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Chatting . . .

With M.H.B.

HOW WOULD YOU like to hear about the articles manufactured by a Georgetown factory - the Henry Davis Wood Products Limited - located right on Main Street in the balance of the large building occupied by Eaton's, McGowan's and Carroll's store? Think you'll be just as surprised as we were at the variety of articles the company manufactures.

LUCKILY, WE managed our factory-tour without the distracting influence of our three-year-old. And we were glad, because we'd have hit a snag right away. The first room of the factory which we entered had a long table in it. And on this table were dozens of brightly coloured plastic stuffed toys - giraffes, lambs, horses, elephants and dogs. It would have been hard to drag our little one past them. We saw the sewing machine being operated which does the attractive outside stitching on these washable toys.

FOR OUR edification, some boxes all ready for shipment were opened, and we beheld plastic accessories for the care of baby that every mother dreams of having. There were plastic "tuckover" bibs - a very practical, clever idea which covers baby and his high chair at one fell swoop - thus preventing food from getting on clothes, chair or floor. We saw too, a quilted plastic "bottle-holder" which holds the bottle firmly for the baby without mother having to be in attendance. And there were attractive high-chair pads in pink and blue, all beruffled with plastic lace - as well as "toidy-seat" pads to make the training routine more comfortable for baby.

TO GO BACK to the plastic toys for a moment. We were in the room where bales of wool for stuffing are stored, and immediately wondered if the price for it had gone up, as it has in all other wool lines. Mr. John Long, superintendent of the plant here, who kindly showed us around Friday afternoon, explained that the price for the wool stuffing had certainly gone up, and furthermore, it is getting very hard to procure at all. We wondered why, and for the first time began to understand why wool costs have risen so steeply. Mr. Long explained that Australia, our chief source of high-grade wool, had had a very bad year, and that the sheep population of the world is down by millions. This scarcity, at the source of supply, plus increased demands for wool from the public is the cause of the present spiralling of wool prices.

FROM THE ROOM where the wool is stored, we went to a large assembly room, where such nursery articles as toidy-seats and chairs, large and small cribs, and bathinettes are put together. The bathinettes are the latest models, since the Henry Davis Company is the sole Canadian representative of the Baby Bathinette Corporation of Rochester, N.Y. The American import, from which the Canadian product is modelled, has a framework of magnesium alloy and plastic-coated bath whereas the Henry Davis bathinette is of enamelled wood, with rubber bath. Otherwise, they are identical. New feature which impressed us most was the little built-in body support for bathing the tiny infant. The latest deluxe model from the U.S. features such added conveniences as padded tray-top operated by foot lever, trays at the head and underneath, as well as pockets and compartments for every imaginable baby-bathing need. The Henry Davis plant also manufactures replacement tubs for bathinette units.

A large department at the back of the upstairs section of the factory is used for giving that super smooth enamel finish to the various wood nursery articles. After they are painted, each article is hung on a big overhead rack, to dry. Most of the enamelling is in either blue or pink.

ALL THE DRILLING, shaping, cutting and sanding for the furniture is done in the downstairs department of the factory. Hard wood, mainly birch and maple is used for manufacture. Due to a contract made last year, the company has encountered no difficulties this year in obtaining the hard wood. There is a separate room, where all the cutting is done.

HENRY DAVIS Wood Products, Ltd., employ about twenty people. The Company which came to Georgetown from New Toronto, is actually part of the "parent company", Henry Davis and Company which manufactures children's knitted outerwear, perhaps better known by the trade name "Priscilla". Another branch of the organization is the "Cellulose Henry Davis Company" which makes rattles, brush and comb sets, and the attractive plush toys we see so much of in the stores. Between three companies, we would say that the Henry Davis organization pretty well covers every need of the baby and young child, other than for underwear. We found it most interesting to see through the local factory which, incidentally, sells to the wholesale trade only.

NEW GIRL IN Dr. J. B. Milne's office, is Mrs. Roy Johnston of Acton. And phoning Gordon Wilkinson, office manager of Smith & Stone Ltd., to check on an item, he tells us of three recent additions to the Smith & Stone office staff. Mr. Norris Wilson, formerly of Gravenhurst, has joined the office staff. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have taken an apartment in Berwick Hall. And Misses Barbara Gollop, Norval, and Wilma Lee, Orangeville, are also new to Smith & Stone office.

LAST THURSDAY, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Robertson and son Gary exchanged

STEWARTTOWN

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. W. LAWSON, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter of Norval entertained for her mother Mrs. Walter Lawson Sr. last week on the occasion of her birthday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawson, Bob and Donald of Stewarttown, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawson and Beth of Toronto.

Junior WA meeting was held last Monday at Mrs. M. Bally's home, Verna Pickett chose the hymn and led in the worship service.

WA meeting was a quilting meeting at Mrs. C. Smith's home.

The children had a Valentine party at the school last Wednesday afternoon. All repoged a good time.

Mr. Bob Lawson of Port Perry was home for the week-end.

We are sorry to know Mrs. W. D. Johnston is ill and hope soon to hear of her recovery.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, Gail, Danny, David and Susan of Barrie.



Cub Jimmy Goodlet was presented with a bird house at the Little Beavers Cub Pack meeting on Friday. The Greens under the leadership of Scout Wayne Gribbon gained the most points for the day, and Jimmy was elected "good Cub" of the team by the members of the Reds and Blues.

Another bird house is to be awarded to the "good cub" of next week's meeting.

Cub Douglas Wrigglesworth passed his First Star work on Wednesday at the Leaping Wolves Pack meeting.

The Cub and Scout Father and Son banquet is to be held in St. John's Memorial Hall on Thursday of this week at 6:30 p.m.

A new cupboard has been added to the Scout Room and a library has been started. Books of stories for boys, scouting and cubbing, are available to members of the Troop and Pack. See your leader.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Boy Scouts met in St. John's S.S. room on Monday and completed arrangements for the Father and Son banquet on Thursday.

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are to attend a church parade at St. John's on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. when tribute will be paid to Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting.

Please save your old books, magazines and paper for the Boy Scouts paper collection to be held in April. This drive is planned to help finance Scout and Cub camps. If your paper is in the way and you wish it removed before the drive, please notify one of the leaders. Arrangements will probably be made for a rural collection in April.

Thirteen pieces in a "baker's dozen" originated when King Louis of France warned all bakers who gave under measure that they would be beheaded.

living quarters Mr. and Mrs. Saunders moved into the apartment above their store, Saunders Goetzler, on John Street, College View, while Mr. and Mrs. Murray Robertson moved into the house on Durham Street vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Saunders.

YOUTH SERVICE ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY, FEB. 25th 7 p.m. Explorers, C.G.I.T., Cubs and Scouts will participate. You are cordially invited to attend.

CANADIAN SPORTS PARADE



AS a direct result of dropping attendance in the National Hockey League, a tendency to cry "Wolf" has developed among the sports experts. Indiscriminate use of such headlines as "Is Hockey Dying?", has contributed little more than added fuel for controversy. Probably the answer lies with the game itself. Let's examine the pros and cons.



Pro and Con:

In the Good-Old Days, (we're told) hockey players went a full 60 minutes and usually finished the evening full of vigor and vitality. No wonder hockey today is passing out. Why, the boys who are playing now turn blue in the face after three minutes of play! Others chant: "They ruined hockey when they put the Red Line into the game." They and a dozen other opinions are trotted out each time a new prophecy of doom strikes at the game through the sport pages. And yet, it was to please the fans that the game was speeded up to the point where it requires 18 players to maintain the constant action, drive and excitement necessary to attract the multitude. The Red Line was created to determine "off-side" passes and do away with the older system of long-distance "passing which, all too often, was utilized as a measure of easing the pace. Constant substitution and changing lines "on the run" are two other methods which have assisted greatly in speeding up the sport from a spectator point of view.



As to the claim that few modern players could play the 60-minute game, it is only necessary to point out that Ted Kennedy of the Leafs and a dozen others specializing in "hell for leather" hockey. These men could certainly play alongside Babe Dye, Cyclone Taylor or any other oldtimer you choose—but, admittedly, they would have to "pace" themselves to last the route. Therein lies the story, we think. In the older days the game was a slower affair with the accent on individual style and method. Today the fans are treated to 60-minutes of "all-out" hockey, played by men, continually fresh, aided by renovated rules and systems. If hockey is slipping, it can't be through lack of

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colour. The answer may possibly lie with the 70-game season. That's an certainty—when suspense is what is for sale.

Eligible Bachelors:

In case some of our feminine readers would care to know, there are only 35 single men in the National Hockey League. The fact that the married players now outnumber the bachelors to an overwhelming extent may possibly help to explain the growing tendency to mythem current in the N.H.L.

Although we have not always managed to keep an accurate check on the statistical side of the league, it appears that the married men have easily held their own. No doubt practice helps. Actually, the fact there are more married men playing professional hockey, than single, may also account for the high casualty list among referees. Few husbands have much patience for interfering "third-parties". For what it's worth we gladly pass this last observation along to Kateres Bill Chadwick, Hugh McLean, Red Stoney, etc.

War Amps' Key Tag:

Ever lose your keys? Well, I did last year, but within two days the postman dropped them in my mailbox, thanks to the tiny license plate supplied to me as a motorist by the War Amputations of Canada. This year again the War Amps are sending car owners a similar key tag. 25¢ is a mighty small charge for this wonderful service so be sure to mail those two-bits as soon as you receive your key tag from the Key Tag Service, 740 Bay St., Toronto. You'll be getting A1 protection for your keys as well as doing your bit to help those brave fellows who did so much for you.



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