

\$1,000,000 PLANT FOR DISTRICT

Final contracts were signed in New Liskeard yesterday which will bring a million dollar industry to this district.

Corley Martin and Duncan Young, principals in the Elk Lake Lumber, told the Speaker Wednesday that they had ordered equipment and signed contracts for a particle board plant which will convert small poplar trees and tops from logging operations and sawmill waste into a board for use in furniture manufacture and wallboards.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Young have just returned from a tour of the leading particle board centres in Europe, and made their choice of equipment to suit area material resources and manufacturing demands.

"This will be the only equipment of its kind in Canada," said Mr. Young, "and we are satisfied that it will supply a demand in Canada that is presently being met solely by imports from USA and Europe."

Mr. Young explained that the plant will produce a high density board, equal to lumber, in a continuous operation, in thickness that may be varied to all standard thicknesses, three to five feet wide and up to ten feet in length, to a tolerance of .004 inches.

Immediate benefit of the plan will be the building of the mill, 14,000 square feet to house the equipment, plus warehousing space, railway spur and yarding space. A minimum of six acres will be needed.

In addition to this, it is planned to start wood cutting operations which will give district farmers an annual cash crop of \$130,000 for the wood that will be needed to keep the plant operating two shifts daily.

Thirteen men will be needed for each shift, plus office and warehousemen and truckers. Already inquiries have been received asking when the board will be available, although the starting date of the plant is no nearer than August, 1961.

The equipment for the plant will cost \$500,000, another \$250,000 will be spent on property and buildings, with operating capital of \$250,000. Already there are encouraging indications that a substantial portion of the invested capital will come from local residents interested in bringing industry to the area.

The name Rexwood Products Limited has been reserved for the new company at the office of the Provincial Secretary.

Corley Martin and Duncan Young are well known in this district and across northern Ontario for their successful woods operations with Elk Lake Lumber Limited, formed when they purchased Gowganda Lumber from W. H. Durrell, 13 years ago. It was the completed cutting of the company limits which turned the thoughts of the pair to this new industry which is allied to their former operations.

Corley Martin is a mining engineer, and makes his home in Elk Lake, Duncan Young is B.Sc.F. and a Registered Professional Forester. His home is in New Liskeard.

New Liskeard Industrial Commission has indicated through its chairman R. A. H. Taylor that it is firmly behind the project and all possible assistance will be given to the new company.

It Rained and Rained, Rained, Rained, Rain

The Summer Carnival had everything except good weather. Chamber of Commerce and Service Club officials in the three towns are ruefully totting up their expenditures and trying to keep the red ink to a minimum.

The Summer Carnival was a financial loss for the most part, due entirely to the weather, which just wouldn't co-operate. In fact, the New Liskeard Chamber would have been better off if it had rained a little harder.

The Chamber took out rain insurance, but the precipitation on any one day wasn't sufficient to collect on the policy.

In the Tri-Towns, the Carnival started off with every indication of success when Al. Balding and Bob Gray took on the Morland brothers from North Bay in an exhibition match Wednesday afternoon at the Haileybury Golf Club.

The pros gave some time to younger golfers in an unscheduled golf clinic in the morning at the Haileybury Club. Later they had a golf clinic for adults and then staged the exhibition match before more than 300 spectators.

There was a good turnout at the arena for the Canadian Legion's boxing show with four Northern titles at stake.

North Bay boxers took three of the titles, with Johnny Klimitz defeating Billy Cream of Kirkland Lake for the light heavy class.

Kenny Boivin of North Bay took the featherweight crown, and Gerry Roy, also from the Bay, the lightweight. Kirkland Lake's Harold Meany lipped out North Bay's Hank Boone in the first round to secure the middleweight title.

The Jaycees car rodeo drew a fair crowd despite the gray skies. Dean McFarlane came out on top in the men's event, and Rita Duschuck proved that the girls can drive too.

In a ten-mile bike race, John Marchese rode a long ten miles to win the bicycle race, while New Liskeard won the Tri-Town swim meet with 89 points to 56 for Twin Lakes and 16 secured by Haileybury.

Cobalt's big mining day was scheduled for Thursday, and the turnout was disappointingly small. Ken Cote and Paul Phillion got the prize for hand steeling, and the Town Council won its open challenge to all comers in a tug-of-war, as no one else turned up.

In the evening at New Liskeard the King Ganam Show at the arena was a big success, in fact, Club 60, which sponsored King Ganam had an excellent turnout for every function it ran.

In New Liskeard Friday, the Chamber of Commerce had good luck between showers with its soap box derby. With the aid of the local OPP, who did a good job in controlling motorized traffic, and a

fair job of controlling the dozens of small boys flying in all directions, the soap box derby attracted a lot of attention.

In the evening delegates started to arrive for Club 60's youth jamboree, and a sizable crowd enjoyed the wrestling at the arena.

Saturday was all wet, only the delegates to the youth jamboree could really enjoy themselves, and they were in the shelter of the Beach Pavilion. Highlight of the jamboree was an address by Reverend Father Les Costello of Timmins.

The six pipe bands that were supposed to parade to the Beach had to confine their piping to the arena, while the horses who were to race at the Beach were bundled back into their trucks without setting hoof on the muddy course.

On Sunday the weatherman gave the district a break, largely for Temagami's benefit, where a full day of water sports attracted a considerable crowd.

But by Monday the skies were crying again. So few people turned out for the Kiwanis Annual Football Tournament at Bass Lake, that the Service Club had to call it off. However, the participating teams volunteered to go ahead for the fun of it, despite the lack of sun, crowds and pay.

It was pretty much the same story in New Liskeard, although there were a number of entries for the Lions Swim Meet.

In a point basis Kirkland Lake won, followed by Cochrane and New Liskeard.

Home League Work on Cushions

Ten members were present at each of the last two meetings of the Haileybury Home League. The meetings opened with the singing of the hymns "Count Your Blessings" and "I Am Thine O Lord", followed by prayer led by Mrs. H. Adams.

Mrs. Garnet Ross and Mrs. Henry Adams assisted in conducting the service at New Liskeard on Sunday, July 24th.

At the last meeting, Mrs. Art Seed gave a reading entitled "My Prayer". By request, the chorus "Trust and Obey" was sung.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Gilmour after which the ladies worked on the punchwork cushions that they are making for their November bazaar.

Lunch was served to bring the evening to a close.

Be your own "private eye". Watch out for the danger signals that might indicate cancer.



Duncan Young of New Liskeard, (right) and Corley Martin of Elk Lake (left) sign contract that will bring a wood conversion plant to this area. The equipment, bought in Europe, has been ordered and will be in operation by August, 1961.

Haileybury Teacher Far Away from Home

The following article, taken from the Cochrane Northland Post, provides an interesting story of a local girl whose chosen career has taken her a long way from home.

Cochrane had a visitor this week who had to come very far south to reach here. She was Miss Isabelle Plaunt, originally from Haileybury, but now teacher in the Dominion government school at Spence Bay in the Northwest Territories. Spence Bay is 700 miles north of Churchill, on the Boothia peninsula. Its nearest "metropolis" is Cambridge Bay, 300 miles away which boasts a white population of 250 to 300 people.

Back before she started her Far North venture, Miss Plaunt taught school in such Deep South centres as Oakville and Deep River with Cochrane-ite Eleanor Dobenko. Her trip here was to visit the latter, now Mrs. J. Lipsett, and Mrs. F. Dobenko.

Population of Spence Bay is about 60 Eskimos and 13 whites. Of the former there are 20 to 25 children (aged 6 to 16) in Miss Plaunt's school, although the number fluctuates as hunting, fishing and trapping operations take many of the boys away for their "vocational training". Among the whites there are four children, but all are still of pre-school age. The adults staff at Hudson's Bay Company post and weather station, RCMP station, and two missions, Anglican and Roman Catholic.

It was back in 1958 that Miss Plaunt noticed a "teacher wanted" advertisement which eventually took her to Eskimo-land. Her school was not completed until December of that year, so until

that time she worked in Ottawa getting ready for her new world. The language of instruction is Basic English, but the subjects on the curriculum are very similar to those in Ontario schools. The starting point is with facts within the comprehension of the children, and they study the white people of Canada somewhat in the same way that white children study the Eskimos, but otherwise Miss Plaunt doesn't find much difference in her classroom program. The detail differences are of this sort: the Eskimos are adopting zippers because the white people use them, although they are actually quite inefficient in Spence Bay conditions, while the whites there are copying the Eskimos when they can.

Passenger travel is by air; planes "land" on the Bay except in the long freeze-up and break-up periods. Supplies come in by two boats a year, one of the Hudson's Bay Company fleet and one from the Arctic Shipping Co. operating from British Columbia points. The foregoing statement is a conditional one, however, as the boats don't always get through in September, and the population has to carry reserve supplies. The boat carrying Miss Plaunt's winter fuel among other things didn't get through last year, and she had to take what comfort she could from neighbours' promises that they wouldn't see her freeze to death.

After her holiday travels teacher returns to her desk in September.

On her way home Miss Plaunt visited with friends in Cochrane

and after three weeks at home, has now left with her parents and sister and brother for a holiday in Renfrew and Toronto.

She will leave Toronto on August 13 by plane for Edmonton, where she will visit patients from Spence Bay in the Charles Cam-sell Indian Hospital there. This hospital was named in honor of Haileyburian Charles Cam-sell's father. She will then spend a few days at Fort Smith before returning to Spence Bay for another term.



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