

# Safety . . . A Moral Obligation

The prevention of accidents is a goal worthy of achievement. Freedom from harm is not a privilege given to us: it has to be earned by proper attitudes about protecting ourselves from danger. To strive for the elimination of accidents is a moral obligation imposed upon all of us. Self-preservation is the first law of nature.

Do not fail yourself and your fellow man. An accident is even more tragic when you realize that it could have been avoided, that something you did or did not do was the sole cause. For example, the size kettle needed cleaning, and you turned on the steam valve before opening the drain valve; the size boiled out of the kettle, burning you or your fellow employee. Or, you noticed that a switch box on a loom was loose and did not report it so it could be repaired; after a while it dropped down, causing an electric arc which set fire to the warp, but fortunately the only personal injury was some singed eyebrows.

Should you receive an injury, take the simple step of reporting for first-aid treatment, and by so doing keep that "little" injury from turning into something serious through infection caused by neglect. Don't gamble with your good health by trying to be your own doctor.

Work safely because self-preservation means the ability to continue to enjoy not only the good things but the necessities of life as well. And actually, everything is so much easier when done the safe way.

— Quills

## Life Goes Onward . . . Federal Spending Upward

There are several senators and representatives still in Congress who began serving in the '20s and early '30s when the annual federal administrative budgets were less than \$5 billion.

Now look: The current budget is \$140 billion, and the interest, alone, on the federal debt is \$14.2 billion — three times as much as budgets 35-40 years ago.

Life goes onward, and spending upward.

## Safety Shoes Save Foot Of Tie-In Helper



The heavy beam cut the leather on the safety shoe but foot was uninjured.

Safety shoes recently saved the foot of a Bedsread Mill employee.

Wilbur Nance, a tie-in helper, was removing a beam from a loom when the beam dropped with the rim striking his foot. The heavy beam cut the leather on his safety shoe but the steel cap in the toe of the shoe saved his foot from being severely injured.

"I'm thankful that I was wearing safety shoes, otherwise my foot would have really been hurt," Mr. Nance said. He stated that he thought all tie-in personnel and others who handle beams should wear safety shoes on the job.

K. R. Baggett, safety director, said, "This mishap emphasizes once more



Wilbur Nance shows how mishap occurred while taking beam from loom.

the importance of wearing safety shoes on jobs where the feet are exposed to heavy falling objects. I strongly urge the employees on such jobs to obtain and wear the safety shoes available to them."

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