



# SEW IT SEAMS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO MY FELLOW WORKERS:

Whenever I visit an Anvil Brand production department a recurring thought comes to my mind.

To the eye such a department is a picture of industrious men and women, quantities of cloth in a variety of stages of manufacture, busy machines and equipment, work and play clothes in process.

But to me it is more than a picture. I think of this scene as a typical cross section of our industrial nation — living evidence of by ours is the most progressive and strongest country in the world. For our Anvil Brand department represents true Productivity.

Being ambitious we develop special skills. But hands by themselves mean limited production. So we devise machines to give skilled hands greater opportunity. As machines are refined and improved, new and higher skills develop and as our productivity increases our rewards increase proportionately.

In this age of better living for all, we owe a salute to these things called machines!

In the light of our industrial development it seems strange that there should have been days when the invention of a machine was looked on with distrust and abhorrence. Instead of considering that it meant better things, faster, for more people, it was regarded as an evil instrument for depriving manual workers of jobs. Quite to the contrary, the machine has always freed its operator from the tedious drudgery of manual production and historically the introduction of machines has created new needs for vast numbers of additional jobs.

However, this beneficial side of machine production was not realized in the early days. Back in the 600's weavers drowned a fellow workman who built a loom hand-

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## Simplification Study Classes End; 24 Awarded Certificates

Twenty-four Anvil Brand employees have been awarded certificates in recognition of their completing the work simplification classes conducted recently by Reitzel Morgan, supervisor of the engineering department, and Ossie Wright, Training Director.

The classes were held at the YMCA and work included classroom instruction as well as homework. A textbook outlining the many phases of work simplification covered, were distributed and Reitzel and Ossie cooperated in presenting the material. The instruction also included films showing application of motion studies and other factors of work simplification.

A series of time study classes was concluded Monday of this week. Reitzel and Ossie instructed in these, too.

In a brief talk to the class Reitzel pointed out there is never a "best method," but rather there is always a chance of making improvements in methods. This, he said, is one of the many interesting and gratifying factors in work simplification.

He said employees of Anvil Brand should feel fortunate that they work for a company that will support an engineering department as progressive as Anvil Brand's. "We are fortunate," he said, "to

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WORK SIMPLIFICATION CLASS—A portion of the class in work simplification which Reitzel Morgan and Ossie Wright conducted recently, is shown above. The instruction was at the YMCA and 24 Anvil Brand employees were awarded certificates after successfully completing the course.

## Safety Film Is Shown In Plants For First Time; Grades Listed

A plan designed to increase the effectiveness of Anvil Brand's safety program is now underway and Ossie Wright ordered a safety film which was to be shown in the plants this week.

For some time the possibility of showing these safety films, which the safety inspectors view at their regular monthly meetings, has been discussed. Recently Ossie was told to go ahead with her plans and she ordered one of a series of films which show the "personal side of safety."

Plans were to show the films during a lunch hour in one department of each of the local plants. "We hope these films will show the importance of each individual employee making safety their personal job," Ossie said.

She pointed out that since Anvil Brand inaugurated its safety program, about 20 percent of the employees have seen the films under the rotating safety inspector program.

At the safety meeting this month, Ossie, in speaking to the current safety inspectors, emphasized that accidents are becoming a major problem in the plants. She pointed out that in February four employees were sent to the doctor

with injuries ranging from a hurt arm, two sewn fingers and a staple in finger.

She said the total of 23 accidents for the month is "heavy." Any suggestions for making jobs safer will be welcome, Ossie said, and urged everyone to keep the avoidance of accidents constantly in mind.

A film entitled "Decide To Be Safe" was shown at the meeting which emphasized that each employee should "develop his own personal brand of accident control. Such factors as lifting heavy objects in the proper way, using the correct tool for each job, taking care to avoid falls and many other potential accident causes, were included.

This is the type film which will be viewed in the plant-wide showings.

Safety grades for February, by departments, are: Hudson office, 96; Sales office, 100; Engineering, 100, White office, 100; Sherrod Cutting, 100; Sherrod Pattern, 100; Sherrod Sewing, 98; Ladies' Slim-eree, 96; Dungaree I, 98; Dungaree II, 90; Hudson Cutting, 100; Hudson Maintenance, 100; Hudson Shipping, 96; Pants I, 100; Pants

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## Seven Employees' Donate Blood

Seven Anvil Brand employees were included in the donors who gave blood at the last visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here.

High Point has consistently led the area in its cooperation with the blood program, and it is the consistent support of industrial employees which has insured its success.

Donors this time from Anvil Brand included Beatrice Brown, Kathryn Johnson, Gertrude Stutts, Herb Ross, Roger Tate, Patricia Bradshaw and Nancy Potts.