

Insulation Manufacturing (Summary of a Round Table Discussion)

Presiding: R. M. BAILEY, Personnel and Safety Director, The Flintkote Company, Meridian, Miss.

Conference Expert: B. J. LEE, Safety Director, Wood Conversion Company, Cloquet, Minn.

(Chairman G. E. Allen, Personnel Manager, Wood Conversion Co., Cloquet, Minn., informed the Committee that a motion had been passed by the Executive Committee at their meeting Tuesday morning, October 17, 1950, that separate statistics would be published for the Insulation Sub-committee. He also pointed out that the first thing the Committee had to do was formulate a definition to be used for the purpose of classifying plants in this group.)

G. W. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. R. W. Croucher, that the following definition be recommended to the Contest Committee for adoption:

Insulation and Building Board Products made essentially from or vegetable fibers to include all operations and processes from the point of receipt to all raw materials to and including the shipment of the finished products. Vote passed unanimously.)

R. M. BAILEY: What can be done to eliminate paper cuts while wrapping board?

R. W. CROUCHER (Safety Director, Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company): We do not have this trouble, but the only solution is to teach the employees to be more careful.

G. E. ALLEN: This is due more to a hand condition than the lack of protective equipment.

F. J. PEERENBOON (Kimberly Clark Corporation, Neenah, Wisconsin): We had trouble with dust from Dowicide, but eliminated this condition by storing it in a bin equipped with a vacuum system.

S. KRAJCI (Celotex Corporation, Chicago, Illinois): We eliminated the dust condition by using Dowicide briquets.

R. W. CROUCHER: Are other companies having accidents because of the methods used in caliper board?

(None of the companies present had any accidents in connection with this condition.)

B. J. LEE: Is anyone having trouble with splitter knives and saws breaking and what

method is used for testing for imperfections?

S. KRAJCI: We are investigating test equipment from the Magnaflex Corporation.

W. BEBIE (Insulite Division, Minnesota & Ontario Paper Company, International Falls, Minnesota): What are other companies using for cleaning asphalt from machine parts, etc?

(The Kimberly Clark Corporation and the Wood Conversion Company reported using Stanisol which is a very satisfactory solvent.)

F. J. PEERENBOON: We are having a number of injuries caused from cutting wire around the pulp bales. We use wire cutters.

S. KRAJCI: We use an adx for cutting the wire and the handle is long enough to keep the men out of range of the snapping wire.

J. SLOAN (Johns-Manville, Canada): Plastic-leather gloves should be used while cutting wire around pulp bales.

(At the close of the meeting, Mr. Allen led a short discussion in regard to future objectives of the Committee. It was agreed that efforts would be made to encourage the exchange of ideas pertaining to safety in the Insulation Manufacturing Industries. It was further agreed that a committee headed by R. M. Bailey, of the Flintkote Company, Meridian, Miss., would develop a pamphlet covering Safety Committee activities in the Insulation Industries. It was agreed that Mr. Bailey would develop this information by questionnaire at the earliest date possible.)

Amos Keen, Safety Director of the Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster, Pa., was appointed to develop a list of initial members of the section together with the names and addresses of the persons responsible for safety in their respective plants. Mr. Keen will also assist the Contest Committee to establish separate statistical listings for the group in the Monthly Contest reports so that the change can be made by January 1, 1951.)

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