

9 Departments Get Perfect Safety Grades

Nine departments last month made perfect housekeeping grades during the safety committee's inspection and three departments failed to keep their banners, making grades below 90.

The offices at the White division made an inspection grade of 89 because boxes and chairs were found in the aisle in the supply room and boxes were stacked unevenly on top of files. Also, a Coke bottle had been left on a chair in the rest room.

Both pants I and pants II failed to get a banner this time. Pants II made a grade of 89 and pants I a grade of 86. Both these departments had thread and empty thread cones on the floor and, in addition, pants I had an excessive amount of paper and scraps on the sewing room floor.

Departments receiving grades of 100 were overall and boxer, dungaree I, dungaree II, ladies' dungaree, maintenance, cutting, shipping, engineering, sales, and printing. The shirt department received a grade of 98, the finishing department made 97, and the Hudson office got a grade of 96.

The safety meeting was the last one for the present committee and Ossie Wright thanked the group for their fine work during the past few months. Visitors at the meeting were Esther Hughes, supervisor in the pants department; Luddie Mae Ingram, supervisor in dungaree I; Hattie Banner and Leola



A BEAUTY — She's Geraldine Hodge, daughter of Ruby Hodge at the Independence, Va., division and sister to Junior Hodge of that plant.



RETIRING SAFETY COMMITTEE — The safety committee that has just completed four months of service is composed of: front row, left to right, Alma Peele, shirt department; Joyce Chapman, White office; Lucy Hawkins, Hudson office; Runelda Rich, dungaree; Evelyn Jones, overall and boxer; and Sarah Baldwin, pants. Back row, Geneva Cook, pants; Hassie Stanford, dungaree; and W. O. Benfield, maintenance. Ellen Hardy, representing ladies' dungaree, was not present when the picture was taken.

Newell, Sherrod supervisors; and J. W. Parker, Sherrod superintendent.

Ossie reported briefly on accidents during November, saying there were no lost time ones and that accidents in general decreased from 17 in October to nine last month. Four of the accidents resulted in treatment by physicians, she said.

W. R. Fulton, safety engineer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., spoke to the committee on the "Common Sense of Safety." He pointed out that an accident can be anything that stops production. To the worker they result in the loss of the difference between his compensation and his wages, a reduced standard of living, suffering, lost opportunity, and perhaps permanent handicaps. The supervisors suffer by decreased production, the loss of a skilled worker, time required to train a replacement, disgruntled employees, and time lost investigating and reporting the accident. The company must pay increased insurance rates, receives a poor name in the labor market, loses customer good will, produces poorer quality products, and loses by machine damage or idleness.

Accidental fatalities in the United States average 95,000 and disabling injuries total 9,800,000. Since 1930 the severity of accidents has been cut almost in half but the cost of accidents has continued to rise. He said that costs to the company are like an iceberg, with three-fourths of them being hidden as most of the ice-

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in August of 1954 and is a spreader. His wife's name is Ramona Ann and they live at 626 Willowbrook St. They also, have no children.

Tommy Kent started working with the company in May of 1952. He is single and lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kemp, at 309 Oak View Rd. He is a cutter and his mother and a sister work in the sewing room at Sherrod.

At the Independence plant the spreading and cutting work is done by James Boyer and J. L. Richardson. Both spend their spare time farming.

Boyer came with the company in April of 1952 and is married to the former Elizabeth Anders. They have two children, Larry, nine years old, and Shirley, age five. They live on a farm near Independence.

J. L. is a native of Sparta, N. C. He came with the company in September of 1953 and previously was employed by the Virginia State Highway Department. He is single and lives with his sister on a farm near Independence.

berg is hidden under water. Visible costs are those paid by the insurance company while hidden costs are those paid by the company. An accident costing \$400 for medical treatment and compensation will actually cost \$1,600 when the hidden costs are added, he said.

Hudson Workers To Get Tags For Cars

Workers at the Hudson plants who use the company's parking lot for their automobiles in January are to be given small aluminum tags displaying their parking space number. These are to be placed on the rear license plate and any automobiles not displaying these tags will not be allowed to park in the lot.

The aluminum tag is being provided so workers can put them on their new license plates in January. It is hoped that they will work out better than windshield stickers have in the past. The stickers often washed off and were destroyed.

The parking situation at the Hudson plant has been a "headache" for some time and it is hoped that the new tags will help straighten things out. No parallel parking is to be allowed in the rear of the lot since it keeps persons with regular parking spaces from using them. Parallel parkers have been making it impossible for some people to get to or out from their spaces and all employees are asked to co-operate in the matter.

A great deal of talent is lost to the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves obscure men whose timidity prevented them from making a first effort.

"A pedestrian is a man whose wife got to the garage first."