## Abitibi returns to normal after disastrous year

strike among pulp and paper workers that affected every one of its plants, with the exceptions of Georgetown and Pine Falls, Abitibi Paper Company in its annual report for 1975 summed up the past year as a "disaster".

T.J. Bell, chairman and chief executive officer of Abitibi, stated in the report "The year 1975 was a disaster for the pulp and paper industry in general throughout Canada and Abitibi was no exception.

"From the early months it became apparent that economic, conditions in Canada, the United States and

As a result of a nation-wide in other parts of the world where Canada sells the output of her forest industry, were deteriorating quickly. Only 12 months previously demand was at an all-time peak and showed every evidence of continuing unabated for a long period."

> However the nation-wide strike by the Canadian Papeworkers Union, in support of demands for a 41 percent pay increase and full cost-of-living protection. forced the closure of all Abitibi Mills in Canada by August 12, with the exception of the Georgetown and Pine Falls mills where the company's

THE KINSMEN CLUB'S fertilizer fund throughout Georgetown. Here Barry

raising project was termed a success Hayward and Gary Alton help Colin Turner following Saturday's distribution of hundreds and Bruce Cook (in the truck) unload some of

Inconsistency made

of bags of fertilizer by club members the bags for delivery.

hearings a sham

MPP Reed tells Timbrell

Halton-Burlington, has ac-

cused the provincial govern-

ment of total inconsistency with regard to the Bradley-

Georgetown corridor between

November 14, 1974 and June,

1975. Between those dates,

notes Reed, "the ministers of

the day each presented

statements that appeared to

totally contradict one

McKeough, on November 14.

1974 said in the House that no

route could be adequately

justified unless the whole area was studied and documented.

taking into account all en-

involving the public in addition

to undertaking public par-

"In 1975 the government directed the environmental

hearing board to review in-

formation pertaining to a

portion of the Bradley-

Georgetown tranmission line

and has not, to this day, un-

dertaken proper study of the

"This inconsistency,"

claimed Reed, "underlines the hollowness of public

paticipation in discussion on

this corridor. The ministry, by its actions of constraining the

terms of reference of the en-

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contract is with he United Paperworkers International

CPU workers returned to work in BC in early October as a result of government intervention but it was not until February of this year that the (PU workers finally agreed to a new three-year contract. Plants began to return to normal operations after the seven-month shutdown.

"The results were a catastrophe for (Abitihi) and for our employees," said Mr. Bell. "It is almost impossible to estimate the full cost and, while we are not unmindful of the effect on our shareholders,

tions of the United States. "Over the past seven years the Canadian industry has seen a steady erosion of its share of the fine paper business in the Canadian market. In 1968 imports accounted for 7.2 percent and, in 1974, 16.3 percent. For the year 1975, it is estimated that imports will account for approximately 40 percent. During the last half of the year, when our mills were on strike, imports from the United States had risen to a 50

the hardship for our employees

has been dreadful. Our

company has a long history of

good relations with our em-

ployees but it is the whole

Canadian industry, not just

Looking towards 1976 Mr.

Ikil warned that "We have a

serious problem in the fine

paper industry. When our

libour contract expired we

already suffered from a

competitive disadvantage. Our

tase labour rate was some

\$1.50 per hour higher than

comparable mills in the

portheast and midwest sec-

Abitibi, that is involved."

percent level. "The Canadian fine paper industry faces a herculean task in regaining the domestic market with US mills still operating below capacity. It is obvious that when the work stoppage ceases we will be resuming operations at a much reduced level with resultant lower employment."

The Georgetown plant is one of five paper plants operating under the fine and printing papers division of Abilibi.

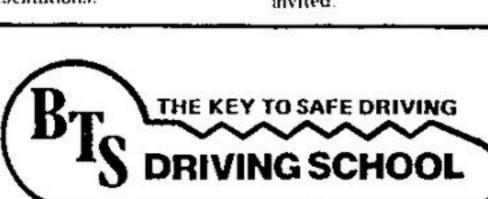
Net sales by Abitibi in 1975 amounted to \$764 million compared with sales the previous year of \$552 million. However net earnings were seiously reduced to \$3.3 million for the year which compares with \$45.9 million in 1974.

The fine paper division of Abilibi which includes merchant and converting operations experienced sales of \$126 million in 1975 compared with \$157 million last

The sale of newsprint and groundwood specialty papers by Abitibi formed the lion's share of the company's sales amounting to \$426 million in 1975 compared to 1974's sales of the \$252 million.

## Knights of Columbus hosting all clubs

The Knights of Columbus in Georgetown are having a Monte Carlo night in Conjunction with a Brotherhood Night, Friday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross auditorium in Georgetown on Maple St. All service clubs in Halton Hills and surrounding area are invited.



GRADUATE ONTARIOSAFETY LEAGUE

DAY & EVENING LESSONS

A Terra Cotta student at Sheridan College has received **JACK BEER** a \$250 award from Xerox of Canada, Michael Goodman INSTRUCTOR has received the award for his

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work in year two of the Electrical-Electronic Technology course at

Goodman

presented

Award

He was one of seven students receiving special awards totalling \$1,065 for outstanding academic achievements in one and two-year technology

Julian Reed, MPP for has made these hearings silent on this issue for the last nothing but a sham, six months is completely "Fortunately the case is unjustified. I suggest he study currently in the hands of the the transcripts of the Hydro Ombudsman and it is hoped Select Committee in which the that he will be allowed by the subject was raised by me five times at least." government to proceed with

"He might also take the trouble to read my reply to the "The minister's personal accusation that I have been Speech to the Throne last January in which I devoted a rather substantial portion to the Bradley-Georgetown

"The minister has conveniently ignored these presentations."

**Cancer Society** sets target

conth for the Canadian the public. Concer Society to raise the

This year is no exception. and during the next feet and canvassers will be calling at the Acton campaign, as he did local business firms and households, asking for Helton Hills' usual fine support.

The Halton Hills unit includes Georgetown, Acton and the portion of Esquesing Township now included in the new municipality. Last year, the campaign

\$23,000 has been set.

This year, an objective of Campaign leaders are Mrs Verna Grozelle, 70 Maple

raised a touch over \$22,000.

April is the traditional require a good response from

Mrs. Barbara Skinner, 12 bulk of its money for the year's Queen Street, is campaign chairman for a second year, with Mr. Arlie White, 52 Church Street East, handling last vene

> Almost 640 men and women give volunteered to canvass. Mrs. Evelyn Holmes, 69A Main St. is in charge commercial canvassing, Mrs. Judy Goebell, Edith St., industrial; and Mrs. Jean Chappel, 2 Temple Rd., rural.

The campaign Georgetown headed by Mrs. Norma Wilson, 14 Chelvin Dr.: confident that this can be Ave. and Mrs. Margaret pased, and more, but it will. Hillier, 71 Windsor Rd.

## Daffodil Day kicks off Cancer campaign

Saturday, April 3 proved to be a perfect day for selling diffooils. Members of the four Beta Sigma Phi sororities in Georgetown were out this past weekend throughout Georgetown selling the daffodils in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society.

AS CUTE AS A DAFFODIL-Little Faith

Richardson accepts her daffodil from Karen

Morris of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority during

Daffodil Day, Saturday. The Flowers of Hope'

But selling the flowers is only a small part of the work that takes place. In order to

achieve the success receiving over \$2,000 for the 1,700 bunches of flowers sold much advance preparation is required.

A request for permission to sell the flowers must be received from town council, storage facilities must be found and industries are canvassed for advance sales. When the flowers arrive

Work Walteria B U, they must then be transported to the various depots for counting and wrapping into bunches for delivery on the Friday. And then everyone prays for

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campaign by Beta Sigma Phi kicked off the

fund raising drive of the local chapter of the

Canadian Cancer Society.

Daffodil Day marks the beginning of the Cancer Society's fund-raising drive and Beta Sigma Phi shares a large role in its initial success.

fine weather.



Control Services received nmg some praise following an in- Arriving on the scene following an apparent stroke. Treatment Mrs. Marjorie Cook of Irwin "I just wanted to tell people

had been missing from her there to help."

The Halton Hills Animal home since early that mor-

cident last Friday afternoon quickly, the HHACS personnel which saw a 14-year-old boxer immediately rushed the dog to receive immediate attention a nearby veterinarian, for

Crescent, reports that a call to that they (the animal control the animal control services service) aren't just out trying resulted in assistance within to pick up stray dogs," exfive minutes for her dog, which planned Mrs. Cook. "They're



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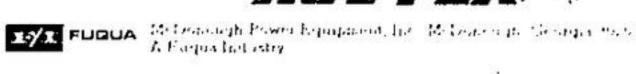
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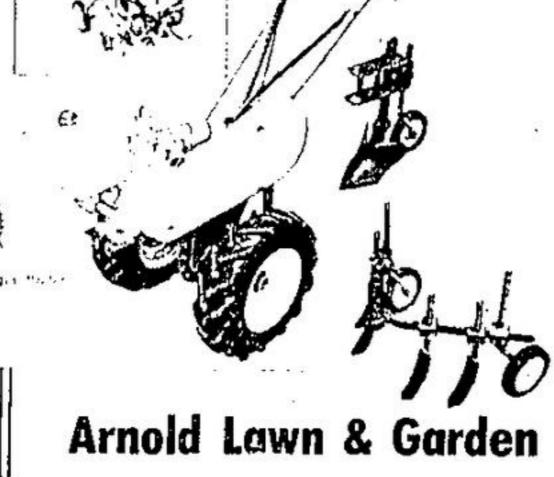
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