

A Familiar Story

In recent weeks, American steel producers have cut prices on polished stainless steel, a basic material for many familiar items such as appliances and kitchen utensils. Earlier, prices had been cut on steel products, such as reinforcing bars, pipe and tubing, wire products, and some types of sheet and strip steel.

The price cuts were forced by competition from Japan and Europe, where production costs, including wages, are much lower than they are in the United States. Thus far, the cuts have had little effect on imports, and within the domestic steel industry, production is falling, profits are shrinking and jobs are drying up.

All of this is painfully familiar to the textile industry which has been pointing out for years the potential disaster in ever-increasing imports of low-wage, low-cost foreign products. In fact, the textile industry has used its own experience to point out to steel and other industries the dangers of unrestricted foreign imports — but precious few have listened until now.

The textile industry believes in the importance of world trade and in mutually beneficial commerce between nations. But it does not believe in indiscriminate dumping of cheaply produced foreign goods into markets built up by American enterprise and hard work.

When one steel industry leader appeals to the President and says, "No American steel worker should be confronted with the prospect of unemployment because of unfair trade practices by foreign producers," he is not speaking for steel workers alone. He is speaking for all American working people — and he is using a theme the textile industry has recognized and sounded for many years.

Safety Rules Are For Employees' Protection

To keep you safe while on the job, Fieldcrest Mills has basic safety rules which must be observed by all employees at all times.

These rules, which help the company conduct its business in a safe and orderly manner, were established many years ago and have proved to be sound.

Each of the rules "makes sense" because each grew out of a demonstrated need. The company's experience showed that such basic rules were necessary to prevent injury to employees.

The Fieldcrest safety rules have long been officially approved by the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

When new employees come to work, the safety rules and safety facts applying to the department in which the employee will work are explained to him before he is assigned to a job.

Although the value of these rules has

been proved again and again, there have been instances in which these rules were disregarded and an injury occurred due to these unsafe acts.

Safety rules are for the protection of employees. It is to the employees' own advantage when he avoids injuries by making his daily habits conform to these established rules.

Basic Safety Rules At Fieldcrest Mills

1. An employee having an accident in the course of his or her employment must report it at once to his or her supervisor or to the person in charge of First Aid.
2. When so designated by management, goggles must be worn or a safety glass protector used by an employee while operating an emery wheel or while performing other duties.
3. No "horseplay" or scuffling will be allowed in mill or inside mill gate.
4. There shall be no running at any time, in or out of the mill, down steps or on mill premises.
5. No one shall enter or leave the mill or mill yard through openings other than the regular mill doors or mill gates.
6. Spitting on floors is prohibited. No one shall throw litter, waste or bottles on floor or mill yard.
7. Always stop machinery to clean, oil or adjust unless foreman instructs otherwise.

Your Social Security

Q. Is there any way I can find out how much social security will pay me, so I can decide if I can afford to quit working?

A. Your social security office will be glad to check your account for you and tell you what your social security benefit will be. In fact, it's a good idea to talk to a representative while you are just beginning to think about retirement. He can tell you approximately how much your benefit will be at 65, and what it will be if you decide to retire before 65. He can also tell you what proofs you will need when you file your claims. And by checking in advance, you can help your social security office to speed your first check to you.

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