ALFRED C. HIRTH

Industrial Hygiene Foundation Founding Member
(Owens-Illinois Glass Co.) 1935-1965
1st Chairman, IHF Legal Committee 1936-194[illegible]
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The Industrial Hygiene Foundation regretfully informs its members of the sudden passing of Alfred C. Hirth on May 23, 1965 at his home in Perrysburg, Ohio, following a heart attack. He had taken early retirement from Owens-Illinois because of ill health October 1, 1963, but continued to serve the company on a restricted basis until the end of 1964.

On the occasion of his retirement, we wrote to offer him best wishes from IHF and thanks for his outstanding services to the Foundation. It was largely as a result of many months of full time study, as a member of the legal firm of Williams, Eversman and Morgan, and as counsel to Owens-Illinois Glass Company, that he became aware of the magnitude of the silicosis threat to industry. After visiting Professor Philip Drinker of Harvard, for guidance in silicosis control, Mr. Hirth effected the employment of an industrial hygiene engineer (Bill Hazard, Foundation Trustee) by Owens-Illinois Glass Company 31 years ago. Mr. Hirth and Abbott Sherwood, (President of Owens-Illinois' subsidiary, Tavern Rock Sand Co.), were subsequently prominent among those who, in 1935 were successful in founding the Air Hygiene Foundation, an Ohio Corporation, later to become IHF.

Even though other challenges, beginning about the time of World War II, later required his full attention and caused him to spend almost all of his time in Washington, Mr. Hirth maintained an active interest in the Foundation and provided for continuing advice and guidance through the appointment of T.C.Waters to follow him as Chairman of the Legal Committee and Bill Hazard to represent Owens-Illinois Glass Co. on the Board of Trustees

Besides recognizing our indebtedness for his effective leadership in our affairs, we must also cite the many personal qualities, including a rare wit and charm, that won him so many close friends within the Membership. His most recent letter dated March 8, 1965 will, therefore, be of interest to many of his friends: "Thank you for your kind letter concerning my retirement. I am fortunate to have so many happy memories, foremost of which is my association with the Foundation. My years of service have been most rewarding both from a professional as well as a personal standpoint. Please extend my warmest wishes to all of the fine people it has been my pleasure to be associated with. You may remove my name from your mailing list, but please retain it with those who will always wish the Foundation the greatest success."

Sincerely,

Al Hirth

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