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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

This is the season when some exciting questions arise. The successes and failures of an entire year have passed into history. Now it is a New Year.

And we ask ourselves, what does 1955 have in store for me? How much better will be my situation in December than in January? What did I do wrong in 1954 which I can correct in 1955? What did I do right which I can improve even more? What can I do that will assure more progress and good fortune? Be certain there is an answer to every question.

If business prophecies prove true vast numbers of people will enjoy favorable answers. For there is remarkably wide agreement that except for some unforeseen catastrophe 1955 will be a flourishing year. But prosperity isn't laid in our laps. People must create it by looking ahead and determining what they can do as individuals and groups to assure it.

One example of forward-looking in our own business family was the meeting of Anvil Brand and Tractor salesmen last month, with "New Horizons" as the theme of the gathering. These sales organizations registered commendable accomplishments in 1954. But discussions of garments, fabrics, improvements and sales principles and practices all pointed to looking ahead, setting new goals, further expanding the distribution of Anvil and Tractor products, and otherwise surpassing in 1955 the admirable achievements of 1954.

Nor will this be a difficult task for men as resourceful and active as Anvil and Tractor salesmen. Whereas their only resources for sales at one time were work clothes stores and work clothes departments, each new season opens "new horizons" to them by means of new garments to be sold in men's furnishings stores, women's

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## 125 Employees Have Perfect 6-Month Score

A total of 125 Anvil Branders have perfect attendance records for the six months ending December 31, meaning they were neither tardy or absent during any of the work days for that period.

Since some departments have more workers than others the actual number of perfect records in a department is not as important as the percentage of employees in each department having perfect records. Percentagewise pattern has low score on number of absentees with four persons in the department and all four having perfect attendance records for the past six months. Maintenance and factory (a small group of employees who work in all departments) tie for second low score on number of absentees. Congratulations to these three departments.

Once every six months Sew It Seams is going to carry a list of those departments having the lowest absentee score. You can always look for the list in the bottom right hand corner of page one and the departments will be listed in the order of their achievement—from lowest to largest number of absentees. That way, Anvil Branders can tell at a glance just how their department stacks up with the rest of the groups. In case of a tie there will be an asterisk (\*) after the departments with like scores. We hope that each worker will strive hard to help his department reach the top of the list and stay there.

This is the first time that attendance figures have been available for the Independence and Sherrod plants. Independence had 10 workers with perfect attendance scores while Sherrod's sewing room stacked up a total of 30. Taking their total of 40 away from the overall total of 125 we get 85 perfect attendance scores for the remaining departments, seven less than the 92 recorded during the first six months of 1954. The figures, like those listed for January

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## New York Dinner To Honor Mehan



FLOYD D. MEHAN

## Anvil Branders Enjoy Holidays

Anvil Branders returned to work on January 3 reporting a wonderful Christmas holiday. Everyone actually seemed glad to get back to work and to be together again.

A great many were discussing the numerous uses they have found for the company's Christmas present, the Jack Pot cooking set. Mothers with small babies said it was wonderful for warming the offspring's food. Others found they used it most as a pop-corn popper over the holidays. One worker, whose husband does not like any grease on his eggs yet doesn't like them boiled, found the answer to her problem with the Jack Pot set. In fact, many more uses than the six mentioned on the carton have been discovered by smart Anvil Branders.

Most of the various departments ate lunch together on Wednesday before the plants closed for Christmas. Some had drawn names and exchanged gifts while others used the "grab bag" method of exchanging gifts.

At Sherrod they had a Santa Claus to hand 'round gifts and the women had supplied wonderful home cooked food for lunch with the men furnishing cold drinks

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Anvil Brand's executive vice president, Floyd D. Mehan, who serves the Southern Garment Manufacturers Association as president, will be honored at a testimonial luncheon in New York City on January 19. The occasion is to recognize Mehan for his services, both past and present, to the garment industry and to the association.

The Textile Square Club, made up of cotten men, will be host at the luncheon and it is the first time this organization has so honored a garment association president.

The luncheon has been timed for the day before the meeting in New York City of the technical advisory committee of the Southern Garment Manufacturers Association. Mehan, who has held various offices in the association, has been active in arranging a number of such committee meetings which are now a feature at each of the annual conventions of the association.

The luncheon is to be held at the Masonic Club in New York and it is under the direction of Harry Riemer, of the Daily News Record and president emeritus of the Textile Square Club.

## ATTENDANCE LADDER

- Pattern
- Maintenance\*
- Factory\*
- Cutting
- Shipping
- Office
- Receiving
- Independence
- Sport Shirt\*
- Work Shirt\*
- Overall
- Dungaree
- Ladies' Dungaree
- Finishing
- Boxer
- Pants