

SAFETY PAGE

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Children May Dart Before Moving Cars

How many times have you read of the life being snuffed out of some innocent child, due to a traffic accident? Haven't you made the remark that "this will never happen to me?" Isn't it true that you often drive through school districts or communities, where children are walking or playing on the sidewalk or in the road?

Remember this. It can happen to you, even when you're driving at a low rate of speed and as careful as possible.

To begin with, you can never tell just what children will do when a car approaches. A ball they're playing with may bounce into the street . . . they may dart into the path of your car while playing tag. Someone may yell RUN, and children will do just that without thought of oncoming cars.

There were nearly 600 traffic fatalities in North Carolina during the first seven months of this year, and a number of these cases were children of school age. The majority of these deaths could have been prevented through safe driving tactics.

It is true that we all feel reasonably safe if we have good brakes on our car and the roadway we are driving on is dry. But, do you know the average distance your car will travel, when you have to stop due to an emergency? At 20 miles per hour, your car will travel 43 feet. At 30 miles, 80 feet. At 40 miles, 128 feet. At 50 miles, 186 feet. If your brakes are only passable, the distance will be greater at each of the above speeds.

In the interest of safety for you and yours, we urge that you drive carefully at all times.

Report all accident hazards immediately.

It's better to be sold on safety than shortchanged by an accident.



CONSERVATION OF SIGHT IS VERY IMPORTANT!

TAKE THAT CHIP OFF YOUR SHOULDER

If you are one of the many to whom driving is no longer a pleasure, here is a hint that may be helpful.

Next time you start out on a trip, take that chip off your shoulder, and take your sense of humor along. Promise yourself that you won't let little things disturb you, and see what happens. If someone attempts to steal your right of way, let him have it. Don't yell at him, but smile instead. Be indulgent, as you would be with a small boy who reaches for the larger piece of cake on the plate. A safe journey, and a surprisingly pleasant journey, will be your reward.

One Out Of Twenty Will Be Auto Victim

The next time your club meets, or you have a family reunion, list the names of twenty of those present. Let them be members of your family, relatives or close friends.

Look well upon their happy faces, for at the present rate, one out of that twenty will be killed or injured in an automobile accident within the next five years.

It may be you, or your daughter, or your mother, or perhaps your closest friend. It may be a minor injury; it may be a crippling, disfiguring casualty; it may be death.

These figures are based on the law of averages. Fortunately, you and your relatives and friends can evade that law, with no penalty attached to the evasion.

You can beat the law of averages by being above the average in your walking and driving habits. If you and your group of twenty will walk and drive safely, the average injury will not strike in the next five years; it may not strike in the next twenty years; it may, in fact, never strike.

Guards Placed To Provide Protection

To begin with, we wish to state that guards throughout the plant are for your protection, and not for the protection of the machinery.

Numerous guards and guard rails have been removed for some purpose during the past few weeks, and have not been replaced. This definitely creates dangerous hazards, and could easily result in serious injury to one or more persons.

In the interest of your own safety and that of your fellow workers, won't you please cooperate in seeing that all guards are kept in place.

We are credited by our Insurance Carrier and our State Department

Lecture Heard At Cafeteria

At the regular Thursday night picture show at our cafeteria on October 10th, we were very fortunate to have Mr. George Campbell lecture on sight conservation.

Mr. Campbell lived in darkness for 18 years, having been born blind. He first saw light in January, 1937, following two operations on each eye for the removal of cataracts, and has spent the last nine years lecturing on the great importance of the conservation of sight.

The topic of his talk was "Out of Shadows", and was thoroughly enjoyed by the 350 persons in attendance. He was very emphatic about the necessity of protecting the eyes at all times, and especially when doing any type work that could impair one's vision. He stated that after having talked in 850 plants to over 750,000 production employees in industry, he had not found one person who could do their job right until they did it safely.

Having lived in two worlds, so to speak, Mr. Campbell is in a position to really appreciate the value of being able to see, and cited some very interesting and educational cases that he has come in contact with.

Some of the important points brought out by Mr. Campbell in his talk were as follows:

That new workers are in kindergarten, as far as industry goes. They know neither the hazards nor the rules. That is why every man of supervision, management, or who professes to think safely, should constantly watch, guide, help and direct the new workers.

That two things must be true before a job can be done right.

1. The individual worker must possess the privilege to leave his job, return to his home, live with his family on the same high, decent plane, that he was when he started that job, or it wasn't done right.

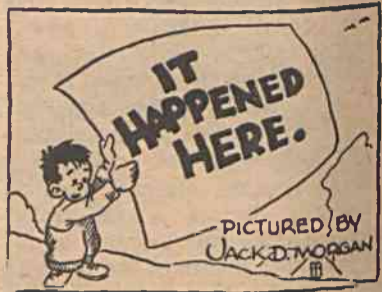
2. He has to be able to come back tomorrow, or in ten years from tomorrow, and repeat that job with equal or better efficiency.

This is the only way we can measure a job and say it has been done right. Neither of them can be true after a serious major accident.

And in a word, serious major accidents have been, and always will be, the repeating of unnecessary minor ones.

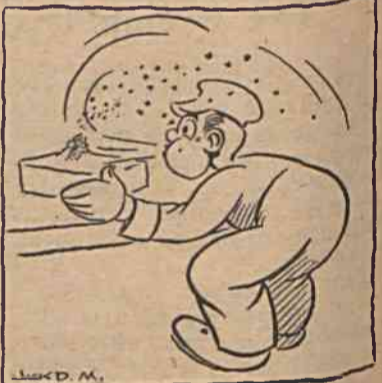
Mr. Campbell also stated that since he had paid a price of 18 years in darkness before finding out what sight was worth, he sincerely felt that it was his business to caution those who were

ment of Labor, with having one of the best guarded plants in the South. Let's not lose that reputation.



Employee was holding nozzle on end of fire hose, in preparing to wash out pit. When water was turned on, it caused end of hose to whip around and knock the employee into the pit.

SUGGESTION: Always have sufficient help when handling a fire hose. Turn the water on slowly and brace yourself well.



Employee had been drilling hole in steel plate and when he leaned over to blow steel dust out of the hole, small particles of the dust got into both his eyes.

SUGGESTION: Always wear goggles when doing any type work that might injure the eyes.

Fires are easy to start and hard to stop.

careless in any way about protecting their sight. He stressed the fact that whether it was through use of safety goggles or visual training, people should think of what they are really protecting. They should be impressed with the thought of keeping their right to read a newspaper, drive a car, see a motion picture, or watch a child play.

His closing remarks were "I'll be seeing. Will you?"

The safety department here at the plant is vitally interested in helping you protect your vision in every way possible. We urge that you wear your goggles when doing any type work that might injure your eyes, and report all eye cases immediately to First Aid.