



BERNICO RETIREMENT — Ernest Coulombe, head of Miscellaneous Fittings Dept., with Plant Manager Bob Thayer (right) and Herb Berry (left), on last day before retirement. Berry will take over responsibilities formerly held by Mr. Coulombe.

Ernest J. Coulombe of Standard Street, foreman of the Miscellaneous Finishing Department, retired February 1st, with 44 years of continuous service with the Company.

Mr. Coulombe was born and raised in Berlin, and attended St. Regis Academy. At the age of 16, he went to work with the Company, for his first 7 years at the Window Frame Mill.

He then shifted to construction working on the new Riverside

Powerhouse and penstocks which were being built in the mid-1920's.

In 1927, Mr. Coulombe transferred to the Finishing Department where he has been employed ever since.

Ernest says that he is going to stick around Berlin for the rest of this winter, but next year at this time, don't be looking for him because he is going to Florida for the winter.

Mt. Holly Sends First Shipment

The first shipment of fiber pipe made at the new Mount Holly, New Jersey Bernico plant was made on Monday, February 18th, 1963, according to plant manager Ben Hodges.

Hodges said that the order consisted of 15,000 ft. of 4" sewer pipe in 10' lengths, together with fittings. Delivery was made to Shore Distributors Inc., of Salisbury, Md., a city of about 13,500 population located on the Eastern Shore.

Both dryers at Mount Holly are now in full operation, according to Hodges, although not yet completely shaken down, and a fair supply of pipe and conduit is already on hand.

Shift foremen at Mount Holly are Clifford Ferris, George Johnson and Harold Garrison. Plant superintendent is Roy Wallace, and Bernie Slagle of the Central Engineering Department at Berlin is currently on loan to the Mount Holly operation during its start-up period.



CRYSTAL BALL — Jimmy Baldassara mortars pieces of mirror into place on new ballroom ornament being built for the National Guard military ball. In rear is similar one which Jimmy built for

Dominic Poretta about 15 years ago. On floor are two smaller ones, with different shapes, also built by Jimmy.

Jimmy Baldassara Makes Crystal Ball

Jimmy Baldassara, a receiving clerk at the Burgess Storehouse, is probably the only man between Boston, Massachusetts, and Montreal, Quebec, who knows how to build a crystal ball for dance halls.

He is making one now, for the Berlin National Guard armory.

Jimmy saw a crystal ball for the first time about 15 years ago, when his close friend Dominic Poretta was running the Sherburn Inn pavilion and name bands drew crowds from miles around. Dominic had obtained the big mirror-covered ornament from Boston. As it turned slowly round and round, its mirrors reflected colored lights around the dance hall ceiling and walls, and right then and there, Jimmy decided to build one for himself.

It isn't easy to build a crystal ball, and it takes a long time for a man with a lot of patience. The first step, according to Jimmy, is to build a frame out of plywood. This establishes the shape of the finished product, and is very important because different size rooms will need different shaped crystal balls.

Once the frame is finished, it is covered with a fine wire screen and coated with plaster which serves as a base for the mirrors which encrust the crystal ball.

Then the real, heart-breaking, tedious chore of finishing off the ball starts.

Pieces of mirror must be cut, some square, some rectangular,

some triangular and some round or oval. Many hundreds of pieces are needed, in different sizes, and if desired, in different colors too. Jimmy buys his glass and mirrors from local suppliers, but has to do all the cutting himself.

Starting at the top, Jimmy then lays out a pattern of glass in regular rings around the ball. The first ring might be square pieces, the next one diamond shaped or round, and the next one rectangular. Each piece is cemented into place individually, using quick-drying plaster of paris as the mortar. This material dries so quickly that Jimmy can only mix up enough to set about 4 pieces of glass. Then a fresh batch of plaster must be mixed.

When the crystal ball is entirely covered with mirrors, it is ready for its electric motor and gear-box. The motor, about a 1/20 h.p., is placed inside the plywood frame, and greatly geared down so that the ball will revolve between seven and nine times per minute. Then the entire assembly is suspended from the ceiling, multi-colored spotlights are turned on it from different corners of the room, and "let the music begin."

A crystal ball such as Jimmy made for Dominic Poretta takes about three months to build, contains about 1,700 pieces of mirror, and weighs about 65 pounds. Fifteen years ago, one of these ballroom ornaments was adver-

tised for sale at \$225. On that basis, the one Jimmy is building now must be worth close to double that amount.

Eagle-A Covers For Annual Report

In recognition of the importance of American Writing Paper Division's part in the future of Brown Company's operations, as well as the quality of its paper products, the Division's RADIANT WHITE cover stock has been selected for the cover of the Annual Report to Stockholders for 1962. The Report is now in preparation.

RADIANT WHITE is only one of the many fine papers manufactured by AWP and sold under the famous Eagle-A trademark. It is made in basis weights of 100, 120 and 140 lbs. and with either a vellum or satin finish. In appearance and color, it closely resembles the BROOKSHIRE offset made by the Company at the Cascade Mill.

BROOKSHIRE will be used for the inside 16 pages of the Annual Report but with regular finish instead of vellum as in past years.

Both the RADIANT WHITE cover stock from Holyoke, and the BROOKSHIRE offset from Cascade, have already been made, sheeted, trimmed and shipped to the printing firm which will produce the Annual Report.

Paper makers at Cascade will find they have some pretty tough competitors in their companion division at Holyoke. It should be interesting to watch in the future to see which division produces the finest products.

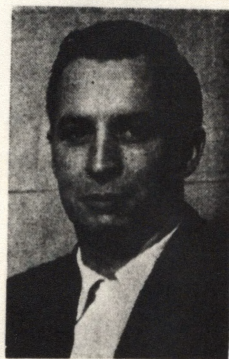
Sheridan Goes To Brazil

Frank J. Sheridan, Jr., 444 Willard Street, night superintendent at the Burgess sulphite pulp mill, will leave Brown Company on March 1st for Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he will become shift mill manager at a new pulp mill being built by Litcher S. A. Cellulose e. Papel. This newly organized corporation with American and Brazilian capital behind it also has a boxboard mill in Uruguay.

Mr. Sheridan is a native of Berlin, attended Berlin High School, and was first employed by Brown Company in July 1942. A year later he left to join the U. S. Navy, where he served in the Admiralty Islands with an aircraft service unit.

He was discharged May 1946, rejoined the Brown Company a month later and in October 1947 was assigned to the Burgess laboratory in quality control work.

On October 3, 1954, Sheridan became Technical Control Assistant, Burgess Lab, and in November, 1955, became Technical Control Assistant, Quality and Process Control.



FRANK J. SHERIDAN, JR.

In June of 1957, Sheridan was made sulphite raw stock foreman, a position which he held until September 1960 when he was promoted to night superintendent.

Mrs. Sheridan and the five children will remain in Berlin for the time being.



HUNTING CAMP AT AZISCOOS — Joe Robichaud of the Woods Department is one of the lucky persons who has purchased a shore lot on the east shore of Lake Aziscoos. His new cabin is shown above. Log siding is cedar from local saw-mills.

Spring Is Near — Got Camp Ready

When Joe Robichaud of the Woods Department bought his camp lot on the east shore of Lake Aziscoos, he knew that the 8-mile road which connects the camp lot development with the all-weather Lincoln Pond truck road would not be open during winter months. With no logging job going on in that vicinity, the Company would have no reason to keep the 8-mile branch road open.

But Joe, who built his camp last year, is a restless sort of fellow who doesn't let deep snow keep him from doing what he wants to. And Joe wanted to look over that new camp of his, to make sure the December and January snows hadn't damaged it.

An 8-mile hike over a snowed in truck road, in waist deep snow, just didn't make sense to Joe. But there was another way—the same way a crow would fly—ACROSS the lake from the WEST shore where the all-weather truck road to Parmachenee is located.

So on a Sunday morning about 7:30, Joe and his son, Bernie, and Bernie's girl friend, Dawn Rivard, set out for Wilson Mills and the Parmachenee truck road. About 90 minutes later, they were parked some 10 miles north of the Parmachenee gate, on the west shore of the lake. Joe's camp, on the east shore, was not over 1 1/2 miles away.

Dawn isn't an expert snowshoer, but she is a small clerk at

the Main Office, which means she is game for anything. Joe and Bernie are experts on the webs. The three of them went down over the bank, and across the lake, with a lunch in a pack to keep up their strength.

The camp was in good shape, Joe discovered, when they arrived. There were able to get into the building, and immediately built a fire in the big wood range to heat up the room. Another job was to make coffee, on a gas stove. The third and final one—to relax while enjoying one of the most satisfying experiences a person can have—to visit his camp in the dead of winter, with nothing but the squawling of "whisky jacks" or bluejays to break the silence of the snow.



CARRIER RETIRES — Emery Carrier, of the Instrument Repair Department, retired February 1st, with 26 years of service. He was born in Berlin, first worked for the Company in 1917, but dates his continuous service from 1936 when he was a pipe fitter in the Upper Plant. He has been employed at Recording Gauge since 1946. Front row, left to right, Rene Gagnon, Mr. Carrier, George Gauvin. Back row, Angus Morrison and Manager of Maintenance Harold J. Blakney.



SAFETY CITATION — Railway officials receive Certificate of Appreciation, awarded to employees of the Berlin Mills Railway, for outstanding achievement in accident prevention for twenty-four (24) consecutive months without a disabling injury. Presentation was made by President Leonard A. Pierce to L. F. Van Kleeck, who accepted it on behalf of all employees. Left to right, Albert Lafleur,



LOUIS THERIAULT RETIRES — Louis Theriault, employed since 1919, has retired from the Electric Motor Repair Dept. where he has worked for the past 35 years. Both his supervisors and his fellow employees, who consider him one of the best, gave him a regretful farewell. Front row, left to right, Angus Morrison of Labor Relations, William Bouchard, Manager of Maintenance Harold J. Blakney, Mr. Theriault and Harry Sullivan, head of Electric Motor Repair Department. Back row, Everett Arnesen, Eugene Othel, Edgar Johnson, Alec McKay, John Hall, Hector Couture, Alex Croteau and Francis Tilson.

After working for nearly 35 years on repairs to electric motors, Louis Theriault, machinist first class of the Electric Repair Department, has retired.

His hobby and project during his retirement years? Repairing electric motors and appliances! That was his declared intent on January 31 the day he retired.

Mr. Theriault came to Berlin from New Brunswick in 1918, when he was 21 years old, and started working at the Burgess Mill a year later.

In 1922, he obtained a 2-year leave of absence in order to study the machinist trade at the Harvard Technical School in Cambridge, Mass. This was a night school, so he worked days in a

machine shop. After graduating, he returned to the Company and became a member of the maintenance department.

Three years later, in 1927, Mr. Theriault was sent by the Company to LaTouche for a year. When he returned in 1928, he was transferred to the Electric Motor Repair Department, where he has worked ever since.



CHEMICAL MILL RETIREMENT — Victor Dutil, a "half-century" man with an official 43 years of service with the Company and an unofficial seven additional years, retired February 1st. Front row, left to right, Liquid Chlorine Foreman Ted Lebreton, Ed Perrault, Cautic Evaporator Foreman Ed Hickey, Mr. Dutil, Office Supervisor Alf McKay, and Plant Manager William B. Raymond. Back row, Tony St. Hilaire, Roy Smith, Phil Marois, and Assistant Plant Manager Oscar Hamlin.

Victor Dutil, 463 Burgess Street, retired on February 1st, with 39 years of continuous service at the Chemical Mill, and 43 years of seniority with the Company.

Mr. Dutil can really measure his service at half a century, with a few interruptions not entirely his fault.

It was actually 1913 when Vic started in at Brown Company, where he grew up after moving to Berlin as a small boy from Bay

at the old Planing Mill, but he was soon laid off due to the fire which burned down the big saw-mill.

Being jobless, Vic took off for Flint, Michigan, where he began to work in an automobile factory, building Buick cars. But this did not last long, and he returned to Berlin to work at the Window Frame Mill.

In 1916, Vic transferred to the Berlin Mills Railway and became a hostler. A hostler is a man who

moves (or hauls) cars (or horse) at night, while they are resting up for the next day's work. He worked for the railroad until April of 1918, enlisted in the Army, and after the war returned to the Railroad for a short time.

An unfortunate hunting accident in 1924, resulting from a breach explosion of his shotgun, forced Vic to leave railroad service and he went into the Chemical Plant in 1924 where he has