated in oredr that all production employees who so desire may have an opportunity to serve. The cooperation of all employees with the plant safety committee and the supervisors has enabled the mill to establish an enviable record.

A safety slogan contest was held recently in which employees throughout the mill ocmpeted for cash prizes. The winning slogans were posted on boards which were rotated through the various departments at the mill. Another contest is planned soon, as well as various other means of promoting safety.

In commenting on the outstanding safety performance of the Towel Mill employees, D. E. Simons, mill superintendent, said: "The establishment of our million man-hour record came as a result of the excellent teamwork on the part of all the people in the mill.

"Towel Mill employees are very safety-conscious and take pride in their ability to work safely so as to avoid injury to themselves or their fellow workers.

"The foremen and assistant foremen maintain an active interest in safety and consider it an important part of their jobs to help employees avoid injuries. The supervisors and the people on the safety committee are always on the lookout for unsafe conditions and unsafe work habits.

"The supervisors talk to employees daily concerning the importance of safe work and are receptive to ideas advanced by the employees.

"We appreciate the cooperation shown by all of our people in the matter of employee safety. Although we are proud of the first million man-hours of safe work, we now have set a goal of two million man-hours without an accident and are making every effort to reach this new objective."



Proud of the safety record of their mill are these employees who hold a banner that later was placed over the gate at the Towel Mill entrance. Left to right, Fay Warren, Helen Beheler, Mamie Sawyers, Frances Hager, Maxine Harmon, Blanche Clark, Eugene Nichols, Barbara Alley, Morris Wilson, Harold Franklin, Noel Tilley and Ralph Hubbard.



Members of the plant safety committee played a big part in helping the mill establish its outstanding record. Front row, left to right, Frances Hager, Mary Lou Allen, Lillian Hall, Otha Shelton, Paul Walker, Hobart Gusler, Joe Joyce, Thomas Joyce, James Cassell, Frances Martin, Orie Jamerson and Mary Turner. Back row, Turner Gilbert, D. E. Simons, Morris Wilson, Robert Wingate, Cecil Odell, Lawrence French, Vernon Wood, Robert Barrett, Jack Hill, John Craig, Ernest Arnold, James Fariss, Claude Martin, Oscar King, William Hill, Joseph Hill, Kenneth Pilson, Everette Jameison, Bernice Crowe, Homer McAlexander, Jimmie Cannaday and C. P. Wilson.

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