

Approximately 4,000

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National Security Award. This award was made by the Civilian Defense Office, with the approval of the Army and Navy departments and was presented to Ecusta for having developed and maintained, since Pearl Harbor, a superior standard of protection and achievement. The presentation of the award was made by Major Dewey A. Herrin, of the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga.

Program Broadcast

Gov. Broughton and a group of Army officers and officials of the Office of Civilian Defense were present for the presentation ceremony. They highly praised the officials and employees of Ecusta. The presentation program was broadcast over radio stations WWNC, Asheville, and WBT, Charlotte.

Ralph H. Ramsey, Jr., chairman of the Transylvania county civilian defense council, presided and the address of welcome was delivered by Harry H. Straus, president of Ecusta.

"On behalf of the state of North Carolina, I extend hearty congratulations to the officials and employees of the Ecusta Paper corporation for having won this coveted award," Gov. Broughton said.

"The record that you have made is one that the people of this county and state are proud of and I commend you," he said.

The chief executive paid high tribute to the accomplishments of all civilian defense councils.

"I'm delighted to see such a happy, contented and typically American crowd out here enjoying a Fourth picnic," he said. "Just such an event as this is one of the reasons why we are fighting today, and by next Fourth we will have our boys back home with us."

To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. Straus stated that plans are now being made for Ecusta to celebrate its fifth anniversary this fall, and to organize a 5-year club among the workers.

"Of my many responsibilities to Ecusta and to you, and one which I am taking most seriously, is to prepare for the postwar period," he said.

"Ecusta will welcome back with open arms our men and women who have been fighting for us and at the same time will continue to give employment to all loyal Ecustans who have worked for us during the war.

"All of you must be aware of our efforts to develop new kinds of paper to be sold alongside of the famous Ecusta cigarette paper. All of this is done in the hope of keeping our wheels turning uninterruptedly during the peace like during the war."

Mr. Straus commended the workers for the records they have made in production and urged that they not allow any outside influence to disturb and interfere with this record.

"Let us continue to work together, same as heretofore, in peace and harmony and I hope and pray that all of us will celebrate together many Fourth of July picnics," he stated.

Raymond F. Bennett, general superintendent of Ecusta, accepted the National Security award.

Roy L. Millan, state director of civilian defense, presented the company with a National Security Award flag which was accepted by Henry E. Newbury, plant defense co-ordinator.

A short talk was also made by June H. Rose, assistant state director of civilian defense.

Gov. J. M. Broughton Delivers Address At Ecusta Picnic



President Straus Makes Speech And Presents Governor



Civilian Defense Chairman Ramsey Presides At Ceremony

