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70 YEARS PINE FALLS

PART THREE - TO THE PRESENT



Painting over the Abitibi logo on the water tower at the mill - *The Voice* - October, 1994

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Pine Falls The Post War Years

The pace of development slowed during the depression and the second World War. The ac-

tivity picked up in the late 40's. By 1948 Mill production was up to 345 tons a day, the lower floor

of the legion hall was completed, work began on the dam at Pine Falls and the Manitou Lodge

opened. The Pine Falls Orchestra, the Stardusters, was formed in 1948. First open bonspiel took place in February 1949 with 24 rinks on three sheets of ice. Hudson Bay company moved into it's

new store and the old Mercantile store became a service centre with Barber Shop, pool room, public library, hairdressing salon. The highlight of 1950 was

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Brand new Hudson's Bay Store, the same place the Northern store is now.

Opening of Hudson's Bay Store

Opening of Hudson Bay's new store proved a gala day for the feminine population of Pine Falls although the men in their more retiring "hating to be caught in a bargain rush" attitude were also well represented. At least all the Scotsmen in town were there, for free cigars were given the men and a lovely rose to the

ladies.

Meeting Mrs. Bill Frederick, who displayed a beautiful pink rose over the top of a big shopping bag in her arms, I asked what interested her most. With a smile she replied "groceries you may be sure. It's just wonderful to go in and help yourself and see what you're get-

ting."

Saw Frank Lafrance with a nice big cigar in his hand looking over the shoe department; Jack Dean, one of Pine Falls most eligible bachelors, standing in the furniture department apparently in deep thought while Laurence Frayne played over the latest records. Mrs. Beaubien and her

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daughter, Charmaine from St. Georges were looking over the drapery section; Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Legall admiring the china; Mrs. Mae Sharpe modelling a fine fur coat and Mrs. Buff Seebach a smart looking grey suit in the ready to wear section, while Mrs. Ed Korsh and Mrs. Martin Bosma displayed what the well dressed woman should wear in hats.

But most ladies were attracted by the pleasing display of eatables on the shelves of the self serve grocery section. It seemed every housekeeper in town was represented there. Mrs. Felix Kolesnik, Mrs. Ed Wilson, Mrs. Jim Lyon, Mrs. Lauchlan Mrs. Iwanick, Mrs. Sokoloski had their arms full of groceries. Mrs. Carey

and Mrs. Johannson were pushing carts, gathering up what they required and as they went from shelf to shelf Mrs. Carey exclaimed, "we're all having a marvellous time," while Mrs. Gasper Horvath, with her quiet smile, added "it's very nice, makes you think you are in the city." Father Couture was there with his basket exchanging lively remarks with everyone and at the cashier's counter. Matthew Kent from the Indian Reserve stood with a big basket of groceries waiting to be checked out. When asked how he like the new store he replied "Like it much, it is a very good store now."

At four o'clock the kiddies had their innings and took over with a rush for the free lollipop.

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the completion of an \$80,000 recreation centre. With the help of over 7000 man hours from 300 volunteers; daylight saving was extended by three weeks. (In those days daylight saving matched the Mill shifts rather than what the rest of the country was doing.)

A swimming pool located between the restaurant and the

rink, was completed in 1951. The top floor of the legion hall was completed in 1952. In 1952 the company began to sell houses which up until that time had been rented. The last log drive took place on the Winnipeg River in 1965. In 1966 the recreation centre burnt down. (see separate story) it was rebuilt in 1967. January 1970 Mr. Henry Rowe

retired as Police Chief, the company then entered into an agreement with the RCMP for policing the townsite. The liquor store was built in 1972 about the same time the legion converted the duplex to the legion house on Tamarck. In 1981 the first 4P Festival was organized. In 1985 a record production of 500 tons per day was celebrated with a

banquet and dance held in the arena and hosted by Abitibi Price; drinks were free and everyone had a good time. In 1987 the new hospital was built, followed shortly after by Sunnywood Manor.

The Pine Falls newspaper, the Winnipeg River Review, ceased publication in the Summer of 1991 and was replaced by

the Community Voice in April 1993.

A major highlight in the history of the town was the purchase of the Mill from Abitibi Price by local management and employees in September 1994. A year later an Effluent Treatment Plant had been built followed by the opening of a newsprint recycling mill in the Spring of 1996.



Ballet Club Class #1 1961 - l - r: Beth Bayly, Pattie Fortier, Christine Marsh, Vida Bosma, Gayle St. Cyr, Linda Walton, Penny Sharpe, Elaine Siddall



The warehouse full of recycled newsprint on its way to the new de-inking plant completed in 1995

The work that went into the 70 years the Pine Falls Mill has been operational is evident wherever one looks

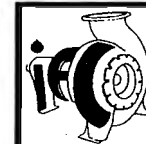
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First board meeting of the Pine Falls Paper Company, 1994.



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Some Interesting Characters



From the cover of Abitibi Magazine September 1950 - Pine Falls' Piper Bill MacLeod, placed third in the Manitoba Piping Association competition held at Assiniboine Park. Immitating his father, 3 year old Sandy merely blew, but tapped his foot in perfect time with the veteran player.



Ambrose & Mrs. Courchene

Ambrose Courchene

Ambrose Courchene of Fort Alexander Indian Reservation who passed away on April 27, 1968 at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, was one of the first employees to be hired to the Pine Falls Paper Company in 1926.

Mr. Courchene was born at Fort Alexander in 1897 and spent his entire life there.

Ambrose devoted many years to the service of Abitibi and in 1927 skippered the first Woods Department on the Winnipeg River. Throughout his long working career his buoyant good nature and cheerfulness won him the respect and friendship of his co-workers everywhere. For many years before his retirement in 1962, he ran his own logging camp on a full contract basis.

His passing created a real void in the community and he is deeply missed by his many friends and relatives.



Alex Flett

Alex Flett, retired Hudson's Bay factor and one of the old timers of Pine Falls district, was born at Norway House in 1870, the year that Manitoba became a province. He began working for the Hudson's Bay Company at the age of 17, serving his apprenticeship under his father who was then factor at Fort Alexander. His first post was at Split Lake on the Nelson River, 250 miles north of Norway House. Altogether he spent 43 years at various posts in northern Manitoba and Ontario. Upon retirement, he decided to build his home on the familiar banks of the Winnipeg River. From his home, located at the head of Pine Falls about 2 1/2 miles above the town, one gets a magnificent view of the river both upstream and downstream. Although very reticent, MR. Flett was finally prevailed upon to recount one or two of his experiences. It seems that on one occasion he was obligated to make an emergency trip by dog team from Fort Alexander to Selkirk in order to fetch a doctor to the post. The round trip, a distance of 120 miles, was accomplished in 14 hours and meant that MR. Flett had travelled nearly 100 miles on foot. When asked if this wasn't quite a remarkable feat of endurance, he replied in his slow, soft voice "Well, I was just a young man then." However, we ourselves can remember the time, not many years ago, when he and his great friend, the late MR. Charles Gordon, could outlast all the younger fry in dancing the Red River jig. Mr. Flett has always been an enthusiastic hunter and still looks forward with pleasure to duck hunting season.

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Rec centre burns

7:00 pm June 1st 1996, Volunteer firefighter Jack Coote was with his fastball team at the ball diamond (then in the mill yard where the weigh scale is now) when smoke was seen coming from the town.

He drove to the fire hall. Where he learned that the recreation centre was on fire; the fire

truck had already left. He picked up his gear and drove on to the fire, dropping off his wife Sharon on the way.

At the fire scene Coote kicked in one of the shell doors in the side of the curling rink "hoping to get hoses in there". He found the building full of roaring fire. "You couldn't stay there to

put a hose on it - it was too hot." He said.

Across the street Butch Boisvert found the same thing. They tried to use a garden hose to spray on the roof to save the house but couldn't stand the heat. They had to go to the back of the house and spray the shingles over the roof from the back yard.

Coote said the heat was so intense that it was impossible to stand in front of the house with-

out proper fire gear, and breathing was difficult. It soon became apparent that they couldn't save the building and they turned their attention to the houses on the street.

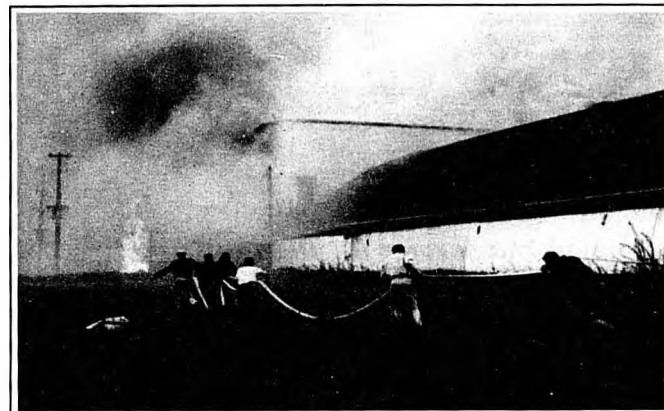
The huge cloud of smoke billowing over the centre would occasionally burst into flame; giving a fireball effect. Cinders and sparks blew in the wind, but not in a direction to do any serious damage. Oil stored in the building basement contributed to

the problem.

Firefighters stayed with the fire until 10:00 am the next morning.

He said the heat was so intense that the rocks in the curling rink had crystalized and would turn to dust when they were touched.

Sharon Coote said it was a sad day - a lot of volunteer labour had gone into building the centre. "There were a lot of people with tears in their eyes" she said.



Firefighters race in a vain attempt to save the doomed Recreational Centre. June 1966

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The Champions...

The following are some of the Championship teams that have come out of Pine Falls in recent memory. Unfortunately, we could not fit all of the winners in this section.



1970 BASEBALL - PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS (Back Row) - Bill Borlase, Bill McDonald, Bob Collez, Dave Harrison, Gene Lazaruk, Ken King, Dave Lafrance, Andy Usackis, Foz Thomas, Bill Boyer, Don McDonald, Lyn Wood. (Front Row) - Gerry Bowman, Pat Angers, Garnet Pinnell, Bob Seguin, Paul Lafrance, Glenn Hibbert



PINE FALLS PEE WEE CHAMPIONS (Front Row) - Dale Lamoureux, Bill Hibbert, Denis Laroque, Denis Cyr, Charlie Miller, Jeff Dugard. (2nd Row) - Coach - Mel Matthews, Barry Tardiff, Adolphe Morriveau, Tim Seguin, Rod Geer, Randy Keen, Ricky Friesen, Billy Rogers, John Kemball. (Back Row) - Dick Friesen, Mark Bosma, Marc Pfefferle, Beans Gordon, Arnie Honkie.



1981 HOCKEY - OLDTIMERS (Front Row) - Al Duyker, Glenn Hibbert, Weiner Clemmons, Paul Tellifer. (2nd Row) - Fred Welsh, Al Baty, George Harbottle, Chick Desautels, Fred David, Shorty Melanchuk, Chuck Hubbard. (Back Row) - Dirk Cupers, Mike Pierson, Ken Blyte, Ron Dufault.



1967 BASEBALL - CHAMPIONS (Back Row) - Bill McDonald, Dave Lafrance, Garnet Pinnell, Walter Souka, Eddy Thompson, Dave Harrison, Glenn Hibbert, Ken King, Andy Usackis, Don McDonald, Lyn Wood. (Front Row) - Al Bowman, Gene Lazaruk, Bob Seguin, Jack Dudka, Pat Andrews.



1966 PAPER KINGS - INTERMEDIATE A & B & INTERLAKE CHAMPIONS (Back Row) - Ray Souka, Les Bailey, George Sharpe, Chuck Hubbard, Fritz Kemball, Foz Thomas, Donnie McDonald, Lanny Cavers, Larry Navrot, John Normand, Glenn Hibbert, Rene Tremblay. (Front Row) - Bob Guay, Joe Cyr, Bob Seguin, Joe Reichart, Pat Angers, Bill Bolvan, Ken Lesosky.

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