

Protect Your Eyesight; Wear Your Safety Glasses

Are you one of the big gamblers? If so, you don't wear safety glasses in plant areas. You risk serious eye injury and even blindness.

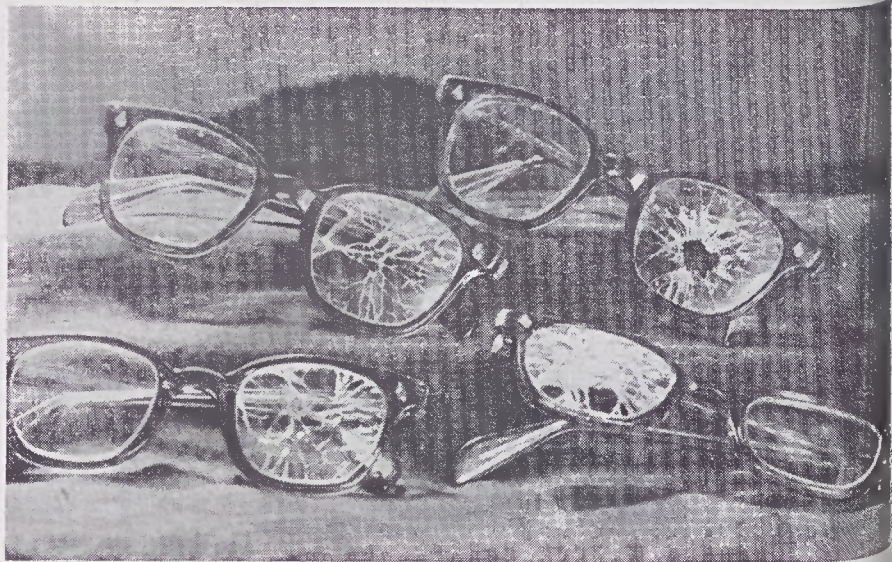
"It's hard to understand why some employees fail to wear their safety glasses when they have them," said Kenneth R. Baggett, Fieldcrest safety director. "In 1969, Fieldcrest employees suffered 124 eye injuries that required treatment at the Medical Department, or first aid. Of these individuals, a sizable number required the services of eye specialists."

Since December, 1965, 13 employees at Fieldcrest have become members of the Wise Owl Club of America. All were hit in the eye area with objects which could have caused blindness. Fortunately, all were wearing safety glasses and none was seriously injured.

"It's amazing the tremendous impact that safety glasses can sustain without allowing colliding objects to penetrate them," Mr. Baggett said. "We know of cases where employees were knocked backwards and even off their feet."

"In almost all of the mishaps at Fieldcrest the employees involved did not receive eye injuries. Their safety glasses were smashed and shattered. You can imagine what would have happened if they hadn't been wearing their safety glasses."

"The unexpected can happen to anyone. The employee who wears his safety glasses is protecting himself and his family. He isn't willing to risk his eyes, his job and his future."



Shattered lenses show force of impact of objects against safety glasses.

Wise Owl Club members at Fieldcrest include employees from several plants. The members' names and the plants where they were working when the mishaps occurred are: Kenneth R. McGinnis and Ray Pittman, Alexander Sheeting Mill; Gary Grogg, Freeman L. Price and Dewey A. Wilson, Blanket Mill; Noah Griffin and Colon Singleton, Columbus Towel Mill; John W. Hall and David Murray, Fielddale Towel Mill; John Chamblin, Dewey Hancock, and Charlie Thompson, Karastan Rug Mill; and George W. Lomax, North Carolina Finishing Company division.

Meet the Supervisors

Walter Eugene Walters is superintendent of plant service for the Laurelcrest Carpets division with responsibility for maintenance and construction in the Carpet Mill, Yarn Mill and Service Center. His area of responsibility includes raw water treatment, sewage disposal, lighting, boilers, heating systems and the electrical power system.

A native of Laurel Hill, he was employed at the tufted carpet plant in November, 1965, as a filter plant operator in the Maintenance Department. In February, 1966, Mr. Walters became an instrument and air-conditioning man and in October, 1966, he was transferred to the Plant Service Department as a second hand. He worked in that capacity



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until January, 1969, when he was named a foreman in the Plant Service Department.

Mr. Walters became superintendent-plant service in August, 1970, and continues to work in that capacity.

He and his wife, Charmie, live in Laurel Hill with their three children: Eugenia Lynn, 12; Debora Ann, 10; and William Eugene, eight.

Letters to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

To all the members of your staff I would like to say that I hope each and everyone of you has the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year possible.

I have been serving in the Republic of Vietnam for almost 18 months, during which time I have received the Mill Whistle. It really means a lot to me. My mother is employed at the Blanket Mill.

Again let me say thank you, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God bless each and everyone of you.

Very sincerely yours,

Specialist Four Barry S. Walker

(Editor's note: Barry S. Walker is the son of Edna Walker, a roving hand in the Cotton Spinning Department at the Blanket Mill.)

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