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## The Cost of Defense . . .

No one likes higher taxes, tighter credit or curtailment of government services. But we are determined that America shall be strong. This means that we are prepared to pay the cost of defense. We can pay the price by open inflation, we can pay the price by suppressed inflation and total controls, we can pay in high taxes, tight credit and government economy.

This third way . . . is in some respects the most difficult. It makes the costs of the program clear and open. Therefore it depends for its success upon the support of the public; it cannot be imposed or "slipped over". This approach requires that the government take the responsibility for developing a program that distributes the costs of military strength fairly. It requires that the government set a standard for the behavior of the private citizen by practicing economy in its own expenditure. It requires that the public accept the costs, not only as they are meted out by tax laws and credit regulations, but also by voluntary individual and group action. Success will be the result not of a handful of decisions made in Washington but of millions of private decisions to save, to work, to exercise restraint in pressing for higher prices and higher wage rates.

This is, nevertheless, the only acceptable course of action. It is fair and efficient. It would permit our growing military strength to be erected upon a solid base of growing economic strength. Beyond this, it is best for the very reason that makes it difficult, because it calls upon the responsible action of free citizens.

## Two Production Records Recently Broken By Employees At Floc Plant

### Company Cooperates In Preserving Nation's Vital Wood Supply

"In war and in peace this nation's forests have met and are meeting the demands made upon them."

This is the conclusion reached in a newly published 24-page appraisal of "The Nation's Wood Supply" now being distributed nationally by American Forest Products Industries.

#### Our Own Supply

Locally, it is well known that Brown Company's Woods Department has conducted many important programs in the past in an effort to preserve our wood supply—not only on our own land but on the land owned by those from whom we regularly buy pulpwood. In the Spring, many of these producers will be taking advantage of the company's offer of free tree planting stock to replace that purchased for pulpwood.

Trees for the program are being supplied by the tree nurseries in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for planting in the respective states.

#### Closing the Gap

"The Nation's Wood Supply" cites the "cooperation of public and private agencies in closing the gap between wood removal and wood growth." Listed as major forest replenishing

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It seems as though pulp and paper are not the only products which have increased in output at Brown Company's mills.

The employees at the Floc Plant recently broke two production records. On January 9, the highest previous production record was broken with an increase of 11 per cent. Again on January 21, that same record was increased 17 per cent.

#### Doing Our Share

It is becoming more and more evident as time goes on that company employees are doing their share in making increased production possible. Further increases in production will boost our sales volume and benefit everyone.

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## Customer Demand, New Plant Facilities, Employee Cooperation Increases Our Profits During Past Year of Operation

### New Time-Keeping System To Go Into Effect With New Brick Building



The new building at Cascade (pictured above) will replace the present watchman's shack and lower gate office and will be the headquarters for a new time-keeping system similar to the one now in use at Burgess.

An improved time-keeping system, similar to the one already in operation at Burgess, will go into effect upon the completion of a new building at Cascade. The new system will eliminate the use of time clocks throughout the mill and require a timekeeper to be on duty at all times.

#### Buildings Eliminated

The present watchman's shack and lower gate office are also to be eliminated as the new building will provide adequate facilities for the work now being done in the old buildings.

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### Berlin Plants Made 38 Per Cent of Total

### Two Million Dollars For Plant Improvement

Of interest to Brown Company employees is the fact that the combined United States and Canadian operations during the year 1950 realized a net profit of \$4,021,000. This is the combined net profit of Brown Company of Berlin and Brown Corporation, our wholly owned subsidiary, of La Tuque, Canada.

#### Profit Here

The net profit realized at the Berlin and Gorham operations amounted to \$1,550,289 — approximately 38 percent of the total net profit of the combined companies.

The company showed substantial improvement over the previous year (1949) when the operation lost \$128,918.

#### Why the Increase?

It is reasonable to assume that many of you would like to know why the company's net profit has increased over previous years. There were many reasons, the chief one being that the demand for the company's products remained at a high level making it possible for the plants to operate at full existing capacity. The new plant facilities at Berlin and Gorham produced a greater volume of goods at a reduced cost. Employee cooperation was an

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### Men At Powerhouse Deserve A "Well Done"

It seems necessary to preface a story of this sort with—"better late than never"—as it happened quite some time ago. However, it is important enough to merit publication.

During the severe wind and rain storm which occurred several weeks ago, the Shelburne powerhouse was menaced with dangerously high water caused by an extremely heavy flow of water in the two Moose brooks and the Peabody river.

#### Pull Off Flashboards

In cases of this sort it is necessary to pull off what are commonly referred to as "flashboards" to allow the rushing water to flow over the dam. This was done. The water continued to rise and it became necessary to pull off the bottom flashboards. Still the water continued to rise and began running through both doors of the Shelburne powerhouse. Immediately all machines were shut down to save them from being put entirely out of commission.

The water still didn't subside but, by that time, things were under control and the rushing water failed to cause much damage except for flood-

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### Bermico Now Leads In Good Housekeeping

Berlin Mills Railway dropped to a tie for second place with two other divisions in the company's Good Housekeeping program while Bermico came from a tie for third to take top honors in the inspections for the two week period ending January 20, 1951.

Tied for second place are BMRy, Power and Steam, and Research while Onco stands alone in third position.

Cascade appears to be climbing. They have increased their rating to 93. On the other hand, Riverside took a terrific tumble from a 98 (tie for third place) to a low of 88

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## Driving Blind?

If your vision is blocked by snow, sleet or frost on the windshield, you're driving blind. Better get a reliable windshield wiper and defroster for your car. It's cheaper than an accident, and the life you save may be your own!



Be Careful—the life you save may be your own!



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## Pointers from

## Portland

By DORIS E. SMITH

Is there a "Mr. Fix-it" at your house? If so, today's column is for him. If not, after reading it, perhaps you'll attempt to do a few of those odd-jobs around home yourself, and maybe save a few pennies for more feminine needs, such as a new spring bonnet.

One of the easiest and most effective ways of tightening screws is to remove the loose screw, fill the hole with steel wool, then put the screw back in. It will hold.

The next time someone starts to do some painting around your house, maybe the next two "pointers" will be helpful and save some time, money, and tempers!

Just before you start to hammer the lid of a paint can on tight, for an airtight fit, take an extra second or so to put a cloth over the entire lid and can. Then, go ahead and pound the cover on; the protective cloth will keep the paint from being spattered all over the room!

Anyone who does much painting around the house probably knows that if you punch a few holes in the can groove, surplus paint from the brush will drip back into the can.

Doorknobs that rattle can be silenced in a jiffy (it says here), like this: Take out the retaining screw, pull off the knob, and drop a pellet of putty or weatherstripping compound inside the knob.

When you reassemble the unit, the putty will form a cushion and fill the space that had let your doorknob rattle. Sounds easy enough for me to do, even!

When working with plaster, speed is essential, because the plaster is apt to start to harden before you're through your patching job. To slow the setting rate, mix a little vinegar with the water used. Ration suggested is 1/3 vinegar to 2/3 water.

Maybe I'll get in trouble with some wives over this next one, but no kidding, fellows, an ordinary muffin pan is much better than an old jar or cigar box for storing various-sized nails, hooks, screws, etc. Each cup can hold a group of same-type items, so each muffin pan will take care of six to eight groups of items.

If you're always misplacing or losing one of your work gloves, why not ask your wife or mother to sew on snap fasteners to each cuff. Snap the cuffs together and hang the gloves over a hook when you're through with them each time, and they'll be right there, together, next time you need them!

As you may have guessed already, all of the suggestions I've used here today have appeared in print elsewhere, from time to time. I haven't been saving those old copies of "Better Homes and

## IT HAPPENED IN THE MACHINE SHOP....



Gardens" for nothing, you see!

If you readers want more "pointers" like these, just let me know, and I'll see what can be done about it.

### Two Production

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The final result of a higher sales volume is increased profits for the company, greater security to each and every worker, and a better standard of living for everyone in the area. There is no actual goal to meet,—but we can always continue to do better.

### New Time-Keeping

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The new building is being constructed of concrete blocks and brick facing and is located in a position adjacent to the new parking lot.

### Customer Demand

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important factor in maintaining this higher output. At the same time, the production and purchase of pulpwood was made at a lower cost than in 1949.

### Plant Improvements

Over two million dollars was put back into the company as capital plant improvements. This is strong evidence that the future of Brown Company is bright. It is still necessary, however, that the company continue to modernize and improve.

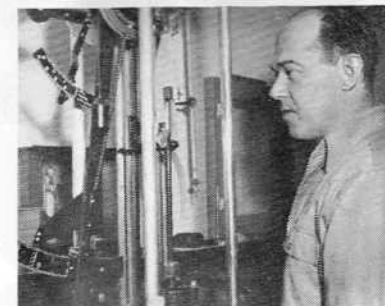
If all of us continue working as a team the company will play an important role in the national defense effort and

## People At Work...

Here is Joseph Reisch, a forty-year man, weighing color for the pulp used on #1 machine at Cascade.



Nap Carbonneau, Back Tender on #9 machine at Cascade, is shown operating the pope reel.



Here is Laurier Morneau, Humidity Room, testing tensile strength and stretch of paper made at Riverside.

Henry Lacroix is shown working on four-inch bends produced at the company's Bermico plant.

will be able to continue its program of modernization and new developments, thus insuring the future prosperity and welfare of its employees and the community.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. — Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

### Can You Top This Safety Slogan?

**"When you're riding in that big black hearse...  
Remember it's too late for safety first."**

Send entries to  
the Editor

Submitted by Joe Ottolini  
Burgess



## Tall Tales From ...

by Jack Rodgerson

"Will we have a mild winter and much snow?" — was asked of Tex Enman, local musician and weather prognosticator. Tex scanned the horizon for familiar signs, spoke of them with a familiarity of a man well versed in the subject and replied, "Yes and No." Tex continued, "We won't have a snowstorm that will in anyway produce the footage that we had back in the East around the turn of the century. Snowstorms then were something to be reckoned with ... we didn't have any modern equipment and even if we did a three day Nor' Easter would fill up all the hills and hollows throughout the countryside so that it would look like a level prairie."

Tex again scanned the skies, spoke of cloud strata, cirro cumulus and other names of clouds and then recalled the time back around 19 and 5 when we had the Daddy of all snowstorms. "Five days she lasted," said Tex, "and when the sun finally broke through, it was all snow. To quote the ancient mariner, 'Snow, snow everywhere and not a drop to drink.'"

Well, good old Uncle Tobias, always thinking of his friends and relatives, decided he would journey on horseback to see the kinfolk up in the "snowed-in" town. He set out for the town, called Victoria, situated on the south side of the island ... P. I. Arriving at the spot, Uncle Tobias dismounted, hitched his horse to a piece of wood or something sticking up out of the snow, covered the horse with a blanket and set out to find the town of Victoria.

A few yards away he noticed someone shovelling snow. He walked over and asked, "Where can I find the village of Victoria?" The man looked up and replied, "You are directly above it" — to which Uncle T said "Quite a snowfall!" The man explained that the good folks had dug tunnels all over the place so he could step into the town. Uncle did just that, located his kinfolk and, after having partaken of refreshments, decided he would go out and find his horse.

On the way out, he heard a loud voice broadcasting that the weather had changed to warm rain and for all to batten up their doors and windows. Uncle T told him he was going after his horse but the officer in charge assured him that the horse would be taken care of by the good neighbors. Uncle T waited. "It rained four days and four nights," said Uncle T, "and at 10:15 A. M. on the fifth day out came the sun. The snow was all gone so the folks of the village all set about their regular chores. Well," says Uncle T, "I went looking for me horse. I questioned all the folks and nary a one saw hide nor hair of him. I was about to give up. And just then, I turned a corner, looked up and there he was, ... right where I had hitched him. That stake in the snow happened to be a steeple on a church."



## Bermico No. 1, Instrument Control and Cascade Hold Top Mill League Honors

### M. Dupuis Scores 329 For Three Strings

Here's the bowling story as of January 27.

In Division A of the company's Mill League, Bermico 1 took seven out of a possible eight points during the last two week period while Instrument Control took a total of four and one-half points to put both teams in top place with twelve wins, four losses.

In Division B of the Mill League, Cascade remained in the limelight with a perfect score of sixteen wins. Chemical 2 is next in line with eleven wins and five losses for a percentage total of 688. Tied for third are Cascade Boilers 2 and Cascade Maintenance 2, both with nine wins and 7 losses.

#### High Scorers

There were six high scorers in the Mill League with M. Dupuis, Cascade, leading the crew. He scored a triple string pinfall of 329. G. Bergeron and G. Barlow, both of Kraft Mill 1, scored 310 and 309 respectively while L. Croteau, Finishing, bowled 306, F. Lapoint, Burgess, scored 305 and C. Johnson, Instrument Control, just made it with a three string total of 303.

#### Men's Office

Holding top honors in Division A of the Men's Office League is the Technical Sergeant team with twenty wins out of twenty-four. In a tie for second place are the Majors and Seamen with eighteen wins and six losses.

The Generals are barely holding first place in Division B with sixteen wins as the Ensigns follow one point to the rear for a tight second place. Commanders are in third place with thirteen wins.

High scorers in the Men's Office League were W. Oleson, Brigadier Generals, with a triple string pinfall of 311, B. Riva, Captains, who bowled 304, P. Ryan, Technical Sergeants, with 303, and D. Taylor, Majors, who made it without a point to spare for a

### Bowling Standings

#### Brown Co. Mill League

Week of January 22  
STANDINGS

##### Division "A"

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Bermico #1	12	4	.750
Instrument Control	12	4	.750
Chemical #1	11	5	.688
Riverside #1	9	7	.563
Kraft Mill #1	9	7	.563
Bleachery #1	8	8	.500
Machine	7	9	.438
Cascade Boilers #1	7	9	.438
Research	6	10	.375
Cascade Maint. #1	3	13	.188
Bermico #3	3	13	.188

##### Division "B"

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Cascade	16	0	1.000
Chemical #2	11	5	.688
Cascade Boilers #2	9	7	.563
Cascade Maint. #2	9	7	.563
Burgess	8	8	.500
Bleachery #2	7½	8½	.469
Bermico #2	7	9	.438
Riverside #2	7	9	.438
Towel Conv. #2	6½	9½	.406
Kraft Mill #2	6	10	.375
Finishing	2	14	.125

#### Bowlers Bowling 300 or Better

C. Johnson-Inst. Control	109	110	84	303
G. Bergeron-Kraft Mill #1	104	96	110	310
G. Barlow-Kraft Mill #1	91	104	114	309
M. Dupuis-Cascade	110	110	109	329
L. Croteau-Finishing	101	93	112	306
F. Lapointe-Burgess	80	101	124	305

#### Brown Co. Men's Office League

Week of January 22  
STANDINGS

##### Division "A"

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Tech Sgts.	20	4	.833
Majors	18	6	.750
Seamen	18	6	.750
Lt. Generals	17½	6½	.729
Sgts.	15½	8½	.646
1st Lieuts.	12	12	.600
Brig. Generals	11	13	.458
1st Sgts.	10½	13½	.438
Master Sgts.	9½	14½	.396
Sgts. Majors	6	18	.250

##### Division "B"

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Generals	16	8	.667
Ensigns	15	9	.625
Commanders	13	11	.542
2nd Lieuts.	11½	12½	.479
Captains	11	13	.458
Rear Admirals	10½	13½	.438
Corporals	10½	13½	.438
Privates	10	14	.417
Vice Admirals	3	21	.125
Commodores	2½	21½	.104

#### Bowlers Bowling 300 or Better

W. Oleson-Brig. Generals	100	109	102	311
D. Taylor-Majors	87	105	108	300
P. Ryan-Tech. Sgts.	102	98	103	303
B. Riva-Captains	117	98	89	304

#### Brown Co. Girl's League

Week of January 22  
STANDINGS

TEAMS	W	L	Pct.
Navy	19½	6½	.750
Army	15½	10½	.596
Harvard	11½	14½	.442
Holy Cross	10½	15½	.404
Bates	8	18	.308
Cornell	5	21	.192

#### Bowlers Bowling 270 or Better

L. Morris-Holy Cross	94	82	92	278
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300 on the nose.

#### Girls' Office

Navy is far ahead of all other competitors in the Girls' League with nineteen and one-half wins out of a possible twenty-six. Army follows in second place while Harvard took third.

The only high scorer in the Girls' Office League was L. Morris, Holy Cross, who bowled 278.

### Housekeeping

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putting them in next to last place.

Burgess dropped five points and remains in last place holding the unwanted distinction of being "Behind the eight-ball."

#### STANDING OF DIVISIONS

DIVISION	Current Rating Jan. 20, 1951	Previous Rating Jan. 6, 1951
Bermico	100	98
Berlin Mills Ry.	99	100
Power & Steam	99	98
Research	99	99
Onco	98	97
Main. & Constr.	97	97
Adminis. Offices	96	96
Cascade	93	90
Kraft Plant	93	94
Chemical	88	93
Riverside	88	98
Burgess	82	87

### Company Cooperates

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factors in the United States are: improved markets for wood; better forest protection against fire, insects and disease; expansion of nursery facilities and increased tree planting; better wood utilization in plants and mills; new scientific developments; and the increasing number of college-trained foresters employed in the management of privately owned timberlands.

The booklet is available free of charge by writing The Editor, Brown Bulletin.

There was only one division behind the ...



BURGESS  
Wood Preparation



—That the official U. S. Census Bureau count shows that there are 150,697,361 of

us in these wonderful United States? (You are the last one in the count!)

—That manufacturing industries today employ 15,600,000 men and women? (The total in 1930 was but 9,400,000.)

—And that the average weekly earnings in industry are more than two and a half times (160 percent) higher than they were in 1930?

### OUR HOME TOWN

by Lucien Bilodeau





# What's News Around The Plants

## Riverside Ramblings

BY LEO LANDERS  
AND R. MORIN

It was reported from a reliable source that Spike Hennessey of the Humidity Room gives our Elmo Theriault (defense man for the Berlin Maroons) a great build-up on the streets or at a game. But, in the mill he claims that Elmo isn't any good, too old to be playing hockey, and was driven out of Arcadia. Another Bob Hope and Bing Crosby racket is what we call it.

We know that it is Brown Company's policy throughout their plants to stress Good Housekeeping and cleanliness, but when it comes to the point that we have to remove our rubbers and overshoes before entering the Riverside office — well, that's the limit. A notice to that effect is posted on the office door every Saturday afternoon when Victor Chaloux is doing his weekly "shining-up" job. A motion is in order to make Vic our head clean-up man.

Albert Aubey of our Humidity Room has returned to the fold safe and sound. You look in the pink, Bob, so let's keep it that way.

Our latest report on Marcel Pigeon is that he is feeling as well as can be expected at this time and has great courage. That's the spirit, Marcel. Hope to see you back soon.

Beside being an average bowler, a fair horseshoe pitcher and an expert hunter and fisherman — we have in our midst in the Beater Room a would-be basketball player. Guess who?

Joseph Parent has returned to work after being on the sick list for a few days. Good to see you back, Joe!

Our Good Housekeeping seems to have taken a considerable drop in points. What's ailing good old Riverside? Let's get on the ball boys and bring it back up the line to that perfect score of 32.0 points.

Riverside is showing a decided improvement in Lost Time Accidents. To prove it, our last safety report showed 100% reduction with no accidents for the past 125 days. That's keeping things on the ball. Let's keep this record for the whole year of 1951 and the years to follow.

Eugene Laplante of our Maintenance Department is still out on the sick list. Keep up your courage, Gene, and we all hope to see you soon.

A newcomer in our midst, though not a newcomer for Riverside, has joined the ranks of our Maintenance

Department. Nap. Flibotte has come back to us after many long years away. Good to see you back, Nap. and good luck on your new job.

Word has been received that John Berquist, the bowler of the year, has started renovating his home in Milan and though we don't wish to appear bold — we are wondering if, after things are done up in good order, we are going to be invited to the kitchen breakdown. Let us know will you, John?

Mendel Beaudoin has left us to return to his job at the Upper Plants. Good luck on your new job — we all will miss you here at Riverside.

Stanley Snitko journeyed to Westport, Connecticut to attend the funeral of one of our former local boys, Alexander J. Kluchnick, who was fatally injured in an accident last week in that town.

## Cascade Chatter

We have had an unusual calm in the office during the last few days caused by Mr. P. J. H's severe attack of laryngitis. It won't seem like the same old place until Pat is bellowing out the orders to New York with his customary vigor.

Buster Edgar recently traveled to New York and to Philadelphia on business.

The news is all gathered and no word on anyone's car getting stuck. Ah, but wait... yes, whose Ford was stuck on the Glen Avenue recently and had to be pushed by a Buick? That was a quick dinner that noon wasn't it John?

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for Barbara Norton, Mr. Almand's secretary. The lucky man is Pfc. Dick Brynes of Fort Edward, New York now stationed at Camp Dodge. Best of luck to you Barbs!

It's nice to see Lorraine (Taylor) Goudreau back with us again as a temporary replacement.

Messrs. J. R. Almand, T. Stiles, H. Gilbert and W. Baker journeyed to Augusta, Maine recently to visit the mills of the Hudson Paper Company.

### Machine Room

John Hickey and Dick Fossett, both No. 1 Paper Machine third-hands, have recently left their work at Brown Company to serve with Uncle Sam — temporarily, we hope.

Albert Guimetti, son of popular Jimmy Guimetti of the Spare Crew, has also joined Uncle Sam's Armed Forces to do his part in this world-wide struggle to protect the freedoms we enjoy here

in these United States. Good luck and happy landings, boys!

Ernie (How yo-all) Carpenter of No. 2 Paper Machine has turned from his faithful harmonica to singing. He says that it is more practical at night with their new baby.

### Towel Room

Albert Stranger is on vacation in Portland, Maine. Suppose to be getting married, we hear?????

Ben Labonte and A. L'Heureux are now working in the Cutter Room.

Welcome to the new girls in the towel room. They are — Constance Marquis, Rita Poley, Colleen Shea, Rita Parent, Beverly Wheelock, and Irma Donellan from Jefferson.

## Bermico Bits

BY RUSS DOUCET & ASH HAZZARD

Cascade's gain is our loss. Among the recent transfers include, Arthur Brunell, Ed Roy, and Richard Roy, all formerly Dryers men. Sorry to see you boys go, and good luck in your new location.

We understand that Herbert Berry, Misc. Finishing Dept. is again a patient at the Veteran's Hospital at White River Junction, Vt. Hope your stay will not be as long this time, Herb, and all of the best for a speedy recovery.

Arthur Tremblay is scheduled to be one of our early vacationers. His destination is reported to be Atlantic City. If you take your car, Arthur, try not to fall asleep in it again.

Joe Leroux, Finishing Dept. foreman, was one of the celebrants at the International Snowshoe Convention recently held at Sherbrooke, Que.

## Burgess Screenings

BY PAUL GRENIER  
AND ARTHUR THOMAS

We understand that John Rousseau will have worked on the Knotter Screens for a total of forty years when April 18 rolls around. Quite a record, John!

Spring cleaning started early at the Burgess main office. The painters recently finished painting all of the private offices and the main office with an "easy-on-the-eye" color.

Alphonse Roy was recently involved in an accident. While trying to open a sprinkler valve, his wrench slipped and hit him just below the eye. Three stitches were taken and Al went back to work.

Charles Lemine recently fell fifteen feet from a ladder injuring his side and confining him to his home. Hope to see you back soon, Charlie.

## Main Office Musings

BY LUCILLE LESSARD

I've found that once you get out into the world — you increase your word power. Just the other day I learned two new words — "Pame Tidgeons." If anyone is interested in the definition of these two words, — ask Dee Torro in the Teletype Room. Dee is the gal with the answer — another Daniel Webster.

I hear that the Purchasing Department is thinking of changing its name to the Dan Cupid department. The reason: 'cause Dan has been so busy in there lately. Joan Reynolds was the recipient of a very lovely diamond on January 21. The lucky guy is George (Buddy) Pilgrim, USN.

Jean Poirier of the Stenographic Department returned to work on January 22 after a two week illness. Glad to see you back, Jean.

Gloria Robitaille has resigned her position in the Teletype Room. I'm sure everyone is going to miss Glo's cheery smile.

Pauline Aube has started to work in the Purchasing Department as the new file clerk. Good luck Pauline, and we hope you like working in the busiest department in the company.

All my pleas for news have been to no avail. I'm apt to write an editorial if I don't have any news to give to the Editor — and then you'll all be sorry.

## Chemical Plant Explosions

We have a new champion with us. Earle Philbrick has topped us all for the season by bowling a triple string pinfall of 128. Some call it lucky but we think Earle is just naturally good.

"Spike" Oleson represented the Chemical Mill at the Rumford Carnival.

The cell house gang welcomed Bill Lemire back after a long period of sickness.

Information wanted: Who clipped the hood of "Mac's" new car?

Ed Leclerc has the distinction of owning the first TV set among the local boys. Either lock the doors, Ed—or keep a pot of coffee on the stove.

The ice fishing season is well underway. From reports we've received, the fishing is good but the results are not. Here's hoping that the future results will be better. Remember, as long as your hook and line are in the water — you have a chance!

A. Legere is enjoying his vacation in Florida. Wonder what the weather is down there.

Vic "Snowshoe" Dutil is taking a week's vacation to chase the bunnies.

J. Gauthier and A. Adams of the Floc Plant are also on vacation.

Congratulations to Tommy Ryan who nosed out his biggest bowling rival, George Lafleur, by four pins.

## Onco Plant

BY IRVING COLLINS

We wonder why Charles Sgrulloni is paying Claire Boucher to act as body guard while entering the plant every morning!

It has been rumored that Vern Clough has been getting so many rabbits lately that he feeds them to the dogs. Right, Vern?

Bing Sheridan tells us that "Boon" Bouchard's Ford has to have a couple of "tubs" every night before it will go up Ramsey Hill. Well—"Boon" saves on Anti-Freeze anyway!

It's nice to see Marie Ancil back with us again.

## Men at Powerhouse

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ing the machines which were located in the powerhouse.

### Toughest Job

After the water subsided, the toughest job remained to be accomplished—that of rebuilding and installing new flashboards which would replace the ones lost during the storm.

Material had to come from our own Woods Department in the form of boom logs. These logs were sawed into the desired dimensions and used as brackets to support the new flashboards which were also constructed from boom logs.

It was then necessary to contact the Union Water Power Company and have them shut off the flow of water at Errol so that the remainder of the water would flow into Berlin at 2200 cubic feet per second and provide decent working conditions for the men at Shelburne powerhouse.

### 10,000 Board Feet

The men then began replacing the flashboards along the 177 foot dam. It took 10,000 board feet of lumber and five days of hard work to accomplish the job—but it was done and in record time.

The machines which were flooded with water were thoroughly cleaned and put back into working condition as soon as possible so that the powerhouse and its crew could continue its vitally important work.

A "well-done" goes to the men at the Shelburne powerhouse.