

Cliff Knauff Retires - cont'd from front page

Lumber was scarce. It was shortly after the war. Construction was just beginning at Terrace Bay (then a railroad siding called Black, Ontario). Millions of board feet of lumber would be needed at the mill in the townsite.

The first lumber yard was located beside the CPR tracks in the old South Camp. Cliff had eight men working for him at that location.

When the General Contractor for mill construction arrived in January, 1947, the lumber yard was moved to a site just south of the present mill. Lumber was brought in from all over the country. Some came from as far away as Prince Rupert. A substantial portion came from the Kimberly-Clark sawmill at Longlac.

In this new location, Cliff had men scaling, sorting and piling lumber as it arrived. At times, up to 30 carloads of lumber waited on the railroad siding to be unloaded, piece by piece, by a crew that grew to 20 men. Some Kimberly-Clark employees still with us who worked with Cliff then were: Neil Ross, Slim Dorman, Len Crockford, Bill Stachiw and Art Connors. There may be others whose names do not readily come to mind.

A planer formed part of that Lumber Yard's equipment, for most of the lumber arrived rough.

In all, Cliff Knauff and his crews literally handled more than 9 million board feet of lumber before mill start-up in November, 1948. It was then that Cliff moved to the Wood Handling Dept. as a foreman, a position he held for nearly 20 years.

Prior to coming to Terrace Bay, Cliff had been with the United States Engineering Dept. as a foreman building army camps at Prince Rupert.

Asked about the most interesting phase of his work with Kimberly-Clark since start-up, Cliff focused first on the Wood Handling in 1948. Then he settled for the recent switch over from block-pile to chip-pile.

In recalling the early days at Terrace Bay, Cliff recounts how he and his wife moved into a one room shack on the west side of Terrace Bay on Lake Superior in May 1947. Every morning he had to get up at 5 a.m. to be to work by seven. To get a ride in was a two mile hike 800' uphill from the Lake to the old Schreiber road now at the bottom of Hydro's man-made lake. Groceries had to be packed over the same trail.

Among his real community accomplishments,

Cliff counts the effort expended in organizing, along with Rune Ostling, the people who first established, curling facilities in late '47 at Terrace Bay. The pre-fabricated building, later dismantled, was moved to Rossport and is still in use. The local Curling Club remains one of the most active organizations in the community.

Contemplating retirement, Cliff said: "I have enjoyed working here. I have enjoyed the fellows I have worked with. Now I'm ready to pack it up and enjoy my retirement." After working for the summer at the Golf Course, the Knauff's expect to go west for a visit to B.C. They have a son in Gold River and a daughter in Victoria. Their base will continue to be Terrace Bay where they own their own home.

Good luck Cliff. Good health. And a long and happy life.

RECREATION BRIEFS - by David Courtemanche

Minor Softball - Last Friday's meeting of Minor Softball coaches was quite successful. The schedules have been drawn up and will be distributed to the players as fast as the coaches can possibly do so.

We would like to commend the coaches who turned up for the meeting as they were so keen and full of enthusiasm that some of them have taken two teams even though some of them are on shift work. If you feel you would like to lend a helping hand, please submit your name to the Recreation Office - 3542.

Minor Hockey Banquet - The Minor Hockey Banquet will be held this Saturday, May 25th, at the Masonic Hall, starting at 6 p.m. Invitations have been given out to all Minor Hockey players. Parents are requested to see that these are returned to the Recreation Office as soon as possible so that we will know how much food to prepare. Invitations are also extended to fathers or mothers to attend this banquet; however, for them there will be an admission charge of \$1.00, which will go towards offsetting the cost of the banquet. Even though we do not have a guest speaker as yet, this promises to be one of the best banquets Minor Hockey has had in some years. If you wish your name on the Minor Hockey executive, it is still not too late to submit your name to the Nominating Chairman, Jim Beddard, or the Recreation Office. You do not have to be experienced - just show enthusiasm and interest.

Tennis Clinics - The Tennis Clinics held on May 14 and 15th were very successful, with a total of 200 persons attending sessions. If the present enthusiasm

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