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65 YEARS OF 'POWELL'—
 I enclose check for \$8.00, for which re-
 ceive subscription to *Powell* for another
 three years. In passing, I am pretty sure
 that will make 65 years since I first sub-
 scribed in 1892. —GEORGE R. FODICK,
 Winchester, N. H.

With this recent letter in mind, our pub-
 lisher, Shelton Fisher, routed his vacation
 trip through Winchester, in hopes of a
 pleasant chat with one of *Powell's* more than
 subscribers. His hopes were more than
 fulfilled—and he also heard an interesting
 story of *Powell's* part in Fossiliferous career.

Now in charge of power operations of
 five units of New England Box Co., Fodick
 began lifelong association with matters
 mechanical and electrical as motorman on
 an early street railway in Derby, Conn., in
 1888. Twelve years he got in the box business
 of the owners, left to go in the box business
 He took over Fodick as "engineer."

One probable reason for Porter's choice
 was that eight years earlier, in 1892, he had
 been the first motorman intended to save
 more for himself. He had then become
 thoughtful reader of a young technical pub-
 lication called *Powella*. From that year
 almost the entire education and engineer-
 ing knowledge that George Fodick be-
 employed so well has come from *Powella's*
 pages. As he told Shelton Fisher, it has
 been his trade school, his college, his gra-
 duate school. And as evidenced by a
 letter, he hasn't stopped learning—

...lines and bylines



O'Connor records talk with Harry Segel and Frank Aime of Anaconda

ON THE RECORD got some up-to-the-minute data on electrical conductors, as Associate Editor Jim O'Connor interviews top engineers of Ansco Wire & Cable Co. Photo was taken last Feb. 12, when Jim was in the midst of a 2-month swing around the country, gathering facts for the report on electrical practice that begins on p. 73.

In that tour, he talked with more than 200 experts of some 40 companies in 11 states. And he did the whole king-size job without writing a single note. A carefully studied outline sent in advance guided the discussions and, at psychological points, Jim dictated into his recorder the gist of the talk on a given subject. As he worked his way cross-country, he sent back a steady stream of plastic disks for transcribing, found a mountain of typed notes waiting for him on his return to the Power office.

When he sat down to plot out the handling of this mass of data with Executive Editor Lou Rowley, it was clear to both that logical organization was the prime essential and that Ladislav Sumner was the man to consult. It was his striking layouts and drawings that so many of you remarked on in our Sept. 1952 special report on Water. In this electrical report, he displays another side of his genius, a flair for lucid visual organization of information.

Then began over 1000 editorial manhours of writing and rewriting. Finally on a September day when New York sweltered in temperatures close to 100 F, the final piece of copy was written, the last drawing checked. Then Lou and Jim "celebrated"—see photo, below.

