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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

Still the memory of our August picnic lingers.

A warm and pleasant memory, too. It brings mental pictures of companionable people and happy scenes at both the City Lake and Colored Park, with the further pleasure of publicly welcoming members of the Sherrod Division to the fellowship of our Anvil Brand family.

Everyone joins, I know, in sincere regret that an outbreak of polio prevented our Sherrod co-workers in Independence, Virginia, from holding a similar party. Let us hope that no such cause for disappointment arises at picnic time next summer.

This annual picnic, to me, is one of the year's high spots of enjoyment. It represents such a refreshing relief from the vexations and cares which come to all of us in various ways. In the gala spirit of picnic companionship we can let our hair down, so to speak, and in the informality of the occasion we gain a clear insight into the real selves of each other. From such understanding springs the genuine spirit of congenial co-operation which gives us a lift in our duties as well as in our social contacts. In such an atmosphere we accomplish more, and are the happier because of our co-operative accomplishments.

In fact, the thought of our harmonious Anvil family came strongly to my mind many weeks ago when newspapers carried an account of the climb to the summit of Mount Everest. Remember?

One of the climbers, Sir Edmund Hillary, and one of the guides, Tenzing Norkey, were the first humans ever to accomplish that hazardous feat. Immediately the question arose, which man actually first stepped to the mountain peak? His name would live  
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## Willard Hussey Promoted; Heads Independence Plant

Willard Hussey, who first joined the Anvil Brand family as a bundle boy in August of 1939, took over on August 31 as superintendent of the Independence, Va., plant of the Sherrod division.

His promotion was announced last week by Production Manager Jack Rives and is being cited by many of the old-time employees as an outstanding example of the advancement possibilities in the Anvil Brand firm.

Willard was only 18 years of age when he started as a bundle boy, in first the shirt department and later the pants department. His next job was that of mechanic's helper, which he began by learning to oil machinery.

On September 30, 1942 Willard joined the Marine Corps and saw service in the South Pacific. He was discharged on December 21, 1945 and arrived home on Christmas Day after having hitch-hiked from San Diego, Calif., in order to save his severance pay and see some of the country.

He again took up his duties at

Anvil Brand on January 30, 1946, this time studying under the company's GI training program to become a machinist. He worked and studied under A. C. Smith, the company's head mechanic, for four years. During that time he covered all departments, learning to operate and fix every machine.

He continued with the company after his GI training had ended and after his selection for the Independence post he was drilled in what Jack Rives terms "a number of abbreviated courses." He worked in the pattern and cutting departments, going through every operation. He spent more time in the pants department and, of course, he studied work simplification, learned some of the problems of production, and conferred with the personnel department regarding the company's practices in the hiring and training of employees.

Willard says that the company "has tried in every way" to help him obtain a workable background  
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## New Safety Committee Takes Over

A new safety committee took over last week and will serve as inspectors of housekeeping and safe practices for their various departments during the next four months.

On the committee from the offices are Betty Pugh and Barbara Mendenhall. Sarah Sparks represents cutting; Lois Stanley, ladies' dungaree; Winnie Shirley, dungaree I; Margaret Reddick, dungaree II; Virginia Beal, overall and boxer; Shirley Ellridge and Ruth Myers, pants; and Katie Sellers, finishing and shirt.

Chairman Ossie Wright explained that their duties will be to serve as a clearing house for the prevention of accidents. They are to check first aid facilities, making sure necessary items are always available; to seek out unsafe habits on the part of employees;  
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