## ENDLESS BELT EMPLOYEES ARE PROVING

Following is the presentation talk made by Mr. Thomas N. Word on April 13th to the employees of Endless Belt.

April 13, 1951

Mr. Geopfert, Miss Mary Sue Thorne, each and every employee of Endless Belt Corporation, and those present from other departments.

It gives me great pleasure to be present with you today in connection with Endless Belt Corporation's record and accomplishment in accident prevention.

I know if Mr. Straus were with us, he would be most happy to make this presentation, as he was always keenly interested in accident prevention.

The record you have achieved in accident prevention is one for you to be proud of. During seven years of continuous operation, you have not had a single lost time accident. The last lost time accident you had was on April 13, 1944, which gives you a record of 2,556 safe days, with a total of 1,347,761 safe hours. The only other lost time accident experienced by you since your operations started in North Carolina in September, 1939, occurred on November 2nd of that year, when one of the employees lost two days from work as a result of a bruised finger.

This is certainly a record to be more than proud of, and I am quite sure that each and every one of you realize the suffering caused by serious injuries as well as the hardship caused by loss of wages, which go hand in hand.

This accomplishment and record is solely due to the interest of each and every employee in accident prevention, and I feel quite sure we can look forward to your continued interest and cooperation, and that every effort will be made by you to maintain this outstanding record in the future. To Mr. Newbury, our Safety Director, we extend our thanks for his part in this achievement. The high goal you have attained is indeed nice, and should be an incentive to all Departments here at Ecusta, in their program for the prevention of personal injuries.

We have received a letter from the Hon. Forrest H. Shuford, Commissioner of Labor of the State of North Carolina, awarding to the Endless Belt Corporation a safety award in accident prevention for four consecutive years.

It, therefore, gives me great pleasure to present to you this special ribbon which has been awarded to you for this splendid record, which is attached to the Accident Prevention Certificate, which was previously awarded to you.

February 14, 1951

Mr. T. N. Word, Vice President Endless Belt Corporation Pisgah Forest, North Carolina Dear Mr. Word:

Congratulations on winning our safety award for outstanding work in accident prevention for the fourth consecutive year. Your Department of Labor is proud of this splendid record, and I am sure that you and your employees are equally as proud.

We are enclosing a special ribbon which has been prepared to show that you have again qualified for an award. As you know, this award is only a symbol of your remarkable accomplishments. The true value is in the elimination of human suffering and the many losses which result from industrial accidents.

Again, the North Carolina Department of Labor congratulates you, your company, and your employees for the fine cooperation which made this award possible.

> Very truly yours, Forrest H. Shuford COMMISSIONER

> > March 9, 1951.

Hon. Forrest H. Shuford, Commissioner, Department of Labor, State of North Carolina,

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Commissioner:

We acknowledge receipt of your nice letter of February 14, 1951, informing us of your Safety Award to Endless Belt Corporation for the fourth consecutive year, for our record in accident prevention, and enclosing a special ribbon showing we have qualified for this award.

We are very proud of this record and accomplishment, and I wish to express to you on behalf of the Corporation and each and every employee, our appreciation of your kind remarks.

This record can only be accomplished by the interest and effort of the individual employee, to whom all credit is due, and I feel sure all will strive to see that this record is maintained.

Again thanking you,

Sincerely yours,
T. N. Word
Vice President & Treasurer
ENDLESS BELT CORPORATION.