Lumber Stands Ready . . .

With the construction of a sawmill (story on this page), Brown Company is branching out into a new field of wood utilization. Although we are entering this field in a small way, it may prove to be a big step toward a greater future for Brown Company and its many men and women. Our raw material, trees, provides us with a very unusual source of supply. It will enable us to expand or increase our operations or branch out into new fields wherever and whenever it is deemed wise. That is rather a different situation from all others.

At no time has our country really faced a shortage of wood. While the capacity of other industries can be measured with a reasonably degree of accuracy, no one really knows the full-operation and ang capacity of the lumber industry. We know, however, that it is very large.

For example, back in 1906-1907 the industry produced 39 billion board feet annually. Production dropped to 10 billion feet in 1940, then jumped to 29 billion feet. Responding to increased war and civilian demands, the industry produced 33.6 billion feet in 1941. Then in 1950, it produced 38 billion feet, which reflected the year’s big demand for housing.

The secret of the industry’s ability to respond to the pulse of requirements lies in its ability to step up production rapidly and in its ability to shift quickly from one type of production to another as may be demanded by the emergency. In all, there are estimated to be from 50,000 to 60,000 sawmills in the United States. Most of them are small mills, even smaller than the one now under construction here at Brown Company, but they are the “safety valves” of the industry.

It is this extra capacity and versatility that enables the lumber industry to reduce what might be a program of austerity in any emergency to one of mere belt tightening. And it is the added luxury made possible by wood that produces the difference.

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Nearly 2,000 Employees Receive Free Chest X-Ray During Program

Final word was received recently on the outcome of the first portion of Brown Company’s Voluntary Health Program. The program was considered to be a complete success.

From an estimated potential of slightly more than 3,000 employees, nearly 2,000 availed themselves of the opportunity of having a free chest x-ray examination.

This was a much greater turnout of employees than expected by the Powers X-Ray Company. Based on past experience, their estimate was less than 1,500.

Employees wishing to enroll in the second portion of the health program, consisting of a general physical examination, are urged to contact their Personnel man at their earliest opportunity. The Personnel man will then complete all necessary arrangements prior to your physical exam.

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Softball Season Around the Corner

Meetings are now being held to formulate plans and organize this season’s Brown Company Softball League. All employees wishing to participate in the Softball League are urged to contact J. Arthur Sullivan, Public Relations Specialist.

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Seventy Two Men Complete Maintenance Training Program

Brown Company’s Training Program for maintenance workers was successfully finished last month with 72 men completing the courses out of a beginning total of 101. The courses ranged from shop work to safety education with “Jacks,” “Chipmunk,” “Bon” Hodges, and Alvin Decker.

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Construction of Brown Company Sawmill Now Under Way; Furniture Stock to be Produced for Heywood-Wakefield

Construction is progressing rapidly on the new sawmill. It is expected to be ready for operation by the end of June.

Brown Company Employees Appear On New “Safety at Work” Posters

New and unique safety posters are now being distributed throughout Brown Company’s many plants in Berlin and Gorham describing safety stories about many of our employees at work. Some of the posters will describe incidents in which employees were protected from injury by wearing safety equipment while others will picture employees and describe their acts of “safety at work” which helped to prevent serious accidents from happening.

The idea for these safety posters was conceived and originated right here at Brown.

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Steiner Company to Use Jumbo Paper Rolls from Cascade

As a result of a sales contract recently signed between Brown Company and the Steiner Sales Company of Chicago, Ill., a new industrial building will soon be constructed for the Steiner Company near the Berlin Mills Railway bridge at Cascade.

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Leo R. Maisel Joins Sales Force

The appointment of Leo R. (Bud) Maisel to Industrial Salesman in the Chicago area was recently announced by W. T. LaRose, Towel Sales Manager for Brown Company.

Mr. Maisel was previously employed as a salesman for the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company. He has also served as a salesman for Heywood-Wakefield.

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Blood Donations and Lives of Wounded Endangered Because of “Rumor-Mongers”

Flak is a hazard of war — to be expected and endured. Yak can also kill. Bull-session yak comment, even by the high skill of our industrial workers can produce. But the most important lifesaving weapon cannot be manufactured; it must be given to our wounded by able-bodied men and women of good will. That weapon is human blood.

Recruiters hear rumors that “some fellow in Korea has the best guns, tanks, planes, and ammunition that the high skill of our industrial workers can produce. But the most important lifesaving weapon is human blood. Yak cannot be manufac-

Value of Bonds At All Time Peak

The cash value of Series E Bonds (now called Defense Bonds) held by individuals to-day is $34,800,000,000 — an all-time peak. This figure is more than $300,000,000 over the cash value of E holdings at the beginning of Korean hostilities and $4,000,000,000 greater than at the end of World War II.
Company To Expand Operated Wood Program; Personnel Changes Made

C. S. Herr, Resident Woods Manager, has announced four organizational changes in the Woods department to meet the company's expanded operated wood program. For the last several years, according to a report, Brown Company's Woods department has operated approximately 90,000 cords of wood annually for all species of wood, and plans to expand to 130,000 cords of wood. The following changes were made to effect this program:

William Pickford will assume the position of Trucking Superintendent and will be directly responsible for all departmental operating vehicles. Arthur Bevin will be transferred to the Parmachenee area where he will serve as District Logging Superintendent for the operations in the Valley.

Alton Olson, who has been handling the above work in the Parmachenee Valley, is to be transferred to the Brown Farm where he will assume the responsibility for operations in that area, together with the newly opened Abbott Brown section.

Evan Elger of Scotttown, P. Q., who has worked for the department before on Canadian public service, is being employed, with headquarters at Scotttown, where he will handle pulpwood purchasing in that area, and likewise replace William Pickford on the procurement of bonded labor.

Lucien Bilodeau.

Leo R. Maisel.

Lavernoich, Leo LeBlanc.

Ash Hazzard, Alfred McKay.

Angus Morrison, Jack Rodgerson.

Complete story and pictures will appear in the next issue which should prove to be very useful in their future work.

Instructions were first distributed by Brown Company. They are designed, for the employees of Brown Company. They are designed, to be protected with an extra coat of clear varnish. In addition to wood for construction, the civilian economy utilizes wood in hundreds of other ways. A check-list of the uses of wood in the average home, for example, reveals an astounding record of our dependability on wood and wood products. These have always been available to the extent of their necessity, in war or peace.

The quickest way of finding out what you don't know is usually the one who gets hurt. The bird who doesn't bother to find out is usually the one who gets hurt. A "get-together" was held recently at the Berlin House for all men completing the course. A company representative was able to hand a small roll of safety posters to each man—one from Brown Company and the other from the International Forest Products Section of the company. Brown Company also presented each of the men with a Maintenance Reference Book which should prove very useful in their future work.

Complete story and pictures will appear in the next issue of the Brown Bulletin.

Two heads are better than one.

When you hoof it on the highway on the right hand side of the road, you put your life in the hands of every driver you pass. That's not fair to them — and it's certainly not safe for you. You owe it to the driver — and to yourself — to share the road with a horse and safety division.

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One Dollar Bill
Still Has Meaning

Ever wonder about the meaning of the pyramid, and the eye above it, on the back of the dollar bill? (With inflationary high taxes and government spending, it's worth only 55 cents these days — but it's still worth taking a second look at before you have to let it go!) The pyramid symbolizes the strength of the union of powers, the white line, the founder of the Union of S. A., and the top of it is shown to be unfinished — meaning that there still is work to be done in the building up of and our system of government as good and strong as it should be.

The eye above the pyramid stands for the all-seeing God, the Supreme Builder. This firm will receive a regular supply of jumbo paper rolls which they will finish into smaller rolls and other products for sale to hotels, inns, factories, institutions, etc. The new building will be constructed by the Berlin Industrial Realty Company and leased to the Steiner Sales Company. A spur track will connect the new building with the Berlin Mills Railway so that jumbo rolls may be delivered directly to the plant.
This is your “picture page.” Employees are urged to send photographs, if they wish, to the Editor, Brown Bulletin. Pictures should be of general interest to all employees and also be of news value. Every effort will be made to publish them in future issues.

Editor

(Above) The huge cyclones at the Bermico plant were replaced in record time after they were damaged by a recent fire in the dust collecting system. (Below) A new digester weighing 55 tons was recently installed in the Kraft mill by a capable crew of riggers from Brown Company. This type of work is extremely difficult.

(Above) “Old Man of the ‘Log Pile’” …

(Above) This wooden freak came from Canadian woods operations. (Below) This group of people from France recently visited our plants for an inside view of our operations.

“Ready” …

“Up she goes” …

“Get the riveter!” …

(Above) Jack Rodgeron takes a good look at the new safety posters currently being distributed throughout the plants. (At left) Oscar Gonya, a Burgess employee, is interviewed prior to his x-ray examination by Mrs. O’Connell, nurse. (At right) Tony Cellupica takes a deep breath and keeps his chin up as the x-ray machine operator gets ready to take Tony’s “picture.” The first portion of the Voluntary Health Program was a great success.
Blood Donations

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transfusion. It’s a damn shame.”

The letter circulated through the serviceman’s home town and blood donations

an alarming downward

spiral.

One of our more famous

servicemen in Korea has been

found who had paid for a blood

transfusion in a military hospital.

The badly wounded who have

returned to this country are

lashed in their praise of the

blood donors who have saved

their lives.

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It certainly is subservient to

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Attention: Retiring Employees

Employees who are eligible for retirement under the

Brown Company Hourly Pension Plan are requested to file

the applications for retirement at least two months before

their intended retirement date.

Employees are requested to file their applications, either

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