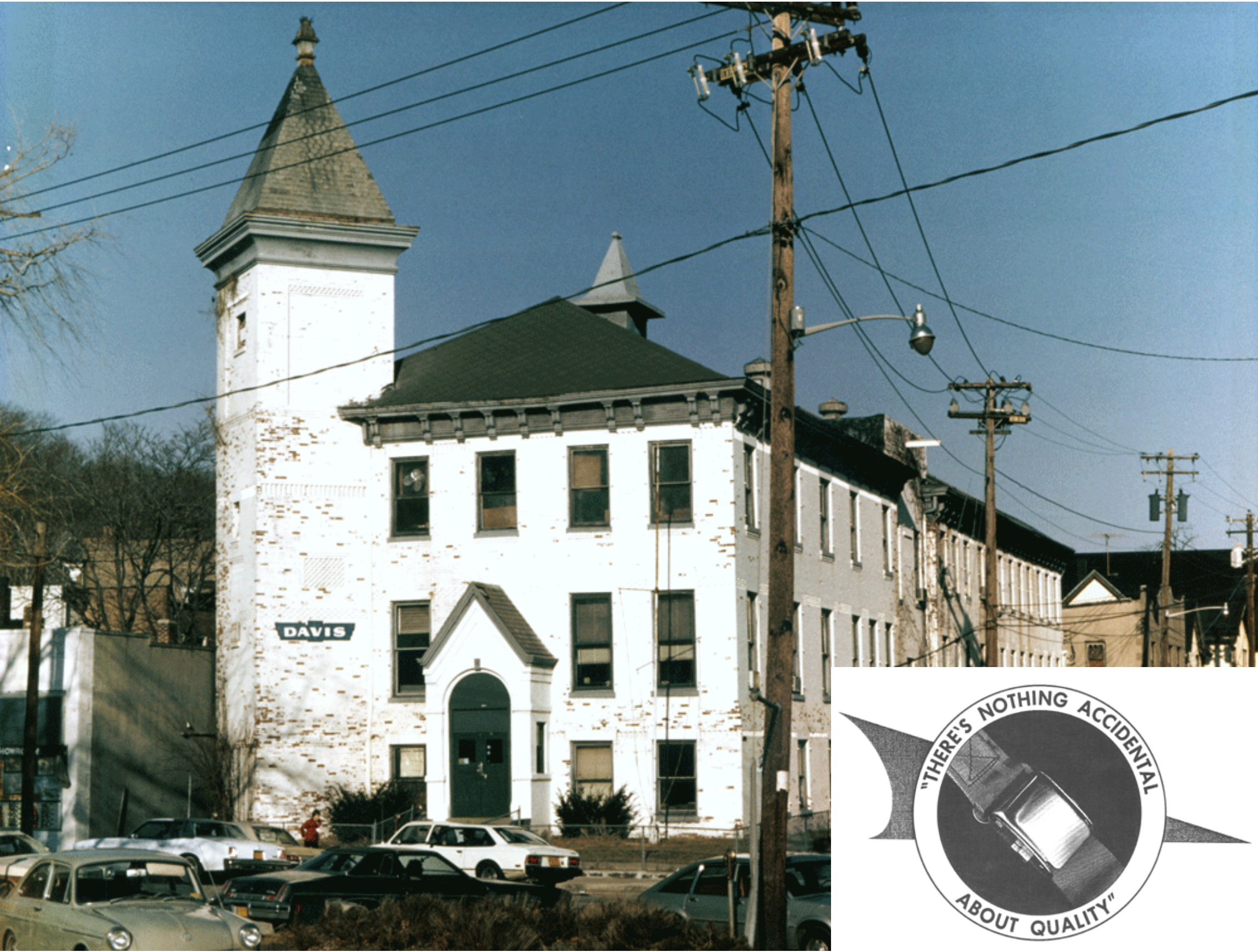


Frank L. Davis (1901 – 1972): The Long Island native was an avid inventor, holding over one hundred patents. Davis, a college professor at the time, started his own small business in the late 1940s. Then in 1950 he founded The Davis Aircraft Products Co., Inc.



In 1961, Davis opened a manufacturing plant in Northport in what is referred to as The Thompson Building, on the corner of Woodbine and Scudder Avenues. They employed about one hundred people including engineers, researchers and designers. Davis Aircraft occupied the building until 1984.

Now located in Bohemia, Davis Aircraft is a leading manufacturer of restraint and safety products for the aerospace and transportation industries. The company is perhaps best known as the developers of the first seat belts for use in automobiles.

