

841 More Georgetown Phones Included in Record Bell Year

The annual report of the Bell Telephone Company for 1967 records unprecedented growth in the Company's operations. The report, now being mailed to shareholders, characterizes Canada's Centennial Year as a "time of vigorous activity and solid accomplishment."

Early in the year the Company inaugurated Canada's first electronic telephone exchange to serve Expo 67 and its millions of visitors. Around mid-1967, it grew past the five million mark in the number of telephones served and, for the first time in a single year, exceeded \$300 million in capital expenditures to further expand and improve its far-flung communications.

In December, Bell Canada entered the space-age of telecommunications with the start of construction of an experimental earth satellite operation, and to add a Canadian share to the world's knowledge of the use of satellite techniques in communicating with isolated outposts of the far north.

Bell's record year was reflected in Georgetown, where the Company's construction program totalled \$120,000. Across the Company the figure was \$112 million compared with \$293 million in 1966. About 95 per cent of this was spent in Canada.

The total Bell Canada payroll for 1967 was \$237 million. New collective agreements negotiated during the past year provided for increased wages and benefits in line with similar changes in other Canadian industries.

The company's federal, provincial and municipal tax bill amounted to \$131 million, the equivalent of \$3.80 per share or \$20.10 per telephone in service.

Of about 284,000 telephones added to Bell Canada's switching network, 841 were added in Georgetown. At year's end, the Company's total telephones in service were 5,152,101, and 6,740 were in Georgetown.

The report also shows that: — net income, despite rising costs, was more than \$108 million or \$3.16 per share, an increase of \$17 million or 18 cents per share over 1966.

— return on total capital, at 8.8 per cent, was up from the 6.5 per cent reported in the preceding year;

— revenues rose by 8.8 per cent to \$702 million;

— rigorous controls restricted the increase in operating expenses, totalling \$430 million, to only 5.8 per cent.

In its report, the Board of Directors notes that during the past ten years the prices of most goods and services available to Canadians have been raised repeatedly; yet Bell Canada has been able to hold unchanged since 1968 its basic schedule of local telephone rates, and has actually reduced many Long Distance charges.

Cubs Receive Badges at 5th Georgetown Banquet

Fifth Georgetown A and B Cub Packs and members' dads gathered for dinner and presentation of service bars and badges in Holy Cross auditorium Wednesday.

Assistant District Commissioner Tom Higgins, Father Oger DeVet and Group Committee Chairman Hugh Diamond addressed the banquet. Mr. Higgins spoke on adult training, not only that available to leaders but to group committee members and sponsors. The ultimate in such training is the Gilwell Wood Badge Course which 3 members of the 5th Georgetown group have achieved.

Father Oger stressed the importance of Cub and Scout training in the development of boys, and Mr. Diamond put out a plea for leaders or parents to help get the Scout troop started again, as well as assist to the two Cub Packs.

At the head table were Father Oger DeVet, Tom Higgins, Miss Ann Van Hoekelen, Cubmaster of A Pack; Mrs. Jean Davis, assistant Cubmaster A Pack; Ross Walsh, assistant Cubmaster A Pack; Mrs. Terry Colter, Cubmaster B Pack; Ross Colter, assistant Cubmaster B Pack and District Cubmaster; Simon Perrault, Cub-Instructor, B Pack; Hugh Diamond, chairman of Group Committee.

The roast beef dinner was prepared and served by girls of the 5th Georgetown Guide Company and Ladies Auxiliary, and Danny Diamond expressed appreciation on behalf of the Cubs and dads.

Tables were cleared away and fathers and sons formed a large circle for the program. The presentations were recessed for a Cub game called 'Walking the Pirates' Plank' which goes like this: A 'plank' of newspapers laid end to end has a pan of water at one end; the candidate must walk blindfolded and jump over the pan of water when they feel they have come to it. With the candidate, in this case Mr. Butch Fisher who was 'duly convicted of a crime' being blindfolded the pan is removed.

Presentations were made by leaders of both Packs:

Buttonhole Badges presented to the boys of both Packs except the New Cubs.

Service Bars: 1 year, A Pack: Paul McDonald, Steven Spitzer; B Pack: John Boissonneault, Hal Caruso, Kenny Diamond, Danny Fisher, Stephen Fitzmaurice, Alain Pelletier.

Service Bars: 2 Years: A Pack: Cal Smith, Lorrie Pringle, Dave Carney, Danny Field; B Pack: Grant Bodnar, Greg Bodnar, Larry Brassard, Sam Caruso, John Clark, Danny Diamond, Danny Donoghue, Fred Peters.

Service Bars: Three Years: A Pack: Chris Burns; B Pack: Douglas Colter.

Proficiency Badges:

Artist Badge: A Pack: Danny Field, John Owen, Mike Robinson.

Carpenter Badge: Michael Cameron, Danny Fisher.

Collector Badge: A Pack — Mike Robinson, Paul Wolfenberg.

House-Orderly Badge: A Pack: Mike Robinson, Paul Wolfenberg, Fred McDonald; B Pack: Michael St. Laurent, Patrick St. Laurent, John Boissonneault.

Musician Badge: A Pack, Danny Field.

Pel Keeper Badge: B Pack, Danny Fisher, Randy Power, Hal Caruso, Grant Bodnar, Sam Caruso, John Clark.

Reader Badge: A Pack: Danny Field; B Pack: Douglas Colter, Alain Pelletier.

Swimmer Badge, Green Stage — A Pack: Stuart Mallison, Mike Davis.

Skater Badge: presented to all boys of B Pack and Danny Field and Gerrard Stoyles of A Pack.

Team Player Badge: A Pack: Philip Henley, Danny Field; B Pack: Danny Fisher, Jimmy Pollock, Tommy Diamond, Randy Power, Glen Bodnar.

Blue Star: B Pack: Danny Diamond, Danny Donoghue, Sam Caruso.

Presentations were followed by a 'camp fire' and sing song and final Benediction was read by Mr. Tom Higgins.

Gord Richardson Is New Chairman Cedarvale Board

At a recent meeting of the Board of Cedarvale Centennial Community Centre, members elected E. Gord Richardson, 36 Delrex Blvd. N. as chairman for 1968.

Other positions on the 7-member board were assigned as follows:

Treasurer: Frank Corning, 60 Maple Ave. E., secretary; councillor John Hols property; councillor Wm. R. Smith, finance and liaison to council, Robert Butler, 81 Windsor Road, public relations; Mrs. A. M. Sutherland, 14 Hale Drive, inventory.

Reservations at the municipally owned property, acquisition of which was Georgetown's centennial project, can be made by phoning 877-2701.

Scottish Minister Has New Post at Balloch

Rev. Robert Paterson who made many friends in the district when he spent a summer in Canada two years ago, has been appointed to a new church in Scotland.

Presently minister at King's Park, Glasgow, he will be inducted in March as minister of Jamestown Church, Alexandria, near Balloch.

Mr. Paterson writes a column in a Sunday newspaper under the heading 'The Happy Padre.'

He exchanged pulpits in the summer of 1966 with Rev. Robert Duncan, and preached at Norval and Union Presbyterian churches while Mr. and Mrs. Duncan spent two months in Scotland.

A Georgetown resident, Jim Meekison, noted an item about Mr. Paterson in his home town newspaper, the Gourock Times, containing the news of his new position. The article also mentioned him speaking at a Burns supper at Gourock Golf Club, saying he is an 'unashamed admirer' of the famous Scottish poet.

Happening, is Sponsored By Church Men's Group

The Sidesmen of St. Stephen's Anglican Church recently arranged 'A Happening' which was held in the church hall. The Brain Drain from Toronto which is an Irish Band played Rock and Roll music at one end while the Sidesmen's Band played Old Time music at the other end of the hall. Cake and coffee was served for lunch and a social time enjoyed.

The third meeting of the Hornby Antiques was held at the home of Mrs. James McKay on Sat. morning, March 1 at 9 a.m. Nancy Robertson, the president welcomed the members to the meeting which was opened with the 4H Pledge. The roll call 'What is your favorite variety of apple and why?' was answered by the 18 members present. They discussed going to the College Royal in Guelph on March 9th. Samples of dried fruits were brought to the meeting by the members. Mrs. McKay gave all the girls a sample of dried apple slices. The girls went to the kitchen where they were assisted by their leaders. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McKay on making the following pies. Sandy Preston, Linda Leeman and Judy Saunders made a cherry pie; Vicky Tyner and Barbara Bellie made an apple pie; Laurie Maxwell and Barbara Preston made a lemon meringue pie and Karen Bradley, Mary Jean Maxwell and Valerie Ella made a steamed fruit pudding. Some of the pie was sampled for lunch by the girls. Their good deed for the day was when they presented Mrs. Archie King an honoured member in the community, with an apple pie and also a cherry pie. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Wilson on March 16th. The press reporter this week was Judy Saunders.

The recreation committee of the Boyne-Community Centre held another successful euchre party on Friday night, March 1st. There were 20 tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following winners: Mrs. Frank Hatley, Mrs. Annie Norton, Edgar Ellenton and Mrs. Clare Wilson who played as a gentleman. The lucky draws were won by Mrs. Robert Crozier, Mrs. James Farnell, Harold Rutherford and Horace McArthur. Lunch was served by the committee in charge and a social hour followed. The next euchre will be held on Friday night, March 15th.

Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Hawtin of Vancouver, B. C. who will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 10th. Mrs. Hawtin was the former Marilyn Wigginsworth of Hornby.



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Committee To Phase Out Town School Boards Formed

Elimination of public and high school boards in Halton County, and their replacement with a single board of education started Monday night when the county's interim school re-organization committee held their initial meeting. The committee will pave the way for the new board to take over administration January 1, 1969.

Two lakeshore area education officials, Fred Armitage of Burlington, and Denis Lawrence of Oakville were elected president and secretary. G. Sigurdson represents Georgetown Public School Board on the committee, and E. E. Hall Georgetown District High School Board.

The interim committee's role is to gather information to be used by the new board next year in organizing the new county board system.

To that end the committee Monday divided itself into 6 committees to study the following subjects; program descriptions and special services; board policy; personnel lists and salary; payroll and deduction; pupils and pupil transportation; accommodation; and finance and statements of procedure.

Chairman of Monday night's organizational meeting was Donald Young, the province's education superintendent for West Ontario Region.

The committee is composed of one member from each school board in Halton County.

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