

Sask Briquette Plant Is Now Flourishing Concern

BENTONVILLE, Sask. (CP)—An enterprise started here as an experiment under provincial and federal government sponsorship has proved a successful business venture as a private concern.

In the early 1920s, a plant for production of coal briquettes was owned by the governments in Saskatchewan, a small community about 10 miles east of Estevan, Ont. The mine is sold to a northern Saskatchewan wood-preserving firm.

HIGH HEAT PROCESS

The transformation from lignite coal to briquettes is an intriguing process. Screen coal—in sizes from one-half to four-inch pieces—is used. It is placed in a drying unit heated to 270 degrees centigrade, which reduces moisture content to 1 1/2 per cent or less.

Then the coal is heated to 830 degrees centigrade where the volatiles are reduced to 10 per cent. The char passes through a cooling zone and from there to a steel enclosed storage bin. In a hammer mill, it is ground to a fine size, then asphalt is added and

the ingredients thoroughly mixed. The mix, in a tacky state, goes into a press where briquettes are made.

The company's head office is in Linnipeg.

A steady market for lignite coal has been maintained by the Bentonville coal briquetting plant, largely because operations are near industrial and power development markets, and because operators have used vastly improved techniques of strip mining.

Saskatchewan coal reserves are estimated at 54,400,000,000 tons and mining officials in this region say the market outlook is healthy here.

Maine Coast Higher Now

AUGUSTA, Me. — (AP) — A gravel pit in Clinton, nearly 200 feet above sea level, has yielded shells of clams and other mollusks some 12,000 years old.

The timing, established by a radioactive carbon test in the U.S. geological survey laboratory in Washington, is evidenced that "the whole Maine coast area probably has risen more than 200 feet since the glaciers left," chief geologist W. H. Bradley said.

Meyer Rubin, the scientist who made the timing tests, called the find "amazing."

The specimens were found by Robert L. Dow, research chief of the Maine sea and shore fisheries department, on a tip from a University of Maine geology student.

Found were several varieties

of shells, many of which were preserved, ranging in size from a clam about half an inch long to a three-inch Neptune whelk.

Dow said all the species he discovered still are common along the Maine coast today, and are sub-Arctic species.

Calgary Adopts Miner's Family

CALGARY (CP) — The family of a miner injured in the Oct. 23 Springhill, N.S., mine disaster, has been adopted by the city of Calgary.

Mayor Don Mackay said he telephoned Mrs. Thomas McManaman Wednesday. Calgary will provide a job for Mr. McManaman, transportation to Calgary and a down payment on a house for the McManamans and their three children.

Mr. McManaman, 43, was taken from the mine during early rescue operations but remains in

Trial Within Trial Continues In Murder Case

EDMUNDSTON, N.B. (CP) — The trial within a trial in the case of John Jacob Vollmann, Jr. charged with murder in the stabbing of 16-year-old Gaetano hospital with a knee injury.

In a letter to Mayor Mackay, Mrs. McManaman had said "while we consider ourselves fortunate that he came out alive, we now have to look to the future and try to get re-established somewhere."

She stressed that they were not looking for a handout.

Mr. Mackay said the family was recommended by Mayor R. F. Gilroy of Springhill. It is expected they will arrive in Calgary before Christmas. The couple have a daughter, 11, and two sons, eight and three years old.

day Wednesday. Indications were it would also take up at least part of today's proceedings.

This phase of the trial, with the jury excluded from the courtroom, began Monday morning when defence counsel said publication of the details might be prejudicial in event of a new trial. The presiding judge, Mr. Justice W. Arthur L. Anglin, agreed and directed reports to make no reference to these proceedings.

After the trial within a trial, a ruling is expected on whether all or any of the evidence is admissible. If so considered, it would be heard in open court with the jury present.

The last witness heard by the jurors was an RCMP constable, who on Saturday fitted a paint flake to a bald spot on a panel he said was cut from Vollmann's car. There was previous evidence that the flake was picked up in a gravel pit where searchers found the high school girl's body.

Vollmann, 20, of nearby Madawaska, Me., was born at Elizabeth, N.J., and once lived at Milford, Mass.

Calgary Votes \$5,000 To Fund

CALGARY (CP) — City council has voted \$5,000 to the Springhill, N.S., mining disaster relief fund.

The city earlier offered to adopt a Springhill family — preferably the family of a miner killed in the mine. Mayor Don Mackay said he is expecting word soon from the mayor of Springhill on whether any suitable family he accepted the offer.

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Saguenay Valley Towns Reject Gov't Jobs Plan

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP)—Saguenay Valley municipalities Wednesday turned thumbs down on a federal government offer to help fight the winter unemployment problem.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced Oct. 27 that, subject to provincial government approval, Ottawa proposed to pay 50 per cent of payroll costs incurred by municipalities from December to February for work that would normally be done in winter.

Delegates to a meeting of area mayors and municipal officials Wednesday said the offer was inadequate and suggested the federal government pay 50 per cent of all costs—including materials—of extra winter work. It was suggested the provincial govern-

ment and municipalities involved share equally the other 50 per cent.

In addition they suggested increased production at the Aluminum Company of Canada's Arvida plant and a stepped-up program of wood-cutting by pulp and paper companies.

The delegates said the federal government plan would pay only about 10 per cent of winter work costs. Because of heavy snowfalls and severe temperatures winter work was also considerable more expensive than work done in mild weather.

Communities represented at the meeting included Chicoutimi, Arvida, Jonquiere, Port Alfred, Kenogami and Bagotville.

Shorter Work Week Seen Giving Business A Boost

VANCOUVER (CP)—A shorter work week will mean more sales and better business all the way down the line.

Harry Simmons, 68-year-old New York management consultant, figured it this way: "The more leisure a man has, the more money he spends. He'll

spend it on sports, travel, even on gas for his car, which he'll use more."

Mr. Simmons was brought here by the Vancouver Sales Executive Club.

In an interview, he said the increase in leisure time brought about by the 40-hour week has brought a new sales potential. "This is good for business because the more money there is in circulation, the better your economy."

O'Leary L.A. Has Meeting

The Ladies' Aid of the Community Hospital, O'Leary, held its regular monthly meeting, October 15, 1958, in the board room of the hospital. Twenty-two members and one visitor were present.

The president, Mrs. Donald MacKenzie, presided. The repeating of the Lord's Prayer opened the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. The treasurer presented a report and the committees were heard from.

Mr. McRae and J. C. Whitelaw, QC, general manager of the association, are on a cross-country tour.

On the future of manufacturing in British Columbia, Mr. McRae said freight rates can work both ways. While they may increase the cost of shipping goods to and from the East, they also act as a protective barrier for local manufacturing industries.

He said the St. Lawrence seaway wouldn't prove a deterrent to growth of B. C. manufacturing. "The Prairie provinces, which haven't the market potential B. C. has, aren't worried about the seaway, so there is no need for B. C. to be worried," he said.

Newlyweds Are Honored

A very enjoyable evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Livingstone, on Monday evening, when friends and relatives gathered to tender congratulations in honor of two of Glenora's popular young people, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacWilliams (the former Livingstone).

The living room was nicely decorated for the occasion and the newlyweds were escorted to their decorated seats of honor by Mrs. Lionel Livingstone. They were the recipients of many lovely and useful gifts which were carried in a nicely decorated basket by Little Mary MacWilliams and Jacqueline MacWilliams.

The gifts were opened by Mrs. Llewellyn Livingstone, while the accompanying verses were read by Mrs. Ann Livingstone. The gifts were presented and arranged on a table by Mrs. Herman MacWilliams.

Refreshments in a few well chosen dishes were served by the hostess and the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation and dancing. Music was provided by Messrs. Harry Lee and Owen MacDonald, D.N.

REBELS RELEASE 25 PASSENGERS

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban rebels Tuesday released all 25 passengers and three crew members seized in the rebel hijacking of a Cubana airliner a week ago.

Authorities here announced the passengers and crew had arrived in Santiago.

The plane was taken over by rebels at gunpoint and forced to land in rebel-held territory.

The rebel high command Sunday announced a 30-hour ceasefire around Santiago for releasing the plane occupants to the International Red Cross.

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SUB HITS JETTY

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. (CP)—The Royal Navy's biggest submarine crunched into a concrete jetty Tuesday. Sailors jumped clear as the 1,120-ton Alaric swept ashore by a flood tide. The impact carved a two-foot gash above the vessel's waterline but the damage was not serious.

11-YEAR-OLD MOTHER

GRAVESEND, Eng. (Reuters)—A girl of 11 gave birth to a girl last month, the juvenile court was told Tuesday. The girl, before the court as being in need of care and protection, was put under the supervision of a probation officer for three years.

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