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New Members

During 1942, 11 more companies and associations affiliated with Industrial Hygiene Foundation in the organization's efforts to promote healthful working conditions, namely:

General Motors Corporation
Flintkote Company
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.
Employers Mutual Liability Insurance Co.
Dresser Manufacturing Company
Keppers Company
General Refractories Company
Demore Chair Company
Strathmore Paper Company
Davison Chemical Company
Pacific Coast Association Pulp and Paper Manufacturers

There are now 246 company and association members in the Foundation. These organizations, practically all of them directly engaged in war production, employ between 2 and 3 million war workers.

Plant Hygiene Surveys

The introduction of unfamiliar and new chemicals in manufacturing processes, some with little known toxic effects, is demanding even greater attention to plant hygiene measures. Meanwhile the dermatoses continue to be the most common of all occupational diseases.

The Foundation has conducted more plant hygiene surveys than in any previous year. These investigations, supervised by Frank R. Holden, check on the possible existence of health hazards in the workplaces. If hazards are detected, effectual measures are devised for their correction. Besides fostering healthful working conditions, the Foundation's plant surveys are proving to be an increasing factor in advancing harmonious labor relations, helping to eliminate working conditions which are often sources of discontent, such as nuisance dusts and fumes.

The Foundation collaborates actively with governmental agencies, both state and federal, which are interested in industrial health. One evidence of this cooperation is the subscription classification started early in the year whereby governmental agencies can secure all Foundation publications at less than cost. Since this arrangement was initiated 12 months ago, 4 federal agencies including Army and Navy, 22 states, and 5 cities have subscribed for Foundation literature. Meanwhile, 3 universities and 4 private specialists have also availed themselves of this material.

Research

The Foundation has continued to support medical and engineering research in industrial health with grants to The Saranac Laboratory, University of Pennsylvania and Harvard School of Public Health. Findings from these studies have been published. Then, too, an important study in toxicology is under way for a member company at Mellon Institute.

Publications

Two medical and two engineering bulletins have been issued to members during the year. These publications, giving the results of research are as follows:

1. Comparison of Stereoscopic Miniature Chest Films, Single Roentgenograms on Paper, and Single Roentgenograms on Large Films.

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