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John Roven of Blatt & Fales has sent this material, and is seeking a court order to get NSC to reveal its annual membership lists for all years of record. NSC has balked at that, claiming the info is confidential.

1932 -- LU Gardner mentions recent discovery of asbestos as a cause of lung disease, and reports of fatal cases of TB in asbestotics (51). Describes lung tissue response to asbestos (52).

JJ Bloomfield mentions that asbestos causes fibrosis of the lung, in a talk mainly on measuring quartz content of airborne dusts (53).

1933 -- Inner cover of this and all others of which copies were sent from this year forward announced that copies of the transactions were automatically sent to industrial members of the NSC.

talks on dust control, dust measurement, and compensation aspects by Jones (Nat. Founders Assn.), Meiter (Employers Mutual) and Greenburg (Yale).

1934 -- Gardner describes asbestos as "A recognized cause of severe pulmonary injury," and goes on to describe the pulmonary tissue response in asbestosis.

Exhaust systems and respiratory equipment described by Liberty Mutual authors, SW Gurney and DS Beyer, including one arrangement designed for drilling material containing asbestos. (27-28)

RR Sayers (US Pub. Health Serv.) mentions asbestosis in passing, describing PHS studies that had been completed on industrial dust hazards (351-352).

1935 -- FR Jones (Assn. Casualty & Surety Executives) discusses the growing problem of workers' comp for occupational diseases, and recommends specific legal provisions that would limit liability.

Bloomfield talks on dust control, Yant on respirators.

Dr. Edgar Mayer talks about silicosis, but gives an example of a man who had cut asbestos paper boards in a dusty room for 24 years, where silica was also present in the dust. (130-131)

1936 -- Dr. RB Hunt, Med. Advisor to Amer. Mutual, discussed a number of occupational health hazards. He noted that "asbestos work" ... "offers another type of dust which may cause fatalities among workers." (118-119) Strong talk abt need for mfgs to warn abt product hazards.

Dr. WC Templer of Corning Glass stressed pre-employment physicals as an aid to control of occupational disease. RC Stratton of Travelers talked about industrial hygiene engineering controls.

* Nothing more specifically on asbestos, but other things of interest:

1940 -- Panel discussion on spray painting, X-ray exams, benzene, toxic limits of solvents, lead, skin cancer, etc.

Steam railroad section members listed (697-698).

1941 -- GC Harrold (Chrysler) talks on ventilation and exhaust equipment/
SW Gurney (Liberty Mutual) talks on measuring concentrations of
toxic substances. Dr. Sterner of Kodak talks on respirators.

1942 -- J Kane (of Amer. Air Filter) talks on ventilation controls & main-
tenance. Other talks on air sampling, respirators, etc.

Members of executive committee make a list covering several pages,
and regularly include representatives of GM and Bethlehem Steel, as
well as some railroads.