of asbestos textile products. John A. Bettes, Jr., a graduate of the Philadelphia Textile Institute, was hired as Textile Sales Manager. Together he and Art Byxbee organized a team of specialty salesmen which led the industry in textile sales volume. Jack Bettes served as the seventh President of the Asbestos Textile Institute in 1957 and 1958. Ill health dictated his early retirement in 1966. At that time he was Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division.

In 1940 the Asbestos Textile Division issued the most comprehensive catalog of asbestos textile products ever published by any member of the industry. Jesse M. Weaver was the principal author of this volume, reflecting more than 30 years of experience in the industry. Jesse Weaver served several terms as Chairman of the Technical Committee of ATI and was for many years a mainstay of the industry's trade association.

In 1940 the U.S. Asbestos Division began marketing the line of "Pyrotex" asbestos felts. These felts are of a type commonly referred to in the textile industry as "non-woven." Pyrotex felts are furnished in all of the ASTM Grades from Underwriters' up to and including Grade AAAA. They have been used for years as standard base materials by practically all manufacturers of high-pressure plastic laminates. Starting in 1954 a substantial new market was developed for Grade AAAA Pyrotex felt. It was found to be an ideal material, in combination with heat resistant phenolic resin, for the molding of rocket and missile components.

In 1941 John A. Brown, Jr., was loaned by Keasbey & Mattison to the Cork Asbestos and Fibrous Glass Division of the War Production Board. During this service he was in close association with Art Byxbee and with George Marshall. (George Marshall spent 2-3 days a week at his Washington office during the latter part of World War II.) In 1942 Jack Brown was given a commission in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to personnel work in Washington, D.C. At the conclusion of the war, Major Brown was appointed Philadelphia District Manager of the Asbestos Textile & Packing Division of R/M. In 1952 he was promoted to Assistant Sales Manager of the Asbestos Textile Division. When Jack Bettes retired in 1966 Jack Brown headed the Department as Sales Manager. He is currently Product Manager for Asbestos Textiles, U.S. Asbestos Division. Jack Brown served ATI as Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee in 1963 and 1964 and as President of the Institute in 1965 and 1966.