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Are You Worried About A-Bombs?

If an atomic bomb should drop on your plant, you would have nothing to worry about. Chances are that you wouldn't live to tell about it.

But who knows what will be the direct target?

Not knowing this information, measures to ward off unnecessary casualties can be taken. Remember these three basic considerations:

You see the bomb flash before you hear the explosion.

The major A-bomb casualties result from fire and flash burns.

Nuclear radiation from the bomb is likely to produce more panic than casualties.

If out of doors, do not look in the direction of the explosion which will appear as a sudden illumination.

If you can reach shelter behind a tree, around a corner, in a doorway, in a step or two, do so immediately. Turn away from the light and crouch.

If in the open or if shelter is more than a few steps away, drop to the ground instantly. A second, not a minute, means the difference between life and death. Curl up and attempt to shade bare arms, hands, neck and face with your clothed body. This will not protect against initial nuclear radiation, but may help in reducing flash burn.

Hold your curled-up position for at least ten seconds. The immediate danger is then over.

If in a building or at home, drop to the floor immediately with your back to the windows or open doorways.

Crawl underneath a desk, table, counter, etc. Such action will shield you against splintered glass due to the blast wave.

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Radio Appeal Launches Berlin's Vital March of Dimes Campaign

Three New Directors Appointed By Trustees To Fill Vacancies

President L. F. Whittemore announced recently that the Voting Trustees of Brown Company, acting under the Voting Trust Agreement of October 1, 1941, had appointed William B. Joyce of New York, Charles P. McTague of Toronto, and John L. Sullivan of Washington, D. C. as Directors of the Company to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of Henry P. Kendall of Boston, R. Howard Webster of Montreal, and the death of John H. Fahey of Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Mr. Joyce, President of William B. Joyce Company, insurance brokers of New York, has long been interested in the affairs of Brown Company as a stockholder, as a member of the preferred stockholders' protective committee during the reorganization, and since that time as Chairman of the common stockholders' committee.

Judge McTague, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, represents substantial interests in the Company held in Canada, and John L. Sullivan is a native and legal resident of New Hampshire as well as being ex-Secretary of the Navy.

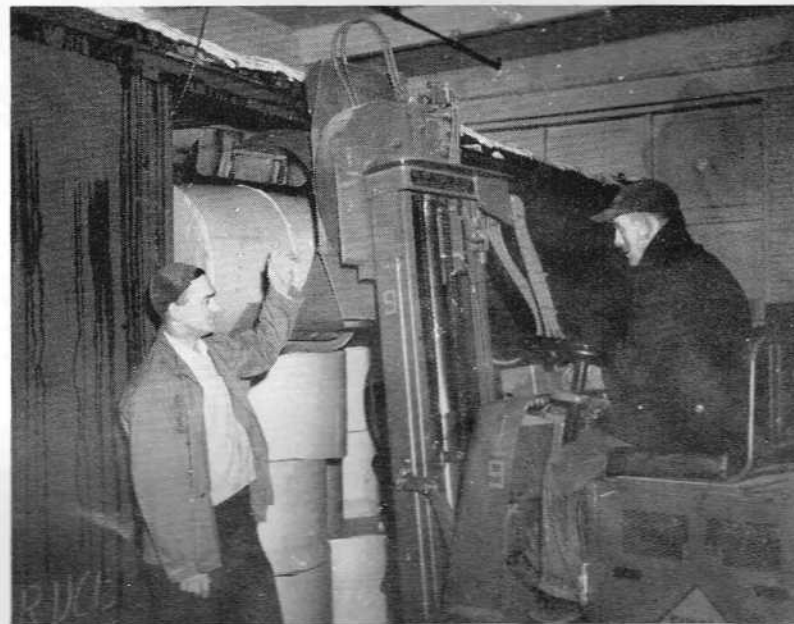
The 1951 March of Dimes campaign was launched in Berlin via a radio broadcast on January 15 signifying the official opening of this year's important drive.

O. Maurice Oleson, Brown Company accountant and Berlin Campaign Chairman, went on the air at 6:30 with an appeal to all within listening range for their cooperation in this drive. He then introduced Laurence F. Whittemore, Honorary Campaign Chairman of the 1951 drive.

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Bermico Flash Fire Brought Under Control Within Matter of Minutes

Men of Finishing and Shipping Department Handle Precious Cargo



One of the new electric trucks at Cascade Mill was caught in action by the camera while loading the finished product into a boxcar for shipping. Standing is Ernie Fournier, while Carl Laflamme is operating the truck.

It all starts from a standing tree in one of Brown Company's many acres of timberland. That particular tree is felled, cut into four foot lengths and eventually arrives at the company by truck or via the Androscoggin river.

From here, it begins its long journey through several processes including the barking drums, the chippers, the beaters, and many other intricate machines and gadgets.

It's Not Simple

To those who are not familiar with paper-making, the whole process may seem like a

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Most Damage Caused By Sprinkler System

Plant Back To Full Production Two Days After Its Outbreak

The recent flash fire at the Bermico Mill, one which might have caused serious damage to the mill and loss of work to the 325 men working at the plant, was brought under control by a Brown Company Fire Brigade and the Berlin Fire Department in a matter of minutes after its outbreak thanks to an efficient sprinkler system and quick thinking on the part of those present when the fire broke out.

Water Damage

Most of the damage resulted from the sprinkler system which deluged the area with

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Company Employees Can Now Assist Those In Service For Uncle Sam

Has some lad in your office, shop or crew recently received the call to the colors? Made you feel sort of numb when he left, didn't it? Or maybe there are other boys near you — possibly your own son, brother, husband, waiting with anxious concern for the summons . . . young men, with one war behind them, married now, with a youngster or two — but resolute and ready to go, if need be, to help stop the spread of Communism over the world.

What To Do

Yes, the situation is alarming and depressing all right. But what are you going to do about it?

You — and we — can work harder on the job. Can see to it that our men in uniform get the supplies they need to do the job and that our civilian population still receive their needs. That's one way of helping.

That's Not All

But there is another way that we can help. It is by buying more and more U. S. Savings Bonds. Putting our dollars to work in this way is the best possible means we could find to counteract the sense of futility and uncertainty that all of us occasionally feel these days. Buying bonds is something definite

Berlin Mills Railway Tops In Housekeeping

Berlin Mills Railway is again on top in the company's Good Housekeeping program with another perfect score while Research follows closely with a score of 99.

Most divisions remained at their previous standing or gained a point or two.

The only two divisions to drop in ratings were Cascade and Burgess. Each division only lost one point.

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Cascade Finishing Gets Award



Ray Almand, Manager of the Paper Division, is shown presenting the Finishing Department Safety Award to Ed Birt. On the right is Ray Libby, Shipping Supervisor. The Finishing Department has been without a lost-time accident since May 18, 1950.

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Pointers from

Portland

BY DORIS E. SMITH

Much of the working woman's time at home is spent in the kitchen, planning and preparing meals. Today, as I promised in the last issue, I'm including some pointers which I hope may make these tasks somewhat easier and perhaps more enjoyable to all concerned.

Frozen foods are so much in the public eye these days that probably many of you homemakers have already found how helpful they often can be. Perhaps you already know that frozen fish should be kept in the freezing compartment of the refrigerator, the same as any of the other frozen foods which you do not plan to use immediately. When getting ready to serve frozen fish, you may either take it from the frozen food compartment and place it in some other part of your refrigerator overnight, or it may be thawed out more quickly at room temperature. Fish that are to be fried do not need to be thawed beforehand.

While on the subject of fish, may I remind you what a tasty dish oyster stew can be when you come in from the cold winter weather. It is easy to prepare, so why not serve it often, not only for supper some evening, but for a tasty surprise when you come in from an evening of skating, or from a basketball game, or the like?

Here's a tip which I, personally, have found very helpful. Before you attach your meat

chopper to your table, or wherever you place it when planning to use it, wrap a piece of sandpaper, rough side up, over the edge of the table. This will keep the chopper from slipping, even though you have hard food to grind.

Sandpaper can also be helpful when you want to loosen the screw cap type of jar covers.

If the folks at your house like to have a snack before going to bed, why not plan to keep one shelf of your refrigerator filled with such things as sandwich fixings, fruit, or left-overs, and tell your family that those are the things you'd like to have them eat, instead of never knowing who is going to get hungry and eat most of that special salad you were planning for tomorrow's surprise, or possibly cut into that roast of beef you were planning to use up within the next day or two? I overheard that suggestion on the bus one night going home from the office, and made a mental note to pass it along to you in the near future.

Speaking of sandwiches, have you ever thought of using your pastry blender to mix up hard boiled eggs or the fixings for egg-salad sandwiches? It really does the job quicker than using a fork, and of course, the egg won't tarnish the pastry blender as it would a silver fork.

Speaking of forks, here's a

trick which will help you get that first pickle out of a tightly packed jar without much fuss or bother. Take an old silver fork and bend the end of the tines upward. Use this to hook into the pickle, and your troubles are over on that score, at least!

Please keep on sending me your wonderful suggestions, as you know I certainly do appreciate receiving them, and use them whenever possible.

Precious Cargo

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simple, routine task which could be performed by just about any one of us. But, that's where those people are wrong.

The making of quality paper such as is found at Brown Company, is the product of hundreds of experienced men and women from the woodsmen in the camps to the men on the paper machines and the women in the towel room. They are men and women of experience and are skilled in their particular job — one of many jobs necessary in the production of quality paper. Then What?

And what happens after the combined efforts of these hundreds of experienced men and women have produced the final product?

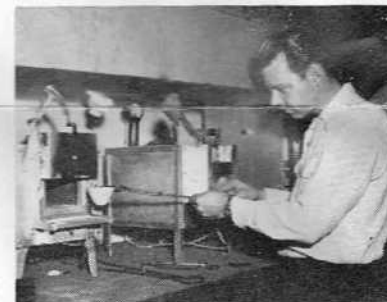
To answer that question — let's take a look at the two rolls of paper being loaded into a boxcar in photo on page 1.

Final Product

Those two rolls of paper are the final product of many men and women — people who are

People At Work...

Here is Ray Dumont, Laboratory Technician, testing ash in pulp to determine its mineral content.



Albert Dion, Lineman, is shown repairing a disconnect for future use. Photo was taken at the line crew's headquarters.



Joseph Mercier, Towel Room Millwright, is shown making an adjustment on one of the towel machines at Cascade.



Albert Nelson is shown here operating the Sealing Machine which prepares cartons of towels for shipping.



relying on the men pictured in the photo to handle it properly and to see that it arrives at its destination free from damage and in the best of condition. If the product is damaged, all of our efforts will have been wasted.

Precious Cargo

So you see — the men who handle the finished product are

not simply handling a roll of paper. They are handling a precious cargo produced through the combined efforts of hundreds of skilled Brown Company employees.

They have a great responsibility in their work and deserve a "pat-on-the-back" from all of us for doing their work well.



"My name is Joe Doakes from Brooklyn, New York, and I'm awful damned tired of this workers' 'paradise'!"

Tall Tales From ...

by Jack Rodgerson

Three of our local nimrods who have long been known for their prowess as skilled hunters of the coveted venison, and who, by their very own deductions can reel off verbal volumes about the characteristics of the beast, its nature habits, where they congregate according to weather conditions, how they browse and which way they travel even when the footprints cannot be readily located, recently came face to face with a problem.

This trio of experts has lectured to many who have not learned the intricate ways and means of how to hold a rifle, how to proceed through swamplands and how to stalk and outwit a deer in its own element.

Who are these outstanding nimrods, you ask? Can they be known to us who are less fortunate in the correct methods of the well informed hunter? Sorry to have kept you in SUSPENSE so long.

They are Leo (32 Rem.) Couture of Traffic, Bob (12 Gauge) Henderson of Purchasing and Earl (32 Rem. Automatic) Henderson of Burgess.

Now comes the highlight of just what expert advice can do for the novice hunter. It appears that the above delegation spent many long hours teaching their knowledge of hunting, ballistics, bush navigation and the art of where to place the vital and lethal pellet in order to insure "Venison in the Pot".

All instructions were absorbed by John "Butch" Henderson, son of Earl Henderson, nephew of Leo Couture and brother of Bob Henderson.

Then came the dawn of a new day — and the final briefing. Each step was carefully gone over and Butch recited the answers like a veteran. Now the experts (tongue in cheek) advised Butch to follow a road very close to open country and they (the experts) headed where the deer linger with intentions of showing Butch how a deer should be properly handled.

Now Butch, young in years but keen on what to do in the woods, started off telling his kinfolk that he would not get lost and be on hand when it was time to go home.

In the meantime, Couture did not have a chance to lay his eagle eye on the Rem. barrel. Bob pussyfooted over the deer terrain making mental mathematical deductions as to compass bearing (although you could see the main road) and Earl, the dad, stealthily sauntered to a vantage point, picked out a comfortable place to sit down and waited for the deer to come into range.

They came, posed, stood still long enough for Earl to pump five perfectly good shells into the ground.

Down in the valley near the road — shots rang out, evidently those of another hunter somewhere in the vicinity and time passed slowly. Finally, day settled into mid-afternoon and back came Leo, Bob and Earl — but where was Butch?

Why — resting comfortably in the car with a deer already to load. When questioned if he had followed the verbal precautions and instructions, he calmly replied, — "No, I saw one and I got it!"

Now the experts are in a huddle — muddle — puddle — fuddle or whatever experts get into when their sage advice goes haywire.

Our congratulations go to Butch and no one else. He's a real hunter.

Bonds

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is the highest rate of interest that you can get on any investment with such extraordinary security. U. S. Savings Bonds pay you more interest than most bank savings — more

Housekeeping

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DIVISION	Current Rating 100-Excellent	Previous Rating Dec. 23, '50
Berlin Mills		
Railway	100	100
Research	99	99
Power & Steam	98	97
Bermico	98	96
Riverside	98	95
Maintenance & Construction	97	97
Onco	97	97
Administrative Offices	96	94
Kraft Plant	94	94
Chemical	93	93
Cascade	90	91
Burgess	87	88

There was only one division behind the ...



BURGESS
Wood Preparation

than most municipal, state or regular government bonds.

As A Tribute

So, as a tribute of support to our boys who are answering Uncle Sam's call to arms and for your own future security, why not decide now to sign up for the purchase of bonds under Brown Company's Payroll Savings Plan? If you're already buying bonds in this way, why not up the ante and increase the number or size of those you purchase each month?

Bermico Flash

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hundreds of gallons of water during the fire.

The blaze was caused when a cable, carrying an electric chain, broke and in falling became short circuited resulting in the flash.

Three Injuries

Three men received minor injuries when the fire started. Lionel Grondin, Crane operator, suffered a contusion of the back when he leaped to safety into a quenching tank, while Harold Clark, Craneman, suffered a chipped fracture of his right heel bone and Armand Nolin, Foreman, received a knee bruise.

Back To Work

After the fire, cleaning-up operations began immediately to put the plant back into

Bowling Standings

Brown Co. Mill League STANDINGS

Division "A"			
TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Instr. Control	7½	½	.938
Riverside #1	6	2	.750
Machine	6	2	.750
Cascade Boilers #1	6	2	.750
Bermico #1	5	3	.625
Chemical #1	5	3	.625
Research	3	5	.375
Kraft Mill #1	2	6	.250
Bleachery #1	1	7	.125
Bermico	1	7	.125
Cascade Maint.	1	7	.125
Division "B"			
TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Burgess	7	1	.875
Cascade	6	2	.750
Chemical #2	6	2	.750
Bermico #2	5	3	.625
Cascade Maint.	4	4	.500
Towel Conv. #2	4	4	.500
Riverside #2	3	5	.375
Cascade Boilers #2	3	5	.375
Kraft Mill #2	3	5	.375
Bleachery #2	2½	5½	.313
Finishing	1	7	.125

Bowlers Bowling 300 or Better	W	L	Pct.
Chas. Johnson-Instr. Control	109	113	108
M. Dupuis-Cascade	116	106	85

Brown Co. Girl's Office League STANDINGS

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Navy	13	3	.813
Army	10	6	.625
Harvard	8	8	.500

Holy Cross	7	9	.438
Bates	5	11	.313
Cornell	3	13	.188

Bowlers Bowling 270 or Better	W	L	Pct.
O. Dumont-Holy Cross	82	102	86
	270		

Brown Co. Men's Office League STANDINGS

Division "A"	W	L	Pct.
TEAMS			
Majors	14	2	.875
Seamen	13	3	.813
Sgts.	11	5	.688
Tech. Sgts.	10	6	.625
Lt. Generals	9	7	.563
1st Lieuts.	7	9	.438
1st Sgts.	6 1/2	9 1/2	.406
Brig. Generals	6	10	.375
*Master Sgts.	4	8	.333
Sgts. Majors	3	13	.188
*Teams that have one match to make up.			

Division "B"	W	L	Pct.
TEAMS			
Ensigns	12	4	.750
*Generals	10	2	.833
Commanders	10	6	.625
Corporals	9	7	.563
2nd Lieuts.	7	9	.438
Privates	6	10	.375
Captains	6	10	.375
Rear Admirals	5	11	.313
Commodores	2 1/2	13 1/2	.156
Vice Admirals	1	15	.063
*Have one match to make up.			

Bowlers Bowling 300 or Better	W	L	Pct.
H. Holland-Generals	93	102	117
P. Ryan-Tech. Sgts.	91	120	99

A-Bombs?

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It may protect you against flash burn but not against deadly radiation if within the lethal range.

Avoid windows or doorways for at least one minute after the explosion, since the shock wave and resultant blast effects (falling debris, air shock, splintered glass) continue for some time after the explosion.

The safest places inside a building are the interior portions. Keep as close to these as possible.

If, after the explosion has been heard, your plant is still standing, all windows, doors and outside ventilation systems should be closed. Provided there is no leakage from outside, air-conditioning systems can remain in operation. All employees should remain indoors or in shelters until directed to leave.

For your own good and that of your fellow workers — read this information through once again remembering the precautions to be taken in case of an atomic attack.

Don't be a skeptic and say that it isn't possible — it is.

condition and by Monday morning, two days after the fire, the entire mill was back to full production.

March of Dimes

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First Experience

Mr. Whittemore said that he "well remembered his first experience with infantile paralysis". It was when the Trustees of the National Foundation asked him if he would do something in the state of New Hampshire to help the cause of polio. At that time we ranked 48th in the nation in per capita contribution for infantile paralysis.

Soon after New Hampshire had started her campaign, an epidemic broke out and several people were stricken with the dreaded disease. Among them were four children, all in the same family, who lived in a little town outside of Lebanon. A phone call brought Sister Kenney nurses, doctors, and an iron lung into the state by air to help the children. It all happened within a matter of hours. "This is an indication," said Mr. Whittemore, "of how your dimes and dollars help to save lives."

It's American

"A campaign of this kind," he said, "designed to conquer this crippling disease, is only possible in this country. It's a true part of our American way of life."

OUR HOME TOWN

by Lucien Bilodeau



Mundo Matherson Known as "Jack of All Trades"



The two photos shown on both sides of this column were taken about four months apart and show how Mundo Matherson of the Beaver Pond Woodcamp carved the wooden chain (at right) from white birch wood. Oddly enough, the chain is longer than the original piece of wood.



What's News Around The Plants

Bermico Bits

BY RUSS DOUCET & ASH HAZZARD

Joe Markovitch was a recent visitor in Boston to see a performance of the "Student Prince" at the "Icecapades".

Our genial friend, Bennie Berntsen of the Beater Room has announced the arrival of a new litter of beagle pups. Their color range runs from light to dark, the darkest of the lot bearing the name of "Mike". Benny wishes to make known that any similarity to any acquaintance is purely coincidental.

The armed forces have gained several more enlistees from our ranks. Among those expecting to don a uniform soon are Walter Bolduc, Treating Dept. and William McGivney, Misc. Finishing Dept.

Maurice Oleson of the Beater Room told us confidentially of the latest sporting venture of a certain Mr. M. Grigel. We thought the story too good to keep, so here goes. Our famed Mike, it seems, is following the old Yankee tradition of swapping and has exchanged a shot gun for a pair of skis. He is confident of mastering the slippery boards and intends to use his grandson as an instructor. Good luck, Mike, and may all your "sitzmarks" be in soft, deep snow.

Main Office Musings

BY LUCILLE LESSARD

Barbara McKay of the Tabulating Dept. was tendered a farewell party at Al's Grill on the Gorham road Thursday, January 11. Barbara was presented with a gift by her co-workers in honor of her marriage which took place January 15. The lucky fella was Don Vachon, who is in the U. S. Navy.

Miss Cecile Berthiaume of the Purchasing Dept. is out on sick leave. We hope to see you back soon. Ester Wilson is substituting in Purchasing until Cecile comes back.

Gloria Robitaille of the Tele

type Department is still out on sick leave, we hope that Gloria will also soon be back with us.

News is scarce this trip cause everybody is too tired from the Holidays to do anything spectacular. And if anyone did do anything particularly exciting they certainly kept it to themselves.

Riverside Ramblings

BY LEO LANDERS
AND R. MORIN

No. 2 Bowling Team of Riverside, winners of the 1st round, tied with Bermico their first game of the 2nd round and lost three points in their second game with Riverside No. 1 team. Good playing boys, keep up the good work.

No. 1 Team of Riverside Mill (a speaker for that team) claims that class will tell. Look at the outcome of their match with Riverside No. 1.

Our hope for a speedy recovery goes to the wife of Charles Ray of our Machine Room.

Richard Lafferty of our Machine Room has joined Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

Rudolph Lemieux of our Beater Room and the Mrs. celebrated their Paper Anniversary, Saturday, January 13. Congratulations.

It was reported that a certain party went rabbit hunting and when he got into the hunting territory found he had 16 gauge shells for a 20 gauge gun. Guess who?

Eugene Laplante is still on the sick and disabled list. Wishes for a speedy recovery come from all your friends at Riverside, Gene.



"You've got to keep both feet on the ground, sure enough. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't use 'em to get some place in the world!"

Chemical Plant Explosions

We have a new "champ" at the Chemical Mill. Victor "Smokey" Mortenson recently bowled 124 — and all in one string.

What happened to Earl Philbrick? From what we can find out, he sent for his driver's license recently but they refused to issue it to him. Could it have been that he forgot to sign the application?

We are all happy to see that the recent penstock construction is completed and a "well-done" goes to the entire crew.

Wilfred Erickson and David Napert recently tried to get from Boston to Berlin via train but ended up somewhere in Vermont. Heavy sleepers. They missed a change somewhere along the line.

Al McKay wishes that Bob Rivard would learn to drive and park a car. Says Al, — "All you've got to do is drive in straight."

Many new faces have been added and a few of the old faces are no longer here at the Chemical Mill and Floc Plant since our last get acquainted program. Appearing in the next issue of the Brown Bulletin will be a complete list of the men working in our plant.

George Ray is now the proud owner of a new home in Cascade — but it's still on the Berlin side.

Burgess Screenings

BY PAUL GRENIER
AND ARTHUR THOMAS

Emile Parent of the Storehouse was in the Hospital for four or five days recently but is now back to work.

Joseph Francoeur, our night Supervisor, was also hospitalized for a while. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Joe.

Joseph Duby and Pete Bolenger, both of the Machine

Room, are now back to work after a long illness.

Joseph Leveille, now retired, was a recent visitor here at the plant. His last 22 years of service for Brown Company were spent right here at Burgess. No wonder he feels like coming back now and then.

The following sentence appeared on a poster in the Acid Room. "If you cannot leave this sink clean after using — wash somewhere else."

The main office has taken on "The New Look". Painters have done a great job here and we all like it very much.

Francis McCann, Civil Defense head at the sulphite mill, is busy these days organizing CD at the plant. Your cooperation will mean a great deal to the success of this plant protection program. Remember — it can happen here. The local CD is designed to safeguard your home and your loved ones. It is our responsibility to do the same at our plants. Your cooperation is needed by Francis McCann at the sulphite mill. Why not volunteer now?

Cascade Chatter

Ray Almand, the Mill Manager, was called to Louisiana recently, due to the illness of his father. Motoring all the way, he was accompanied by Mrs. Almand and sons, Jimmy and Jerry. Upon return trip they stopped in Louisville, Kentucky, where Jimmy will resume his studies at the University of Louisville. The condition of Ray's father has improved and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Harry Hemington, of the New York office was here on business recently. We can report that Harry was very punctual as far as office hours were concerned, but it will be necessary to receive an "after office hours" report from a certain member of the Cascade Stenographic Dept. (Type this, Miss, and no comment please.)

Howie Robinson and Jack

Gothreau went to Concord recently.

We express our sympathy to Mrs. Amedee Marois and family on the loss of Mr. Marois.

Claire Anctil from the Towel Sample Room is out sick.

Others out sick are: Geraldine Judson, Doris Mercier, Angelina Hamel and Geraldine Jordan.

We wonder why our room is lots brighter. "Sparklers" are shining from Irene McGinnis and Lucille Bedard. Congratulations, girls.

We extend our best wishes to Cecile LeBlanc on her marriage to Jack O'Neil, January 9. Best of luck and happiness.

Bea Labonte had a surprise for Christmas. Pfc. Martineau was here on furlough.

The girls are anxious to see Helen Jodrie back soon. Hurry and get well, Helen.

Anna DePaloa is out sick in Portland, Maine.

Doris L'Heureux was out for a few days due to injury to her finger.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lucille Bedard and family on the loss of her father.

We hope our new girls like the Towel Department. We have a few from Onco, Geraldine Charette and Pauline Fortier. Also new in the department are Shirley Loven, Simonne Fortier and Bertha Murphy. We also have back with us Alice Hughes Artelt.



Q. How much money have we Americans salted in savings banks?

A. \$20,000,000,000 (twenty billion bucks!)

Q. How many of our homes have radios?

A. An estimated 41,500,000. (Are we doin' all right?)