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Scrap Shortage Threatens . . .

Thousands of steel users may not share this winter the benefits of rapidly increasing steel capacity — unless steel mills and foundries get more iron and steel scrap quickly.

Inventories of scrap at steel plants and foundries are far below normal levels for this time of year. Moreover, collections normally fall off substantially during winter months because of bad weather.

Last year, 29,500,000 gross tons of purchased scrap was needed to produce a record 96,800,000 tons of steel. Production is now running at an unprecedented annual rate of 108,000,000 tons. Approximately 6,000,000 more tons of scrap will, therefore, be needed this year. And, additional tonnages will be needed next year as capacity is increased still further.

Actually, steel capacity is being increased so fast that the millions of tons of scrap available in the nation's plants and factories is not flowing into normal collection channels fast enough.

A nationwide scrap campaign is currently in progress. The National Production Authority, in cooperation with the Steel Industry Scrap Mobilization Committee, The Advertising Council and local Chambers of Commerce, is spearheading a drive to increase the flow of obsolete machinery, equipment

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Accidents In Paper Industry Outlined By Labor Department

According to information received from the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 7,900 disabling injuries occurred in pulp and paper manufacturing during 1949. The economic loss, including direct and indirect costs, re-

sulting from these injuries, is estimated at about \$25 million.

About a fourth of all the recorded injuries resulted from contact with machines; flying particles produced 12 percent; hand tools 9 percent;

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Importance of Accident Prevention Stressed by Whittemore, Brown at Recent Management Safety Meeting

Test Work Continues In Effort To Solve The White Fly-Ash Problem



Shown working on the white fly-ash tests is Stuart Bergman, Chief of the Optical section, Research department, identifying the white fly-ash by micro-chemical analysis after it had been collected on "plates" in four different locations around the mill. Tests are to continue until the fly-ash output has been reduced.

Statistics Show Encouraging Decrease More Effort Needed For Better Results

At the last meeting of the Management Safety Committee the present accident situation was discussed and reports were given on the new accident prevention system inaugurated by the company's Safety division. Chairman Wentworth Brown, Vice President, and Assistant to the President, stressed the importance of reducing our accident rate stating that it is out-of-line. He urged the group to give their wholehearted attention to the accident problem.

Laurence F. Whittemore, President, also stressed that accident prevention is a vitally important part of everyone's job and that we should do everything in our power to correct the situation.

At a later date, plant managers held meetings with their respective supervisory groups and again discussed the accident situation as it pertained to their mills.

Encouraging Decrease

According to the latest statistics from the Safety division, an "encouraging decrease in accidents has been recorded." But this is no time to stop working toward an even greater goal. The decrease in accidents, according to Jack Rodgerson, Safety Engineer, "is merely proof that our new

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Company Personnel Mourn Death of Wm. Corbin



William Corbin, who died recently, was commonly referred to as the "father of Brown Company paper towels" and is shown here standing proudly by the Cascade paper machine that bears his name. Nibroc (Corbin spelled backwards) is a name that was given the famous towels and other papers manufactured here to honor the company's first papermaker. Mr. Corbin began work at Riverside when the first paper machines were being installed and then served as first superintendent of the Cascade mill.

The above photo is the last one taken of Mr. Corbin on record in the company's photographic library and was taken about three years ago.

Brown Company Thrives On Quality

The prevention of poor quality work is more important than the finding of it. Poor quality always shows up somewhere. In many plants, it is caught in the inspection department — or the test laboratory. In some instances, it is not caught until a customer complains. But when poor quality is noticed — all the work, all the material, all the effort spent has been wasted.

Brown Company's business thrives on our ability to produce quality products. Let's keep it that way.

Watch every operation.
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Jack McGill Named Construction Engineer

According to a recent announcement by George Craig, Chief Engineer, L.H.R. (Jack) McGill has been appointed to serve the company as Construction Engineer and will work under W. P. Baker, Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance.

Started Working

Mr. McGill started working for Brown Company in June

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W. L. Given Named To APPA Committee

W. L. Given, Manager of Industrial Relations, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Industrial Relations Committee of the American Paper and Pulp Association as a representative of Brown Company, according to a recent announcement. He replaces Dr. Arnold E. Hanson who served in that capacity prior to his resignation from the company.

The American Paper and Pulp Association was first organized in 1878 and its purpose is to promote the welfare of the paper and pulp manufacturing industry.

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Strictly

FOR THE GIRLS!

By Doris Smith

Here are a few pointers which probably you've known, but perhaps you may have forgotten:

Scissors can be sharpened by cutting through a piece of sandpaper half a dozen times — Pick up slivers of broken glass with a wad of moistened absorbent cotton to avoid getting cuts — After washing blouses, stockings, etc., made of nylon, roll them up in a turkish towel to absorb excess moisture. This will help make them dry quicker than ever — Add a teaspoonful of glycerin to the rinse water of sweaters, mittens, and other wool items. This will keep them soft and will eliminate the itchiness from wool.

The Gorham Silver people advise the following to ensure the beauty and serviceability of your sterling silver:

Rotate the use of pieces, wash promptly after using, use a mild soap for washing and store in a clean, dry place. Avoid stacking soiled silverware, salt and soda baths, and flannel cloths for long storage.

If you should be having difficulty with door locks, you'll be glad to know that the use of some lubricating graphite will make them work better than ever.

To protect your garbage pail from rusting due to moist garbage, pour a thin layer of paraffin on the inside bottom. This will prolong the life of a household necessity that runs into money if replaced often.

You can make a belt hanger out of an ordinary wooden coat hanger, by screwing cup hooks into the hanger bar all the way across.

Did you ever consider pasting snapshots of your children on their school books and lunch pails? It would save argument over ownership and possibly the expense of replacement after loss.

The next time you get a sliver under your fingernail and wonder how to get it out, try this: Fill a bottle which has a neck large enough to put your finger into, with very hot water. Just put your finger into the bottle and let it stay there as long as you can stand it and the sliver will gradually be drawn out.

This probably will be my final contribution to the Brown Bulletin. By the first of November, I expect to be at home preparing for the arrival of the first addition to our family. Therefore, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for writing me in regard to this column and for sending me so much material for use in it. I have appreciated it all very much.

Jack McGill

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of 1948 in the Maintenance department at Burgess and was later transferred to the company's Canadian operations in La Tuque to work as Field Engineer for the construction of a new bleachery. He returned to Berlin in May of 1949 to work in the same capacity on the construction of the dam at the DC power house. He also worked on other construction jobs including the penstock and the No. 1 paper machine previous to his appointment.

Before joining Brown Company, he worked for the Rust Engineering Company as Construction Engineer for the Kraft mill and the installation of No. 9 paper machine at Cascade.

Mr. McGill served as Ensign in the Civil Engineer Corps during World War II and worked in this country and in Okinawa.

He was born in Thurmont, Maryland, and received his engineering training at the University of Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. McGill are the parents of five children and have been residents of Berlin for the past 5½ years.

Company Thrives

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Check it against our standards for quality. The object of inspection or quality control is not to reject poor quality — IT IS TO PREVENT POOR QUALITY FROM HAPPENING. Remember the slogan: "Why inspect? To reject? No! To PERFECT!"

Safety Meeting

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accident prevention and investigation system is a sound and workable plan. We must continue to work for better results."

Under the new system, a complete and accurate check of all accidents is recorded, all questions are answered, and ways are found to correct accident breeding situations.

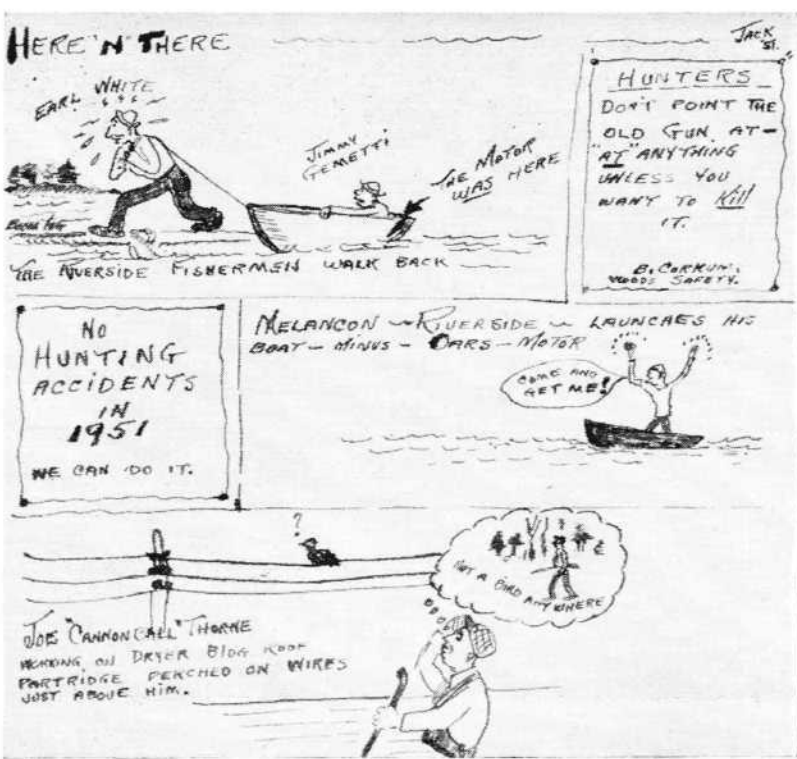
Personnel Men

Plant personnel men are also included in the new accident prevention system and are extremely cooperative by giving their wholehearted attention to the situation in their respective plants.

We've Done It Before

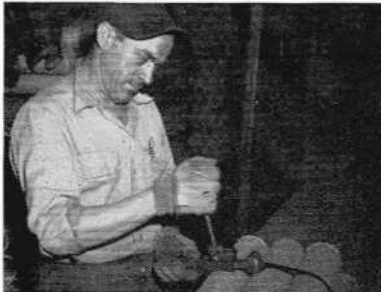
The ball is starting to roll on accident prevention — let's keep it rolling and prove that we can overcome any obstacle in our path. Brown Company employees have done it before and we can do it again.

"Neck" (definition) — The part of a body connecting the head and the trunk. NOT A PLACE TO WEAR (OR PARK) SAFETY GOGGLES WHEN EYES ARE EXPOSED TO FLYING PARTICLES.



Bermico

People At Work...



Here is Albert Tremaine, a Bermico employee, shown strapping cores preparatory to shipment to one of our customers.



Dominique Berthiaume is shown here operating one of the coupling machines at the Bermico plant. He's a fifteen-year man.



George Dion is pictured here unloading sewer pipe from a huge tank just after it was lowered by crane from the treating department.



The Song Hit For October

THE VOICE of the Beagle

ASK THE FOLLOWING MEN.

- Jos LABONTE.....
- JACK LAPORTE.....
- HECK LEBLANC.....
- ROMEO COUTURE.....
- STANLEY ALBERT.....
- ARTHUR THERIAULT.....
- ERNEST MURPHY.....

By J. E. Blane

For Your Safety

BY JACK RODGERSON

LIFT THE SAFE WAY

Here are a few pointers we all should study about lifting the safe way.

1. Never try to lift beyond your strength. Get help.
2. Always crouch down to what you are going to lift.
3. Get a good footing. Place feet eight to twelve inches apart.
4. Get a firm grip with fingers underneath the load whenever possible.
5. Keep your arms straight and keep your back in as near a straight up-and-down position as possible.
6. Lift gradually, — avoid jerky motions.
7. Avoid twisting motions by shifting position of feet.
8. Lift by standing up or by pushing up with the strong leg muscles. This takes the strain off the back muscles.
9. Put things down by generally reversing the above methods.
10. Your job may involve the handling of cases, boxes, baskets, drums, or odd shaped containers or products under unusual conditions. Check your methods of lifting these with your foreman to make sure they are safe and proper.

To Employees With Co. Garden Lots

All garden lot users are requested to clean up their areas in the company's garden plot near the Brown Company Farm as soon as possible to make it easier for the truck crew to collect the debris. Please pull up the corn stalks, stakes, etc. and put them in a pile so that they may be collected and the area cleared.



A snail travels at the rate of .000363005 miles per hour.

The Federal debt, rising from a little more than \$16,000,000,000 in 1931 to about \$260,000,000,000 in 1951, has increased at a rate that would average nearly \$1,400,000 an hour for the last 20 years.

Accident Statistics

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pulpwood logs 7 percent; working surfaces 6 percent; paper 6 percent; and chemicals 4 percent.

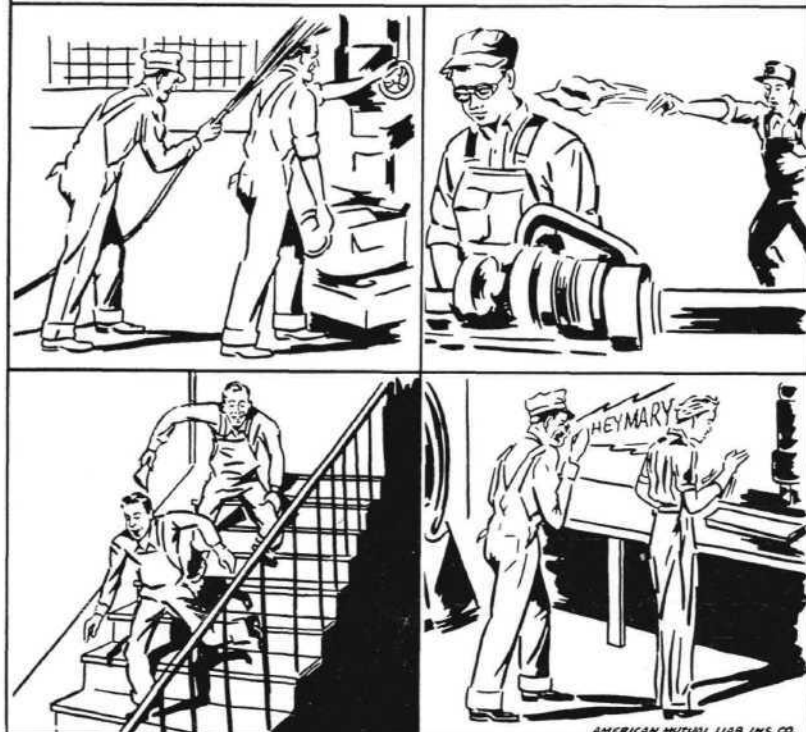
Caused By Objects

Over 37 percent of the recorded accidents were cases in which workers were struck by moving, falling, or flying objects. About 14 percent of the injuries resulted from workers bumping into or striking against fixed objects. Another 14 percent resulted from workers getting caught in or between objects. Falls were responsible for 10 percent of the injuries, over-exertion for 9 percent, and slips or stumbles for 5 percent.

Slippery working surfaces, inadequately guarded machinery, exposure to hot or toxic materials, and improperly piled materials were the physical causes of many accidents. Manual handling of heavy materials and the absence of personal protective devices were also prominent accident causes.

Outstanding among the unsafe acts which resulted in accidents were: The misuse of hand tools, improper material handling, inattention to footing or surroundings, improper

"NO FOOLIN'" — HORSE PLAY CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY



Wedding Bells

Fortier - Tardiff

Miss Pauline Fortier, a Brown Company employee in the Towel room, was recently married to Arthur Tardiff of Green Street, at ceremonies held in St. Joseph's Church with Rev. Leo Nadeau officiating.

Following a reception at King School hall, the newlyweds traveled to Portland and Lewiston, Me.

Doherty - Cantin

Miss Mary Doherty of Fourth Street recently became the bride of Roger Cantin, a Brown Company employee in the Cascade mill, at a double-ring ceremony at St. Anne's Church performed by Rev. Rodolphe Drapeau.

After receiving their guests at the Club Joliette Chalet, Mr. Cantin and his bride left on a honeymoon to Portland, Me., Boston, Mass., New York City, Detroit, Mich., and Montreal, P. Q. When they return they will make their home at 136 Roderick Street.

Springer - Downes

Miss Veronica Springer, a Brown Company employee in the Towel room of the Cascade mill, recently became the bride of Pvt. Charles Downes of Gorham at a double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Joseph Vachon in the rectory of Holy Family Church, Gorham.

Pvt. Downes and his bride spent their honeymoon in Boston, Mass.

Fleury - Aube

Miss Dorothy Fleury of Burgess Street recently became the bride of Gerard Aube, a Brown Company employee, at a nuptial mass held recently in the Angel Guardian Church.

Following a reception at the Androscoggin Valley Country Club the couple left for Boston, Mass., and Providence, R. I. When they return they will make their home on East Mason Street.

Scrap Shortage Threatens

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and other dormant scrap from various businesses to local scrap dealers.

The campaign is showing promising results. Laundries, chemical plants, pulp and paper manufacturers, food processors and other businesses, not normally considered scrap producers, are turning up sizable tonnages of heavy scrap after canvassing their properties.

Even more scrap from similar businesses is needed, however, if steel production is to be maintained throughout the winter, and the greatly expanded military and civilian requirements met.

Companies in every industry are being asked to help assure themselves of more steel by turning in all the scrap they have. More scrap today means more steel tomorrow.

Help Brown Company do its share. If you should see iron or steel scrap around your working area, report it to your foreman so that it may be used to keep our nation's steel supply up to full capacity.

piling of materials, failure to warn others when starting machinery, and failure to wear goggles where required.

Can Be Prevented

Accident-prevention sugges-

tions, prepared by the Bureau of Labor Standards, indicate that most accidents in the industry could be prevented through the application of very simple precautions.

To the American People...

Probably never before has there been so much at stake in the preservation of the freedom which we have enjoyed since the birth of our republic. All of us that possibly can do so should participate in its defense and this we can do by regularly purchasing Defense Bonds, thereby maintaining a strong economy essential to our free way of life.

Faithfully yours,

G. C. Marshall

SMOKEY



Remember - Only you can PREVENT FOREST FIRES

What's News Around The Plants

Riverside Ramblings

BY CLARENCE WELCH

We're sorry to hear that one of our millwrights, Lucien Lavoie, is in the hospital. Get well soon, Lucien.

Wally Rines of our Machine room is walking around with a puffed lip. What happened, Wally?

We hear that "Rosy" Bernier is going to request an iron guard around the drinking fountain. What's the matter, Rosy? A drinking fountain isn't considered dangerous machinery. It couldn't be that you need a rear guard, could it, Rosy?

It is being rumored around the mill that Ralph Coutour is going to put in a request for an automatic washing machine. Wouldn't a belly guard be just as good, Ralph?

Rene Lafrancois took the final week of his vacation starting October 21. We hear that Quebec was his destination. Hope you enjoyed the hockey games, Rene.

Vic Chaloux has officially opened the season on timekeepers. Vic says there is no limit on the amount you can bag. Sounds better than deer season. Tell the boys the story, Vic.

Earl White of our Machine room, according to all reports, had a slight accident while fishing the other day. The story reminds me of the method used to pull boats through

the Erie Canal. The only difference is that Earl had to walk on the boom logs instead of the banking.

Marcel Pigeon has again decided to try to make it to Canada. He has purchased a different car and believes he can make it this time. It seems Marcel has tried to make it four other times, but hasn't had too much luck. What makes you think this one will get there, Marcel?

Well, the horseshoe season has come to an end, but not the friendly rivalry between Leo Landers and Bob Aubie. They have taken up the sport of bowling. Bob seems to be disappointed, however. He doesn't like to give Leo that big handicap all the time. What's the matter, Leo — big belly?

Power and Steam

BY TEX ENMAN

Hunting season is here again and many of the boys from Power & Steam report good bird and rabbit hunting.

Charles Christianson says he has never seen the partridges so thick.

Ed Goulet, Shelburne power house, says the coons and fox are plentiful and he also thought he heard the scream of a panther.

Sig Johnson is trapping bear around Drummer. He went over in Maine and got a young calf for bait, accord-

ing to reports.

What's this we see!!! Why, it's the mail girl, — and with dungarees on. And that red slicker. Wow!!! — for a minute we thought we had a new mail BOY.

Burgess Screenings

BY PAUL GRENIER

George Tardiff, Kraft Mill, is now recovering from a heart attack which occurred while on a recent hunting trip. We all hope it is not too serious, George.

Fernando Nolet has been elected to represent Ouellette's shift in the Dryer building.

Lucien Bilodeau is back to work at the Burgess mill after traveling half way around the world with the U. S. Army. He is one of our Brown Bulletin cartoonists.

Benny Dale tells us never to shoot a bird on the ground. "Get him on the fly," says Benny!

Joe Fournier spent all but one day of his vacation hunting birds and although he did get a few, he says it is necessary to carry a rabbit's foot with you to get them.

While Tony Buckovich, Dryer building, was constructing a foundation for a house on Western Avenue recently, he decided to burn some rubbish he had around the place, — not realizing that there was a stick of dynamite in it. An explosion took place and Tony

landed in the hospital. His face and body were badly bruised and one eye was severely injured. Immediate treatment was administered. We all hope you recover soon, Tony.

Bowling is in full swing again at Burgess. Chet Veazey is looking around for bowlers with averages of 100 or more. He wants them on his team. If you are a star bowler, see Chet.

Chemical Plant Explosions

BY ASH HAZZARD AND AL MCKAY

W. B. Raymond and family have returned from a one-week vacation spent in New York City. Bill reports a good time was enjoyed by all.

E. D. Philbrick was showing the sights of Boston and Marblehead, Mass., to his family during the final week of his vacation. They had the pleasure of seeing some of his old friends at UNH enroute to Boston.

The boys at the Chemical mill appreciate the new road through the mill yard. Smooth sailing from now on.

Ed Renaud spent his vacation at his favorite sport — trapping.

Royden Hawkinson enjoyed his vacation in Boston taking in shows and seeing the sights.

John Briggs also spent a few days lately in Boston visiting his daughter and family.

Tony St. Hilaire has started the bowling season with a bang. Keep it up, Tony.

Cascade Chatter

The topic of conversation in the Beater room is the relative performance of a Chevrolet versus a Renault (the baby motor car). It seems that a beater engineer (resident of Gorham), while driving his "Chevy", was trying to overtake his daughter who was driving a Renault. When last seen, the Renault was leading.

Harold (Yankee) Parks of Mill Control enjoyed the World Series in New York recently.

Attorney Robert Hinchey of Dover, N. H. (a Berlin boy) was a most welcome visitor at our mill last week.

We all wish Emmett Shevlin of the Electrical crew and Percy Watson of the Welders a speedy recovery from their current illnesses.



New and Modern Berlin Community Club To Hold Grand Opening

On the second, third and fourth of November the Berlin Community Club will hold their Grand Opening after many weeks of repairing and remodeling work, thus providing the citizens of this area with one of the greatest community centers in this section of New England.

The entire inside of the building has been given a new "lease on life" with a brilliant color scheme which was suggested and designed by Robert Hughes of the Berlin High School faculty. Many sections



Here is an over-all view of the new and modern Berlin Community Club.

of the building have been completely remodeled while other portions have been modernized with new lighting systems, a new heating system, new flooring, and new and modern equipment and furnishings.

Programs for all groups, including athletics and various types of entertainment, will be broadened for the coming year to provide a greater number of people with more activities.

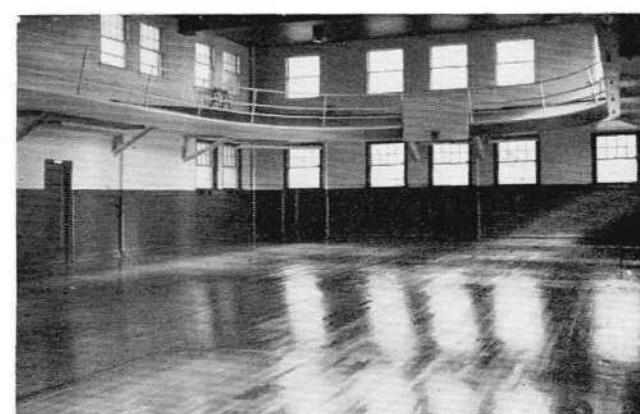
Gene Tunney, Brown Co. director and former heavyweight boxing champion, will be present on the evening of November 2.



The bowling alleys are shown here "ready for action" after their annual overhauling which included a brand new color scheme . . .



The pool room has a "new look" with new billiard tables, modern lighting, and many other inviting features . . .



The gymnasium looks more attractive than ever and promises to be the focal point for many new activities . . .