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PATENTS & CONTRACTS UNIT
WEEK OF SEPT. 3, 1973

Safety

<u>Injuries</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>To-Date 1973</u>	<u>Year-To-Date 1972</u>
Sub-Major	0	0	0
Major	0	0	0
Off-The-Job	0	0	0

<u>Manpower</u>	<u>8/29/73</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>9/5/73</u>
	17.5	0	0	17.5

Lead in Paint Legislation

The United States House of Representatives passed its version of a "Lead in Paint" Bill on September 5. The Bill provides for a 0.5% limit on lead and federal preemption of state and local laws. The Senate Bill (S-607), passed earlier this year, has no provision for federal preemption and limits lead to 0.06% unless HEW research shows that another level (up to 0.5%) is safe. Differences between the Bills are expected to be resolved by a Conference Committee next week.

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Tufted Sponge

A revised agreement with Tucel Industries has been executed at a substantially increased royalty minimum. Purchase order and 1/3 down payment for two tufting machines have been accepted by Tucel. Construction is about 50% complete. JLE

Glue Stack

A recent N.Y. law prohibits use of ethanol in adhesive compositions for retail sale without an "inhalant deterrent". Nippon Gohsei has been advised and a conforming formula free of ethanol is being investigated. At the same time the alternative use of "inhalant deterrents" is being considered. JLE

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