

AN EMPLOYEE'S SAFETY LETTER

CARRS FORK COAL COMPANY

ALLOCK, KENTUCKY

Aug. 12, 1947

Mr. C. A. Dupree,
Allock, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Dupree:

The man who tells you, "I Have Been Working In The Mines Now For Twenty Years And I Have Been Lucky. I Never Had An Accident" is only preparing himself for a possible injury that may prove fatal.

We think that the man who has built up a twenty-year safety record has to a great extent practiced safety. He may not be smart enough to know it, but it has not been LUCK that has kept him from injury all those years. What did save him was the KNOWLEDGE he had of danger, the SKILL in avoiding it, the FORETHOUGHT to think of it, CAUTION in approaching it, and enough SELF-DISCIPLINE so as not to take unnecessary chances with it.

Whenever he forgets these PRECAUTIONS, and starts to depend upon his LUCK and his twenty years of freedom from injury, only God can save him, and we want to remind you that "God helps only those who help themselves."

Seven out of every ten men killed in the mines of Kentucky last year had an average mining experience of twenty years or more. How many of them, do you think, got so they were depending upon LUCK,

What did not happen during twenty or more years of working carefully did happen in twenty seconds or less when they got careless and were trusting to LUCK.

Then again, there are men who have suffered several injuries over a period of five years or less, and they tell us that they have been UNLUCKY. With a too easy manner they "pass the buck" on to their LUCK. We know what was wrong with such men---- CARELESSNESS, HAPHAZARDNESS, POOR JUDGMENT, RULE VIOLATION and INDIFFERENCE. Whenever they get rid of these failings, their proneness to accidents will vanish.

So let us say, "LUCK BE HANGED!" It is what we do in the way of working safely that is going to keep us from being injured and killed, not our LUCK.

And we are going to mail this letter to your home so your wife and family will join us in discounting LUCK, and in its place preach a Gospel of Safety to you.

Sincerely yours,

