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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

How many of us still remember the Aesop fable about the wheel?

You may recollect that the hub, the spokes and the rim held a heated argument. Each considered itself the most important. So they laid the case before Jupiter for decision.

"How pointless such debate," exclaimed Jupiter. "Together as a wheel you do the work of the world. Separated, you can perform no useful service.

"It is the hub which sustains the weight put upon the wheel, and directs the spokes to their appointed places. Through the strength of the spokes the rim is restrained from collapse. By its support of the spokes the rim enables the wheel to do its work."

Whenever I think of the fable I think of our company as such a wheel. Management the hub; the people of departments the spokes; our circle of customers the rim. The well being of each dependent on the effective work of all.

But ours is by no means an inanimate "wheel." ANVIL BRAND—much more than the name of a company, of a brand or of a garment—is people.

And today I want to salute the people of ANVIL BRAND for their spirit of comradeship in their personal relations, and for their zeal to unite in the processes which make our garments superior. I want to acknowledge and commend their loyalty to the policies and principles of the company which knit all of us together in an alert, robust and enduring organization.

Particularly do I want to single out twenty-four people. Not through favoritism, but because they have developed records in

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Anvil Brand Salutes 'Old Timers'



JESSIE LEHMAN AND MAE RUMSEY

Employees With Longest Service Came Here in '22

Mae Rumsey and Jessie Lehman are Anvil Brand's two oldest members in point of service. Both came to work here 30 years ago when the company was very small. Mae preceded Jessie by a few months, April 19, 1922 being her first day here while Jessie reported for work on July 21, 1922.

Both are members of the overall department which isn't surprising, as Mae points out, "because that's all there was then." To the best of her recollection, she said there were 12 machines — all plain sewers.

Mae is noted for her ready smile and her wit. She enjoys people more than she does reading, and prefers going places to staying at home. Her husband was killed in an accident when her two girls were quite small. Both of them graduated from High Point High School, and Elizabeth, the elder, is now married to Edward Mish and the mother of Mae's adored grandchildren. There's nothing Mae enjoys more than going to Fort

Bragg and baby-sitting with little Johnny and June Mish.

Her other daughter, Arlien Rumsey, lives with her mother at 707 Wise Street.

JESSIE LEHMAN

Anvil Brand has played an important role in Jessie Lehman's life. It was here that she met her husband, Bill Lehman. As Jessie phrased it, she "married her family" since Bill had three sons back in 1930 when they were married. Robert, better known as "Bobby" in the overall department where he once worked, was killed in World War II.

A second son, Capt. William Lehman of Biloxi, Miss., also worked here for several years before he went into the Army. The third son, Harmon, recently returned to this country after service in Korea, was married earlier this month to Miss Dorothy Cox.

Jessie and Bill live on the CC Camp Road. They have a vegetable garden which they care for

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24 Have Been Here 25 to 30 Years

This issue of "Sew It Seams" is dedicated to the 24 men and women who have given from 25 to 30 years of continuous service to our organization. They have contributed to the growth of the company, which, when our first "old timers" joined it in 1922, operated only 12 machines — all plain sewers.

Of course it was the High Point Overall Company then. As the name indicated, overalls were the first and about the only product the young company produced, and for this reason there are far more operators who joined the company 25 or more years ago in the overall department than in any other.

With the men, it is another story. Most of them performed half a dozen different jobs when they first joined the company, and many of them have performed dozens of different jobs.

Persons whom the company wishes to pay tribute to today, and the year in which they joined our company are:

1922 — Mae Clark Rumsey and Jessie Lehman, both of the overall department.

1923 — Ethel Sanders of overall, and Polly Melton of utility.

1924 — Grady Hedrick of sales, Lizzie Kennedy and Stella Kennedy of overall, and Nelia Albertson and Ila Luther of dungaree.

1925 — Tom V. Long of sales, and Rosa Wilkerson of overall.

1926 — Charlie Simpson of factory, Ollie Brown of overall, and Onie Hayes of dungaree.

1927 — John C. Hayes of sales, Georgia Payton of utility, Minnie Hughes of dungaree, Roy Rickard of traffic, Ossie Wright of factory, Geneva Lethco and Ira Simpson of overall, Austin Smith of mechanics, Martha Belle Grimes of office, and Frank McCulloch of the shirt department.