

What Would Happen



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What Is A Production Hero?

Why is a man referred to as a production hero?

Is it because he makes precision parts for Navy range-finders?

No.

Is it because he is cool, accurate and careful at work?

No.

Is it because he has a son at the front and is trying to do as much to win the war at his machine as the boy is doing on the firing line?

No.

He's a production hero because, in addition to being a good worker, he does what he can to make sure that his vital work will continue day in and day out until victory has been won.

He is not going to let an accident knock him out of production if he can help it. In fact, he calls an accident a "bonehead blunder" and has no patience with the man who causes one.

He carries this attitude home with him. He knows that more workers by thousands are killed and injured off-the-job than at work.

He knows, for example, that a hip bone in a fall down the porch steps would take him off the job for weeks, perhaps from his special job for good.

Therefore, this man's home is safe. It is in repair. He has seen to this.

He is a production hero—a hero without his picture in the paper, but a hero just the same.

BAND NOTES

Believe it or not, the band came out for rehearsal on the Tuesday night following the picnic. That is something, considering the fact that we played not only for the picnic but also for two concerts in Brevard and we were all tired.

Tuesday nights were established as the regular band nights a long time ago and with very few exceptions everybody has made these rehearsals, this is one of the main reasons that the band has continued to improve.

Band Leads Parade

On Sunday night, July 4th, after playing on the square in Brevard, a part of the members of the band rode on a truck, leading a parade to the high school, where a patriotic meeting was held.

Our president, Mr. Harry H. Straus, was in charge of an anti-loafing meeting held at Brevard court house Monday night, July 5th. A large crowd attended and the band played several patriotic numbers.

Mr. Eversman reports a new beginner's band, just recently started. This means much new material for the big band. The band has been rehearsing many new numbers, which we hope to present to you in the near future.

President Straus Delivers A Memorable Speech At Picnic

Following is the text of a speech made by Harry H. Straus at the Ecusta picnic on July 5th at Camp Sapphire:

I am glad to see so many of our co-workers, with their friends and families, assembled here to enjoy themselves and to have a good time. As I have stated at previous occasions, we should not only work together but we should also play together. This breeds good fellowship, better understanding and more harmonious cooperation between all of us.

However, we must set aside a few minutes of this Holiday to bring back to our minds the importance of this day.

167 years ago our forefathers, wise and patriotic men, signed the Declaration of Independence.

All of you are familiar with this most important document, which means so much to all of us; but let us spend a few moments on the "INDEPENDENCE"

On the 4th of July, so many years ago, our forefathers declared the independence of this great country of ours. (I do not think it amiss to read to you a very interesting excerpt: Quote. In the Spring of 1776 several states—North Carolina taking the lead—directed their delegates in congress to declare for independence.)

Our country has grown to unexpected magnitude; it has expanded in every direction; it has become the greatest Nation in the world.

Right now we are engaged in a struggle for life and death and a struggle to preserve this independence for which our forefathers stood. We must concentrate and bend every effort at our disposal on this struggle. It is a fight for survival. Maybe 167 years from today, our great-great-grandchildren will be proud when they read in their history books what we the present Americans have done, sacrificed and accomplished for their freedom.

Our boys, our sons, and many of our daughters, are in uniform. They are, at this moment, fighting in every corner of the world. Our forces are distributed to fight in the Atlantic, in the Pacific, in Africa, Asia, and in Europe. It is the greatest undertaking in the history of warfare.

WE SHALL WIN THIS WAR!

Those of us who are at home, either being too old to serve or being the fathers of families, with dependents, have nevertheless a great responsibility.

There is a "Home Front." On this home front we must fight today. We must exert every ounce of our physical effort to help produce the means of war and such articles which bring comfort to our fighting forces. In addition to this, we must make financial sacrifices to the limit of our ability. We must deny ourselves such comforts, in which our improved income permits us to indulge, and to invest those surpluses in War Bonds. Without money, the necessary ammunition, airplanes and thousands of other things, which the Army and the Navy Air Force need, cannot be procured. This is naturally our responsibility.

This war will be over—let us pray it will be over soon—and when the boys return, after having accomplished a victorious job, the fight has not ended. Then begins the struggle in which all of us must participate—WINNING THE PEACE. We must, with patience and consideration, adapt ourselves to the change from war to peace. There might be interruptions in certain industries; there might be tremendous demands in others. It is as difficult and important a job for our government to find ways and means to make the period from war to peace as victorious as they have made the war, and if all of us help, ready to put our shoulders to the wheel, the spoils of this war will mean permanent peace for all times.

We here in beautiful Pisgah Forest, surrounded by mountains, have been especially blessed. We are far removed from war activities; we can devote ourselves to our work and our families and thereby create happy surroundings.

We all know we are making cigarette paper for cigarettes, and as you know and undoubtedly have heard directly from your boys, cigarettes are the greatest comfort our armed forces look for after a strenuous day on the battle front; consequently, all those who work for Ecusta are spending their efforts in an essential industry, which is one of the greatest contributions to the happiness of those who do the actual fighting.

We are gathered here in full view of the glorious Flag of the United States of America, You all know what protection this flag means to all of us but I wonder if you remember what the three colors, "RED, WHITE AND BLUE" really represent: RED—For Valor—7 stripes. WHITE—For Purity—6 stripes. BLUE—For Justice. There are 48 five-pointed stars in our flag, 1 for each State belonging to the Union.

On this anniversary of our liberty and independence, we salute the brave men and women who are in the service of our Country, and wish them God-speed until they shall return, and in honor of them, let us renew our pledge of allegiance to our Flag.

Let us raise our eyes to our glorious flag and in silent prayer, pay honor and respect to it. Let us pray.

It is my sincere hope that this yearly gathering shall become an established custom amongst Ecusta employees and that for many, many years to come we will meet here every year; that year after year we will know each other better, like each other better and be a happier, bigger family.

The President Speaks



Shown above is a picture that was taken while President Harry Straus was delivering a memorable Fourth of July speech at the annual 1943 picnic.

Progress Is Being Made In Organizing Ecusta Choral Unit

From a minstrel show the idea was born. "Let's make it a permanent thing," we said. And so because one man decided to combine a chorus with a band show and give a minstrel, we now have a Chorus, an Ecusta organization that's growing and will continue to grow.

Our goal is 100 voices. We are confident we will exceed that number. Why not? We have a director, a splendid accompanist and an executive committee just full of new ideas and plans for the Chorus, and a chorus personnel with the ambition to carry out these ideas and make the Chorus a success.

We began with a prospective list of 85 persons. That list has grown to 101 prospects. Of that number we can already count as members 54 persons. We have set aside the next two weeks as membership weeks, and during that time we expect to add the other 47 persons on our list and to find others whose names we do not have. We would like to have all persons who like to sing! That should include You and You and You.

To Have Complete Repertoire

In our musical repertoire we plan to include a variety of selections: folk music, popular songs, classic and modern music, sacred, the familiar and then new. We'll have it all.

Our plans for the group include concerts at Ecusta and outside the Plant, and special shows such as Minstrels, etc. These plans are tentative. As we increase in membership our plans will grow. Already we have a distinctive feature which is a part of each rehearsal period. For 15 minutes of that period each Wednesday evening, we enjoy a lecture, by our director, on the simple fundamentals of music. We find it helpful in preparing us for reading more quickly the music which we have, and will help us to read the more difficult music which we hope to include when we have grown to that extent.

We shall make this Chorus an organization of which Ecusta will be proud!

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—One bunch of keys (3 keys). Inquire at the Library.