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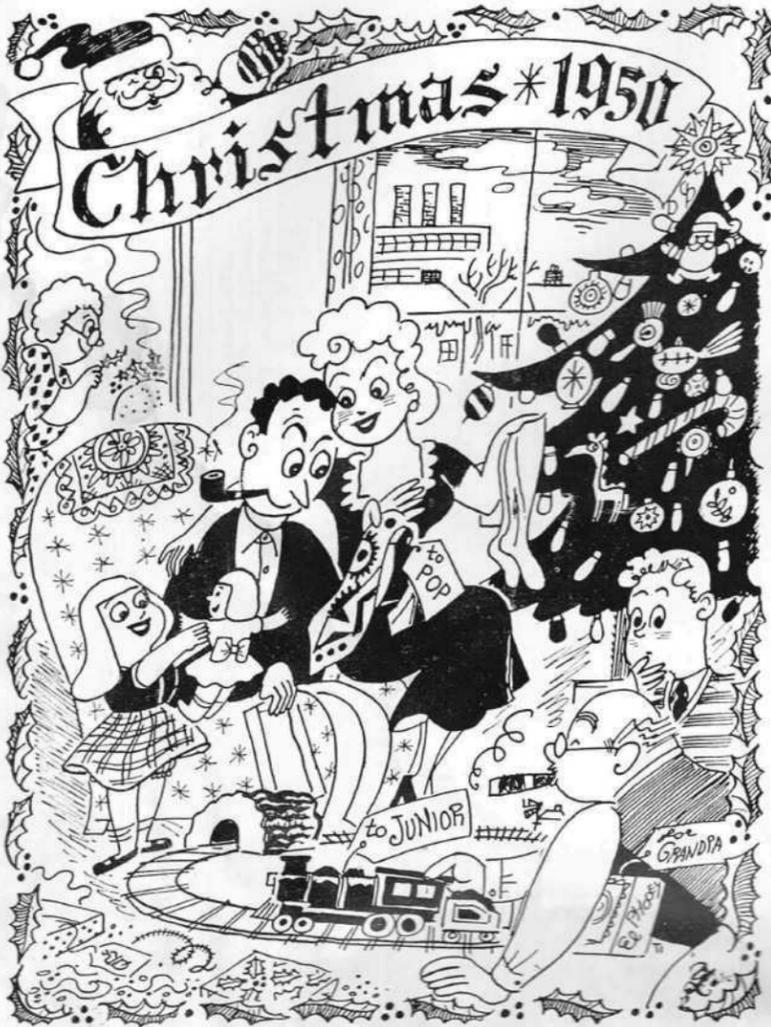
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Make It Happy And Holy...



For most folks Christmas is the happiest time of the year. It is also the time when we seem to do the most thinking about our fellow men, our homes, our friends, and life in general.

Maybe you have often said to yourself: "Too bad we can't have Christmas the whole year through. Why can't folks have the Christmas spirit all year?"

We can't answer that question. Perhaps it lies in the fact that the daily routine of this busy world of ours catches up with us once the holidays are over. But, at best, that is a pretty lame excuse.

If we can't have the Christmas spirit all the year through (and we're not admitting by any means that it would be impossible) let's make the most of the holiday itself.

For instance, let's make Christmas the occasion for exchanging good will with our fellow men. Let's enjoy the giving of gifts and the reunion with friends and family.

Most of all, let's make Christmas a time for sober reflections of our blessings.

Let's remember there are others who do not rejoice with us. In much of the rest of the world Christmas will be sad — just another day of despair and hunger, of suffering and unrest. On the other hand we are blessed with the bounties of nature and with the materials and means of producing the goods we need to live. We enjoy the highest living standards and a freedom that is the envy of those who have let it slip from their grasp — a freedom that is only a dream to those who have never known it.

We enjoy, also, the blessings of a good job and the benefits that go with it.

So let's put worries aside, remember these blessings, and give thanks. Let's try to carry over into 1951 this holiday spirit, so that everything we hold dear — friendships, jobs, families, and all the benefits we enjoy — can be preserved.

Noted Authority Discloses Good News for New Workers

A twenty year-old man taking a job in Brown Company or any other industry in America today can look forward to an average of 48.4 additional years of life, which is 11½ years more than if he had started to work forty years ago, according to Dr. Louis I. Dublin, public health authority and chief statistical of-

ficer of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Safer Conditions

The increase in longevity among the workers is attributed to safe and healthier working conditions, the marked advances in medical science, shortened hours of labor, and a great improvement in the

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Plant Production Continues Thru 'Havoc Raising' Storm

Earl Philbrick Assumes New Post At Floc Plant

Henry A. Eaton, Manager of the Chemical Division, recently announced the appointment of Earle Philbrick as Operating Superintendent of the Floc Plant while Chester Bisset will fill the vacancy left by Mr. Philbrick as Cascade Personnel Man.

Since 1927

Mr. Philbrick has been with Brown Company since 1927, when he became associated with the Bermico Mill in engineering work and later in research. A few years later he was transferred to the Onco Division and was placed in charge of finishing work.

He spent four years in Peabody, Massachusetts during which time the company operated an Onco Finishing Plant in that locality. He returned to the Onco Finishing



EARL PHILBRICK

Plant in Berlin in 1934.

In 1937, he was placed in charge of the Floc Plant under the Chemical Division Manager.

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Company Uses Own Power Wood Damage May Be Heavy

Actual production time lost during the recent severe storm which raised havoc in this and other areas was extremely slight even though Berlin Mills Railway realized some damage. The lost time was due to a power failure at Public Service during which time the company "cut loose" from this outside source and provided its own emergency power in order to continue operations.

Tracks Undermined

Berlin Mills Railway tracks were undermined but the damage failed to halt production. Several wash-outs occurred under lengths of track operated by the Berlin Mills Railway but serious damage was averted by the use of sandbags to keep the flood-like water from undermining the tracks.

C. S. Herr, Resident Woods Manager, has stated that damage to our woods operations might have been heavy but will be impossible to determine until an aerial survey is conducted.

Foresight Important

It can be truthfully said that engineering foresight played an important role in the prevention of what might

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Company Director Succumbs Visiting Nation's Capitol

John H. Fahey, 77, long-time director of Brown Company having served 9 years, died of pneumonia on November 19 at Emergency Hospital in Washington, D. C.

A veteran newspaperman, Mr. Fahey at one time was 2nd Vice President of the Associated Press as well as being editor and publisher of several well known New England newspapers.

He was also recognized in the business world as being one of the founders of the U.

S. Chamber of Commerce and served as national chairman in 1914. Mr. Fahey was later decorated by several foreign governments including Italy, China, and France for his help in the organization of an International Chamber of Commerce.

Among his many other high-

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New Radio Show To Feature Ward Steady and Bob Dugas



Pictured at the organ is Ward Steady who will be featured on "The Brown Company Hour" which will originate from the Berlin High School Auditorium every Thursday evening at 9 o'clock beginning next week, December 21st. Also featured on opening night will be Berlin's talented baritone — Bob Dugas. Those who wish to attend the broadcast may do so . . . (see page 3).

UNH Studies Use Of Bark

Brown Company has provided an initial grant of \$6,000 to the University of New Hampshire for a two-year project on the possible use of bark for soil conditioning and mulching.

Mulching Trees

Up to the present time, evidence has shown that mulching with bark has reduced and, in some cases, completely eliminated what is known as "apple-scab." This is being further investigated by the university. If proved to be true, this would be beneficial to the New Hampshire fruit grower.

Long Life

One of the more important advantages of bark as a mulching agent is that its life

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Their Future's In The Bag



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Pointers

from

Portland

By DORIS E. SMITH

In the rush of things today, it is very easy to forget that Christmas is actually Christ's birthday, and that is the real reason it is celebrated, both as a holiday and as a holy day.

In recent issues of the Bulletin, I included suggestions in regard to gifts and decorations for Christmas. This time, I'd like to include a few suggestions regarding what we can all do to help keep Christmas as it should be: Happy and Holy.

Of course, the Christmas tree with all the bright and colorful trimmings plays a big part in the celebration of Christmas. Every year we read in the newspapers about accidents and fires as a result of someone's carelessness in regard to the Christmas tree. Perhaps the following pointers, if we will keep them in mind, will help us all prevent such accidents and fires in our homes this year.

When you bring your tree home, soak it for 24 hours, if possible, in a pail of water. Or better still, set it in a holder which can be kept filled with water all the time the tree is in the house.

Be sure to check all the electric wiring you plan to use on your tree, and elsewhere around the house before you use it! Replace or repair all defective wiring.

Candles are lovely, but they do more harm than good on a Christmas tree. It is better to use them only for your table decorations.

Although you may not think it very decorative, it certainly is good safety sense to have a pail or bucket of sand handy, near the tree. After all, a hot ash from a cigarette, or the like, can do a lot of damage in a minute's time, if it lands among the tissue and tinsel of the decorations and gifts around the tree.

Another thing to remember for the good of all concerned, is to be sure to turn out the Christmas tree lights and other decorative lights whenever you leave the house, even though you expect to be gone just a short while.

Toys are enjoyed by young and old alike. However, it is a good idea to give toys that do not require gasoline or any other such inflammable material to make them work. Grown-ups know enough not to play with such toys under dangerous conditions, but children might not be aware of any danger and the results of their playing with such toys could result in disaster.

If we all use a little common sense and keep the foregoing precautions in mind, the result should be a very happy Christmas!

This is one time of year when we should all make a special effort to attend the Church of our choice, and by so doing, you'll find that your Christmas is also a holy one!

With these thoughts in mind, I wish each of you a Christmas season full of joy and happiness for you and yours!

People At Work . . .



A 39-year man, Alfred Be-gin, Tour Foreman at Chemical is shown taking a caustic sample.

Albert Fortier is shown tapping-up end connections on a 75-horsepower motor. He has worked in the shop for 33 years.



Dan Gemmeti, welder, is shown here doing a fine job of cutting a piece of channel iron.

Roy Davenport, a 33-year man, is shown here operating the rotary cutter at the Onco Plant.



Doctor Says

Dr. Kaschub

On November 27, 1950, notice was received from the Burlington Blood Center that the quota of blood to be collected in Berlin every four weeks from now on must be increased from 65 pints to 120 pints.

This increase in the demand for fresh blood is necessary because of very extensive shipments of blood to Korea. The war news which you have been reading and hearing will give you a reason why military casualties have increased — FRESH BLOOD is required to save lives of soldiers, sailors, and marines.

Civilian defense plans now include a program for stockpiling fresh blood and plasma; certain quantities of Red Cross Blood are going for this project.

The amount required for local use in hospitals is still the same.

It is imperative that all of us donate blood to the Red Cross for these military and civilian requirements.

You are urgently requested to sign a Pledge Card to donate blood in any of the dispensaries at Brown Company or by calling Berlin 359.

Remember: Blood cannot be manufactured — you must give it.

Prompt care may prevent crippling when polio strikes. It is provided for thousands by your March of Dimes contributions.

Can You Top This Safety Slogan ?

IF YOUR BLIND TO SAFETY . . . YOU MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN

Send Entries to The
Editor, Brown Bulletin

Submitted by Jack Rodgerson
Safety Engineer



Tall Tales From . . .

by Jack Rodgerson

"Met Tex Enman the other day and he was reading and spelling aloud and claimed he had just received a letter from old Uncle Tobias. It seems as though Uncle "T" has not become too involved in the mechanical ways of life and largely depends on the "Old Gray Mare" for transportation. Tex stated that Uncle "T" arrived in town one day, the weather cold and dreary, walked into a local dispensary with a 14 quart pail in hand and requested that said pail be filled with "spiritus fermentus."



The 'dispensory' informed Uncle "T" that such a quantity would involve a sizeable "hunk of change." Uncle "T" waved the 'dispensory' to his corner saying that money was of no concern at the moment.

With pail well filled — Uncle "T" left the establishment, watched by all present, held the pail up to the "Old Gray Mare" who drank it all down without hesitation.

Uncle "T" returned to the 'dispensory' — inquired what the damages amounted to and was informed that it came to \$47.50. Uncle "T" paid up.

The boys hanging around had never witnessed anything like this before. They told Uncle "T" that he was a first class sport and requested him to have one "on the house."

Uncle "T" graciously declined their generous offer saying — "No thanks, fellas — I'm driving."

Attention H. P. B.

Every so often it becomes necessary in most everyones life to try his skill on the intricacies of the manipulations of a locked door and in most every locality there is one individual who excels in this art.

One of our local boys who answers to the "monicker" of H. P. B. found himself behind a locked portal and here is where the knowledge of the art asserted itself.

After several attempts the lock still remained stubborn to the turns and twists of the nimble fingers. This lock defied all the skill at hand and finally each trick was exhausted and marked off the list — but one. You guessed it — the last one.

How was this unique feat accomplished you ask? Why, my friend — nothing to it. It's easy to the acrobatic type of lock picker. Just climb out over the top and open door from outside.

There he stood — with a look of accomplishment written all over his smiling countenance."

Storm

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have been a dangerous situation. Last summer it was realized that many of Brown Company's power-line poles could not withstand a heavy force of wind. Immediately, some 85 poles were reinforced by driving a smaller pole into the ground beside each of the larger poles and strapping both of them together. If this work had not been done last summer, all of the poles would have been blown to the ground during the recent storm.

Flash Boards Lowered

When the D. C. Dam was completed within recent years it was built with spill-way capacity. The Chemical Mill yard avoided what would have been a serious flood condition had the dam not been equipped with flash boards which were automatically lowered when the water level became too high.

The excessive rainfall in the Gorham, Shelburne area resulted in heavy flash floods which caused water to flow 12 inches deep over the floor of the Shelburne power house. It was necessary to pull the flash-boards off the Shelburne Dam to lower the water level. The crew immediately began drying out the electrical cables which might have short-circuited due to their water-soaked condition.

After Buck Fever



Bark

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is much longer than the usual mulching material such as grass, straw, hay, peat-moss, and others.

Two carloads of bark have been shipped to the University of New Hampshire while three truckloads are being used at West Stewartstown, N. H. for mulching experiments.

It is expected that the experiments will prove that bark may be used as both a soil builder and a mulching material for the New Hampshire farmer or fruit grower.

came Personnel Man for the entire Upper Plants.

Mr. Philbrick was then transferred to the central office of the Department of Company Relations as Plant Personnel Supervisor. His services were later required as Burgess Personnel Man and then at Cascade in the same capacity.

He assumed his new assignment as Operating Superintendent of the Floc Plant on December 4th.

Workers life

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economic status of the worker. "The health of workers in our country has received increasing attention from physicians, engineers, chemists, and other technicians during the past four decades," commented Dr. Dublin. "Industrial medicine has become a well organized specialty, and the

safety movement has spread widely."

Mortality Decrease

He added that diseases, such as typhoid fever and lead poisoning, which formerly took a heavy toll of life among industrial workers, have been virtually eliminated as causes of death. The mortality from accidents has dropped 56 per cent.

Bowling Results

Brown Co. Mill League
Week of Nov. 27

Division "A"	TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Kraft Mill 1	27	5	.844	
Bermico 1	21½	10½	.672	
Riverside 1	19	13	.594	
Bleachery 1	19	13	.594	
Inst. Control	19	13	.594	
Machine	18	14	.563	
Cascade Maint 1	18	14	.563	
Cas. Boilers 1	16½	15½	.516	
Research	15	17	.469	
Chemical 1	13½	18½	.422	
Bermico 3	5½	26½	.172	
Towel Conv. 1	0	32	.000	

TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Commanders	13½	14½	.482
Ensigns	15	17	.469
Captains*	15	17	.469
Commodores*	12	16	.429

* Have One Match To Make Up

Brown Co. Girl's Office League	TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Holy Cross	24	8	.750	
Army	24	8	.750	
Navy	16	16	.500	
Bates	12	20	.375	
Cornell	11½	20½	.359	
Harvard	10½	21½	.328	

Brown Co. Girl's Office League
Bowlers with 270 or better
Week of Nov. 20 None

Week of Nov. 27	L. Nolet	Bates	89	86	111	286
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Brown Co. Men's Office League
Week of Nov. 20

Division "A"	J. Markovich	Sargeants	102	97	103	302
R. Murphy	Lt Generals	109	99	98	306	

Division "B"	TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Riverside 2	24	8	.750	
Finishing	23	9	.719	
Bleachery 2	19	13	.594	
Towel Conv. 2	19	13	.594	
Kraft Mill 2	19	13	.594	
Cascade	16½	15½	.516	
Burgess	16	16	.500	
Bermico 2	15½	16½	.484	
Cas. Maint. 2	14	18	.438	
Cas. Boilers 2	13½	18½	.422	
Chemical 2	12½	19½	.391	
Bermico 4	0	32	.000	

Brown Co. Men's Office League

Division "A"	TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sgt Majors	20	12	.625	
1st Sgts	20	12	.625	
Seamen	19	13	.594	
1st Lieuts	18	14	.563	
Lt Generals*	15	13	.536	
Master Sgts	17	15	.531	
Sgts	16	16	.500	
Brig Generals*	14	14	.500	
Majors	12	20	.375	
Tech Sgts	4	28	.125	

* Have One Match To Make Up

Week of Nov. 27
M. Hayes 1st Sgts
103 111 109 323

Division "B"
Week of Nov. 20 None
Week of Nov. 27 None

Brown Co. Mill League	Division "A"	Week of Nov. 20
A. Corriveau	Bleachery 1	102 105 95 302

Division "B"	TEAMS	Won	Lost	Pct.
Generals	24	8	.750	
Rear Admirals	22	10	.688	
Privates	20½	11½	.641	
2nd Lieuts	18	14	.563	
Corporals	16	16	.500	

Week of Nov. 27
H. Gordon Bermico 1
93 106 110 309

Division "B"
Week of Nov. 20 None
Week of Nov. 27 None

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

"The Brown Company Hour"

on its Opening Night, Thursday,

December 21, 1950

at the

BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

In order to enjoy a pre-broadcast entertainment — you are requested to be there by 8:30 o'clock.

Bring A Friend No Admission Door Prize

Fahey

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ranking achievements, he was former top Federal Housing Agency official and during the 1930's was chairman of the Home Owners Loan Corporation. During these depression years, he helped save more than 1,000,000 home owners

from foreclosures and several hundred banks and building-and-loan societies from insolvency.

Born in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1873, Mr. Fahey was visiting in Washington when he was stricken. He made his home at Swampscott, Massachusetts.

OUR HOME TOWN



BY LUCIEN BILODEAU



What's News Around The Plants

Main Office Musings

by Lucille Lessard

Miss Olive Dumont is enjoying a vacation in Boston and New York with Martha Jane Smith and Florence (Fauny) Smith. At least we hope the girls are enjoying it, the weather has sort of been against them.

News has come to my ears that Mr. Van Kleeck, Traffic Manager, recently enjoyed a trip to Mexico City and Los Angeles with his wife. Most of the trip was made by plane, and was thoroughly enjoyable from all reports.

Miss Huguette Roy, Miss Mavis Jordan and Miss Donna Jordan recently attended the wedding of Miss Terry Montplaisir to Arnold Furlong. Terry held positions in the Engineering, Production Control and Purchasing Depts. before leaving to take up residence in New York. The wedding was held in Gorham and we all wish Terry and Arnold the best of luck. By the way, Mavis caught the bride's bouquet — anybody superstitious?

Miss Jane Osborne spent a long week-end in Boston a while back and came home with a very happy look on her face. Need I say more?

Mrs. Gloria Robitaille has been ill at home for the past couple of weeks. We hope to have her back with us next week. How about it Glo?

Miss Doris Torro has become a new member of the Stenographic Dept. in the Main Office. She worked at the Cascade Office before coming to work here.

Hunting season saw its usual number of empty desks. Gordon Clark bagged a nice 7 point buck and Ralph Rogers was in a party of hunters that got 3 bears. Regardless of the cooperation of one bear, who obligingly posed on a big rock, Ralph still isn't sure whether one of his bullets did the trick or not. Maybe Earl Caird could tell us.

That happy look is contagious. Terry Hogan has been wearing it since her two day trip to Lebanon, N. H.

Chemical Plant Explosions

by Al McKay

The deer season was not very fruitful for our boys. Leo Therrien was our only good marksman this year.

Bob Riva brought down a bear which keeps the Chemical average up in place.

We are all pleased to have Earle Philbrick back with us.

The following Floc boys are out sick: Bob Cadoret, O. Beardard and M. Champoux. Here is hoping you will be back soon.

The only thing George Lafleur shot at his camp this Fall was the "bull."

A. E. McKay spent the last week of his vacation in Portland and Boston.

Riverside Ramblings

by Leo Landers

JACOB COUTURE - Retired

One of our oldest Riverside employees, Jacob Couture, has accepted his severance pay and retired, effective November 11, 1950.

"Jake" as we all know him, came to work at the Riverside Mill in October 1917. He started in the Paper Machine Room as a Spare Hand and worked up to a Machine Tender. He worked twenty-two years on the Paper Machines and then was transferred to the Beater Room as a Saveall-Man and worked in that position up until his retirement.

until 1941. He was transferred to Riverside Mill in April 1941 as a First Class Piper and has been with us since that time.

Over the long years, both at Cascade and Riverside, "Jimmie" was always well liked, always ready and willing to help his fellow worker and, being a great boxing fan, was always predicting the outcome of many of the boxing bouts, both in and around New England and also the big affairs. Incidentally, he did a fine job.

We all wish him the best of luck, health and happiness and may he enjoy many years of well deserved rest.

Victor Chaloux is enjoying a week's vacation in and around Manchester. Have a good time Vic.

Laurier Morneau of our Hu-

Riverside is still lacking in the news department, so let's go boys. Get some happenings, hobbies, stories, etc. into the Brown Bulletin. Drop your material in at the Office.

Bermico Bits

by Russ Doucet & Ash Hazzard

There were certainly plenty of turkeys flapping around a few weeks ago. Among the lucky winners were: Norman Routhier, shipping department — Albert Delorge, electrician — Andrew Repucci and Ralph Webb, inspection department.

Joe Blais, former millwright, now at Cascade, paid us a visit recently. One of the first questions asked Joe was, "White man, where you been?"

A line of news now shows up with a 185-lb. buck and a story of a trick shot. There isn't much story to the shooting of the buck, says Mike Grigel, but there is quite a tale to the rabbit I shot. It seems that Mike saw several partridge on the ground near camp and excitedly called for a weapon. He was handed an old rifle that apparently had not been fired for quite some years, and commenced to blaze away. When the smoke cleared away, Mike discovered to his surprise not a single bird in view, but instead was a rabbit lying in their place. Now some of his companions say that Mike has a tendency to spice up a story, but we will not attempt to render a decision on that point; instead we offer the yarn for your interest.

Certain members of the Finishing Dept. claim that Joe Leroux has a pipe that keeps time. The statement made was that at the start of the smoke break, Joe fills up his pipe with Canadian shag and when it is all consumed, the break is over. Can't prove it by us.

From the Home of "Mister Nibroc"

by Bob Murphy

Beater Room

Clarence Robinson, our beater room foreman, is now the proud owner of a new Ford. According to Clarence, — next to a Chevy, it's the only car to buy.

Barney Dalphonse was out for a few days, due to a slight hunting accident.

Machine Room

"Babe" Devost, No. 2 Machine Tender, is ill at the present time. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Towel Room

Miss A. Hamel and Miss G. Jordan of the Towel Room are both out ill.

Germaine Buteau is on vacation.

Pauline Loven spent a week-end in Portland, Maine.

Dona Boucher also spent a week-end in Portland.

A. Hughes, formerly of the Towel Room, spent Thanksgiving in Berlin.

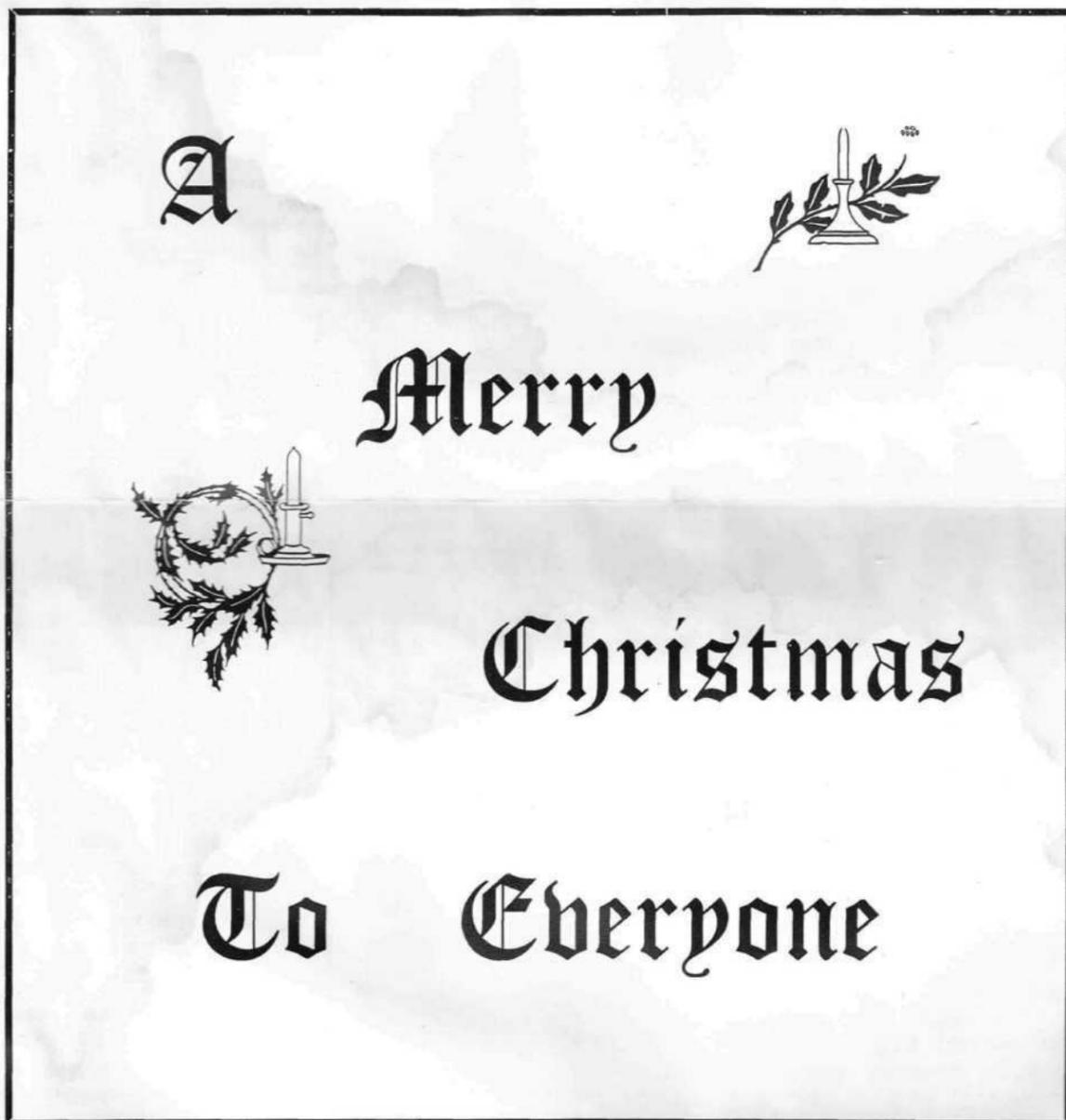
Misses Rita Rousseau and Iris Holt recently visited Lewiston, Maine on a shopping tour.

We extend our sympathy to Napoleon Guerin whose father recently passed away.

Sorry to hear that A. Marois is seriously ill in the hospital.

Ernest Landry is filling in for Phil Doherty who is out for two weeks.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Phil Doherty on their new born son. We hope he follows his father's footsteps.



"Jake" was with the Company approximately thirty-three years. Always cooperative and a wonderful fellow worker. Though he will be missed around good old Riverside, we certainly wish him the best of luck, health and may he enjoy many years of well deserved rest.

ELENERIO GEMMETI -

Retired

"Jimmie" Gemmeti, of our Maintenance Dept. has accepted his severance pay and effective December 2nd will join the ranks of our retired employees.

"Jimmie" as we all know him, came to work for the Company in 1909 at the Cascade Mill. He joined the Cascade Mill Pipers in 1911 and worked in that department

midity Room was seen in one of our local Ice Cream Parlors, with a young lady. How about introducing us Laurier? When will the great event happen?

Clifford Delorge of our Machine Room is strutting around. He bagged a good size buck last week and is really proud. We can taste the deer steak, Clifford.

Sig Aubey, "Daniel Boone" of our Machine Room has ended his trapping season and he reports a very successful season.

Albert Wheeler our great hunter and guide from the Beater Room has not as yet reported his bagging of a deer this year. What is the matter Albert? Has your son got the gift after all your thorough training. Better luck next year.

Albert Provencher is back at the coupling lathes after scouting around Dummer Yard a while. Welcome back, Al.

We want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Gerard Gionet on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to Clarence Cusson on his recent marriage.

We are happy to see Mark Baker with us again after a prolonged absence.

A recent interview with Virgil Hall reveals that he has been called back to active duty as a member of the Naval Reserve. Virgil will report to Boston on December 14 in the capacity of Bos'n's Mate 2nd Class. Good luck and smooth sailing.

One of our old stand-bys for