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IF EVERY ONE . . .

If everyone who drives a car
Could lie a month in bed,
With broken bones and stitched up wounds,
Or fractures of the head,
And there endure the agonies
That many people do,
They'd never need preach safety
Any more to me or you.

If everyone could stand beside
The bed of some close friend
And hear the Doctor say "No Hope"
Before that fatal end,
And see him there unconscious
Never knowing what took place,
The laws and rules of traffic
I am sure we'd soon embrace.

If everyone could meet
The wife and children left behind
And step into the darkened home
Where once the sunlight shined,
And looked upon "the Vacant Chair",
Where Daddy used to sit,
I am sure each reckless driver
Would be forced to think a bit.

If everyone who takes the wheel
Would say a little prayer,
And keep in mind those in the car
Depending on his care,
And make a vow and pledge himself
To never take a chance,
The Great Crusade for Safety
Would suddenly advance.

(Author Unknown)

OUR COVER

This month's cover picture is a sad sequel to the cover on the last issue. Last month, if you recall, we showed employees leaving the plant for their homes at the end of the day. At the time this picture was taken a rowboat was the only means of traveling through the first floor of the plant. Fortunately, a tour through the plant today shows little evidence of the flood and the entire mess seems like little more than a bad dream.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER

15th	Virginia Jacques	Alma Bielaczynz
Olga Turosky	LeRoy Schnipple	Ruth Waupotic
John Estes	25th	2nd
16th	Marian Resch	Otilia Borges
Marian Flye	Irene Yoblonski	4th
Margaret Heinemeyer	26th	Catherine Cibbarelli
17th	Rosalina Chillon	Dora Hines
Richard Clark	Ann Zeneski	Renee Cheverie
Jane Klug	Harvey Wilson	5th
Louis Critelli	Robert Mullins	Eleanor Makowski
Frederick George	27th	Ida Watts
19th	Leonor Alexandre	6th
Agnes Post	Edna Sears	Anna Taylor
20th	Charles Hoyt	7th
Dorothy Ceperly	29th	Theresa Bucko
Julio Motta	Eleanor Lauf	Angeline Battista
Nancy Carlo	Dolores Anthony	Ann Maher
Sabina Novella	Robert Gannon	8th
22nd	Elsie Soltes	Florence Jednack
Marie Ramey	30th	9th
Helen Wayman	Robert Joyce	Ellen Lutz
Eugene Eppler	Louis Herman	10th
Theresa Gimigliano	NOVEMBER	Jeanne Seri
23rd	1st	Rudolph Kreho
Ralph Emanuele	Lorraine Anderson	11th
24th	Helen Sienkiewicz	Mary Correiro
Catherine Krizan	Claudette Chaber	Gladys Burkey



FOR SALE—Christmas toys of all types at reasonable prices.

FOR RENT—Four rooms and bath. Second floor. Heat and hot water. Adults preferred. \$65 per month.

WANTED TO BUY—One playpen.

FOR SALE—Kitchen cabinet, \$20. Combination gas stove, \$50. Double bed, \$10.

FOR RENT—Two duplex apartments in Brookfield Center. One apartment has four rooms plus utilities. Partially heated. \$70 per month. Other has six rooms plus utilities. No heat. \$85 per month.

FOR RENT—One room next to bath. Located on Route 7 in Brookfield. \$8 per week.

For further information contact the Employment Office. Ext. 300.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE FLOOD

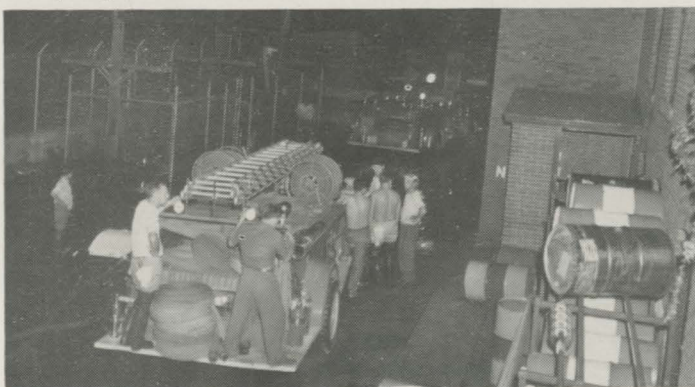
On the morning of August 19th we were all stunned at seeing the Still River, which is usually more still than river, turn into a raging torrent. It was hard to believe that this placid stream could rise 10 feet above its normal level and spread out hundreds of feet beyond its banks, all in the course of a few hours. Shortly after 9 a.m. when the water reached its peak it was beginning to splash over the East Franklin Street bridge. By this time the West wall was under two and one-half feet of water and the entire first floor of the plant was inundated.



The water reached a depth of four feet in the Toolroom and Cafeteria and a depth of approximately five feet throughout the rest of the plant. This was more than sufficient to put every machine and every piece of gaging equipment out of commission. Most of the paper records and practically all of the supplies in Supplies Stores were destroyed. Desks, chairs and cabinets floated about aimlessly.



The waters receded as quickly as they had come and shortly after noon the water level was below the top of the West wall. Pumping operations began immediately. At various times pumps from the Beaver Brook, Miry Brook, Mill Plain, Candlewood Shores, King Street and Bethel Fire Companies were in use. The pumping continued throughout the night until the last pumper left the scene at about four in the morning.



Salvage operations began while the water was still in the plant. Rowboats were sent in and were loaded with gages of all types. Officials at Henry Abbott Technical School were contacted and we were permitted to use their machine shop as a repair center for our gaging equipment. By late Friday evening most of the gages were at the Trade School and a two-shift salvage program was in operation.



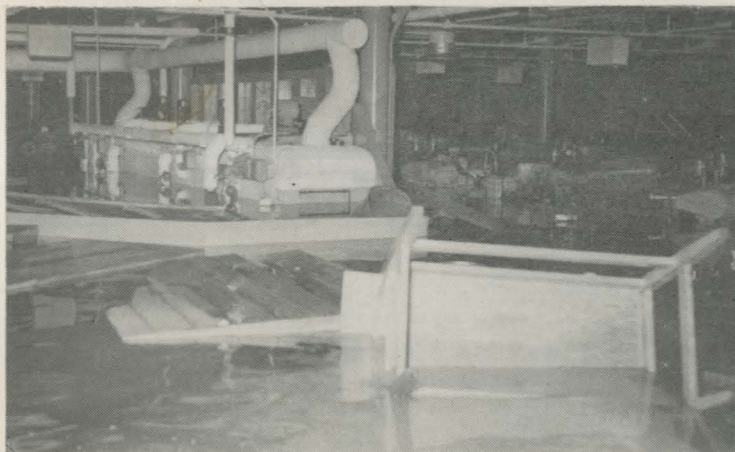
The rowboat squad was also used to take critical spindles off machines and transport them to higher ground. These were taken to the Laboratory on the second floor and a twenty-four hour salvage operation was initiated. Prompt action such as this, by employees in all departments resulted in saving many gages, spindles and other equipment that may otherwise have been scrapped.



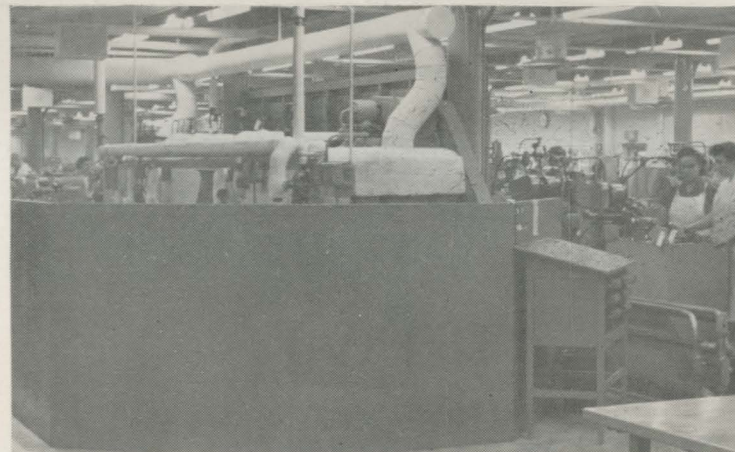
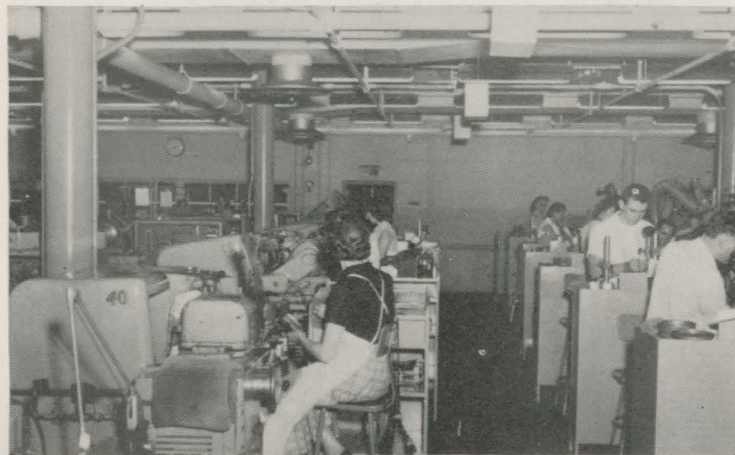
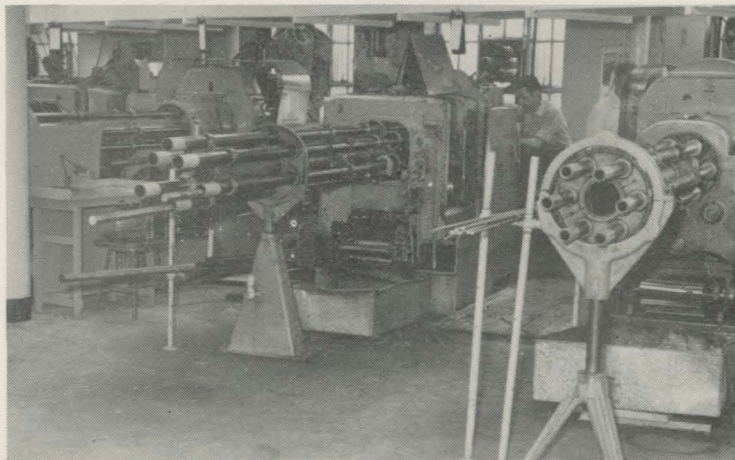
On Saturday the plant was completely pumped out but the oily film that had covered the flood waters within the plant remained. Clean-up operations were begun at once. All available men were placed on two nine-hour shifts. Mops, rags and sponges were earnestly applied to walls, floors and windows. Machines were cleaned internally and externally. Almost one thousand electric motors were sent out to be baked dry.

It is now difficult to realize that just seven weeks ago not a single machine on our first floor was operative. It is a tribute to the enthusiastic and painstaking efforts of the employees taking part in the salvage operations that the plant is nearly at normal operation today. For a graphic illustration of salvage results turn the page.

BEFORE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS



AFTER CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS



CSF PLAN IN EFFECT

Today we all received a leaflet describing the functions and organization of the new Barden Employee Community Service Fund. This is the new plan designed to make it easier for all of us to carry out our responsibilities to local, state and national charities with a single pledge.

Within the next two weeks we will all participate in an election to choose our representatives to the committee that will decide how the funds that are pledged will be apportioned. Nominations this year will be made by members of the Employee Activity Committee with space provided on the ballot for additional candidates.

Pledge cards will be passed out to all employees Monday. They are to be returned to the group leaders or supervisors by the end of the shift. The minimum weekly payroll deduction is 10 cents while the maximum is \$1. Amounts falling between these two figures should be rounded to even five or ten cent increments. Each contributor will be furnished with an identification card and window sticker for his home.

When you make out your pledge bear in mind the following facts. First, this will be the only time this year that you will be approached for charitable contributions as a Barden employee. Secondly, the fund will be administered by a group of duly elected fellow employees. The third fact you should consider is that your contribution will go to not one, but fifteen or more worthy organizations. If past experience is any indication Bardenites will live up to their responsibilities and the goal of 100 percent participation will be realized.

SAFETY AWARDS ARE PRESENTED



SQUARE DANCE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 29th

The Employee Activity Committee has announced plans for a gala Halloween Square Dance to be held on Saturday evening, October 29th. The affair will be held at the Elk's hall and will feature the music of the AAA square dance band. This group plays weekly at the Flying W Dude Ranch in Newtown. They will provide music for round dancing as well as square sets.

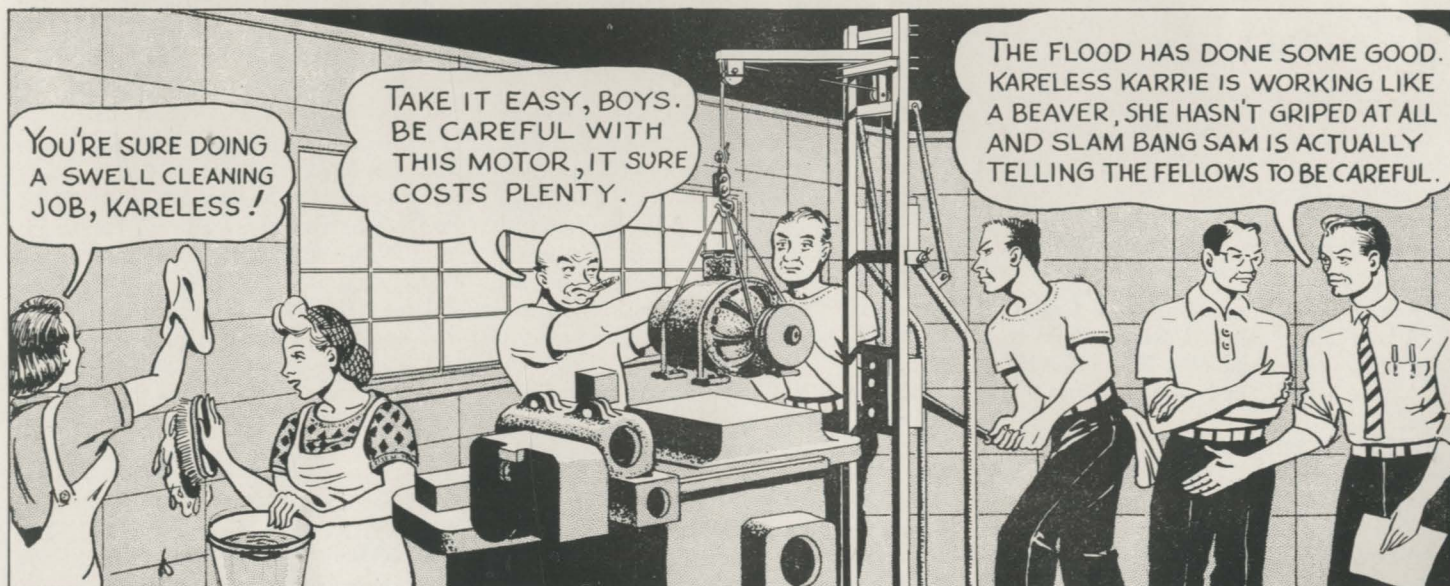
The affair will be very informal and everyone is requested to dress accordingly. Each employee will be entitled to bring one guest. Here's your chance to take your spouse or sweetheart out for a good time. Tickets will be available in about a week.

At the regular September meeting of the Barden Safety Committee awards were presented to several foremen by Mr. C. Mower, representing the Aetna Insurance Company. The awards were in recognition of a full year with no lost-time accidents in their respective departments.

Gus Hanson accepted the award for the Assembly Department, Gil Osborne for the Toolroom, Paul Starkey for Final Parts Inspection, Ed Godfrey for the Gage Room, Frank Hallabeck for the Grinding Room, Tony Journalist for Heat Treat, Frank Kelly for Final Bearing Inspection Services and Al Isbell for Final Bearing Inspection.

Mr. Mower commended all Barden employees for their good safety record in past years and anticipated that many more departments would receive awards next year.

KARELESS KARRIE and SLAMBANG SAM



SPRING PREDICTIONS

Early last spring when the major league teams were still warming up at their respective training camps in the South, 115 Bardenites volunteered to predict this year's pennant winners. On the whole these premature predictions were fairly accurate with most of you supporting the Yankees in the American League and with sentiment split evenly between the Dodgers and the Giants in the senior circuit. Let's see how some of the individual prophecies have withstood the test of time.

ANTHONY AZZARITO (Grinding Room) "Brooklyn—They have speed and pitching this year. With good hitting they should win. Yanks—They have some new blood to help them this year."

HARRY "RED" MAYNARD (Automatics Insp.) "Yankees and Dodgers—Why? Too early to tell right now!"

HAROLD MILLIOEN (Production Control) "Yankees—Why not? Dodgers—Just to show up Joe Tomczuk."

VIC OLIVA (Engineering) "Yankees—The combination of youth and some old "Has Been" pitcher they are bound to pick up will tell the final story. If the Cards can obtain some decent pitching before May 25th, they are my choice. Otherwise Flatbush will have another World Series defeat."

ELDEN WEBB (Grinding Room)—"Yanks, because they play precision baseball. Brooklyn, because they are going to beat the Yanks in the coming series."

BILL SANFORD (Inspection) "Giants—who else has got a chance? Cleveland—the best the Jr. league has to offer."

BOB ROACH (Engineering) "Cleveland—by 10 games—too much pitching, tremendous power in the starting lineup and a murderous bench. Milwaukee by 4 games—with Thomson back, Aaron to beat the Sophomore jinx they will have too much for the rest of the league."

PAIRED:

Angelina Mangiacotti, Dept. 10, and Dino Storoni.

SNARED:

Theresa Lobraico, Dept. 66 by Edward Bucko.

Jenifer Mangiacotti, Dept. 61 by George Shukry, Dept. 20.

Ellen Lutz, Dept. 15 by Gary Offeney.

HEIRED:

A girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Critelli.
A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tierney.
A girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Philo Hawley.
A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas La-houd.

A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rives.
A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Seth Sanford.
A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Roberts.
A girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor.
A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fidd-ner.

GROOVE WARBLE



Didja know:

... that **KEN LEE** appeared to be the unhappiest Yankee rooter in the plant. Ken's been rooting for the Yanks for years but never bet on them until this year.

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... that **MARGARET MACCHIAVERNA** has discovered a new formula for mouth wash. It seems that she reached for the bottle of Dandruff Remover by mistake one morning. She doesn't recommend it for daily use.

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... that **LIL SHOWAH** will be leaving very shortly for a Florida vacation.

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... that the nearness of the hunting season has brought a far-away look to the eyes of **AL DeKNIPP**, **CHARLIE HOYT**, **CHARLIE VARCOE**, **GIL OSBORNE** and **TEX HUCKEBA**. **ED MAROIS** is anxiously awaiting a duck dinner.

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... that **IRENE HOLICK** and her family will soon be moving into their new home on Hill Top Manor.

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... that everyone is very pleased to see **LARRY FREDERICKS** back on the job again after his bout with Polio.

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... that **NANCY CARLO** is back from an enjoyable train trip to Ohio. She says she wishes she had gone by plane in order to see more of the countryside.

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... that a combined farewell party and baby shower was held at the Maplewood Inn for **SARAH DUNLEAVY**. We've all gotten used to seeing Sarah in the Employment Office in the last four years and we are surely going to miss her.

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... that **RONALD AHRlich** is sweating out the governor's proposal to limit teenage driving. He feels he is being discriminated against.

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... that we were all glad to hear that **CELEINE HAGLEY'S** daughter who was very ill after her recent operation is now doing very well.

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... that **BOB STEVENS** hasn't showed up for work since the Dodgers won two straight from the Yankees. That's all right, Bob, "Wait till next year."

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... that **RALPH ROBINSON** bought two morning papers for the first time in years just to read all about his Dodgers.

SPORTS

Soft Ball

The Barden Softball Team played in a four-team League this season and topped league play with a record of five wins and one defeat. In non-league competition they had a record of twenty wins and five losses. Included in their losses was a two to one defeat by the strong F.C.I. Team. Cee Baldelli and Ed Keeler handled the mound chores. Gil (Slugger) Whitlock led the league with ten home runs and Richie Green and Richie Scalzo were two of the top hitters.

Golf

The Final Golf Tournament which was to take place in the form of match play had to be postponed because of the flood emergency. With the days growing short and with the plant operating on Saturdays it was decided to forget about further tournaments this year. The Committee would like to thank all who helped to make this year's program a success.

Bowling

The Barden Men's and Women's Leagues will bowl at the new War Memorial Alleys this year. It is hoped that the alleys will be completed this week so that season play may begin on Wednesday evening. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

Fishing

In the past few weeks the fishing fever has really hit Barden. A group from the second floor went to New London on two consecutive week ends. Present on these trips were Paul LeFevre, Dick Connell, Bob Roach, Gus Hanson, Del Staib, Bill Barnard, Cee Baldelli and Sam Showah. The first trip was highlighted by rough weather, Dick Connell's navigation and Gus Hanson's ability for finding his way around traffic circles. It should be mentioned that four Blue Fish were caught in all, but not until Del Staib started to chum for the rest of the gang. The weather was perfect for the second trip and three more Blues were caught.

A large group from the first floor went fishing on Long Island Sound. These fellows enjoyed a total catch of 87 Blues. Present on this trip were Frank Hallabeck, Mike Nazro, Paul Schofield, Bob Mullins, Frank Arnone, Jim Tilford, Jack Estes and Joe Celik. Mike Nazro, we're told, did the chumming on this trip!

Joe Celik on a trip two weeks earlier hooked a 300 lb. shark. Although he didn't bring the fish in, he had a half hour of fun before the line broke.

... that **CHICK HARTELL** and **LOU MARINARO** are beating **PETE TOMAINO** and **JERRY PANNOZZO** every noon in the Fingers Game.