

Preventing Accidents Is A Patriotic Duty

SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED TO ALL ECUSTA WORKERS

Because Of Manpower Shortage, Preventing Accidents Is Vital

BY H. E. NEWBURY
Safety Director

Before Pearl Harbor, an accident was generally a personal matter. It was your hard luck—or the other fellow's. Now, all that is changed. America needs ALL its manpower. Accident prevention in the home, on the highway, and where you work is just as much a patriotic duty as buying War Bonds and Stamps.

Listed below are some of the ways you can greatly assist in preventing personal injuries:

- 1—Accept accident prevention as a personal challenge. You can't pass the buck or leave it to the other fellow. You yourself must be interested—enthusiastic—believe in it—do something about it. Practical experience has proven that this is the common-sense method of living and working.
 - 2—Follow instructions. The right way to do any job is by the best method. Don't attempt to use unapproved methods—many times they are dangerous. Stick to approved, safe methods.
 - 3—Keep your work station neat and orderly. You can pick up the things you drop on the floor that might cause you or someone else to trip and fall. If you pay attention to the small chores of housekeeping—the job of maintaining a safe working place for all of us is largely done.
 - 4—Avoid horseplay yourself, and discourage others from "playing practical jokes." Many a piece of metal, thrown in fun, has put out an eye. Many a friendly wrestling match has resulted in broken bones. Many times the "playful" use of compressed air has resulted in death.
 - 5—Report unsafe working conditions. You may be the first one to notice an unsafe working condition—a loose bolt, a frayed electric cord, a cracked ladder rung, a greasy spot on the floor, a nip-point that should be guarded, anything. When you see such an unsafe condition that is leading up to an accident, report it promptly to your foreman.
 - 6—Get first aid promptly for all injuries, regardless of how slight they may seem to be. Whenever the skin is broken, whole armies of unseen "bugs" are ready to march in and begin to multiply fast. If they're not stopped quickly, infection gets you and even if you do live, you may be partially disabled for the rest of your life.
- To the employees of Ecusta, Champagne and Endless Belt goes credit for having greatly assisted in the reduction of the accident frequency and severity rate for 1943. Based on the experience for the first seven months of this year as compared with 1941 and 1942, the frequency rate of injuries this year will be reduced approximately 200 per cent and the severity rate approximately 600 per cent. This accomplishment is something that every employee should be proud of and our hats off to everyone participating in what we consider one of the most important phases of everyday life, the prevention of personal injuries.

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A Plea To All Employees

Falls Are Dangerous

Throughout the United States during 1942, there were 24,800 deaths due to falls.

Right here in our own mill yard during the past 14 months, we have had a broken ankle and a fractured wrist due to falls.

It has been very noticeable lately and especially on Friday afternoons, that there is entirely too much running inside the mill yard. This occurs as the employees are going to the Cafeteria to receive their checks, and for the good of all concerned, must be discontinued at once.

Accident cases arising from horseplay or deliberately breaking safety rules are not compensable under the State Law and with this in mind, we urge that all employees cooperate in eliminating undue haste and running that can and will cause serious injuries.

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STAY SAFE OFF-THE-JOB, TOO



No, Johnny didn't leave his baseball on the stairs. He's a pretty good boy and almost always puts his toys away when he's through with them.

Pop has had a bad fall because his foot slipped and there was no handrail to grab. Handrails prevent falls and falls are worth preventing.

The National Safety Council says there were 30,500 accidental home deaths last year and that about half were caused by falls.

The great bulk of falls in the home occur on stairs, and many of these falls could have been avoided by the simple expedient of installing handrails.

For further insurance against falls, be sure the stairs are solid, clear of tripping hazards, and well lighted. Have stair pads, rugs or carpets near stairs securely fastened down.

But improvements of physical conditions in your home are no guarantee of freedom from falls. To them must be added personal precautions.

If you are a woman who wears high-heeled shoes, be especially careful. If you're carrying a baby, have one hand free to grasp the handrail. Never carry scalding liquids in open vessels.

Man or woman, whether you are carrying anything or not, watch you step on the stairs—and don't run. Keep your hands out of your pocket, use the handrail and if the lights are out, use a flashlight.

Safety In The Mill Yard

Do you desire a little good advice?

When you walk on the roadways in the mill yard on the right hand side of the road, you put your life in the hands of every driver who's going your way.

Always walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic on that side.

It has been very noticeable at shift changing time that employees are walking over the entire roadway and especially between the Gatehouse and the rear of the Cafeteria. This unsafe practice will eventually result in some employee being seriously injured.

For the protection of yourself, as well as those operating vehicles inside our mill yard, we urge that you cooperate in the above safety measure and always walk on the left side of the road.

Agnes: "Does this lipstick come off easily?"

Anita: "Not if you put up a fight!"

What Would Happen



BY "HANK" NEWBURY

USE OF WRENCHES

The misuse of wrenches has caused many a skinned knuckle, mashed finger, strained back and serious fall. The ways of preventing these injuries are so simple and so easy to apply that it is a wonder so many occur.

Here are some of the ways to avoid injury:

1. Use wrenches that are the proper kind and size for the job.
2. Use only wrenches having jaws in good condition.
3. Never use a shim to make the wrong size wrench fit the nut.
4. Do not use a wrench as a hammer. It weakens it.
4. Always place the wrench on the nut in such a position that the pull on the handle tends to force the jaws further onto the nut.
6. Think twice, before you push on a wrench. Ten chances to one, you will find it safer to pull.
7. See that your footing is good before you pull. Get the habit of figuring out what is going to take place if the wrench slips, the bolt breaks or the threads slip.
8. Keep the jaws of pipe wrenches sharp.
9. Never use a piece of pipe to extend the wrench handle for leverage.

President's Secretary Visited Here Recently

Marvin McIntyre, one of President Roosevelt's secretaries, visited Ecusta Monday, August 2. He and Charlie Price, U. S. marshal, were luncheon guests at Ecusta. Mr. McIntyre said that he was greatly impressed by the large, modern plant. He is vacationing at Asheville and came to Brevard to see Alex Kiser, U. S. Commissioner.

What Does The Average Employee Think Of "Safety"

By H. E. Newbury

Recently in one large industrial plant whose accident frequency was very high, the above question was answered as follows, by a number of the employees:

1. "My own safety is my own lookout, and no one needs to be telling me to watch my step."
2. "Accidents are bound to happen, why be chicken-hearted about the dangers of the job?"
3. "When it's your time to get knocked off, you just get knocked off. When your number is up, you are just going to get hurt—that, if it's your unlucky day, nothing can prevent an accident."

We are proud that the employees of Ecusta, Champagne and Endless Belt do not have this attitude about Safety or Accident Prevention Work. They know that accidents can be prevented and the decrease in the frequency of injuries since January 1st, 1943, shows that they are extending their every effort to help prove this statement.

Our safety rules are sensible and practical and have been drawn up with the idea in mind, that they do not hamper a worker's productivity or interfere with his or her earnings. The Company is intensely interested in having all employees know safety, remember safety and do the safe thing always. We know that more than 80% of the injuries occurring in industry are preventable only by the worker's own safe thinking and safe habits. With this in mind, we urge that all employees join hands and continue to assist in making our plant THE SAFEST OF ITS KIND IN INDUSTRY.

SIX GOOD REASONS

Safety Director: (At meeting)
"Pat, can you give me six good reasons for safety?"

Pat: (Slow at reading, but quick on comeback). "Sure!" he replied, "the four little Murphy's, me wife and meself."

SCHMIDT IS ELECTED JAYCEES SECRETARY

Howard Schmidt, who is employed in the Pay-Roll Department of Ecusta, was elected secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a recent meeting. He will succeed Lloyd Hughes.