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ONE OF MANY ADVANTAGES



One of the many advantages of Bermico sewer pipe (left) is its length. Made in eight-foot lengths, it is faster to lay. It is also very lightweight, besides being tough and rootproof. Hundreds of millions of feet of Bermico sewer pipe and other Bermico products are giving top service throughout the world.

Laid End To End, Bermico Would Go Around Equator

Last fall Brown Company had an exhibit at the New Hampshire Industrial Exposition in Manchester.

The exhibit showed the products of Brown Company. Panels showed pulp, paper, Nibroc Towels, chemicals, Solka Floc, Onco and Bermico conduit, sewer pipe and fibre cores.

"It's Amazing"

The panel which created particular interest among visitors to the exposition was the one showing Bermico products.

Eleven Retire From Company Two Here More Than 50 Years

Eleven men, who together have served with Brown Company for a total of 462 years, retired recently.

All Had Long Service

Two of the men were with the company for more than a half century, while five others had worked here more than 40 years. All had been with the company for 31 years or more.

Oldest in the group from point of service is Henry Ro-

itors to the exposition was the one showing Bermico products.

"It's amazing," was the general comment when people learned that top quality sewer pipe and underground conduit could be made from wood fibres.

And they were astonished to hear about the way Bermico stands up during long years under the ground.

They would not have been as amazed could they have gone behind the scenes and seen the care that is taken in making Bermico products.

Bermico products have gained high ranking because of a combination of things. One of the important reasons is scientific control. This control is kept throughout the whole manufacturing process. As a result, the sewer pipe, conduit and cores are of the same quality throughout.

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GOOD LISTENING
Don't miss the Social Security programs over WMOU, 1230 kc, every Thursday evening until Labor Day, from 8 to 8:15 p.m.

Lack of Orders Results In Shutdown of Seven Mills; Similar Situation Elsewhere

SHUTDOWN SCHEDULE

JULY 2 TO JULY 17

Burgess Mill

JULY 3 TO JULY 18

Kraft Mill, Cascade Mill, Onco Plant, Flock Plant

JULY 18 TO AUGUST 1

Riverside Mill, Bermico Division

Drive Begins

15,000 Cords Of Wood Move On Lakes, Rivers

Pulpwood was moving across the lakes and down the rivers this week.

For the first time in two years, crews were at work up along Richardson Lake and Rapid River in a spring drive.

Start In Richardson

Fifteen thousand cords of wood have begun their water travel from near Metallic Brook in northwestern Maine

to Berlin. Twelve thousand of these cords were cut a year ago last winter at Metallic Brook, under Foreman Dana Noyes, and were hauled onto the lake by a crew under Cleve West.

The other 3,000 cords were picked up along Richardson Lake, where they had been

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O. B. Brown Is Cited For Work In Education

Orton B. Brown, who for more than a half century has been prominent in the life of Brown Company, recently received a citation for his work in another field.

Educational Leader

At commencement exercises at Plymouth Teachers College, Mr. Brown was honored for the important role he has played in public education in New Hampshire.

A citation, presented by Noel Wellman of Conway, chairman of the State Board of Education, acclaimed Mr. Brown for his service as a member of the board from 1921 to 1949 and as chairman from 1927 until his recent resignation.

During his service as chairman of the State Board of Education, the state teachers colleges became standard four-year colleges, state aid was increased for schools and state trade schools and area vocational schools were established.

Mr. Brown has been associated with Brown Company since the early 1890's. The second son of William W. Brown, first of the family to be associated with the company, he became superintendent of the mill in 1892. Soon after that, he became an officer of the company. Mr. Brown has been a member of the present Board of Directors since November 21, 1941.

Accidents Take Marked Drop

Only Three Occur In Seventh Period

Accidents took a sharp drop during the seventh period, with only three appearing on the records.

Three Less Than Sixth

The number was one less than during the seventh period of last year and was three less than during the sixth period of this year.

Strained backs and an injured knee were the extent of the accidents at Burgess Mill, the Power and Steam Division and the Chemical Plant.

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Bermico Div. Sets Pace In Keeping House Clean

Housewives have got to look to their laurels.

The latest report in Brown Company's Good Housekeep-

Will Be Closed For Two - Week Periods In July

Plants Of Several Other Companies Also Being Closed

Brown Company is not the only one shutting down its mills for a couple of weeks.

Recent reports showed that a number of other mills are closing for two- or three-week periods.

Reasons Are Same

The reason for the shutdowns both here and in other places is the same: Slowness of business and lack of orders.

Here, seven of the company's mills will be shut down in July. Burgess will be down from July 2 to July 17; Cascade, Kraft, Onco and Flock will be down July 3 to July 18, and Riverside and Bermico will be down July 18 to August 1.

The shutdowns do not mean that the bottom has dropped out of business. But they do mean that business here and throughout the pulp and paper industry is much slower than it has been since before the war.

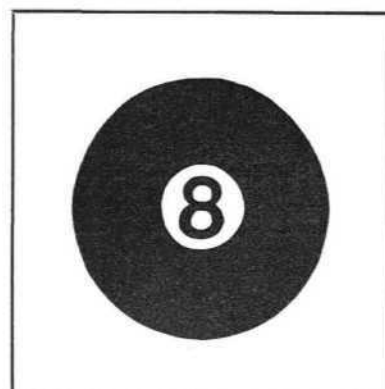
Why is business slower?

One reason is that the customers believe the days of shortages are over. During the war, they had to buy what they could get, when they could get it, at most any price.

Now Can Shop Around

Now they can shop around and buy just what they want

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ing Program shows that the men know a thing or two

about how to keep their places clean.

Eight of the 11 mills and divisions listed under the Good Housekeeping Program received pats on the back. Not a single department in those eight mills and divisions was placed behind the eightball for untidiness.

Receiving clean slates for clean quarters were:

Bermico Division
Berlin Mills Railway
Chemical Plant
Kraft Mill
Maintenance and Construction
Onco Plant
Research Department
Riverside Mill

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From the Home of "Mister Nibroc"

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Leo Johnson who died recently. Leo will long be remembered by his co-workers of the paper machine.

William Huntington has returned to work after undergoing a surgical operation which laid him up for weeks.

Val Baillargeon recently was married to Flora Croteau of Milan, N. H. They were married at St. Benedict Church, Cascade. The wedding breakfast took place at the Maynesboro Estate. Reception and dance were held at King School. Val's fellow workers at Cascade Steam Plant presented the couple with a purse of money and wished them happy landings in the years to come.

Doris Fortier of the Towel Division became the bride of Sylvio Lamontagne recently. Best wishes from everyone in the Towel Division.

Henry Chase, formerly mill chemist and lately supervisor on the Onco machines here, was honored at the time of his retirement. His many friends and co-workers presented him with a 17-jewel wrist watch. He leaves with the best wishes of all for a well deserved rest.

Yvette Lamontagne of the Towel Division was married recently to Leo Ladina. Best wishes for many happy years to come.

month — "if we have calm weather." Rough water on the lakes would hold up the operations, for it is next to impossible to take wood across those bodies of water if the waves are kicking up.

"Dorothy" Used

First operation is booming the wood across Richardson. Mr. Wentzell said that it was expected that five or six booms would be made. The "Dorothy" is being used in the booming operations.

The wood is being moved to Middle Dam, where it is sluiced into Pond in the River. There, the "Natanis" is booming it to the dam at the lower end of the pond. It is sluiced into Rapid River, to move along to Umbagog Lake. Another booming operation takes it to Hedgehog, where it begins its journey down the Androscoggin River, through the sluiceways at Errol Dam, and on to the mills at Berlin.

Mr. Wentzell said that, in all, a crew of between 30 and 35 men is being used in the driving operations.

Eightball

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But three departments in three other mills and divisions were standing behind the big eightball at the end of the two-week period ending June 11.

They were:

**Burgess Maintenance
Shops**



Pointers from Portland

By DORIS E. SMITH

MANY OF US are thinking of vacations now that we have had a few warm days, so here are a few suggestions to be kept in mind regarding packing and travelling, which I hope will be helpful to you.

I have found that if I make a list of all the items I plan to take with me on a trip, it helps greatly when I'm getting ready to come back home. By checking my list against the articles as I pack them there is less chance of leaving things behind.

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WE ALL HAVE our own ways of doing things. Packing a suitcase is no exception. I have learned that by packing things "flat" I can get much more into a suitcase, and things do not need to be pressed to any great extent at the end of the trip. However, I have a brother-in-law who is a Merchant Marine and invariably he "rolls" everything before putting them into his duffle bag.

If you have seen the June issue of McCall's magazine no doubt you noticed the article, complete with pictures, entitled "How to Pack a Bag."

Cascade Paper Machines Riverside Power Extension

The biggest "A" for the way they keep their house went to the employees at the Bermico Division. They headed the list in standings as of June 11. Since the program started, no department at Bermico has been listed "behind the eightball."

Close behind were the Berlin Mills Railway and the Onco Plant.

These were the complete standings:

1. Bermico
2. Berlin Mills Railway
3. Onco Plant
4. Riverside
5. Maintenance and Construction
6. Research
7. Kraft Mill
8. Chemical
9. Power and Steam
10. Cascade
11. Burgess

A tabulation of departments which have been "behind the eightball" the greatest number of times shows the Cascade Paper Machines having the dubious honor of leading. That department has been listed three times in a row.

Several others were on the list twice, but all of these have cleaned their houses since.

It really is a fine article and would be worthwhile to look into, if you haven't already seen it. One thing I found of particular interest in it was how to pack a suit so that it would not crease or wrinkle.

The person who will have to carry your luggage will appreciate your taking as few bags as possible and keeping them as light as you can.

* * *

ABOUT THIS TIME last year, I mentioned that Nibroc Towels come in mighty handy while travelling. This is worthy of repeating this year. You will find many uses for them, from wiping the windshield of your car to using them as face cloths.

If you plan to spend several days in a city or town which is strange to you, it might be to your advantage to investigate regarding traffic rules and regulations and state and city liquor laws. You might save yourself embarrassment and money if you know about these regulations ahead of time.

Tipping is a practice with which all of us find ourselves faced many times during the year, but it does seem to become more prominent during a vacation. It is a good thing for all of us to know when to tip and how much. If you are not sure of yourself regarding tipping why not take a few minutes and check into this before you start your trip. Your reward will be peace of mind and, in many cases, better service.

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WHILE YOU'RE AWAY don't forget those friends and relatives left at home. They'll appreciate a post-card from you, even if you forget to mail them until the last minute and get home ahead of the cards.

Usually I stock up on stamps and film for our camera before we start out. In this way we are sure of getting what we need, instead of taking a chance on getting them later.

As you know, Maine is known as "Vacationland." For those of you who plan to spend all or part of your vacation in Maine this year, I'll be glad to help in any way I possibly can to let you know whom you should contact regarding information you may desire, send you descriptive literature, etc. Just drop me a line here at 465 Congress Street, Portland, Maine, and I'll see what I can do for you.

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Work Satisfies Human Needs

In most parts of the world man must work in order to live because most things in their natural form, condition and place cannot satisfy human needs.

Only in a few parts of the world could man live without clothing and shelter and find the quantity and variety of ready-to-eat food necessary to keep him alive and healthy.

Everywhere else in the world, nature is a stern taskmaster.

Man must work to secure his food, the scarcity of which has always been the most common cause of early death.

He must counteract temperature, through shelter and clothing, heating and cooling and shield himself from wind, rain, sun and snow.

Man overcomes the dangers and discomforts of his natural state through changing the form, condition and place of natural things.

Land is of little use until cleared, cultivated, seeded and tended.

Timber must be cut down and split or sawed.

Wool must be reared, sheared, cleaned, carded, spun and woven.

Minerals must be mined, hauled, refined and made into useful forms.

Man satisfies his material wants through changing the form, condition and place of natural resources.

The things that man makes, through changing the form, condition and place of natural things, are called goods and services.

This is the first of a series of six editorials which explain simply the basic economics which govern our lives. Text and illustrations are from "How We Live," written by Fred G. Clark and Richard Stanton Rimanoczy and published by D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., New York. They are used by permission of the American Economic Foundation.

Sales Department In Review

Robert K. Loane joined Brown Company's Pacific Coast Sales Office in San Francisco recently as Earl Van Pool's assistant, selling all types of Brown Company's products.

Mr. Loane saw service with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He has had considerable engineering sales experience; attended grade and high school in Oakland, California and two years at M.I.T. He is 34 years old, married, and has two children.

Brown Company welcomes Mr. Loane to its sales staff.



ROBERT K. LOANE

Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of my friends who presented me with a beautiful wrist watch at the time of my retirement from Brown Company.

Henry Chase

Drive

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washed ashore or had snagged during previous spring drives.

Stanley Wentzell, who is in charge of operated wood operations for the company, said the drive would take about a

New Mark Set As Bermico, Office Go 11 Innings

Bosa Hurls Best Game To Date

Walks None, Allows Chem. Three Hits

Who is the best pitcher in the Brown Company Softball League?

That's a question which, at present, is pretty hard to answer. Most everyone has his favorite. Cascade has its Goudreau, Woods has its Fysh, Bermico has its Bartoli, Burgess has its Bosa, and so on down the list.

Wins 16 To 2

But you'll have to go quite a way to find a much better game than the one Felix Bosa tossed for Burgess against Chemical, a 16-to-2 victory for the Pulpmakers.

Here's the record:

He allowed only three hits.

He did not walk a batter.

His outfielders had only six put-outs.

Eight batters popped out to the infield.

An oddity about that beautifully pitched game was that Bosa did not strike out a man. He let his fielders do the job. In four innings, Chemical went down in 1-2-3 order.

Only inning in which Chemical scored was in the fourth, when they tallied twice. It was in that inning that Bosa gave up two straight hits. But Burgess also committed two errors behind him.

Hurls Five-Hitter

Another of the better pitched games was the 14-to-5 win fastball pitcher Bill Goudreau of Cascade hurled against the Main Office.

Goudreau tossed a five hitter and walked only two men. The small right-hander struck out seven, three of them in one inning.

Meanwhile, his mates collected 19 hits, nine of them in an eight-run fifth inning. Included in that barrage was a homerun, a triple and five doubles.

One of the closest games of the season was a 10-to-9 victory which Cascade scored over Woods. Cascade had a 10-to-6 edge going into the last half of the seventh inning.

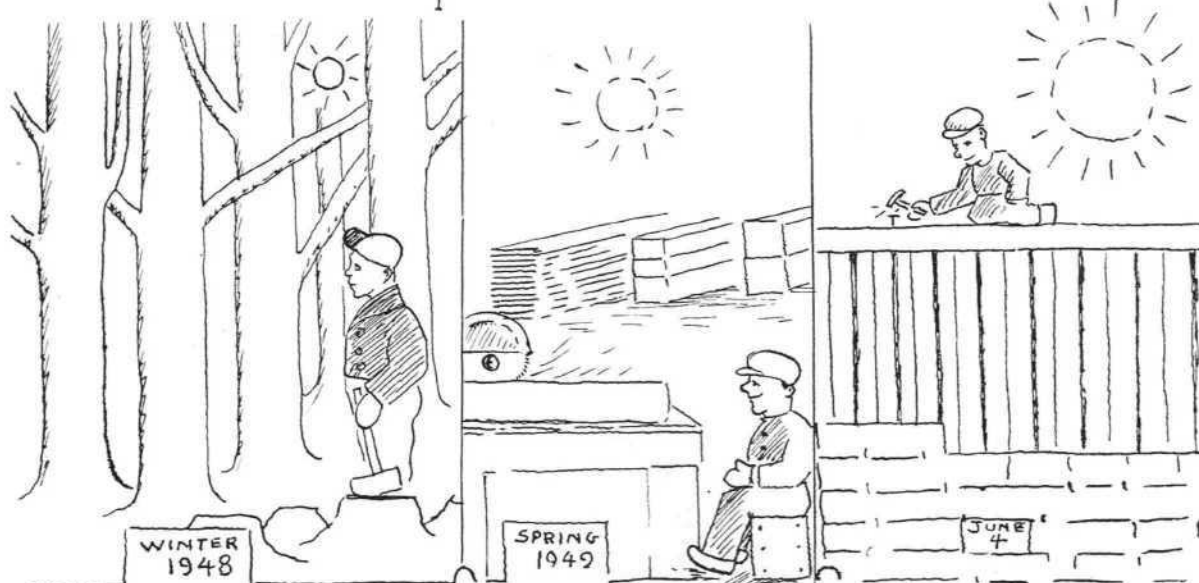
Then, with one away, Woods came to life. Conway, Faunce and Theberge singled. After a pop-out to the pitcher, Gravelle and Dube singled and Fysh reached on an infield error. Three runs came home, and Woods had cut the lead to a single tally. But the rally fell short as Tommy Garland flied to right field with the bases loaded.

Seven In Seventh

Burgess, which has had its share of big innings, put one together in the last frame to edge Onco, 9 to 7. They did it with two out. With Albert on second, Lavernoch doubled. Felix Bosa singled, Dave Bosa walked, Lemieux singled, Melanson walked, Roberge singled and Albert, up for the second time, reached on an error. Seven big runs were in.

In other games of the two-week period ending June 17, Bermico handed Woods a 10-

A STORY IN pictures



THE SPIRIT THAT BUILT AMERICA HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME by ED MORIN KRAFT MILL MOTOR MAN



SOFTBALL SCORES

Burgess 421 012 6-16 21 4
Chemical 000 200 0-2 3 2
F. Bosa and Morrisette; Bertin and Vaillancourt.

Cascade 302 080 1-14 19 2
Office 032 000 0-5 5 3
Goudreau and Chevarie; Sloan and Reekie.

Bermico 310 420 x-10 13 2
Woods 040 100 0-5 10 2
Bartoli and Martin; Fysh and Morency.

Onco 410 023 0-10 11 2
Riverside 005 010 0-6 7 2
Bilodeau and Labrecque; P. Therault and Lafrancois.

Chemical 511 501 0-13 16 3
Riverside 010 030 2-6 8 5
Hazzard and Vaillancourt; P. Therault and Lacroix.

Cascade 210 520 0-10 14 3
Woods 105 000 3-9 14 6
Morrisette and Morin, Chevarie; Fysh and Faunce.

Burgess 200 000 7-9 12 1
Onco 100 204 0-7 10 3
F. Bosa and Guay, Morrisette; Bilodeau and Labrecque.

SOFTBALL AVERAGES

AB	H	Ave.	
Grigel, Woods	3	3	1.000
Moffett, River.	1	1	1.000
Keene, Burgess	2	2	1.000
Roberge, Burg.	1	1	1.000
Traverie, Burg.	1	1	1.000
Holland, Office	5	4	.800
Martin, River.	4	3	.750
Ramsey, Burg.	4	3	.750
Lavernoch, Burg.	15	11	.733
Bilodeau, Onco	20	14	.700
Reid, Woods	12	8	.667
MacKay, Woods	6	4	.667
Bilodeau, River.	3	2	.667
Gingras, Onco	3	2	.667
Morin, River.	3	2	.667
Bosa, F., Burg.	16	10	.625
Albert, Burg.	19	11	.579
Therault, Burg.	7	4	.571
Labrecque, Onco	23	13	.565
Kearns, Cascade	19	10	.526
Faunce, Woods	21	11	.524
Bolduc, Bermico	18	9	.500
McKosh, Chem.	4	2	.500
Parent, Burg.	2	1	.500
Melanson, Burg.	10	5	.500
Keene, Cascade	6	3	.500
Morin, Cascade	6	3	.500
Gravelle, Woods	21	10	.476
Henderson, Office	21	10	.476
Bartoli, Bermico	21	10	.476
Betz, Burg.	17	8	.471
St. Cyr, Bermico	13	6	.462
Gilbert, Cascade	13	6	.462
Fournier, Cascade	20	9	.450
Webb, Bermico	18	8	.445
Croteau, Burg.	9	4	.445
Pike, Cascade	18	8	.445
Heroux, Office	16	7	.438

They are Fred Hayes, Sr., a foreman at Burgess Mill and a veteran in the Wood Handling Department, and Joseph Allen, an employee of the Power and Steam Division.

Joseph McGinnis, a first class millwright at Cascade Mill, retired after 44 years service, while Henry Chase, supervisor of the web machines at Cascade Mill, retired after 43 years service.

Two others had 34 years service at the time of their retirements. They are Fred Taylor, a beater man at Cascade Mill, and Joseph Leveille of Burgess Mill.

Others retiring included Theophile Arguin, screens tender at Burgess Mill, who had 33 years service, and Joseph Couture, machine tender at Riverside Mill, who had 31 years service.

Bermico Scores 4 In Final Inning

Office Knocks Out Three Home Runs

A new marathon record went into the books the other night when the Bermico-Main Office softball game went 11 innings before Bermico could come up with a 13-to-9 victory.

Second Overtime Tilt

It was only the second overtime game since the league was reorganized last year.

Oddly enough, Bermico has figured in both. Last July 12, Cascade beat Bermico, 4 to 3, in a game that went nine innings, two more than a regulation softball game. In that game, each team counted once in the seventh. Cascade scored three in the ninth, and Bermico counted twice in that inning.

The Bermico-Main Office tilt started like a rout. The Tubemakers jumped into a 7-to-1 lead in two innings. The Main Office scored its second run in the third, and then let loose for four in the fourth. Bermico added another in the fourth to make the count 8 to 6.

The Main Office picked up one run in the fifth and two in the sixth, to go out in front, 9 to 8.

Tie It In Seventh

In the top of the seventh, with one out, Baker doubled. Martin followed with a single, to drive home the tying run for Bermico.

Both teams played air-tight ball in the eighth, ninth and tenth innings. Bermico's Webb was the only man on either team to reach base, but after singling, he was wiped out on a double play.

Bermico evidently had been storing up some base hits. With one out and Joe Bartoli on base, thanks to a walk, Walker, Webb, Bolduc and Baker singled in a row. Martin flied to left, but Fortier singled for the fifth hit of the frame.

The Main Office went out one-two-three to end the game.

Home runs were hit by Webb of Bermico and by Chase, Henderson and Heroux of the Main Office.

THE LINE SCORE:

Bermico 430 100 100 04-13 18 2
Office 011 412 000 00-9 10 3
Dube, Bartoli and Martin; McGill and Reekie.

	AB	H	Ave.
Roy, Office	3	0	.000
McGill, Office	5	0	.000
Cellupica, River.	13	0	.000
Murray, River.	1	0	.000
Michaud, River.	4	0	.000
Lavoie, Chem.	8	0	.000
Dinorse, Chemical	4	0	.000
Dube, Bermico	6	0	.000
Hogan, Burg.	3	0	.000
Oleson, Woods.	4	0	.000
Gilbert, Cascade	2	0	.000

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Bermico	4	1	.800
Cascade	4	1	.800
Burgess	4	1	.800
Woods	3	2	.600
Onco	3	2	.600
Riverside	1	4	.200
Chemical	1	4	.200
Office	0	5	.000

(As of June 19)

North Country Fisherman Discovers Practice Bomb

By JOE MOONEY

It is not only fish that fishermen find in the North Country. One of them found a bomb.

An unidentified fisherman was casting along the Diamond when he slipped and fell. As he fell, he saw a shiny object in the dirt.

Scraping away some of the dirt, he saw the shiny object was a fin on what appeared to be some kind of a bomb.

The fisherman notified Harry Lancaster, patrol man for the Timberland Owners Asso-

ciation, who went to investigate.

According to Mr. Lancaster, it was a bomb about 18 inches long, five inches across and weighing about 100 pounds. It had dropped into a crack in the rocks, and then had been covered by dirt washing over the rocks.

The patrol man called State Police, who went to the scene to investigate. They called Westover Field in Chicopee, Mass., where officials reported that it was a practice bomb.

The bomb evidently had been on the spot for a long time.

Chemical Plant Explosions

Congratulations are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cyr upon the birth of another girl. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Hubert recently was away with the U. S. Navy Reserves but has resumed work.

Aime Devost was at the St. Louis Hospital for an operation. As you read this though, don't go looking for him there 'cause he'll be back at work. This reporter had a front row seat of what a jolly patient Aime is at a hospital. Aime says they had to give him the needle 'cause he already had so much gas (chlorine, etc.) in him that they couldn't chloroform or etherize him! He says they used everything but a blow torch on him. Then he

Research Data

Irene Morrisette vacationed in Laconia.

"Fy" Lepage has returned from a vacation spent in Indiana, where he attended graduation exercises of his brother at Notre Dame University.

George Day, Harold Titus and E. M. Archer attended the Maine-New Hampshire section of the TAPPI convention held at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth.

A party was held for "Poffie" Gonya at the Hampshire House in Jefferson. "Poffie" was presented a gift in view of her marriage to Albert Blanchette which took place on June 18 at St. Anne's Church.

R. A. Webber spent several days in New York on business.

Hans Wilhem Giertz of Swedish Forest Products visited the Research Department and the mills recently. He is on a tour of the U. S. and Canada, visiting pulp and paper mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Urs Sieber of the Attisholtz Pulp Company, Switzerland, visited here. Mr. Sieber is chief Swiss delegate to the Food and Agricultural organization of the United Nations.

Safety

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The total of lost-time accidents for the year was still more than a year ago. But the gap was slowly being closed. And it must be remembered that 1948 was a record-breaking year, when employees had the lowest accident frequency rate of recent years.

The books show that four departments have had more than two accidents each this year. Cascade Maintenance tops the list with seven lost-time accidents. Burgess Maintenance is not much better off with six. Burgess Woodhandling has had four and Bermico Finishing has had three.

declared, "Wish I had my blow torch and soldering stuff here. I'd fix a lot of things and stuff!" Good luck, Aime. Be glad to see you "gassing up" again.

More Than 600 Employees Participate In 10 Different Recreational Activities

Brown Company people like to play.

That fact was underlined in figures from the files of the supervisor of employee activities, Arthur Sullivan.

Softball, Bowling Tops

"Sully" reported that more than 600 employees have participated in 10 different recreational activities during the past year.

If numbers are any indication, softball and bowling are the two most popular types of so-called group activity.

During the 1948 season, 142 men played softball. Biggest squad was that listed for Cascade Mill, with 28 men seeing action during the 10-week schedule. Riverside and Burgess each listed 24; Research and Woods-Main Office had 23, and the Bermico Division listed 20.

This year, eight teams are in action, rather than six. The number of men at present per team is not as large as the total in 1948, but only because the season is still young. If things line up as they did last year, more men will be playing softball. Last year, more men



One thing that has made Bermico sewer pipe and electrical conduit favorites among people who put in such lines is the easy way you can make tight joints. Simply tap a coupling on and then tap a second section of Bermico into the other end of the coupling.

Bermico

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Work Hand In Hand

Bermico products are examples of Brown Company products in which Research, Sales and Manufacturing have worked hand in hand. Working together, these departments have perfected products which have been used throughout the world, by consumers, private companies and governments.

Bermico products had their beginning about 30 years ago. They began when the company was asked to make shell cases for use in World War I.

From that beginning, Bermico products have expanded to electrical conduit for carrying underground cables, sewer pipe, perforated pipe for drainage and septic tank disposal, fibre cores to be used as returnable cores by newsprint, kraft and book paper mills and fibre shell rolls for use on special winding equipment of

rubber, cellophane and textile mills.

Scientific Control

Conduit and sewer pipe are made from blends of wood fibre, which are processed under scientific control on the fastest precision forming machines in the world and dried in the largest ovens of their type in the world.

The dry tubes are completely impregnated with a coal tar pitch which makes the tubes waterproof.

Tapered joints are machined on the tubes and fitted with a coupling milled to exact dimensions. This insures a tight joint. This also makes it very easy to put sections of the tubes together. All the workman does is tap the couplings on and then tap a section of tube into the other end of the coupling.

Bermico cores are made from Brown Company virgin pulp. This makes cores of greatest possible strength.

were getting into the line-ups as the season progressed.

There were even more Brown Company people bowling during the past year.

150 Bowl

Nearly 150 were in regular play in three leagues — the Men's Office League, the Research League and the Girls' Office League.

And add to that, five men each from the Cascade Mill and the Bermico Division, who met in matches in answer to a challenge issued by the Bermico group.

For the first time, badminton appeared on the company's recreation list. Each week, a group of employees met at the Berlin High School gymnasium for workouts and instruction.

This year one of the oldest organized sports in the company's program is in full swing. Horseshoes draws about two dozen men each session.

Those are some of the "big muscle games," as the physical education instructors call them.

Other Types, Also

But the company's recreation program this year has in-

cluded a number of other types of activities.

One of the most enthusiastic groups is the Chess Club. Starting in a small way more than two years ago, the club has gained its place not only on the Berlin scene but on the international scene. Several matches have been played with Canadian teams, and only this spring the group played at Concord.

For those who like to sing, the company chorus has proven a good spot for recreation. More than 25 employees sang with the group this season.

The North Country is a great spot for hunters and fishermen. So naturally a big part of the company's recreation program is with the sportsmen.

The Brown Company Sportsman's Club was organized in 1945 to include all employees interested in the promotion of good sporting practices. The club operates a camp at Big Millsfield Pond.

Fly-Tying Popular

During the last two springs, company fishermen have had a chance to learn more about the whys and wherefores of

Forrest Steady of the Research Department was recently re-elected grand knight of the Council of the White Mountain Post 506 of the Knights of Columbus.

Other Brown Company men re-elected to office included Robert Murphy, chancellor and William McGee, treasurer. Earl Bassett was elected to the office of inside guard.

Shutdown

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at competitive prices. We're back in a buyer's market.

There are more and more companies fighting for the customer's dollar, too. A number of new pulp and paper mills have been built during the last few years. More pulp and paper is being made. For example, during the 1930's there were from 8 to 13 million tons of paper and paperboard made in a year. Last year, there were about 22 million tons made. And new mills are still being built.

This means that customers can be "choosy." They will buy the best quality pulp and paper they can get at the most reasonable prices they can get. The companies that will get the business will be the ones which make the best products and can meet the competition of prices.

After the core is formed and dried, it is impregnated with a special material which gives added strength and toughness. Metal ends are attached to the cores.

Really Stand Up

How well do Bermico products stand up?

That's an important question when a customer wants to buy conduit or sewer pipe.

Bermico products have been in use for over 30 years. Today there are hundreds of millions of feet installed and giving satisfactory service.

Harry Sweet, manager of the Bermico Division, saw proof of Bermico quality not too long ago. In Detroit, he saw underground lines completely submerged in water. "Our product had been under water some 15 years," he said, "but we found it was as hard and tough as the day it was installed."

That's Bermico, another triumph of modern industry.

fly-tying. Weekly classes have been held at the Community Club. Through these even the purest amateur has learned to tie many different types of flies like a professional.

Fishing is given additional encouragement through the Sportsman's Club's monthly fishing contests during the season. Cash prizes are awarded for the heaviest fish caught in Coos County waters in several different classes.

Some people get their recreation in other ways. One of these is by getting outdoors and growing things. The company has cooperated with home gardeners by making available land at the Thompson Farm. This year 45 employees are working gardens at the farm.