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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

Although July 4th is past I hope you still enjoy many vacation memories. And while it is yet July we should remember something else with deepest gratitude.

In 1954 we have vacations, we have luxuries, jobs and high standards of living because 178 years ago there were courageous men who pledged "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to create a nation more privileged than any other in history.

Not even the most optimistic then could have dreamed of the greatness and richness that was to develop from the nation they founded. It takes a vivid imagination now to foresee what is yet to come. For thoughtful men tell us, "Look into America's future and you can set your hopes high."

They see the human requirements created by increasing population at the rate of 11,000 births a day. They point to the need for new schools to the extent of 40 billion dollars, 60 billions for highway construction, housing for an expanding population involving 100 billions. They picture a 250 per cent needed increase for electrical energy in the next 20 years. Yet these special needs are only a fraction of the whole. All providing endless employment for every existing trade skill and profession. Calling for materials, tools, equipment, wearing apparel, food and services beyond calculation.

Students of coming days say, "Look into America's future and you can see your own." And what a future. What promise for even stronger national foundations, expanded prosperity, higher standards, more joy in living.

Don't you agree that our ancestors of 178 years ago opened opportunities and left us a heritage

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92 At White and Hudson Have Perfect Attendance

The perfect attendance record of employees at the Hudson and White divisions for the first six months of this year showed an increase of 49 over the same period in 1953. Also, the figure was increased by 38 over the six months covering the last half of the 1953 year.

That means that a total of 91 employees reported for work every day—and were on time—through the work period from January 1 to June 30.

From January of 1953 through June 30 of the same year only 43 Hudson and White employees had a perfect record. During the last half of last year, from July through December, 54 employees had a perfect attendance score.

The figures totaled at the end of this June, however, include supervisors while previously these employees have not been included in the perfect attendance records.

Neither Sherrod nor Independence were included in the above totals because records at those plants were not started until after January 1. However, both the divisions will be included in attendance records announced next January.

First place in number of perfect attendances during the past six months went, again, to dungaree. A total of 23 persons there worked every day and were not late once.

Second place was a tie between the shirt department and the overall and boxer department, both those units having totals of 15. Third place went to pants, with a total of nine and the various offices stacked up a total of six. Fifth place was also a tie, between shipping and receiving totaled together and the cutting department at Hudson with five perfect attendances each.

Pattern had four perfect attendances, ladies' dungaree three. The cutting room which moved to North Main Street and the maintenance department both had totals of three.

The employees obtaining the perfect records in the various departments were:

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COMMUNICATIONS?—Is that what you'd call our mail boy? Anyway, his job is to keep all the High Point plants in touch with each other. He's Gerald Talley and for the story of how he carries messages from one plant to another see page two.

Mehan New Head Of Garment Assn.

Floyd D. Mehan, Anvil Brand's executive vice president, on July 19 was elected president of the Southern Garment Manufacturers' Association.

The election was held at the association's annual convention in Memphis, Tenn., July 18-21, which was attended also by Sales Director Hugh Webster and Production Manager Jack Rives.

During the past four years Vice President Mehan has been secretary-treasurer of the association, as well as a member of the board of directors.

The association which he heads for the coming year is the largest trade association for the apparel industry in America. The name, Southern Garment Manufacturers' Association, is somewhat misleading

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Annual Picnic Is Scheduled For August 20

The annual picnic will be held on August 20 for Anvil Branders and their families. Some 3,000 persons are expected to gather for fun and food at City Lake Park and at Colored Park.

Included in the plans are the workers and their families at the Hudson, White, and Sherrod divisions. Plans also are being made for a grand picnic for the Independence workers at a recreation park near that city. A definite date for that event has not as yet been set but should be settled shortly.

The company will again present watches to employees who have worked here for 25 continuous years. President R. C. Kirchofer will make the presentations.

At the present time there are 30 members of Anvil Brand's 25 year club with watches presented to 24 in 1952 and to six Anvil Branders last year. This year's number of new members is expected to exceed last year's as Sherrod workers, who became a part of the Anvil Brand family only a little over a year ago, will be included in the gift list at this year's picnic.

The plants will close at the regular hour and there will be bus service, with a schedule to be announced later, for the employees who do not wish to go to the parks in their automobiles. A wonderful dinner is being planned and the entertainment committee is busy with plans for the after dinner events. Many employees, undoubtedly, will want to go out immediately after the plants close to take advantage of swimming and other park recreation facilities. The entertainment program and the supper will be identical at both parks.

Personnel Director Aline Carter urges that each employee mark the date of August 20 on their calendars so they will not make other plans for the after work hours on that day. "Let's all plan to have some fun, food, and relaxation together," she said.

The various picnic committees, all of them already at work making

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