

# City Slicker

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## SAFETY FACTORS

For several issues, perhaps you have noticed, the accident record figures have been missing. With the change in Administrative Assistants and the busy months at the beginning of the new fiscal year, we are just getting back into the regular swing. Each issue hereafter will carry a comment on a few of the problems which arise before the Accident Prevention and Investigation Committee.

Through the medium of our employee newspaper, I believe we can foster many of the ideas of our own employees concerning the safety measures of our organization. It is surprising, but true, that many of our accidents and injuries occur to employees who know better and who say, "It can't happen to me". Because of their knowledge, they have a tendency to grow lax and careless on the job. Result: a crippling injury which never should have happened.

Each month employees come before the board on various types of accidents, and too many times the verdict of the board finds the employee, or his partner responsible. Only a few of our accidents are caused by faulty equipment or unsafe methods, and these are quickly remedied.

During the month of June the employees suffered nine personal injuries; in July this number was cut to five, but in August it rose to seven. In the next few months, the Accident Committ-

## THE PERFECT SQUELCH

One of the City Hall girls tells this one on herself:

It seems that our heroine was riding on a Mission Street bus minding her own business, when this middle-aged wolf climbed aboard, looked around before being seated, spotted our gal and lurched into the seat beside her. As the bus rounded a turn a moment later he leaned over and whispered, "Hello baby, where have you been all my life?"

Our gal looked the wolf over coolly and replied, "Well, for half of your life I wasn't even born."

ee will be studying and experimenting with a point system which, after it has been perfected, will assess each department of the City so many points for certain types of accidents. This information will be charted and carried in the City Slicker so that the employees can see just how their department is functioning in relation to the rest of the city departments.

At any rate, constant reminders and discussion will, I believe, serve to make the City of Santa Cruz a safer place in which to work.

## BILLING for COOING

The Cheboygan, Michigan City Council recently passed an ordinance imposing a \$5 fine on any motorist caught driving with a woman on his lap.