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Date: Interview recorded in 2006 about events surrounding the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer Maine before it closed in 2004.

Description: Interview with Phyllis Beaulieu about her thoughts on the employee union at the mill in Brewer.

Interview with Phyllis Beaulieu about the employee union at the Eastern Corporation's Mill in Brewer, 1968-2004.

Phyllis Beaulieu: Well the union, like my husband thought you know if you didn't have the union, it would have been a lot worse. You know they protected people and they couldn't take you off a job and just let somebody else do it if you had, back when I went there, you know the pipers were in a union, the mill workers were in a union. They all had their jobs and somebody couldn't go in and just start working there. I mean, you just couldn't. That's where the union protected them. And then when the, after standard packaging and the mill reopened, they got, we got the union back and it was not quite the same. They didn't have, a piper didn't have his job and that was it, you know. Like Larry, the mill, the mill rights they did everything after that. The mill pipers and the mill rights; they did all the work and they didn't have individual jobs like a piper had a job, tin knockers made all the tin stuff and when I first went there, that's the way it was then.