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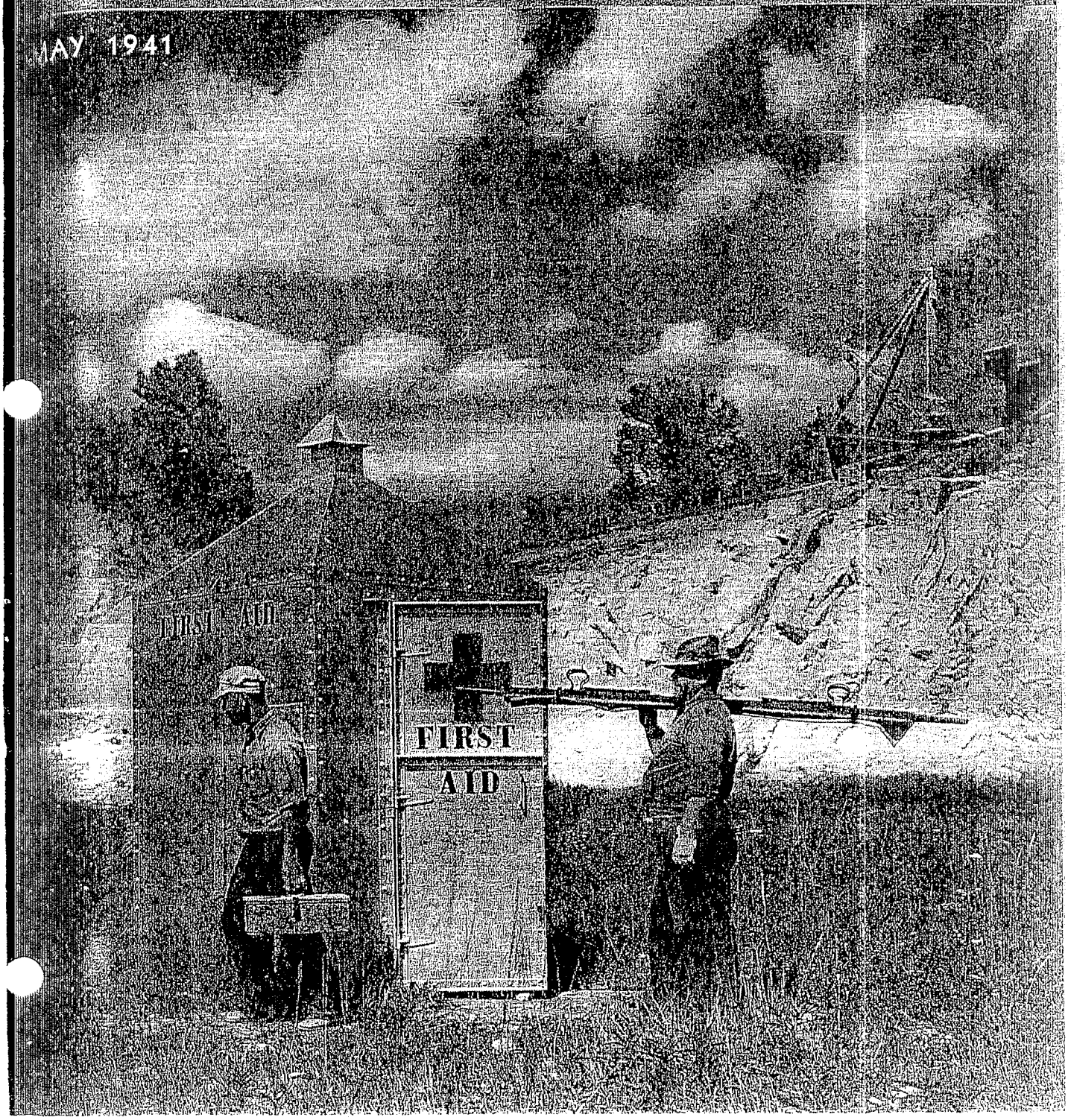
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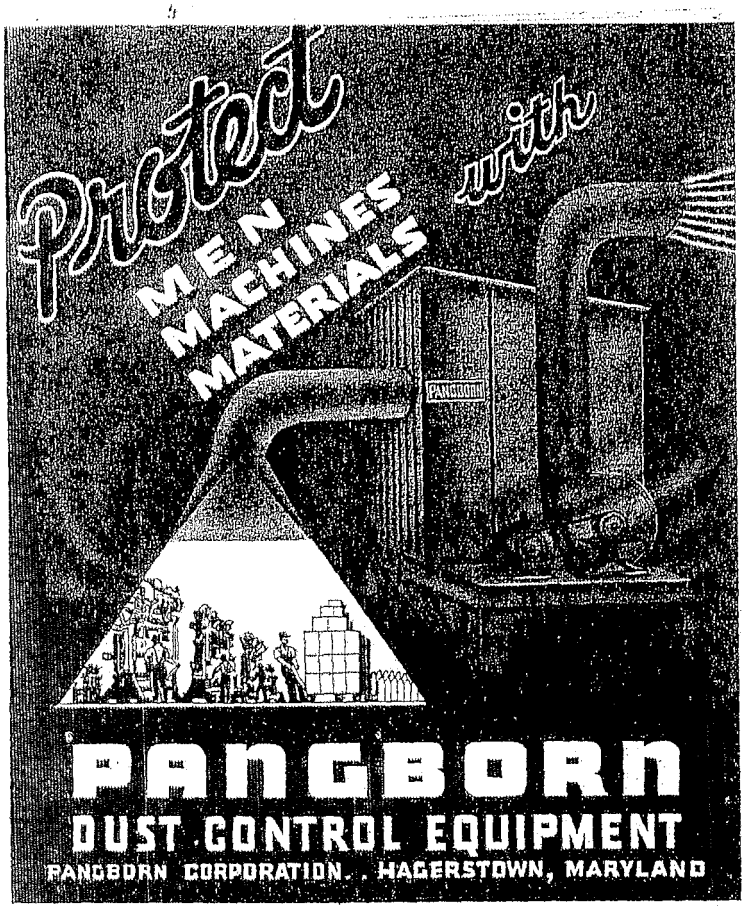
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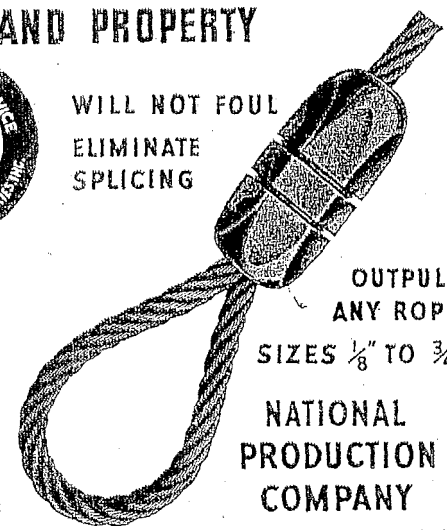




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Three Decades of Employee Suggestions

THIRTY years ago Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company instituted a suggestion plan giving employees an opportunity to profit from their ideas for cutting production costs, increasing sales, improving efficiency, and promoting safety. During the period in which this plan had been in operation, nearly 30 per cent of the more than 81,000 suggestions received have been adopted by the company. One employee has submitted 155 accepted suggestions; others have received as much as $1200 for single ideas.

The adopted suggestions have resulted in reducing production costs more than $800,000, and have brought awards totaling more than $166,000 to their originators. Many additional thousands of dollars have been saved and incalculable misfortune averted through the suggestions made to improve safety and welfare conditions.

—*Westinghouse Magazine.*

Emergency Standards For Toxic Substances

EIGHT toxic substances used in defense manufacture have been officially accepted by the American Standards Association for the development of American Defense Emergency Standards. These toxic substances are: acetone, azides—lead and sodium, cadmium, ether, manganese, tetryl, TNT, and xylol.

Development of the emergency standards will be carried out by the Sectional Committee on Allowable Concentrations of Toxic Dusts and Gases. The first draft, on acetone, is now being circulated for comment and criticism.

Railroads Make Records for Freight Hauling

New highs in average loads and speeds of freight trains were features of railroad performance in 1940. With complete reports for the year available, the Association of American Railroads says that the average amount of freight per train was greater than ever before, 849 tons, compared with 813 tons in 1939, and that freight was transported at an average speed approximately 62 per cent higher than 20 years ago.