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Heathhall Employee's Record Award SUGGESTIONS PAY OFF!

It is quite a time since we were able to record a substantial award for the adoption of a Suggestion at Heathhall. Yet the idea put forward by Robert Haining, *Receiving Stores*, proved to be so worthwhile that it came in for the outstanding award of £69—a record for Heathhall. Congratulations, Mr. Haining!



Walter Smith, *Mechanicals Production Manager*, congratulating Robert Haining on his £69 award.

Like all good ideas this one was surprisingly simple. Much of his everyday life is concerned with fabrics. So he set about effecting worthwhile savings in fabric wastage with highly successful results.

It shows what can be done when one applies one's mind to doing something a better way—and for the benefit of all concerned. We welcome ideas that pay off so handsomely. May Haining's example be an incentive to another "jackpot".

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Castle Mills Rehabilitation News

New Hose Building

Contract awarded to Redpath Brown of Edinburgh for structural steel. Deliveries start 2nd December. Tenders being secured for construction of new building.

Foundation work will start in early October.

Demolition of remaining buildings in the Vulcanite area being completed now.

Tyre Expansion Plant

One-third of the new presses are in operation. Presses doubling the capacity of the Tyre plant will all be in place by December of this year.

Two-thirds of the new Tyre building equipment will be installed by Mid-October and the balance by December.

Preparatory department installations will be completed by January 1958.

Additional Banbury, dual tuber, solutioning and calendaring capacity equipment on schedule.

New Steam Plant

Clearance of site now in progress.

Orders for boilers will be placed this month.

Construction of buildings will start Mid-December.

Centre Block Rehabilitation

The many production department moves in this area continue on schedule.



Royalite introduced at Plastics Exhibition

Enthusiastic response from Varied Industries

The above photograph illustrates the small stand we were able to have at the British Plastics Exhibition in London last July. All of the Royalite exhibits were of American origin as body parts now being made at Castle Mills for British car manufacturers were still on the secret list. Royalite exhibits of interest to luggage manufacturers and other industries were all featured.

As was announced at the last Annual General Meeting, the nitrate thermoplastic, Royalite, already firmly established in America, was to be an important addition to our production in 1957. Shapes never before attainable have been achieved by this material, which by simple vacuum-forming operations provides a part hitherto traditionally tooled in steel and hand-trimmed with leather or fabric.

Many new models at this year's International Motor Show will include Royalite. At the Plastics Exhibition we were besieged by all kinds of manufacturers who see the tremendous scope of Royalite over other materials. Now our *Sales Division* is leaving no stone unturned to develop this potential business, which can ensure round-the-clock production for this new department at Castle Mills.

Keep up the good work with a steady flow of new, constructive suggestions.

OTHER AWARDS

In addition to this outstanding award we are delighted to record other well-considered suggestions from Heathhall during July and August.

£3. 16s.—J. B. Turner, *Cutting* (Increase lay length of stocks); £1—D. May, *Mill-room* (Reduce damage to materials); £1—H. Baxter, *Boilerhouse* (Protection of baffle walls of boiler); £1—E. McFinnie,

Quality Control (Re-loading of No. 2 Rotorcure); Letters of Merit: J. Logan, *Sanitation* (Modify door of chimney stack), and J. Fisher, *Plant Engineering* (Fire fighting equipment).

THE LATE NEIL T. HAY

As we go to press we learn of the death, on 31st August, of Neil Hay, who in the past thirty years was largely responsible for the high volume of footwear production at Castle Mills. In our next issue we shall deal in more detail with his long service.

NEW TRANSPORT COLOUR SCHEME

OUR expanding tyre business has necessitated additional long-distance vehicles for deliveries to Ford and Vauxhall. For these new 10-ton Atkinsons we have adopted a new colour scheme of Oxford blue and yellow—the house colours of U.S. Royal tyres.

These new giant vehicles will carry the message of U.S. Royal tyres across the trunk roads of Britain. Yellow lettering on a rich background of Oxford blue gives particularly strong identification while the reproduction of the tyre speaks for itself!

The Company's existing fleet of transport will be similarly repainted and illustrated.

