

Creel Predicts New Safety Era For Area Industrial Workers

A "new era of safe and healthful working conditions" will be brought about in American industry through nationwide implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, State Labor Commissioner Billy Creel predicted Thursday.

Addressing some 100 Cleveland County business and industrial leaders gathered to honor 57 safety award-winning plants, Creel envisioned a "future industrial climate in which the health and safety of workers will be accorded equal importance with production and profits."

"This milestone of sound, sensible, practical, humanitarian and socially responsible legislation—the OSHA law—will be paralleled and reinforced all over the United States in the years ahead by State laws written and enacted to be 'equally as effective' as the Federal statute," Commissioner Creel declared. "It will become as fundamental a law of the land in worker safety and health as the Fair Labor Standards Act has become in wages and working hours."

Creel had words of praise for the "initiative and concern" of the management and employees of the 57 Cleveland County award-winning plants.

"North Carolina industry has only as many disabling injuries as American industry as a whole," Commissioner Creel said. "But you have gone an extra mile in safety and have made your plants for-and-above the average of North Carolina industry in safe and healthful working conditions. For this, you richly deserve the recognition for our state government which these awards represent."

Creel was introduced by Jack Ramsey, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee. Lloyd C. Best, president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor of the safety awards event with the North Carolina department of labor, presided.

After outlining the present status of the OSHA law and administration in North Carolina, Commissioner Creel introduced to the groups Ray Boylston, director of the Office of Occupational Safety and Health in the North Carolina Department of Labor, and Weldon Denny, assistant state OSHA director.

Assisted by OSHA Safety Inspector Allen Honbarrier of Charlotte, Boylston presented a color slide-illustrated talk featuring the subjects "OSHA Organization and Plans"; "OSHA Standards and Violations"; "Typical OSHA Inspections"; and "Electrical Standards."

The Labor Department and

OSHA officials then answered questions from the group about the OSHA law and made available a wide variety of safety materials for the use of business and industry people in implementing the OSHA safety standards in their plants.

Attending the safety awards meeting with Commissioner Creel was Dan Kelly of Raleigh, labor department safety coordinator.

Footo Mineral Company's Kings Mountain operation received its 15th consecutive year safety award, the top honor awarded, at the annual safety awards program at the county office building.

Other area plants receiving 1972 safety awards were Spangler and Sons Inc., second consecutive year; Dixon Chevrolet, Inc., third consecutive year; Lambeth Corporation, third consecutive year; Reeves Brothers, Inc. Duplex International Division, third consecutive year; and United States Gypsum company, sixth consecutive year.

Tech Begins New Classes

Cleveland County Technical Institute will sponsor a Management course, "Principles of Supervision," beginning Thursday evening, May 17, in Room 1092 on the Tech campus. The 15-hour course will meet from 7:00 to 10 p. m. once each week on Thursdays until completion of the course.

The new management course will focus on two important aspects of the supervision process: name), commission and how to train employees. It will be instructed by Bill Clifton and will be open to supervisors and business and industry of the area in addition to supervisors of nursing homes from this area and surrounding counties. The course is so designed and planned to give re-certification for nursing home administrators. Registration will be at the first class meeting at the time, date and place previously mentioned.

Other classes that may be of interest to area citizens are as follows:

Hotel/Motel Accounting, beginning May 16 and meeting on Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p. m.; Real Estate, a 33-hour course, to start June 4 and meet weekly on Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p. m.

For information about enrolling in these courses adults are requested to call Cleveland Tech at 452-1378.

S/Sgt. Byers In "Readiness"

KILLEEN, Tex. — Staff Sergeant Roddie W. Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nanom H. Byers of 100 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently participated in a grant U. S. Readiness Command training exercise at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Sergeant Byers, a U. S. Air Force aircraft maintenance technician with the 437th Military Airlift Wing from Charleston AFB, S. C., supported his unit's C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter

transport aircrews who airlifted personnel and equipment to the Texas installation. More than 30,000 Army, Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members took part in the operation.

The exercise—dubbed "Gallant Hand"—was the second in a series of large-scale maneuvers planned by the Readiness Command. An armor division, elements of a cavalry division and Air Force tactical airlift, fighter and reconnaissance units were employed in simulated combat operations.

His unit is part of the Military Airlift Command which provides global airlift for U. S. military forces.

Sergeant Byers, a 1965 graduate of Compact high school, has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

His wife, Charlotte, is the daughter of Mrs. Ciestine Waring of 452 Huger St., Charleston, S. C.

Senator Ervin To Keynote Convention

RALEIGH—U. S. Senator Sam Ervin Jr. has accepted an invitation of the North Carolina Democratic Executive committee to deliver the principal address during the party's eastern fundraising event July 20 and 21 at Atlantic Beach, Democratic Chairman James R. Sugg announced Wednesday.

The Downeast'er will begin with a clam bake July 20 and will be climaxed with a dinner July 21 at the John Yancey Motel at

which Ervin's address will be the main attraction.

The coastal event is being revived for the summer political season after having been omitted from the Democratic party's regular schedule of activities last year due to a conflict with other party activities.

A series of county, district and regional rallies this year are preceding the \$50 per ticket fundraiser, and regional rallies and seminars are to follow on a year-

round program of party building, Sugg added.

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