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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

MON-478

MACHINIST INJURED

The first lost-time accident of 1960 occurred to W. D. Stifflemire, maintenance machinist, yesterday afternoon, January 6.

Stifflemire was working in the water treating plant on a check-valve in a water line. He needed to siphon off the water in the valve body in order to examine it.

Using a piece of hose cut from a nearby coiled hose, Stifflemire put one end of the hose in the valve and started to establish suction by putting the other end in his mouth. Unknown to him, the hose contained caustic. When he started suction, the caustic went into his mouth.

Stifflemire suffered burns on his tongue and the inside of his mouth plus irritation of his throat. He will be in Danforth Hospital for a week followed by further recuperation at home.

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(Remove by January 13)

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