

# MR. STRAUS

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printed into money for the use of the American soldiers in foreign countries.

Also, at the present time, large quantities of cigarettes—a very substantial amount of the entire production in this country—(and I might mention here that this is the reason why all of us cannot buy as many cigarettes as we would like), are being sent to the armed forces overseas, and the cigarette paper for them is made by Ecusta.

I want to congratulate all of you on your membership in the 5-Year Service Club. I am happy to be one of them. In due time, we will elect officers of this club and I hope that it will bring all of us beneficial improvements in our mutual relationship, for which I have worked in the past and will continue to work in the future. Consequently, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and prepare for a brighter future for all of us.

Many other benefits for mutual advantage are being planned. These will be worked out in time. We will talk them over. By close contact between ourselves we can achieve results.

This terrible war, which has been forced upon our Nation, has in many ways upset our lives. It is up to all of us to be patriotic, patient and do what we can and what we are called on to do to win this war.

We all believe that in the not too distant future our armies will be victorious and our victory will be won.

I appeal to you all to be patient until the great day comes and we can return to peace and our boys can come home.

I have complete faith in the sincerity, honesty and loyalty of every one of you.

I ask of you that you have faith and believe in my sincerity, honesty and loyalty to you.

I tell you as man to man I WILL keep my word to you. I will continue to so long as I am your employer to help you prosper, be happy, and be successful.

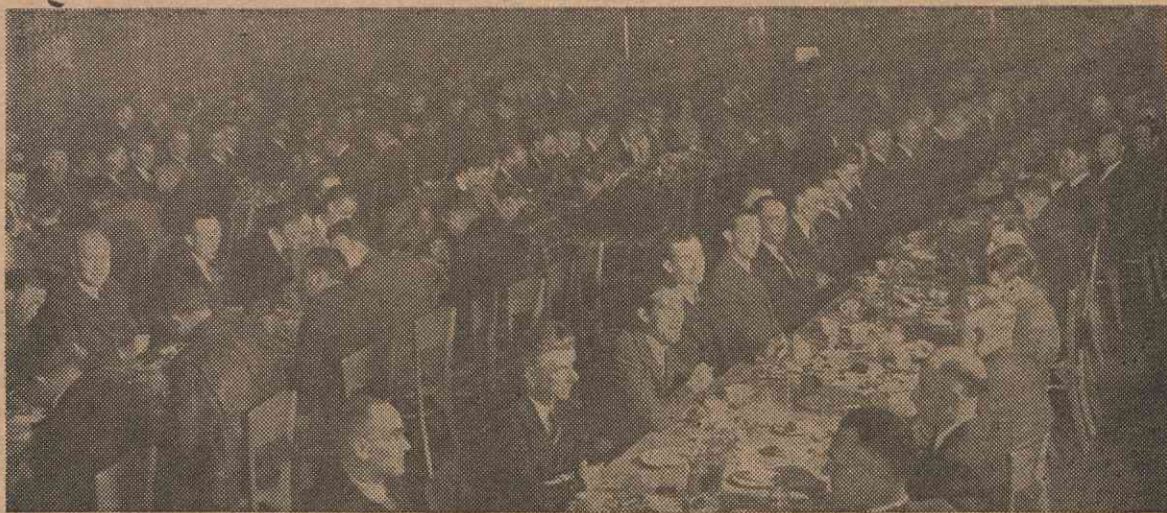
## A Social Security Card Is Important

"Every person who gets work in private industry or commerce should have a social security card." This was emphasized today in a statement to employees in this area by Mr. D. W. Lambert, manager of the Social Security board's field office at Asheville, N. C., where social security cards may be obtained. "A social security card," Mr. Lambert said, "immediately establishes an insurance account with the United States Government and opens the door to eventual benefit under the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Act."

The purpose of this insurance, Mr. Lambert explained, is to provide regular monthly payments for the family when the breadwinner dies or when he dies. Since benefit payments are based on the worker's wages in employment covered by the law, it is important, Mr. Lambert said, "to have wages correctly reported and recorded in your social security account. Part-time and temporary employment counts, too, and every year of wages from covered jobs up to \$3,000.00 a year, helps to increase the protection."

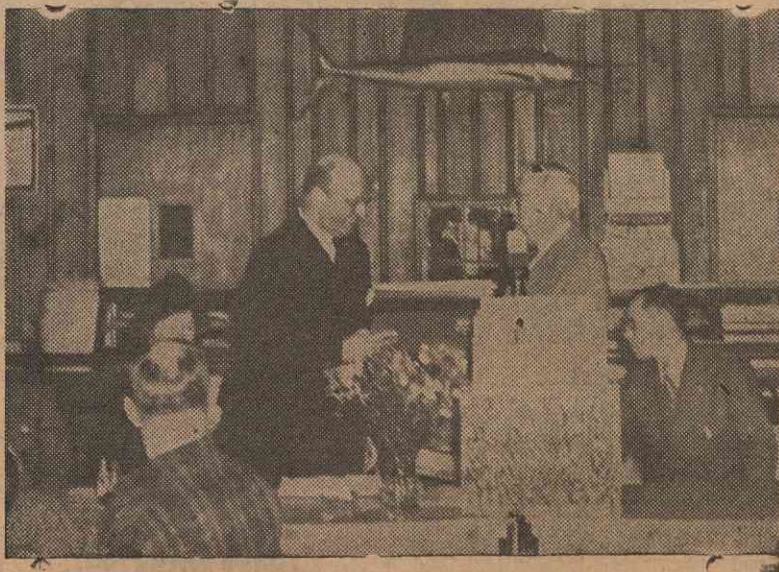
Mr. Lambert explained that the

## FIVE YEAR CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY BANQUET



Shown above is a picture of approximately 300 persons who have been working for one or more of our companies for five years or longer. This banquet was held in the cafeteria on the night of Nov. 10. A Five-Year Club was inaugurated at this meeting and certificates of membership were presented to each member. A delicious turkey dinner was served and a program which followed included speeches, musical entertainment and movies. As you can easily see by looking at the picture, a good time was enjoyed by all.

### Mr. Straus Receives Certificate



### First Certificate Given To Mr. Word



### Lt. Wesley Keels Missing In Action

Lt. (jg) Wesley Keels, Jr., former Physical Laboratory employee, has been missing in action since Oct. 12. He has been overseas since February of this year, having duty on a carrier somewhere in the Pacific. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wesley Keels, Sr., of Monroe.

He graduated from Brevard college in 1941, attended an aviation school at Hendersonville, and was a licensed pilot before entering the service. He entered the service in February, 1942, and received his naval training at stations in Florida, Virginia, and New Jersey.

The following is taken from a recent letter from Lt. Keels:

"How is everyone in Physical Lab? . . . I'd sure like to be able to take a good deep breath of that mountain breeze. I didn't realize what a wonderful place that was until I left there. . . . I can't tell you what we've been doing but it wasn't just playing around. Have been flying quite a lot, and long hops, too. We stay up from one to five hours at a time. A fellow really gets tired sitting in one position that long. . . . I'm building quite a lot of combat hours now, and have been lucky so far. Hope it continues to hold out. . . ."

#### WORKS IN F. P. O.

N. L. Ponder, Jr., Y 3-c, of the Merchant Marine, is now at work in the Fleet Post Office in New York. Previously he was in Navy Post Office work in Brooklyn, N. Y. Yeoman Ponder is a mail specialist. He was employed as Office Boy prior to induction in December, 1942.

#### WITH CLARK'S ARMY

Pfc. Bill Nicholson is a member of the 350th Infantry regiment, which paced Lt. General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army drive from the Garigliano to mouth of the Arno River in Italy. He was employed as Assistant Canteen Operator until September, 1943, the time of induction. Pfc. Nicholson's outfit received a citation; it has been outstanding in important operations. He trained at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

number on a worker's social security card is the same as that under which his account is set up in the Baltimore office of the Social Security Board. Many persons have the same name, but no two persons have the same number.

"Be sure," said Mr. Lambert, "that your employer records your name and account number exactly as they appear on your social security card. Keep your card in a compartment of your wallet or in a tough envelope or holder of some kind. Put the stub, or lower half, of the card, away in a safe place where it can easily be locat-

ed. Then if you lose your card, the Social Security board can give you a duplicate card immediately with the same number as was on the original. If you do not have the stub, or a record of your number, it will take time to get a duplicate. But don't lose your original card — issuing duplicates costs money, paper, and time."

The field office manager pointed out the important part which the employer plays under the system. "He pays half the premium for your Government insurance; he forwards to the Government his own and your social security pre-

miums; he reports the wages of every employee so that they may be recorded in the proper social security account; and he is required to provide each employee with a statement of the wages so reported by him."