



NORVAL PLAYERS "WIN OSCAR"

NORVAL JUNIOR farmers won the W. L. Dick trophy for the best play in the Halton Junior Farmers' annual Drama Festival last week. They presented the play 'The Dear Departed,' a one act comedy. Included in the cast were Margaret Austin, Joan Wilson, Bruce Quigley, Adrienne Nurse, Jean Hunter and Alan Brownridge. The play was directed by Mrs. William Braun (third from left).

CHATTING . . . with M. H. B.

Provincial Story Started In Office Waste Basket

Have you ever wondered just how big companies get started? At the moment, I have in mind, particularly Provin- cial Paper Limited.

Having been born in Georgetown, perhaps I've taken the paper mill for granted more than most people, since they've always seemed a part of my life from childhood on. Their morning whistles told us it was getting time, and their noon and evening whistles warned that play must stop for lunch and dinner. Breakfasters in the majority of Georgetown families were employed there. The paper industry formed the industrial backbone of the town. It was steady and dependable as any industry can be. And still is, thank goodness.

But it wasn't until I read an informative and interesting brochure the other day, called "The Provincial Paper Story," that I learned just how the small mill started here over a hundred years ago, by the Irish Barber brothers, William, James, Joseph and Robert, developed into an important part of one of the biggest corporations in Canada.

It seems it all started in a wastepaper basket, 51 years ago, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The brochure tells us that one of Provincial Papers founders, S. E. Duncan, who was working for the Bryant Paper Company at the time, sent a circular in the mail one day, describing a paper mill for sale at Mille Roches. The company operating it had gone bankrupt.

"I didn't think anything about it at the time," Mr. Duncan recalled, "but just dropped it into my wastepaper basket." But some hours later he was prompted to fish out the letter and put it on his desk. When later the same day, J. H. Weldon, a pulp salesman for a sulphate company called, Mr. Duncan asked him about the mill. Mr. Weldon knew nothing about it at that time, but promised to find out what he could.

It wasn't until Christmas of that year, 1853, when J. H. Weldon again called on Mr. Duncan. "No, the mill still hasn't been sold," he informed Duncan, "but if you're really interested I'll look it up when I get back." Mr. Weldon did, and was so impressed that his enthusiasm sparked Mr. Duncan to leave Kalamazoo and come to Toronto to meet with him.

On New Year's Eve they visited the mill at Mille Roches. What they saw met with their approval. They made an offer, and it was accepted. They were then in the paper-making business for themselves.

The Provincial Paper Story further tells us about how the first executive was set up. Mr. Duncan was the financial and administrative head. President, "Ike" Weldon was in charge of sales, and the actual mill operation was supervised by C. F. (Charlie) Buss.

Pooling their acumen and know-how proved to be a wise move for the three men.

MAIL BAG

Nothing to do Here? Mike Found Not So

TO ALL MY GEORGETOWN FRIENDS

Almost 3 months have passed since I left Georgetown and I said I'd "write right" if I wanted to make good use of this start. So much so that it is opportunity that the Herald contacted their financial backers, who gave me the encouragement to buy an old mill. As a result, I arrived in Georgetown, Ontario, from England in May 1962, and the 30th year since they have lived the best years of my life. I want to thank the people of Georgetown for the way in which they accept me just as I was. It is the old small towns are changing, but I found it very easy to make friends, in fact I had more real friends there than at any other time in my life. I had several jobs while in town, and must thank the various manufacturers for taking me on. I am sure that the people of Georgetown are the best in the world. This people I met were the most to always willing to help, and concerned about my efforts. Particularly the younger generation, a difficult group to get to know anywhere, accepted me and made up the greater part of my friends.

When they bought the Barber Mill, they bought an old table bed beside it. The Barber Brothers, in fact, had started one of the first paper mills in Canada, when they established a wooden mill, and they had built on the Cedar River here, to a paper mill 100 years ago. They made whitewash paper and wallpaper. Their business soon grew to a point where so many additional machines were needed that the power generated by their steam engines was not enough. So they made use of hydroelectric power, which was almost unheard of in manufacturing at that time. Furthermore, the power was transmitted by wire for about a mile, from the source to the mill. It was the first time in your eyes, think twice before you do. To produce the power, I think it is the best place to live in Canada. (And doesn't that mean the world?) and would never have left, had it not been for a dam and power canal they were able to get a 22-foot head.

The name, Provincial Paper Mills Company, Limited, came into being in 1906, when the mills at Mille Roches, Thurlow and Georgetown were amalgamated, and the newly incorporated company established its head office in Toronto.

In the same year, Provincial Paper further expanded by establishing a mill at Port Arthur to supply the other three mills with sulphite. Its natural resources of lumber and pure water made Port Arthur an ideal location.

Up until 1927, some of the financial backing for the company had come from the U.S. In this year, Canadian capital bought them out, and stock control of the company was centred in Canada. During the changeover, the company officially received the name Provincial Paper, Limited.

Three years later, all the common stock of Provincial Paper, Limited, was purchased by the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Limited.

The development of Provincial Paper, Limited, is a good example of what our system of free enterprise, coupled with hard work, know-how, and initiative, can accomplish.

We're justly proud of the part the Georgetown mill has played in the "Provincial Paper Story."

GLEN WILLIAMS

Nassau Sidetrip for Southern Vacationers

Miss Rhoda Dixon, VON of Whitby and Mr. Don Dickson of Espanola spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dixon. Mrs. Dixon is feeling much improved after her recent illness and is now able to be back to her work again.

One of the very coldest mornings this winter above three weeks ago saw Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGowan along with the Dave Barclays of Stettlowtown heading south. They passed over the border at Buffalo and followed Route 31 through Pennsylvania and the Carolinas making their first stop at Daytona Beach, Florida. They spent a delightful four days there on the Atlantic Ocean, where they watched porpoises playing in the water about fifty feet from shore.

They went on to Miami and from there took a boat cruise to Nassau where they toured two night clubs, went swimming at Paradise Beach - temperature over 80 degrees, and saw many beautiful sights.

They enjoyed the boat trip where there was formal dress for dining and dancing on board. They returned to Miami where all the famous hotels etc., spell money. They returned by way of Fort Myers, Clearwater, and made a side trip to Chataignier, Tennessee. The home trip brought them back through Western Ontario by way of London.

Unfortunately while his parents were away, Norman took a foot infection and had to be hospitalized. However, he is home again and feeling better, hobbling around on one foot. He wishes to say "thank you" to all friends and neighbours for cards and kindnesses and to the Sunday School for the box of fruit.

To celebrate Boy Scout week there was a parade to United Church on Sunday afternoon for service at 2 o'clock. This was attended by Cub Scouts, Brownies and Guides both from Georgetown and Terra Cotta groups, and their leaders, Mrs. L. Young, Ted Von Zuben, Mrs. A. Hustadale, Mrs. G. Hills, Rev. Powell's birthday, the boys wore their uniforms to school.

On Saturday the Cubs were given all out in full force as "Good Turn" day when snow shovel

was the most popular duty to perform. The Scout Mothers Auxiliary served hot chocolate and doughnuts to the boys when they were finished.

On Friday night at 7:15, 80

dads and ladies sat down to their annual Father and Son banquet catered to by the newly organized Scout Mothers Auxiliary with Mrs. R. French as social convener.

The tables were decorated

with the colours of the local group and the place mats and serviettes were most interesting with scouting activities on them.

The head table guests included the Cub and Scout leaders, Mrs. J. Wood, Messrs. Mike Norton, John Hancock and Bud Snow, Mrs. Young, the district Akela, Mr. Ed Joyce and Mr. Charles Beaton. Mr. Belligham, the district commissioner, was unable to attend due to illness in his home. Following the dinner Mr. Ed Joyce showed coloured slides of his trip

to Norway in 1959 to the Rover Mod.

On Sunday morning the 1st Hallmark group attended a Church Parade in their own Church. Mr. Beaton preached a very interesting and timely sermon, entitled "Noah's Ark and the Astronauts." He was assisted in the worship by Cub John Grace and Scout Andy Spicer.

The Scout Troop put on a fine display in Smith's store for the week, showing some of the work they do at meetings and outdoor activities. These were disappointed on Saturday when the district "cook-out" had to be cancelled due to the storm on Friday night. All in all, it was a very busy week for both boys and parents, but will be most rewarding as the years go by.

Sunday morning United Church service speaker was Rev. Shorten former minister of Rexdale United Church and now a worker for the Ontario Temperance Federation.

Congratulations to Marty Wheeler who was chosen one of the Public Speaking Finalists. We wish him success as he goes into the submarine final at the home of Mrs. B. Swindall Brampton. Marty began winning these honours in public school in the village. We wish him well in his effort at high school and who knows, maybe we have a budding politician!

Saturday night the United Young People enjoyed an evening at booking in town and the remainder of the evening was spent at Nancy Hunter's home playing pingpong. The enjoyable evening came to a close with Mrs. Hunter serving delicious pizza pie, date squares, cookies and coffee.

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