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# THE BROWN BULLETIN

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## RECREATION SURVEY AMONG EMPLOYEES STARTS THIS WEEK

### To Aid In Setting Up More Activities

Brown Company has a ques-  
tion to ask employees within a  
few days:

"What are your favorite sports  
or social activities?"

#### Ask All Employees

It is going to ask this question  
in a brief questionnaire which  
will be distributed to all em-  
ployees.

Why the question?

Arthur Sullivan, employee ac-  
tivity supervisor, answered that.  
"The company wants to do ev-  
erything it can to make recrea-  
tion activities available to em-  
ployees."

"Already, such things as bow-  
ling and horseshoe leagues are  
well established. We have an  
employee chorus and an active  
chess club."

"But many employees are in-  
terested in other sports or clubs.  
They should have an opportunity  
to participate in the sports or  
organizations in which they are  
most interested."

"We want to organize those  
sports or clubs that employees  
are interested in. But to do that,  
we must know what those sports  
or clubs are."

The questionnaire will list  
about a dozen types of sports  
and another dozen or so clubs or  
musical organizations.

If an employee is interested in  
playing badminton, for example,  
he can put a check mark beside  
"badminton." Or if he wants to  
be a member of a company band,  
he can check "band."

#### Items Listed

These are some of the items  
listed on the questionnaire:

Sports — archery, badminton,  
baseball, basketball, bowling,  
horseshoes, ping-pong, rifle  
marksmanship, shuffleboard,  
softball, volley ball.

Social activities — band, cards,  
chess, checkers, chorus, dramat-

## Company Plants Return To Normal Work Schedules

Brown Company was back to  
normal operation of its mills last  
week as flow of water in the  
Androscoggin River increased.

In a notice to employees,  
Works Manager E. E. Morris  
said that engineers controlling  
the flow of the river advised  
that probably normal schedules  
can be continued for an indefi-  
nite period.

Continuation of the normal  
schedules will depend upon  
weather conditions, amount of  
rainfall, cold weather and other  
factors that effect the amount of  
water flow.

"If, for any reason, the pow-  
er situation in the company be-  
comes serious in the future, it  
will be necessary to return to a  
staggered operation of the mills,"  
Mr. Morris added.

The works manager expressed  
appreciation of the cooperation  
of employees during the emer-  
gency period.

ics, hobby clubs, minstrel show,  
orchestra.

If a reasonable number of  
employees show an interest in  
one particular thing, "Sully"  
said, work will be started im-  
mediately to get that activity un-  
derway.

When you receive a question-  
naire, fill it out and then do  
one of two things with it:

1. Return it to the man in  
charge of the survey in your  
mill or department. (These peo-  
ple will be listed on bulletin  
boards.)

2. Or send it directly to  
Arthur Sullivan at the Company  
Relations Department.

If for any reason you do not  
receive a questionnaire, you can  
get one from the "survey chief"  
in your mill or from "Sully."

One more word. It is import-  
ant that you sign your name to  
the questionnaire. This will in-  
sure your being contacted when  
the particular sport or activity in  
which you are interested is to  
be started.

# Report Indicates Company Is Progressing On Many Fronts, Shows Much Yet To Be Done

## HONORS CHAMPS AND NEAR CHAMPS

### Company Sponsors Dinner For Teams

Amateur athletes who helped  
build one of Berlin's greatest  
records in winter season sports  
were honored at a testimonial  
dinner sponsored by Brown  
Company at the Hotel Costello.

Those athletes were members  
of the Berlin Maroons hockey  
team, the Notre Dame High  
School hockey team, the Berlin  
High School basketball team and  
the Nansen Ski Club's Class A  
jumping squad—all champions  
or near champions.

Present also to pay tribute to  
the athletes were Mayor Paul A.  
Toussaint and members of the  
City Council, the Recreation  
Commission and the Planning  
Board.

Enthusiastic applause filled  
the dining hall as Rev. Alpheri  
Lauziere introduced the indi-  
vidual members of the Maroons,  
Coach Dudley Purbeck intro-  
duced the basketball players,  
Rev. Armand Provost introduced  
the Notre Dame squad and  
George Lafleur, past president  
of the Nansen Ski Club, intro-  
duced the Class A skiers.

During the dinner, Louis  
Catello's all-Brown Company  
employee dance orchestra fur-  
nished music, with songs by  
Lorraine Gagne and Rudy Jean.

But there was more on the  
musical end of the program than  
had been listed on the program.  
Spontaneously, the athletes

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## RETIREES



John A. Lambert, who has re-  
tired after 55 years with Brown  
Company.

## MODERNIZING TAKES MUCH OF EARNINGS

### President Reviews Work of Company

Editor's Note: This is the  
first in a series of articles  
based on material contained  
in Brown Company's annual  
report for the fiscal year of  
1947.

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What were the accomplish-  
ments of Brown Company and  
Brown Corporation during 1947?

What is the position of the  
company and its Canadian sub-  
sidiary six years after reorganiz-  
ation?

These are two questions that  
are answered in the annual re-  
port sent last week to the nearly  
10,000 owners of the company.

#### Indicates Two Things

The report indicates two  
things:

1. Much progress has been  
made since reorganization.

2. There is still much to be  
done to bring the mills at Berlin  
and La Tuque into the position  
of being able to meet competition  
in normal business times.

President Frederic G. Coburn,  
in his message to stockholders,  
said that the Company is making  
progress "on many fronts."

He said that the new kraft  
mill and paper machine project,  
when it comes into full operation,  
"will make a vital contribution  
to the earning power of the com-  
pany."

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## POWER, RAILROAD LEAD IN SAFETY

### GROUP I

% Red. DLSA

1. Power and Steam	100	153
2. Berlin Mills Ry.	100	296
3. Cascade Mill	66	32
4. Riverside Mill	38	54
5. Burgess Mill	+26	5
6. Tube Mill	+71	25
7. Onco Plant	+156	32
8. Chemical Plant	+196	67

### GROUP II

DSLA

1. Research	367
2. Service	544
3. Salvage	212
4. Trucking	2,622
5. Maint. Grds.	1,042
6. Lumber Supply	1,788
7. Viscose	1,548
8. Printing	6,509
9. Watchmen	92

Note: % Red. — Per cent  
reduction. DLSA — Days  
since last accident.

Employees of the Power and  
Steam Division and the Berlin  
Mills Railway had perfect safety  
records during the first four pe-  
riods of the current year, a Safe-  
ty Division report shows.

No lost-time accidents had  
been reported in either of these  
two major units of the company.

Eight divisions in Group II  
continued their accident-free  
records. They were the Research  
Department, Service Depart-  
ment, Salvage Department,  
Trucking Department, Grounds  
Maintenance Department, Lum-  
ber Supply Department, Viscose  
Plant and Printing Department.

Eight accidents were recorded  
during the fourth period, seven  
of them at Burgess Mill. The  
other was at the Tube Mill.

None of the other large mills  
listed a lost-time accident.

The Burgess lost-time acci-  
dent record was in contrast to  
that of a year ago, principally  
due to the seven accidents dur-  
ing the last period.

A year ago, Burgess had a to-  
tal of 10 accidents. This year the  
total for four periods is 14. The  
mill's frequency rate has jump-  
ed from 16, as of the end of the  
fourth period last year, to 21.4.

## 24 MEN ENROLL IN LUBRICATION CLASS

### Gulf Engineers To Teach Course

Twenty-four Brown Company  
men are scheduled to begin a  
course in lubrication Friday,  
April 9, it was announced this  
week by Ronald Tetley, training  
coordinator.

The course has been designed  
to give those in the company  
who have the responsibility of  
machine lubrication further in-  
formation in the selection and  
application of lubricants.

The course will be divided in-  
to six meetings and will present  
discussions on these topics: pe-  
troleum and its products, includ-  
ing refining processes; charac-  
teristics of lubricating oils and  
greases, typical tests and signif-  
icance; additives; oils and  
greases in service at the com-  
pany; lubricating devices, bear-  
ings, gears; use of correct grade  
of lubricants, oiling frequency,  
good lubricating procedures.

Instructors will be engineers  
from the Gulf Oil Corporation.

These are the men scheduled  
to take this course:

Tube Mill — Omer Dumont,  
Theodore Patrick, Joseph For-  
tin.

Burgess Mill — Francis Mc-  
Cann, Aime Ramsey, Pat Dutil,  
Henry Hachez, Roland Belanger,  
Emanuel Gauthier, Reynold  
Cavagnaro, Gerard LaPerle,  
Felix Lacasse, Lawrence Mon-  
ahan, Lucien Lavoie.

Research Department — Ro-  
meo Drapeau.

Onco Plant — Carroll Sien-  
berg.

Cascade Mill — Albert Law-  
rence, Ludger Tanguay, Neil  
Harris.

Power and Steam — Warren  
Locke, Wendell Young, Rene  
Gheroux, George Marret and  
Giles Tremblay.

## "Information, Please"

# Research Library Is Storehouse Of Technical Facts And Figures

Call Phil Glasson the "An-  
swer Man."

When it comes to questions  
about the making of pulp and  
paper, you have to go a long way  
to stump Phil or members of  
his staff.

#### 2,000 Volumes On Hand

In the library at the Research  
Department building he has at  
his finger tips more than 2,000  
volumes of technical books and  
bound magazines, scores of cur-  
rent periodicals and somewhere  
around 10,000 reports on the  
technical aspects of the indus-  
try.

And if the particular item is  
not on file, he probably can find  
it for you elsewhere without  
too much trouble.

It is no over statement when  
he says that the library is the  
information center for the whole  
company on technical matters.

Take a look at some of the  
questions, picked at random,  
which have been tossed at the  
library staff in recent weeks:

1. La Tuque asked for in-  
formation on a new turpentine  
purification process.

2. The Engineering Depart-  
ment called for a check up on  
certain patents on the automatic  
regulation of stock consistency.

3. The Woods Department  
asked for published figures for  
the densities of types of wood  
not currently used in the manu-  
facture of pulp.

4. Cascade Mill sent a query  
about a particular test for  
measuring the sizing resistance  
of paper.

5. Burgess Mill asked for  
data on a new type of acid heat-  
er.

Those are just examples. There



Donna Jordan of the Research library staff is pictured operat-  
ing the Recordak, which photographs letters and other records on  
small film. This process of microfilming makes possible the filing  
of many letters in a very compact space.

day out throughout the year.

#### "Main Function"

Mr. Glasson described the  
"main function" of the library  
as "supplying all the available  
information on technical sub-  
jects whether it has been pub-  
lished anywhere in the world or

done in the department over the  
more than 30 years of its exis-  
tence."

And he is serious when he  
speaks about "published any-  
where in the world."

Of course, the library does not  
contain all the pulp and paper



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## ODE TO A BOWLER'S WIFE

The following bit of verse was forwarded to The Brown Bulletin by George Martin, superintendent of maintenance and construction who spotted it while reading the daily mail.

The Brown Bulletin respectfully dedicates the reprinting of this piece to the wives of Brown Company's bowlers.

I thought I had married a husband, as I gazed, so proud, at my rings;  
But I found myself disillusioned, and marriage "just one of those things."  
For HE spends his time at the alleys (it makes me so mad I could fight)  
And, though I complain, it's always in vain,  
When it's bowling league that night  
Some women have men who are brutal, and some have inveterate flirts;  
And some have bums who are drunkards; but they don't know how it hurts  
To be left alone at the fireside on a lonesome, wintry night,  
For my hubby's sins are knocking down pins at the alleys on bowling league night.  
Now I am different from others, I love to appear at my best,  
My mother came over to dinner (of course at my own request).  
But I wanted him at the table, so things would appear just right,  
But the lug stayed away enjoying his play, at the bowling league that night.  
Once our company was so entertaining, they talked of their friends and their cares,  
But my husband now butts in with "10 pins," fast alleys and strikes and spares;  
How last week he busted six hundred or hit the headpin too light.  
His noodle just spins from topping pins at the alleys on bowling league night.  
Then came the heart-rending moment, when grandmother dear passed away;  
The house was a garden of flowers, in the parlor the old lady lay.  
The visitors proffered condolence, their eyes with sorrow alight,  
But my grief was no sham, my man took a lam — Yes he bowled in the league that night.  
My sister was getting married, the family was all in a whirl,  
With parties and teas and showers, at last, we'd get rid of the girl!  
Now the ushers were supposed to practice, so the wedding would be just right  
He said, "Practice is dumb," and he went out, the bum, to the bowling league that night.  
And I know when our days are over, and we depart from this earthly state,  
And are wafted on wings by the angels, up to Peter on guard at the gate,  
He'll ask: "What leagues are they rolling up here in the starlight so bright?"  
And, if there are none, he'll organize one, so he can bowl on Monday night.

## SALES DEPARTMENT IN REVIEW

By ROSEMARY C. SLOAT  
The University of Maine handed Walter A. Littlefield a BA in Economics in June 1925, whereupon he joined the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Boston, Mass. He spent four and one-half years with them before joining Brown Company September 16, 1929. Next September, 1949, he will celebrate his twentieth anniversary with Brown Company; twenty years of a varied and interesting career in pulp and paper.

Mr. Littlefield is now manager of the Product Control and Market Analysis Division. He started as statistician and librarian in the Market Research Department, then located in Portland, Maine. In 1933, market research had become such an important field, his time was devoted entirely along these lines.

Mill scheduling and forecasting was added to market research in 1936. In 1937 Mr. Littlefield was moved to New York as manager to establish the New

The nomenclature of the division belies the extent and scope of the work carried on. The division functions in three major capacities for the assistance of the Sales Department and the company as a whole. From the Company September 16, 1929, sales approach, it controls the development of new products, standardization and simplification of product lines and the market analysis essential to make these functions effective.

The division also functions as a clearing house for sales, manufacturing and research problems affecting the Sales Department—which problems are outside the ordinary routine of handling sales orders and complaints. This particularly includes arrangements with the Cost Accounting Department for the compilation and dissemination of cost information of importance to the Sales Department.

The third function of the division is that of sales co-ordination of matters affecting mill

## IN MEMORIAM

### EDWARD HEBERT

Edward Hebert, a veteran Woods Department employee, died at a local hospital March 27, after a long illness.

Mr. Hebert had spent most of his 61 years as foreman in charge of various Brown Company river and woods operations, having started in 1905. His ability and sense of humor made him a great favorite with his men.

A delegation of his former associates attended funeral services.

reserve inventory requirements.

Within 10 years time, this division has expanded rapidly in function, and the outline of work is spread throughout a small staff of competent aides. There are very few people in the company or corporation who are not aware of Mr. Littlefield's identity. His liaison work between Berlin and New York is well known, and his trips to Montreal and La Tuque also make him a familiar figure.

His "blessings" at home in Mamaroneck, N. Y., include a wife, Lucy; a 20-year old son, "Tex", and a dog, "Spanky", origin unknown. A home man at heart, he has more than a man's usual share of community pride. No matter what his club affiliations may be, they are sure to be active.

The University Club of Mamaroneck has named him its president this year. He served as a member of their board for three terms, and chairman of various committees, among them the important scholarship and entertainment committees.

He is also well known around his home town for his unstinting efforts on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. A member for 10 years, president last year, and a well-known member of youngsters' toys leads us to believe his quiet, unassuming ways are pure modesty.

His favorite dish is fish. Most any holiday, vacation, long week-end or excuse will find Walter out fishing. He, too, has strung some famous tales, but what fisherman hasn't.

His club activities in New York include the American Marketing Association and American Management Association. Along with his duties as Manager of the Product Control and Market Analysis Division, Mr. Littlefield is also office manager of the New York and branch offices.

## Journeying Jack Says:

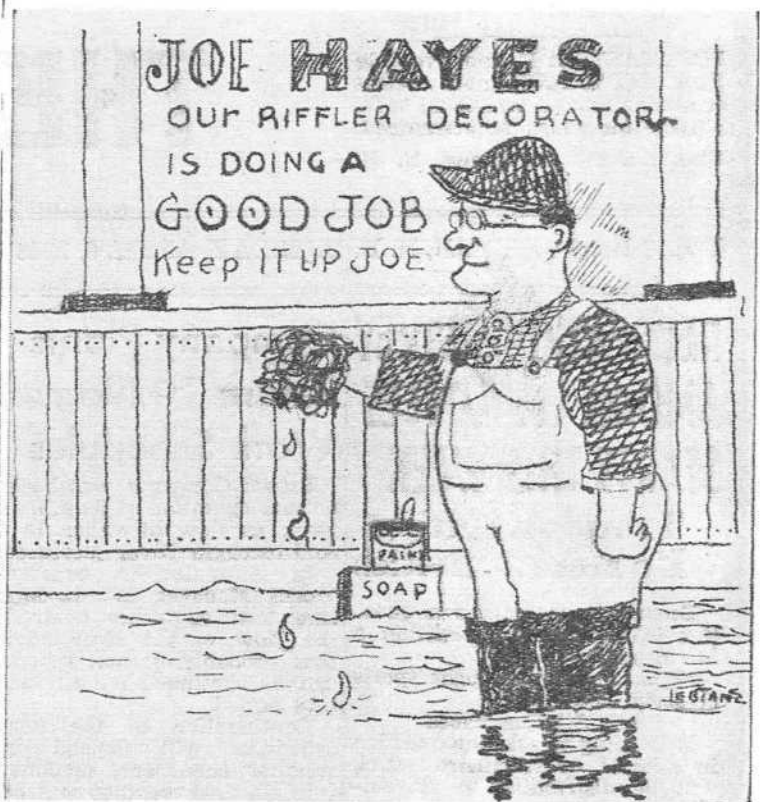
Billy Wardwell tells us that the "life of an eligible bachelor" is not so rosy as some would like to have you believe. This remark emanating from Billy, who has been a benedict for 10 those many years, brought up a question. "It's not me," says Billy. "It's my chum 'Skinny' Light." This year being leap year, the spinsters on the loose and "Skinny" the answer to the Maiden's dream has "Skinny" all a-twitter. The mere sound of a female voice with even a tone of marital suggestions sends "Skinny" to shelter. Cheer up, "Skinny", who knows, this year may be it.

Spring is here alright. Jack MacDougall has packed his "raccoon upholstery" and ventures forth clad in spring and summer attire. It's as sure a sign as sulphur and molasses.

Benny Dale was seen and heard gesticulating in a manner that would indicate that the fishing season is upon us. According to the arm spread it would appear the fish are bigger this year or were "whoppers" last year. Or it may be a bit of reminiscing about that trip to Prince Edward Island last summer, what say, Benny?

Spring is officially here and the most significant sign to date is at Cascade Mill. It is "sugaring off." The method nowadays has changed. The "Ferd Leeman System" is a more modern, streamlined way. Fred brings the maples to him, to wit: At the Cascade Mill the other day a demonstration was in progress. A super maple was dripping sap into a container. So this journeying reporter made inquiries and was informed it was Fred's idea of obtaining information for officially establishing spring. Say, Mr. Leeman, how about a couple of

## BURGESS BLOTS By Leo R. LeBlanc



Ran across the Clark Brothers the other day, Tommy and Ed-

die, those famous fishermen who make a paying hobby of "flies," the fisherman's variety. What an assortment "wet" and "dry." They are made with a distinction that only one so skilled and one who knows has "flies" can produce. Going fishing without an assortment of the Clark Brothers flies is like going to a field day without a glass or a dipper.

## BURGESS SCREENINGS

Adam Laverneich, our acid maker, and Fred Hayes of the Burgess Lab. were great supporters and main rooters of the Berlin High School boys at the New Hampshire State Basketball Tournament in Manchester, March 11-12-13.

Mary Basile was a recent visitor in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Olive Holmstead had a minor operation recently. Make way for royalty. Ed Chodoski was a business visitor at Burgess last week.

If you want the right time, see Elizabeth Harp. She finally received her new watch.

March 17 was observed by the Burgess Storehouse as follows: Lin Candan, green suspenders; Mary Marcou, green sweater; Louis Gallant, green pencil; Lewis Hanson, green pencil.

Emile Parent of the Storehouse is all smiles these days. You can't blame him because his son, Emile Jr., student at Notre Dame High, on March 11, was the happy winner of the District 8 American Legion Oratorical Contest held at the American Legion Hall with representatives from Groveton, Colebrook and Gorham High Schools. Keep up the good work, Emile, Jr.

Joe Vaillancourt of the Refrigeration Plant, and his boys are as busy as bees getting the

plant ready for spring and summer.  
Fred Dion, formerly of the 10-cylinder machines, mailed a few post cards to Cliburne Locke of the dryer building from San Diego, California, where he is spending a few months with relatives.

George Martin, Gordon Rush, Earl Anderson, William Farquarson and John Butler journeyed to the 40 and 8 wreck in Concord, Sunday, April 4.

Oscar Gonya and Roland Fickett discontinued smoking cigarettes but, behold, Paul Grenier and Joseph Fournier started to smoke them. Total sales same.

Claire Berube is here at the Burgess Office for a few weeks.

## ONCO, RESEARCH WIND UP IN TIE

### Teams Compete In Challenge Match

Onco accepted Research's bowling challenge last week—but neither came out the winner. It was agreed just prior to the match to bowl under league rules—that is, one point for each string and one point for total.

This is what happened:  
The Onco team took the first string by three pins.

The Research club took the second by 48.

The Onco group took the third by seven.

And the Research quintet captured the total by 38.

So, under the agreed-upon rules, each club took two points.

Plans are now being made to roll off the tie.

Listed in the Onco line-up were Archie Gagne, Vern Clough, George Paine, Russ Marquis and Charlie Sgrulloni.

Carrying the colors of the Research Department were Albert Trahan, Ray Roberge, Oscar Hamlin, Arnold Murphy and George Morin.

## Our Great America ★ by Mack





## Nitric Out Front In New Research Bowling League

Nitric was far out in front in the Research Bowling League last week, with a three point lead over second place Acetic.

Nitric had taken seven points out of a possible eight, and at the moment the team of Hickey, Rano, Agrodina and Morin appeared to be the team to beat.

Acetic was all even, four won, four lost, while Hydrochloric trailed with a 3-and-5 record and Sulphuric with a 2-and-6 mark.

Albert Trahan missed 300 by a whisker in last week's matches, hitting a total 299. He opened with a 92 and then punched home a 101 and 106.

But his team, Acetic, lost a 3-to-1 decision to Hydrochloric, the latter being helped by Ray Roberge's 105 in the second string.

Nitric took a 3-to-1 victory over Sulphuric.

## MAIN OFFICE MUSINGS

We hear that four of our girls, Larue King, Mary Basile, Alice Bass and Lorraine Marois wanted to get away from it all. They packed a lunch, put on some old clothes, rented a cabin in some nice spot and had a wonderful time.

Doris Ann Bass is spending the week-end in Syracuse, N. Y.

Everyone in the Industrial Relations Department welcomes Leona Albert, who is to work for Jimmy McGivney.

Jimmy McGivney, by the way, is once again with us, and we're glad to have him!

Dr. Henry Almond attended the Industrial Conference for Physicians in Boston during the last week.

We're sorry to hear that Gloria Tanguay is under the weather and we hope to see her back soon.

We want to congratulate the high school girls on the wonderful job they're doing in the office! It's certainly a credit to the High Schools. Weddings! Weddings! Weddings! We understand there is to be a whole slew of them. (Your reporter will keep you informed as they occur.)

Now that skiing's over (that is, except for Tuckerman's Ravine) what are we going to do? Oh, well, it shouldn't be too long before the dances start up again at Shelburne Inn.

Link Burbank spent last week out of town. Life in the office is very dull without Link's pleasant smile and hello.

Reviews on the play, "Kiss and Tell" have been very good. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the acting and certainly got a lot of laughs out of it.

April Fool's Day proved to be a very tiring one for some people. Ask Brud Warren and Ronald Tetley about it.

Rita Tanguay, Medical Department nurse, spent last week in Boston attending the Industrial Conference for Nurses. Jeannette (Cloutier) Fortier replaced her for that time.

Jeannette Hare is now working for Kenneth Coombes, our new purchasing agent; Hugette Roy is working for Henry Stafford, and Lorraine Bisson for Charles Raeburn.

Theresa Lesperance spent her last day with the Company last Saturday. Sorry to have you leave us, Theresa.

Thomas Estabrook was a recent visitor of the Company.

## CHEMICAL MILL EXPLOSIONS

In this issue of the our get acquainted program, we wish to introduce the following: Chlorine Compressor Foremen: John Becotte, Peter Cantin, Oscar Anderson, Leo Lapoint; Refrigerator foremen: Gedeon Couture, Azave Dugas, Xavier Goulette, Sverre Hawkinson. Refrigerator helpers and cleaners: Nicodemio Ientile, Charles Armstrong, John Farrington and Carlo Bartoli.

Rotary converters, operators: William Keough, Fred Maloney, William Simpson, Victor Dutil, Rotary Converter: Apprentices and cleaners, Harvey Roberge,

Plant: Richard Christiansen, foreman; Antonio St. Hilaire, William DiMaria, helpers; William Fournier, spare foreman.

Virginia Hamlin of the Berlin High School and Rita Leperle of Notre Dame High are working part time in the office. We wish to welcome you girls and hope you will like it here.

Alphonse Lavoie of the Flock Plant motored to Toledo, Ohio, to witness the hockey players. He claims that it was well worth the long ride that he had enough of it to last him two months.

Herbert Cyr of the Cell House is being doubly congratulated. He is now the father of a healthy set of twins.

If anyone sees Bill Raymond roaming around the streets just think nothing of it. Bill lost his pet cat and is in hopes that he may locate it strutting along some of our kitten lanes.

The big day in the Chloroform Plant finally arrived. The new reaction tank was ready and Bill Fournier was elected to make the first batch of chloroform, everyone was on hand and waiting for results. Tony St. Hilaire arranged the beautiful silver covered bottle for the christening. The steam turned on. After a few anxious moments the crystal clear chloroform began to pour into the receivers. Tony with a big grin and left hand windup smashed the bottle and the christening was over. Everyone left the plant in high spirits. Another star to be added to the Chemical Plant Flag.



Betty Pilgrim, who has been with us for six years, is now preparing for her wedding. Betty will be married next Saturday, April 10, to James Marquis, who is employed at the Public Service. The entire group in the plant is sorry to have you leave us Betty, but we all wish you whole heartedly all the happiness and good fortune in the future.

Jack Story wishes to announce, that owing to the shortage of water the proposed hockey game (in the Berlin Mills Tunnel) will have to be postponed till next year as there is not enough water to flood the rink.

Tony St. Hilaire says someone wanted to elect him in charge of the punch bowl at Betty Pilgrim's wedding. Upon hearing of this George Lafleur and his assistant, Charelyn Anderson, donated their service to Tony as helpers for this occasion. They started right in to help Tony by telling him how to mix various ingredients for said punch bowl. Let me tell you folks from what was overheard in the Lab, guests, friends and neighbors beware.

Joseph Basile returned to work Tuesday, March 23, after having been out sick several weeks. It's good to see you back Joe.

Paul Flibotte of the piping crew is in the hospital. Sorry to hear this Paul. Here's wishing you better health in the future and we hope to have you back with us soon.

Twinkle, twinkle little star Up above my head you are I forgot my safety hat, The hammer was no acrobat.

During winter months, for every 30 pedestrians killed in the three hours just before sunset, 100 are killed in the three hours just after sunset.

## STANDINGS

### RESEARCH LEAGUE

STANDINGS	Won	Lost	P.C.
Nitric	7	1	.875
Acetic	4	4	.500
Hydrochloric	3	5	.375
Sulphuric	2	6	.250

Results  
Nitric 3, Sulphuric 1  
Hydrochloric 3, Acetic 1

### MEN'S OFFICE LEAGUE

Division A	Won	Lost	P.C.
Privates	13	3	.813
Sergeants	9	3	.750
1st Lieuts.	11	3	.687
Seamen	10½	5½	.657
Tech. Sgts.	9½	6½	.594
Corporals	7	5	.583
1st Sgts.	6½	5½	.542
Majors	8	8	.500
2nd Lieuts.	7	9	.437
Colonels	5½	10½	.343
Master Sgts.	4½	11½	.282

Division B	Won	Lost	P.C.
Ensigns	15	1	.938
Sgt. Majors	13	3	.813
Rear Adms.	10	6	.625
Commanders	7½	8½	.468
Captains	5	7	.417
Brig. Gens.	5½	10½	.343
Generals	5	11	.313
Admirals	4½	11½	.282
Commodores	4	12	.250
Lt. Generals	4	12	.250
Vice Adms.	3	13	.187

Results  
Privates 2, Tech. Sergeants 2  
Seamen 3½, Master Sgts. ½  
1st Sergeants 2½, Colonels 1½  
2nd Lieuts. 2, Generals 2  
1st Lieuts. 3, Lt. Generals 1  
Sgt. Majors 4, Vice Admirals 0  
Ensigns 4, Captains 0  
Commanders 3½, Brig. Generals ½  
Rear Adm. 4, Commodores 0  
Majors 3, Admirals 1

### GIRLS' OFFICE LEAGUE

Division A	Won	Lost	P.C.
Dartmouth	6	2	.750
Cornell	4	4	.500
Bates	2	6	.250
Purdue	2	6	.250
Brown	1	7	.125

Division B	Won	Lost	P.C.
Ohio	7	1	.875
Princeton	7	1	.875
Colby	7	1	.875
Yale	5	3	.625
Maine	4	4	.500
Holy Cross	3	5	.375

Results  
Princeton 3, Purdue 1  
Holy Cross 3, Bates 1  
Ohio 4, Brown 0  
Cornell 3, Maine 1  
Yale 2, Dartmouth 2

## CONDUIT CAPERS

Some time ago we decided to start a series of brief introductions of employees of Tube Mill. The Chemical Mill seemed to get the jump on us but never-the-less we're going ahead with our original plans.

We would like to start these "know your fellow worker" introductions in our Tube Mill Storehouse, it being one of the busiest places in the Mill.

First off we would like to have you know George Sheridan, who is in charge of the Storehouse. George was connected with the old Brown Company store for a number of years before joining the Tube Mill staff. Through George's hands pass all the orders for every item of material used in Tube Mill. His is a busy and responsible job.

As an assistant to Mr. Sheridan we find very capable Donald Welch, converted from Mill Control. Don's duties consist of order writing, inventory and material handling, only to mention a few. Very seldom will you find either of these gentlemen idle. There is always something to do in the Storehouse.

Last but not least we have John Nichols as the best material "picker-upper" in the Company, and an all-around man. Johnny handles the laundry deliveries most efficiently, in addition to his duties of filling material requests and his trips to the Burgess and elsewhere. Johnny has been on the job quite some time now and he really knows the Storehouse stock.

The three taken together form a pretty formidable crew and they do a bang up job of getting your material and answering your requests.

In our next issue we will introduce the powers behind the Yard Department. Any additional help on this will be appreciated.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bedard on the arrival of a daughter. Best regards to mother and daughter. By the way, Pop, where are the cigars.

It's good to see Paul Dutil back on the job again after his most unfortunate accident.

Eleanor Beirnsen of the office staff spent a few days in Boston recently. She attended the Ice Rollies and reported a great time was enjoyed by her and party.

One of our welders, Ed Dube by name, has decided to take a fling at the haz-

## Privates Take Division A Lead In Men's Office League

woods in attempt to lure these furry creatures to his traps. Hope you didn't capture any of the black and white kitties roaming around.

Eddie Desilets, our local boxing chief reports that his boys had a very good night at Portland.

His outstanding fighter, Jimmy Dinardo, "The Blonde Tiger" polished off his man in fine style, winning by a technical knockout in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round. Jimmy has been going great lately and is ready for all comers in his class.

Jimmy's brother, Tony Junior, took a decision from Kid Norman of Biddeford, Maine, in a prelim.

We're sorry we were unable to get together a team for the quiz show. Could it be that the Tube Mill boys are bashful or afraid of the "mike".

## NIBROC NEWS

A group of men from the Paper Division met at the Country Club Thursday evening for dinner and a social evening.

It was April 1, but nobody got fooled except possible George Craig, who thought he had just come for the feed, but was presented with a gift from his past associates. The steaks and lobsters were delicious and plenty.

After a few remarks by members of the group, a fine showing of several movie shorts was presented, for which we would like to thank "Sully" for his cooperation.

To the committee in charge of arrangements, etc., Clarence Ashcroft, "Buster" Edgar and Bob Murphy, many thanks for a job well done.

We understand that Henry Bernstein, Albert Morneau, and Cliff Finnson enjoyed a rather fruitful beaver trapping season. Cliff would like to know who stole one of his beavers; intends using bear traps next year.

Emile Lamontagne came back to work Sunday, March 28, after being out sick for 17 weeks. Mr. Lamontagne spent 51 days in a hospital at Boston. We are all glad to see you back on the job, Emile.

Repair man "Pop" Willis has been out sick for the past 16 weeks. Mr. Willis is gaining back his strength slowly. He paid the boys a visit last week and expressed his desire to get back to the Boiler House. All the boys hope you will be here soon, "Pop".

## Carens Warns Red Sox Not Sure Pennant Bet

Don't count the Boston Red Sox as a sure bet for the 1948 World Series.

That was the warning given the other night by one of Boston's top-flight sportswriters, George C. Carens of the Traveler.

"The odds are greatly against a World Series in Boston," he told Berlin's amateur champions and near champions, who met at the Hotel Costello for a testimonial dinner sponsored by Brown Company.

Mr. Carens has a working knowledge of what makes ball teams tick, and despite his many friends on the Boston teams he is not counting either the Sox or the Braves in — as yet.

If the Sox had the Braves' pitching, the McCarthymen would be a "shoo-in", he declared. "But there are a number of question marks with the Red Sox pitchers," he added.

The sportswriter was lavish in his praises of New Hampshire's own "Birdie" Tebbetts, the Red Sox' No. 1 catcher. He said that the Nashua native is helping the entire team — including Ted Williams — with his baseball knowledge, ability and pep.

He indicated that the Red Sox have gone a long way in improving their third base situation. "Johnny Pesky will give us some headaches playing third," he said, "but he'll never endanger the people behind third as did Jim Tabor."

Who is a likely choice for the

The Privates jumped into the lead on Division A of the Men's Office Bowling League, while the Ensigns clung to a slim margin in Division B.

Dartmouth and Ohio took early round leads in the Girls' League.

The Privates supplanted the First Lieutenants, who slid into third spot behind the Sergeants. The latter moved up from fourth place.

One of the biggest gains during the two week period was by the Rear Admirals. They moved from sixth to third, picking up seven points out of a possible eight.

Best record to date in either division was that of the Ensigns. In four matches, they collected 15 points for an average of .938.

In their last match against the Captains, they showed no signs of flash but did exhibit some nice, even bowling. One hundred was broken only once, when Leon Dubey hit 106 in his final string. But there were a number of 90's and some very high 80's — enough to give them a 4-to-0 win.

Although there were a number of 100's bowled in recent days, they were pretty well distributed. Take, for example, the week of March 22, only two men hit 300 or better. Archie Martin of the Brigadier Generals collected 100, 107 and 103 for a total of 310, while Dick Jordan of the Sergeant Majors put together 116, 97 and 95 for 308.

These were some of the other bowlers who had 100's that week:

Eddie Chodoski (102), Rollic Fickett (109), "Buster" Cordwell (103, 108), Frank Sheridan (105), Benny Dale (100), "Pete" Ryan (101), Bob Oleson (104), Arthur Martin (100), Oscar Gonya (108), Milt Hayes (121), Tommy Clark (119), Rene Heroux (101), Bill Reekie (106), Dick Sloan (100), Henry Holland (101), Chet Veazey (100).

Walter Hastings (103), Arthur Given (101), Glen Eastman (102), Bob Murphy (115), Al Parent (101), Gordon Clark (102), Leon Dubey (106), Oscar Hamlin (102), Ted Brown, (105, 109), Loring Given (113), Ronald Tetley (102), Fred Walker (106), Ronnie Chase (102), Vern Clough (103).

Mary Basile (109), Lorraine Marois (101).

Head Fireman Henry Tenney has been out sick for 28 weeks. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Henry.

Call Fireman Bob York helped to bring the Gorham fire under control, Bob said. "This was the hardest day's work I have done since being in the Navy."

Mr. Carens declared, "particularly because of the addition of Lopat and Embree."

In the National League picture, the Braves are going to find it a hard job to repeat their third position.

Biggest contenders in the senior loop will be the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants, he said. And then he quickly added "possibly Brooklyn."

In running down the lineup of the Braves, Mr. Carens said that the entire outfield is a question mark. He said that despite the build-up Jeff Heath has been receiving, he still must prove himself not to be the "bad actor" he is reputed to be.

Shortstop is another uncertain spot. "Al Dark has natural ability, but he's not quite ready," he declared. "And Sisti is easily injured."

Mr. Carens was enthusiastic about the trade that brought Ed Stanky from Brooklyn to Boston. "He's going to be a great asset to the Braves," he said.

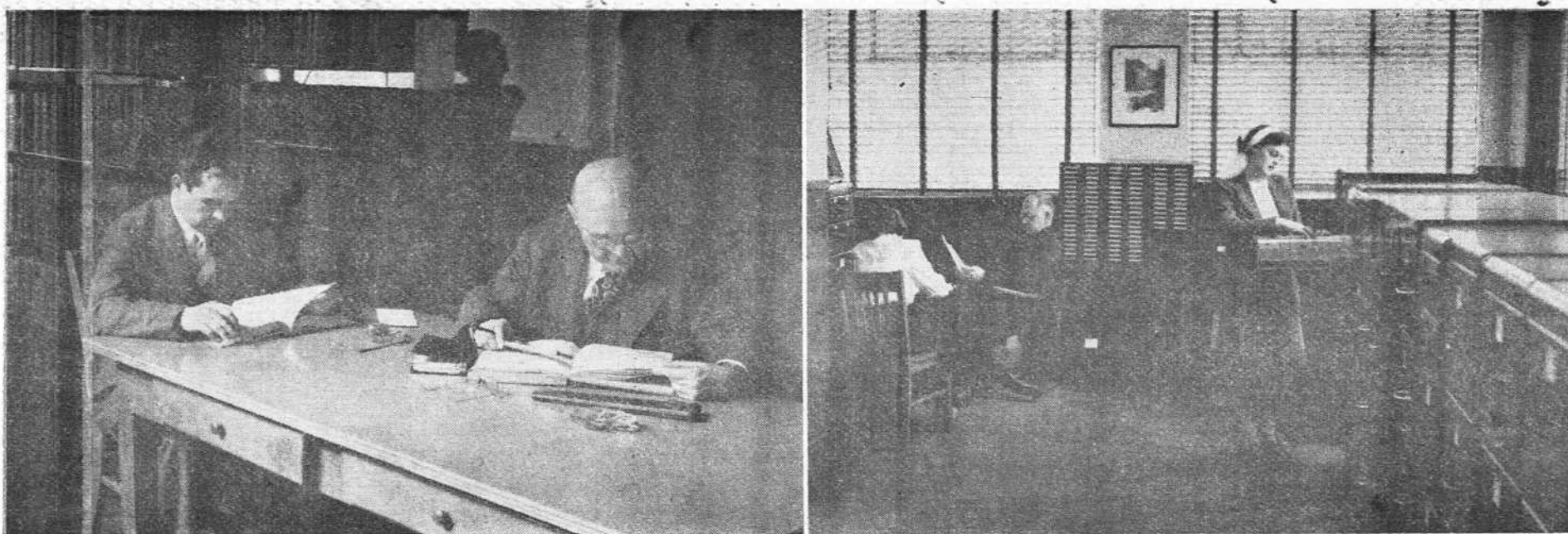
The Boston sportswriter drew the plaudits of his listeners by his forthright answers to questions, some of which put him "out on a limb."

An interesting commentary on his entertaining ability as a speaker came after the meeting.

A number of people were asked point blank as to their estimate of how long Mr. Carens talked. Highest estimates were 45 to 50 minutes. By the clock.



## RESEARCH LIBRARY HAS MORE THAN 2,000 BOUND VOLUMES, FILE OF 10,000 REPORTS



Center of technical information for the company is the Research library. In the photo at the left, Robert Van Nostrand and Edward Fenn of the Research and Development Department staff are shown checking particular details on scientific material. Behind them are the stacks which contain the more than 2,000 volumes of the library. In the photo at the right are shown a few of the many files which house the more than 10,000 reports, as well as many other important papers. Donna Jordan is shown at the index, while to her right, Phil Glasson, librarian, and Marion Caron, assistant librarian, discuss matters concerning the information center.

## LIBRARY

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books and magazines that have been printed in this and other countries. That couldn't be expected.

But it probably can get you a copy of any article without much delay—whether that article is written in German or Chinese.

"We have a collection of bound magazines which index and abstract nearly every scientific article published anywhere in the world," he explained.

"If someone is interested in obtaining a copy of one of those articles in the index, we obtain a photostatic copy from the New York Public Library."

## U. S. Patents Indexed

There is another valuable file in the Research Library. That is the one on patents.

"We have the complete official index to all U. S. patents issued each year since 1930," Mr. Glasson said.

It is important for an industry to have this index because in the development of processes it is often necessary to know whether a particular piece of equipment is patented. If it is the company can guard against infringement of the patent.

The library is located on the "second floor, front" of the Research Building. It is housed in two rooms. One contains the "stacks" where the bound volumes are kept. Here also is working space for technical men wishing to study material in the volumes.

The other room serves as a combination office for Mr. Glasson, a room for the many filing cabinets and the Recordak.

This latter machine is an interesting thing.

It is a combination camera and projector. The Recordak takes photographs of written material—letters, published articles and so on—on a 16 millimeter film.

This film then can be filed for future reference. When a particular letter or article is wanted for reading, the film is inserted in the machine and the material is projected on a small screen.

## Saves Much Space

Principal reason for the micro-filming process, as it is called, is to save space. More than 2,000 letters can be filmed on a 100-foot roll.

This gives you a comparison on the space-saving:

A stack of letters piled as high as the Empire State Building in New York City can be reduced by microfilming so that they take up only the size of a standard filing cabinet.

Turning back to the question of furnishing information, Mr. Glasson admitted that the staff's batting average is not 1,000.

"But about 90 per cent of the time we can supply the information or a reference to it," he declared.

Actually this average could be figured higher—if you tossed out the requests which contain wrong references by the questioner. One example was when the library was asked for information on a patent issued to a Mr. Leben. A check on the source of information disclosed it should have been a Mr. Levin. The library has all of the tech-

10,000 reports.

Last year, the library staff made a major project of improving the index to the reports so that the staff could quickly assemble reports on a particular subject or find particular information desired.

This job was handled principally by Marion Caron, the assistant librarian. Mr. Glasson, Miss Caron and Donna Jordan form the library staff.

## Helped With New Mill

Although a library seems remote from a construction job, nevertheless the Research Library played an indirect role in the building of the new kraft mill.

"We supplied published information on many of the technical details relating to research for the new mill," Mr. Glasson said.

The library has played an active role in the river pollution problem. Since 1941, the staff has been watching for the latest information on reducing pol-

lution. Mr. Glasson said that "through the library's indexes and abstracts journals we have a good knowledge of everything that has been done on this problem in the entire world."

Mr. Glasson has been part and parcel of the library since 1930. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925, he came to Brown Company in November of that same year as an analytical chemist with the Bureau of Tests.

He moved up the ladder to become head of the analytical chemical laboratory and then assistant chief of the Bureau of Tests. In 1930, he followed Mr. Cave as librarian.

## REPORT

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He said that other projects, some of which are already underway and some of which are yet to be undertaken, also will make vital contributions to

this earning power.

Important steps have been taken by the company in making changes in products to better meet the demands of the market and at the same time to better suit the products to existing manufacturing equipment.

Considerable progress has been made both in Berlin and La Tuque in deferred maintenance, in improvement of working conditions, in the improvement of safety and in the reduction of fire risks and threats to continuity of operation.

As was pointed out in the Report to Employees a year ago, "for a period of years until 1946 modernization in the mills of the company was small."

## Must Reduce Debt

Mr. Coburn told stockholders that the company's long-term borrowings are at the limit and that neither the company nor the corporation has any more large unused property that can be

turned into ready cash, such as in the sale of the Bersimis timberlands in Quebec last year.

"Instead of being able to borrow funds for plant modernization, the company must reduce debt," he said.

It was emphasized in the report that it has been necessary to use earnings to pay for part of this modernization to date and that further modernization must be paid out of earnings.

More than half the company's 1947 earnings had to be used in the construction of the new kraft mill and the new paper machine, together with some other modernization projects. A part of the earnings for 1948 also must be used in the mill-paper machine project.

Mr. Coburn pointed out that in building the new mill and paper machine "Brown Company has suffered the same kind of delays in deliveries of material and equipment as have manufacturers generally. It has experienced increases in costs of plant construction resulting from advancing wages and mounting costs of material, equipment, transportation and other services.

He said that because of this the pulp mill-paper machine project will cost approximately 44 per cent more than the original estimate in 1943.

Because of rapid increases in the cost of raw materials the company also has had to dip into its earnings to cover the increased cost of supplies out of which the company's products will be made in 1948.

Mr. Coburn reported that "no surplus or unnecessary cash or other funds are on hand."

## DINNER

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shouted for a duet by the Labon twins, Ray and Bob, of the Berlin High basketball team. And after they had sung "Civilization" and "Ida", there was a clamor for Val Albert of the Maroons to lead the group in his own — and comical — version of "Allouette."

Brief remarks were given by Mayor Toussaint and Wentworth Brown, company vice president and member of the City's Planning Board.

Main speaker of the evening was George C. Carens, sports columnist for the Boston Traveler and a veteran observer of all sports.

Toastmaster was Arthur Sullivan of the Company Relations Department, who, himself, is listed among the Berlin High School all-time basketball greats.

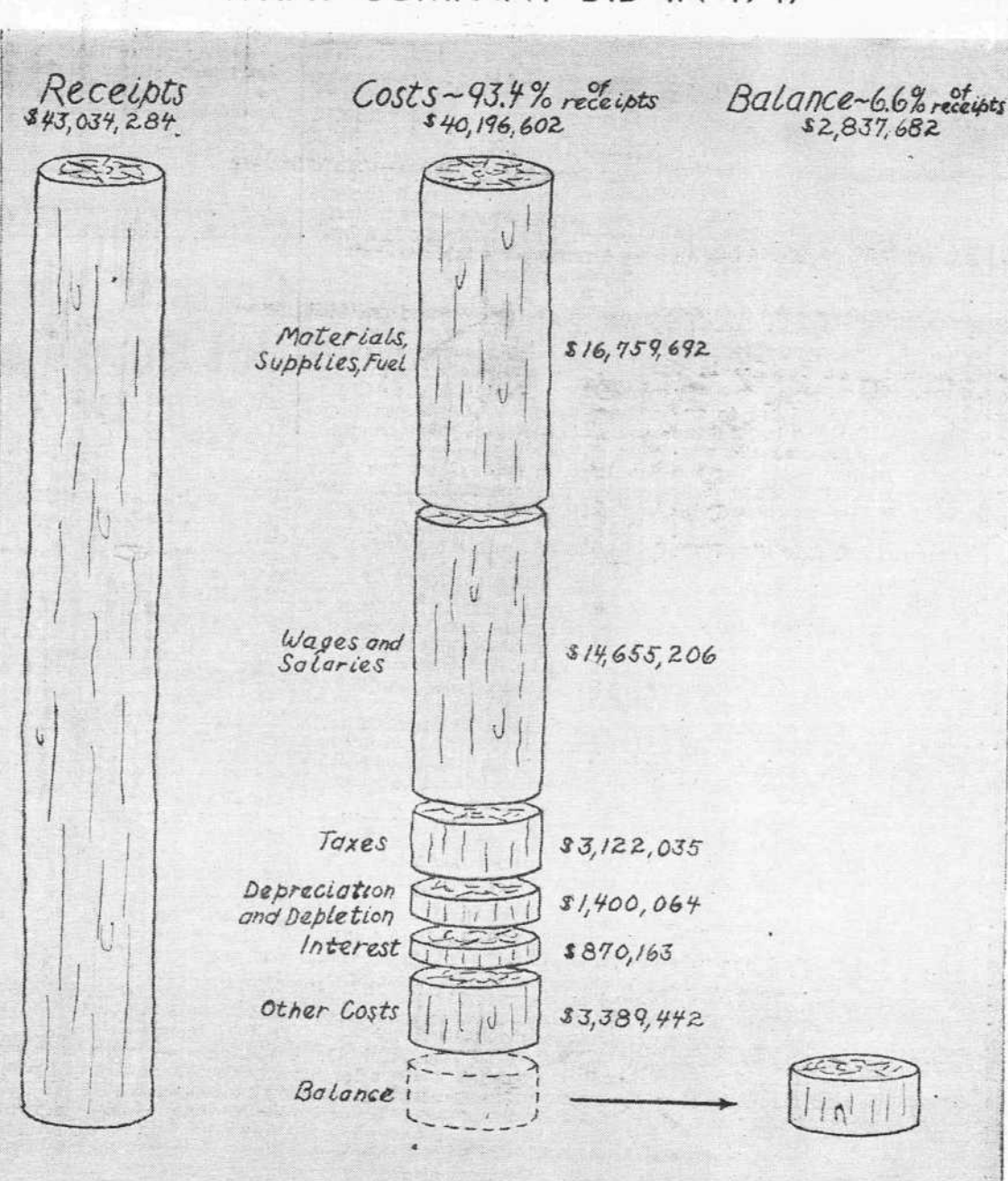
## THIS AND THAT

It isn't the right of way that counts — it's the right way, says the National Safety Council.

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Sprinkle salt generously on icy walks or mix salt with sand, gravel or cinders to prevent winter falls, the National Safety Council suggests.

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Doubling your speed, according to the National Safety Council, means: (1) Twice the thinking distance before you start to stop; (2) Four times the braking

## WHAT COMPANY DID IN 1947



The above chart shows Brown Company's receipts for 1947 and what happened to those receipts. A total of 93.4 per cent of the receipts were used in the cost of making the company's products and in