

Abitibi has bright future, plant manager announces

One year after Abitibi Provincial Papers Ltd. yielded to growing competitive pressures within the paper manufacturing industry and announced plans to cut its staff by 50 per cent, plant manager G.A. Lockwood has predicted a brighter future for the company.

Addressing a gathering of nearly 100 Abitibi employees and guests at a meeting of the Georgetown plant's Quarter Century Club Saturday, Mr. Lockwood dispelled much of the doubt that has gripped the

firm since some 80 workers were laid off earlier this year. John Buss of the company's head office in Toronto returned to once again commend the Georgetown employees for their good work.

Mr. Buss recalled that in his speech to the club last year, he had suggested that the site of North America's first hydroelectric power transmission, located in Georgetown, should be somehow commemorated.

He noted with pleasure that the past year has in fact witnessed the installation of an

historical marker at the Credit River site where John R. Barber, a member of one of Georgetown's founding families, built his now-famous dynamo.

The observation of the event this year, Mr. Buss pointed out, came largely through the efforts of John MacDonald and the Esqueping Historical Society. Mr. Buss and his wife were duly invited to attend the unveiling ceremony at the site.

Club president Trevor Williams introduced three of the seven Abitibi employees whose names were this year added to the Quarter Century roster. On hand to receive gold watches marking their 25 years of service at the plant were Harold Rasmussen, Mike Lorusso and Doug Townsend.

Other new 25-year members are Mrs. J. Chappel, L. Norton, W. Norton and C. Vandervoort.

The club currently claims 48 active members and 34 associate members.

The annual meeting, held at the Legion Hall, began with a toast to the Queen and a minute's silence in memoriam and concluded with dancing and entertainment.



CHECKING TIME

Alan Scott of Limehouse checks to make sure his new watch is working. Alan is the latest winner in the November McDonald's coloring contest, sponsored by The Herald and the Guelph Street restaurant.

Table zoning request

An application for spot commercial re-zoning to permit the construction of a three-storey mixed commercial-residential building on Mill Street in Acton was postponed pending a meeting between the property owners and the planning department staff to revise the site plan.

The board feels that since no allowance has been made for the loading and the unloading of commercial vehicles or for the picking up of private gar-

bage the plan needs some reworking.

The plan also lacks sufficient parking space for a building of its size and type and thus the board suggested that it should be reduced to better fit the land available.

Since the land is currently zoned R3 and needs amendments to zoning and the official plan to become special commercial general C1 the board decided to hold a public meeting next Tuesday evening

Road takeover

A recommendation from planning board will see Halton Hills being asked to take over a section of private road serving the Garthdale Investments townhouse development off John Street.

The road which separates the townhouse development into two sections will be 60 feet wide and constructed to meet town standards. Originally the

town had not wanted to assume the road because it would give six of the units zero lot lines. Garthdale representative M. Gruson said he saw no problems with this and compared it to townhouses with no side yard. He admitted that problems would be created if the road ever required widening but could see no reason why the road would ever need to be changed to four lanes.



Canada's former governor General Governor, Roland Michener, signs autographs at the opening of a branch of Metropolitan Trust in the Milton Mall, Saturday. Mr. Michener is honorary chairman of the trust company.

Custom carpentry shop is a dream come true

The opening of Hall's Custom Carpentry on Highway 7 just east of Acton last month represents the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream for its owner.

Jim Hall took an early retirement from his job as a supervisor of carpenters and cabinet makers with Ontario Hydro because he was tired of battling with others to get the kind of workmanship he likes to see in finished products.

His battle with cancer two years ago and an ulcer operation in 1968 helped to convince him that life had more to offer than the

frustrations of trying to get others to meet his standards. His shop will specialize in all types of custom carpentry, furniture repairs and plywood cut to size.

"If it's quality work you're interested in we like to do it," Jim says.

The Halls moved to Acton from Alderwood in July and have spent the intervening months getting things in shape. Jim feels he wants a

little and a jointer but otherwise he has all the equipment he needs to do the type of work he is looking for.

Jim does build furniture but he is not looking for a lot of that sort of work if the customer expects him to design his own plans. He found he did too much of it with Hydro and now he wants to stay clear of it unless there are plans he can work from.

Jim learned his trade during

the 1930s and 1940s and joined Ontario Hydro in the 1950s. He likes fine quality things and wants to see a nice finish on his work.

He does not refinish furniture because he says he has no facilities for the type of finish he likes to use. He likes to spray lacquer on the furniture he makes because he feels it makes the best finish.

He is also repairing things for the Pine Chair in Acton.

Hall's CUSTOM CARPENTRY



Jim Hall outside his carpentry shop.



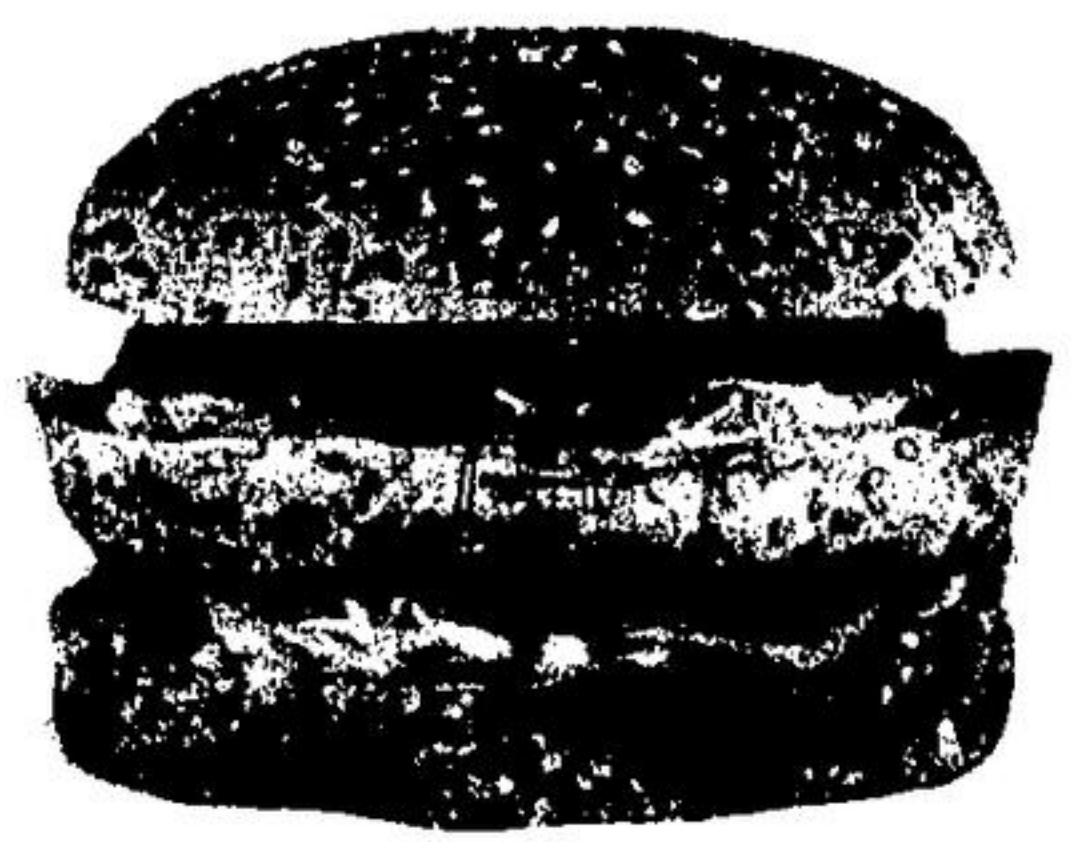
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