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Galvcast creates jobs as new local firm grows

Over the past couple of years many businesses have collapsed into financial ruin, but one local industry has defied the international trend to become a successful and growing facet of Acton's industrial community.

Galvcast, which moved from Milton, has created upwards of 16 new jobs in the community and if their business continues on the upswing they will be expanding for a second time.

Galvcast, on Commerce Cres. in Acton, purchased their new building last January, renovated it and began producing galvanized steel products last June.

Galvcast is owned and operated by two families, the Christophers and the Lucketts, who have been enjoying a booming business over the past few months.

Vice-president of Galvcast, Steven Christopher, started in the business as an apprentice in Newmarket and since has applied his experience in galvanizing everything from highway guardrails to wrought iron fencing.

"What galvanizing does," explained Christopher, "is protect steel from corrosion."

"Steel products are shipped to us or we pick them up," continued Christopher. "and we begin the cleaning and galvanizing process."

"First of all we store the steel in the yard until it is scheduled for the process." It usually takes a week or so before the pieces are placed on "pickling" racks and dipped

into a hot caustic solution. The caustic solution removes any grease, paints or oils and can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour to complete.

After the caustic solution, the steel is rinsed with water and placed in a bath of 30 per cent hydrochloric acid solution.

The hydrochloric acid is used to remove any rust or corrosion on the items and this process takes anywhere from 10 minutes to two hours.

Following the hydrochloric bath, the metal is washed off with clean water and placed in a pre-flux bath to prepare it for galvanizing.

Only after this entire process is completed the steel is ready for the actual galvanizing.

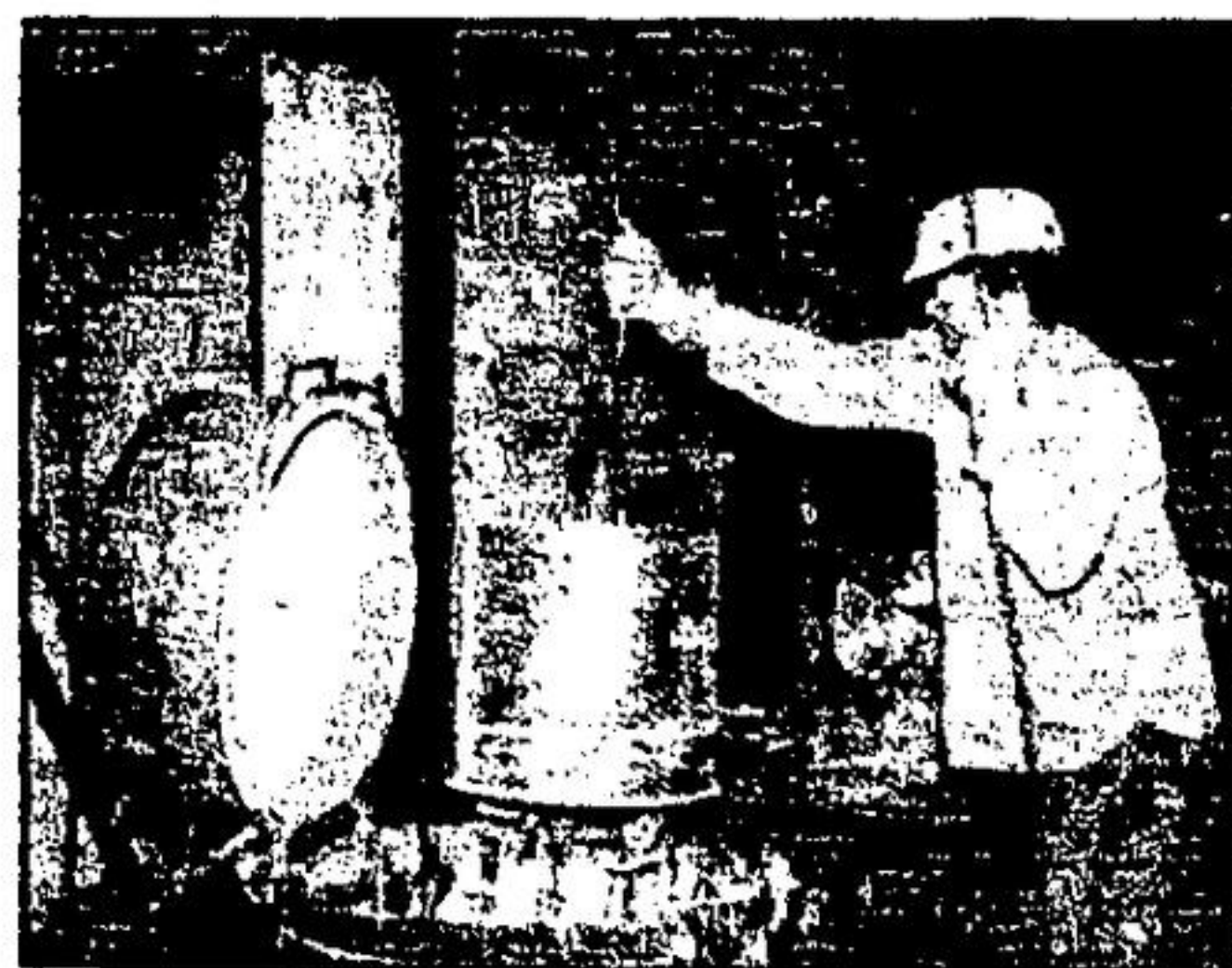
A long vat furnace heats 99.9 per cent pure zinc to 845 degrees F. before the metal is dipped.

"The actual process of galvanizing is not a bonding technique as you might think," commented Christopher. "The metal itself has to reach the same temperature as the zinc causing a metallurgical reaction where the steel melts together with the zinc."

The galvanized steel is then quenched with water and readied to ship out to customers.

The end result is an average coating of zinc two ounces per square foot per side protecting the steel from the elements that can cause it to corrode.

Over the past summer the company also employed six students and hopes to do the same next year.



These galvanized metal buckets will be used to hold pieces of steel that are too small for the racks.



Ken Christopher works around some of the acid vats at Galvcast. The vats which contain hydrochloric acid are used to clean steel products before they are galvanized.

Library busy 'til Christmas

The Acton Library is offering an array of programs and fun from now until Christmas. Please check with them to see if registration is necessary.

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m., from now until October 25, pre-schoolers can take part in a special story-time. The second session begins November 8 and 9.

On display at the library from September 6 to October 31 are Canadian Handweaving Samples, an exhibition circulated by the Extension Services Department of the Royal Ontario Museum.

A series of Beautiful You evenings begins October 25 at 7 p.m. with Color Me Beautiful, followed by a Figure Analysis November 23 and Artistry with Cosmetics on December 7.

This Friday there is a PD Day special. From noon to 2 p.m. children are invited to bring their lunch or snack for a couple hours of stories and activities about Indian Summer.

A world Poetry Day will be held on October 15. Check with the library for more details.

Pre-schoolers can howl up a storm in a pre-school Halloween Party at 2 p.m.

October 28. There will be games, stories and crafts for those three to five years of age.

The next day, school children will be given a chance to dress up as ghostly games, spooky stories and creepy crafts beginning at 2 p.m. October 29.

October is film month also. The academy award winning movie Just Another Missing Kid will be shown October 20 at 7 p.m. This is a Canadian film based on a true life drama. The Canadian Literature on Film Series will be showing: Tudor King, The Sweater and The Olden Days Coat on October 18; Espolito, The Street, and Political Dynamite, October 25; and Capital and A Bird in the House on November 1.

November is a busy month at the library also. Every Saturday in November, beginning November 5, the library will have their own Academy Awards program for children. At 2 p.m., interested school children can see an hour of the best and worst of children's films, covering a variety, such as comedy, mystery/adventure and animated films. By secret ballot the children will determine their favorites. In November there will be a short workshop on how to make an animated film and a presentation of the awards.

Tales for Two will be November 8 at 2 p.m. This is a storytime for two-year-olds accompanied by an adult. There will be songs, rhymes, fingerplays and films. Enrolment is limited.

Got a problem pooch? Then the film series Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way is for you. The films get underway at 7 p.m. November 3 is The Right Start and Walking to Heel. On November 10, it will be Sit and Stay and The Down, and November 17 will see Come When Called and The Advance Stand, Sit and Down. Problem Dogs and Show Handling will be November 24 and on December 1, Nervous Dogs and Puppies.

The library also plans to help those of all ages get ready for Christmas.

On December 6 at 7 p.m. there will be demonstrations on how to make homemade and prepared specialty foods with attractive wrappings to make eye-catching gifts. This is called Christmas Gifts Inc.

December 10 at 2 p.m. the library will have on hand all the ingredients and know-how for school age children to create oven decorative and edible Christmas Icing sleighs. A fee of \$1.50 per child will be charged to cover the cost of the materials.

Those tired of trudging along Christmas shopping are invited to watch Holiday films from noon to 1 p.m. on December 17, and on December 20, there will be Pre-school Christmas Crafts day for those three to five years old, beginning at 2 p.m.

An Essay Contest on Preparing For 1984 is open to all Halton Hills residents 16 years of age and up.

"Were Orwell and Huxley right? If not, where did they go wrong? How strong are the concepts of freedom, fair play and the rule of law? What do you think is the greatest danger to human rights?" are the questions the library is asking.

The essays are to be 1,000 words, typed and double spaced. Entry fee is \$1 and there will be prizes for first and second place winners. Winning essays will be announced January 31, 1984. Entries will be accepted at both Halton Hills libraries during the month of December.

Most of Town's rec. programs start this week

All Halton Hills fall recreation programs but one start this week with all the fitness events lasting eight weeks.

Tuesdays, beginning at 7.30 p.m. there is a fitness, swim and sauna. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15 a.m. and 1 p.m. there is pre-school playshop at Knox Presbyterian Church lasting 10 weeks.

Wednesdays see an adult fitness program at M.Z. Bennett school, and Thursdays at Limehouse there is the 60 Minute Workout. Both begin at 7.30 p.m.

A 10 week power skating course is held Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the arena. This is the only program which begins next week. Also for 10 weeks are swimming lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 6 p.m. Miscellaneous swims are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Fire deliberately set

Volunteer firefighters quickly extinguished flames in an abandoned car last Tuesday at 3.05 p.m. at Lot 14, Con. 2. Deputy fire Chief Bob Hyde says the fire was deliberately set. There was no estimate of damage.

Blood donor clinic collects 121 pints

Last Tuesday's Acton Red Cross blood donor clinic at Acton Legion attracted 135 donors, of which 14 were rejected for medical reasons, so 121 pints were sent to Toronto.

Organizers said thanks to all of the volunteers, the Legion and Legion Ladies, and the BIA for sponsoring the clinic. The donors received the highest words of praise and thanks. They noted there were a number of new donors and they hope they return for the next clinic on December 20.

Following is the list of donors at the recent clinic:

B.S. Amphlett, J.D. Ancker, B.L. Andrews, J.A. Arbie, A. Arnold, C.H. Auger, R.M. Baginski, T.D. Baker, G.W. Bannon, G.D. Barefoot, W. Barefoot, P.A. Barlow, D. Billington, M. Bollert, L. Bottero, N. Braide, V.R. Brisbane, M.J. Britton, N. Brown, R.D. Brown, B. Campbell, P.S. Cargill, P. Casa, L.J. Christopher, G.O. Coats, W.D. Coats, R.R. Colbeck, C.M. Cole, C. Conroy, J.K. Conroy, K. Conroy, M. Couture, C. Crowe, F. Dehaan, G.M.

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J.A. Morris, M.W. Morris, V.S. Morris, B.L. Munro, L.M. Obravitch, D.P.C. Ker, P.D. Quinn, J.J. Reid, S. Reich, H. Roach, M. Roose, I.H. Sandy, T.J. Scott, J.B. Schreiber, J.E. Hanson, P. Schuyler, P.M. Scott, W.D. Scott, B.K. Shanon, V.M. Shaw, A.J. Slocck, B.E. Slocck, V. Stables, P.E. Thibault, G.E. Thompson, N.S. Thornhill, J.M. Trass, H.C. Triffin, P. Van Dam, M.L. Vanopstal, J.H. Walter, J.M. Watson, D. Wyga.

Eden Mills

Caledonia trip planned

by Mrs. G. MacDougall

The Friendly Seniors met on September 21 with 14 members present. Plans were made for a trip to Big Creek Farm at Caledonia on December 1 where they will have dinner and enjoy a concert and then travel on to Simcoe to view the lovely Christmas lights. The seniors were reminded of the Community Bazaar on November 26. It was Men's Day and they served the ladies a delicious lunch of cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Berner Behm have sold their home and are now living in Guelph.

Mrs. Mavis Stamp and daughter Amanda have taken up residence in their new home in Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruce, Winnipeg, have been visitors with Susan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lay-

cock from Stoud and Mrs. Irene Skerratt, Sarnia, have recently spent a few days visiting Mrs. Edith Jennings. Edith enjoyed a visit to Oshawa to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Good.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barden have had as their guest, Mrs. Zita Caouette, a hockey mother from Timmins.

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church was the setting for the lovely fall wedding of Andy Munro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gord Munro, and his bride Miss Debbie Bowers. The reception followed in the Community Centre. Congratulations to the newly wedded best wishes for a happy future.

Eden Mills United Church celebrated its Anniversary Sunday with the Rev. Carrie Doering as guest minister for the service.



Greg Spurrell, a town employee, puts some finishing touches on the new handicapped ramp at the Acton arena.



Theta Phi Sorority was the benefactor for a Creative Cookery evening last week. Pat Morris and Lyn Cook made several dishes for the enthusiastic audience, which were later raffled off as door prizes.

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