

# Amherstburg News

A Newsletter for DC-SL Operations personnel

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## PLANT MANAGER'S REPORT

A sod turning ceremony took place Tuesday, May 20th on our new property east of Balaclava Street to mark the start of the construction activities for the new barrel warehouses to be built this summer. Approximately thirty people were present at this ceremony. Special guests were His Worship Mayor Murray Smith of Amherstburg, Reeve Lloyd Bondy of Anderdon and Reeve Hilton Brush of Malden. This was rather a unique occasion in the history of our plant as we had to go outside our old plant property for the first time to find room for expansion. With the completion of the Bottling complex and Warehouses H & J, we fully occupied all of the space previously available along St. Arnaud Street. However, over a period of several years we were able to purchase all the land required to satisfy our needs for the future. The 1975 building program calls for two warehouses scheduled for completion in October. We have engaged the firm of Laks, Meek & Welch Ltd. to do the engineering and the project management on this job. Their resident engineer, Wayne Mulock, who will be looking after the construction activities this summer, has arrived on the site. Wayne just returned from Richibucto, N.B. where he supervised the expansion program which took place recently at this plant.

The progress on the construction site is already visible; facilities have been set up for the workers, most of the top soil has been stripped, the erection of the fence is in progress, temporary power has been supplied and work has been started on the foundations for the warehouses and the construction of the access road.

## BOTTLING

We were glad to experience a much increased activity in the Bottle Shop in April after the relatively slow months early in the year. Since the beginning of April, the Bottling has been running mostly on four lines in order to meet sales commitments. Much of the emphasis was put on production of V.O. Quarts and during this period of heavy demands; we were fortunate to have some excellent production runs with efficiencies well over 90% on line #2. Lately we have been running glass from many different sources and noticed a major drop in the quality level especially in the half-gallon. This has seriously effected the line performance in the past few weeks. Because of the nature of our operation in Amherstburg with its high-speed Bottling equipment, we seem to be more vulnerable to glass quality defects than some of the other plants that run their equipment at lower speeds. We are continuously following-up the glass quality with our suppliers because of its serious effect on our day to day bottling operation.

Although the Xmas season is still many months away, we are already conducting some tests to check the handling of the new V.O. cartons on the Xmas wrap equipment. It takes several weeks to find out how different glues are behaving with the type of cardboard and finishes on the Xmas cartons. We are therefore conducting a shelf-life study in the Quality Lab well in advance of the actual production run in the fall.



Several of our Department Heads have been attending their annual meetings in Montreal. Walter Jonke attended the Maturing Department Heads meeting from April 7th to 9th. Walter reported that considerable time at the session was spent on filtration highlighted by a special presentation by a representative from the Seitz Co. in Germany. At the end of April, Howard Skidmore attended the Plant Engineer's meeting for the first time and had an opportunity to meet all his colleagues from the other plants. Included in the program was a visit to the new Dry House at the LaSalle plant. Gord Freeman went to the Bottling Superintendent's meeting also in Montreal; his trip was highlighted by a one day visit to the Seagram plant at Lawrenceburg, Indiana which has the largest bottling plant in our U.S. operations. All the Department Heads were pleased with their individual meetings and reported that many worthwhile topics were discussed.

Expansion of the V.O. Tank Room is progressing although we have experienced several delays in the past few months, as the suppliers are not adhering to their delivery promises. This quite often has a serious effect on the rate of progress of the entire project. The Tank Room building extension is now almost completed. The inside work left to be done is the finishing of the Control Room and the hook-up of the controls to the new piping system. In the next two weeks, the area in front of the Tank Room will be paved, overhead sprinklers will be mounted over the tank truck and tank car unloading facilities and a new rail spur will be installed replacing the old worn out track.

Chester Shortt and Bill Laing have been working closely together in the past few weeks with the Mechanical Contractor, Jeff Kearn, on the installation of the new diesel fire pump in the river pump house. On this project too we have incurred numerous delays by the supplier, but we were pleased to see finally that at least one pump, the diesel fire pump, installed and be ready for operation. The acceptance of such an installation is rather an involved process. It requires a start up test by the pump supplier and major inspection and acceptance test by our insurance underwriters. This testing program is currently in progress. Additional fire protection facilities became a mandatory request from the underwriters when we announced our plans to expand our warehouse facilities in the future. Other major work performed in the pump house recently, was the overhaul of one of the river water pumps supplying cooling water to the Distillery. The electric motor of our pump burned out a month ago requiring round-the-clock maintenance work in order to correct this situation immediately.

A new addition in the Case Bond is the third Matthews case palletizer installed recently by the Bottling Mechanics and the General Maintenance group. Only supervision was provided by the supplier and our Mechanics did an excellent job on the installation. With this machine in operation, we will be able to do extensive maintenance on the other two machines in the future.

#### RAILWAY REVISIONS

As reported in the press several weeks ago, the relocation of the Penn-Central Railway access to Amherstburg has been approved by the Canadian Transport Commission. So far the only activity that has taken place is the construction of the new rail line from the 2nd Concession to the western boundary of our Anderdon property by Essex Terminal; this phase is progressing well. Preparatory work is in progress on the actual layout of the railway on our property along William Street leading to the termination point of our existing plant track near Balaclava Street. The surveyors have been on the site and Penn-Central is currently arranging for the material required to build this part of the track in the near future. If everything goes as planned, we should have our new rail entry into the plant available this fall.

SAFETY

Howard Goulin, the Chairman of our Safety Committee, and his members are extremely pleased with our safety performance during the last six months. From December 1st, 1974 to this date, we have not experienced any Lost Time Accidents. The Committee is extremely happy to see this excellent record after several years with a below average performance. We must attribute our current success to a greater awareness of safety on the part of the employees. The Committee has been working hard in the past few years in promoting safety throughout the plant by inspections, publicity, safety courses, etc. and it appears that their efforts are finally producing good results. However, we cannot afford to sit back and relax as we might experience periodic setbacks in our current fine record. Only continued attention to safety and safe working habits will guarantee success in the future. The Committee will continue its program of implementing the recommendations from the safety inspections along with the Company's effort of providing safety posters and films to keep up the interest of this very important aspect of our daily jobs. We have also decided to provide the employees with a small safety kit which will be issued to you prior to the July plant shutdown. We hope this will be a reminder to everyone to think of safety in our homes and in our activities during the vacation period.

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PLANT VISITORS

Visitors from Head Office last month were: Messrs. Jack Forristal and Al Hyland

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RETIREES

- Mrs. Bernadette Ong is the new President of the Golden Age Club.
- The Retirees sponsored a trip to Greenfield Village last month.
- Jack Jones Jr., son of retiree Jack Jones, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Windsor on May 24th and is now working on his Bachelor of Musical Arts and has enrolled at the Faculty of Education at the University of Windsor.
- The June meeting is set for the 12th. There will be no further meetings until September.

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60 YEARS AGO.....

- Will Nattress hauled Fred Levegrove from an air hole in the ice near Gross Ile. Both were skate sailing and going at terrific speeds.
- Lloyd Brown is down with typhoid fever at the home of his father Fred Brown, Elm Avenue.

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Owner of a compact car put a rabbit in his tank - for short hops.

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Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

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PERSONAL

Our condolences to -

Mrs. Cecile Chouinard of Bottling on the death of her mother, of Edmonston, N.B. on May 3rd.

Our congratulations to -

Bottling Supervisor, Roger Hills on his marriage to Colleen Pitrie on May 24th.

Programmer Operator, John Beaudoin on his marriage to Bernadette Bezaire of Bottling on May 31st.

Diane & Paul Pouget, both of Bottling, on the birth of their daughter Cindy Lynn on May 15th.

Strip Stamp Operator Doug Goodwin who was elected Vice-President of the Essex County Fire Chiefs & Officers Association on March 11th.

Jack Sherlock on his election to President of the Personnel Association of Windsor and District, 1975-76.

Frank Lacey on his 35th Wedding Anniversary and his ?? birthday on Sunday, June 1st.

Paul Ouellette, who was promoted from P.M.C. to Supervisor in the Distillery.

Dane Kelly, who was promoted from Lab Technician to P.M.C. in the Distillery.

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Welcome to -

SCOTT BEATON who started with us as Lab Technician in the Distillery on May 26th,

BRIAN QUIMBY who started with us as P.M.C. Bottling Maintenance on June 2nd,

both of their pictures appear further on in this issue.

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ETHEL HUNT - Retirement

Our best wishes to Mrs. Ethel Hunt of Bottling, who retired on Friday, May 30th after 23 years of service. A short get together with Management and Union representatives was held in the Conference Room. Photos were taken and are shown further on in this issue.

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Company Excise Bob Deslippe got quite a spread in the Amherstburg Echo with his picture as being the first owner in the Amherstburg area of an AMC Pacer. He sure has plenty of room for his golf clubs now!

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Remember to keep August 10th open on your summer calendar; this is the date for "The Annual Calvert's Picnic" on Bob-lo Island. It has been a great success on Bob-lo, and if you haven't come before - try to this year.

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### CALDIST EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION NEWS

Your Credit Union is again this year experiencing the money crunch. However, as occurred last year, your patience and understanding of the situation has resulted in a continuous outflow of funds ensuring maximum return at year's end.

Your board is investigating the possibility of obtaining insurance coverage for borrowers who become sick or injured. This insurance would, if the board sees fit to approve its implementation, cover the borrowers' monthly payments to the Credit Union while he or she is off sick or convalescing. No decision will be reached by the board until all aspects of financial security have been examined thoroughly.

December 31, 1975 marks the end of our Silver Anniversary year. To some men who served at the start of this Credit Union and are still members, it must be a feeling of great accomplishment that their efforts, after a humble beginning, have produced an organization whose total assets near the \$600,000 mark. We will observe this anniversary with a celebration banquet to be held at the Verdi Club in February 1976. Details will be published later.

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### INTERPLANT GOLF

The Amherstburg plant will be hosting the first half of the Amherstburg/Waterloo Interplant Golf Tournament to be held at Canard Valley on Saturday, June 14th. Tee-off time is 9:15 a.m. This is a reminder for anyone wishing to play to contact Roger Trombley - President or Bill Finlay - Secretary, preferably before Friday, June 6th.

Green fees are \$6.00 to be paid to the scorer before tee-off. Anyone wishing to bring a guest may do so by making arrangements with Bill Finlay to purchase a meal ticket preferably before June 6th. Tickets are \$7.00 each and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Meals for employee-players will be provided by the Company.

Waterloo's golf convenor, Paul Bisnaire, indicates there should be a good turn out from their plant and we hope to see all the Amherstburg golfers there.

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### NEWS FROM THE A.A.M. SQUAD

David Hunt of Maturing advises that five representatives from the A.A.M. Squad including himself will be in St. Paul, Minnesota the last week of August to compete in the International Rescue and First Aid World Championship competition. Their trip is made possible through the generosity and help of residents from the three municipalities. Dave says that they have great hopes of bringing the trophy back to Canada this year. The members of the group include: David Hunt, Garnet Fox, Lawrence Fox, Roland Spencler and Bill Gyori Jr.

Danny Shaw from Maturing advises that First Aid courses are available in the fall to all interested. This course takes two hours twice a week and lasts for six weeks. Arrangements can be made for these courses to be held at our plant right after work. Anyone interested should get in touch with J. Sherlock who will make the necessary arrangements for the course to be held.

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### LIONS CLUB TICKETS

This is a last minute reminder to purchase your Lions Club Raffle Tickets. The \$1.00 ticket includes a chance on a portable colour TV and admission to the auction sale at the Amherstburg arena on June 14th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS

For our readers who are unaware of our employee participation in volunteer fire departments in the area, the following is a current list -

Amherstburg Fire Department

Deputy Chief Douglas Goodwin  
Captain Brian Sprague Sr.  
Fireman Glen Murray  
Fireman Jerry Lucier  
Fireman Brian Sprague Jr.  
Fireman Cameron Jones  
Fireman Robert Sinasac

Anderdon Fire Department

Brian Ferguson  
Richard Bezaire

Malden Fire Department

Richard Martin

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1975 STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Alison White, who is the first of three students under our Student Summer Employment Program, started in the Engineering Department on May 12th. Alison is the daughter of Maturing employee Eldon White and at present, is in her second year of Architectural Technology.

Two other students - John Deslippe (2nd year Electrical technology) son of Case Bond Foreman Leo Deslippe and Denise Laing (3rd year Medical Lab Technology) daughter of Fire Watch Bill Laing will be starting respectively in the Maturing Department on June 16th and in the Distillery Lab on June 30th.

We are very pleased to have them with us and hope that the information gained while on the job with us will be of use to them in their future studies.

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GET WELL WISHES TO

Shirley Shepley  
Gladys Taylor  
Jeanette Faucher  
Marie Cote  
Anna Quick  
Alice Dufour  
Francis Dufour  
Norman Renaud  
Sebastian Recchia

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO -

<u>June</u> 1	Frank Lacey	<u>June</u> 9	Eva Castellan	<u>June</u> 20	Geo. Makepeace
2	Harry McNeil	11	Jeanette Beneteau	21	Jean Renaud
	Ron Bondy		James Holmes	23	Denise Laing
	Annette Pare		Bella Robidoux	28	Walt. Sawchuk
3	Anne Markham	12	Tom Paisley		Frank Beaudoin
4	Carol Rousseau		Robert Pillon	29	Isabelle Martin
	Eldon White	14	Eva Tenay	30	Alice Dufour
	Wayne Brush	16	Leo Potvin		Leona Matte
5	Gene Chikaz	17	John Tiefenbach		Wayne Vigneux

SAFETY

I.A.P.A. STATISTICS

Safety Performance: January - February 1975

	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>SEVERITY</u>
CLASS AVERAGE (of all plants)	26.50	261
1. Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville	18.09	199
2. Corby Distilleries Ltd., Corbyville	10.06	91
3. Joseph E. Seagram, Waterloo	49.56	458
4. Calvert of Canada Ltd., Amherstburg	0	0

DEPARTMENTAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE RECORD

Jan. - May 1975

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>LOST TIME ACCIDENTS</u>		<u>TOTAL DAYS LOST</u>	
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>JAN. 1 TO DATE 1975</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>JAN. 1 TO DATE 1975</u>
<u>DISTILLERY</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>MATURING</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>BOTTLING</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>OFFICE</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>MAINT. &amp; ENG'G</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>SERVICE</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	0	0	0	0

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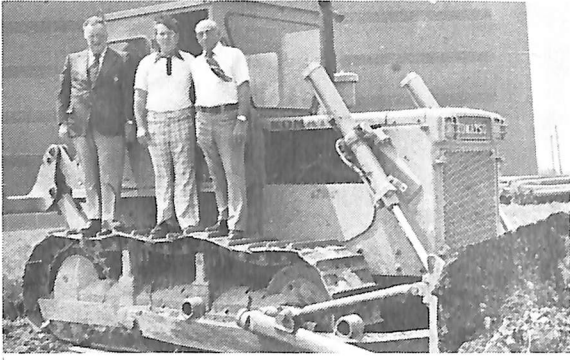
DANGEROUS SAFETY BUMPERS

People assisting motorists who were involved in accidents should note that late model cars, equipped with spring loaded safety bumpers are proving to be dangerous to the inexperienced handler.

A recent Phoenix, Arizona police bulletin cautioned officers to take extreme care when trying to separate vehicles equipped with the new spring loaded safety bumpers. These new bumpers are designed to withstand a 5 m.p.h. crash, but may be dangerous in other situations. Five patrolmen lost fingers and one patrolman lost part of his foot when attempting to separate crashed vehicles in recent incidents in that city. The new spring loaded bumper will shoot out like a "spring-loaded ram" when it is released from pressure.

Caution should be exercised in attempts to separate hooked cars, if one or both are equipped with the new bumpers. Individuals assisting at the scene of an accident are warned to keep hands, arms and legs well out of range of the bumpers in case they should suddenly spring outward. BETTER YET - wait for a tow truck to separate the vehicles and avoid the risk altogether.

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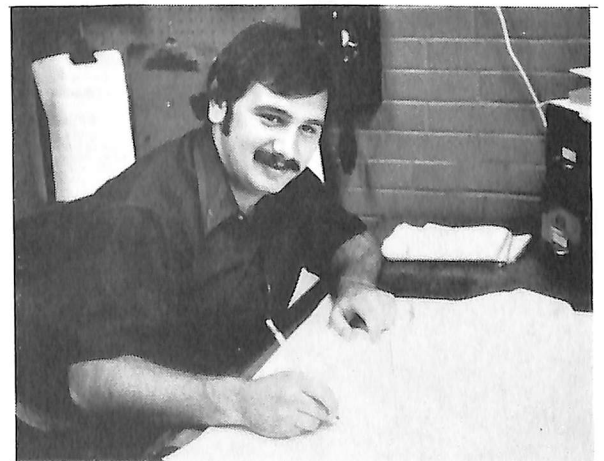
SCENES FROM OUR GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST TWO WAREHOUSES TO BE BUILT ON THE NEWLY ACQUIRED EXTENSION ON BALACLAVA STREET. AMHERSTBURG MAYOR M. SMITH, REEVE L. BONDY OF ANDERDON AND REEVE H. BRUSH OF MALDEN AT TOP LEFT.



SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOWARD GOULIN EXPRESSING HIS PLEASURE ON OUR 5TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH (APRIL) WITHOUT A LOST TIME ACCIDENT. SINCE THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN, MAY NOW MAKES OUR 6TH CONSECUTIVE MONTH.

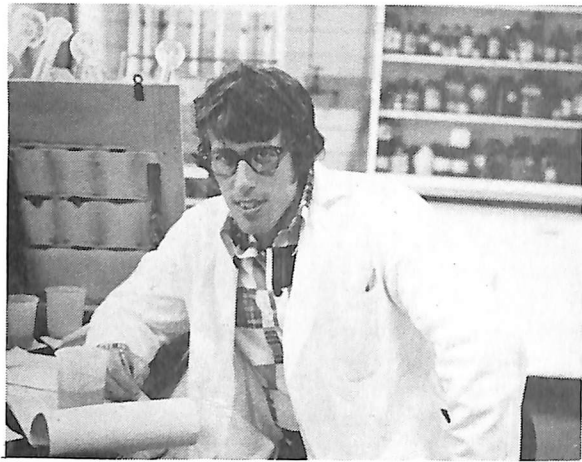


MRS. ETHEL HUNT OF BOTTLING ALL SMILES ON HER LAST DAY OF WORK (MAY 30TH) PRIOR TO HER RETIREMENT.

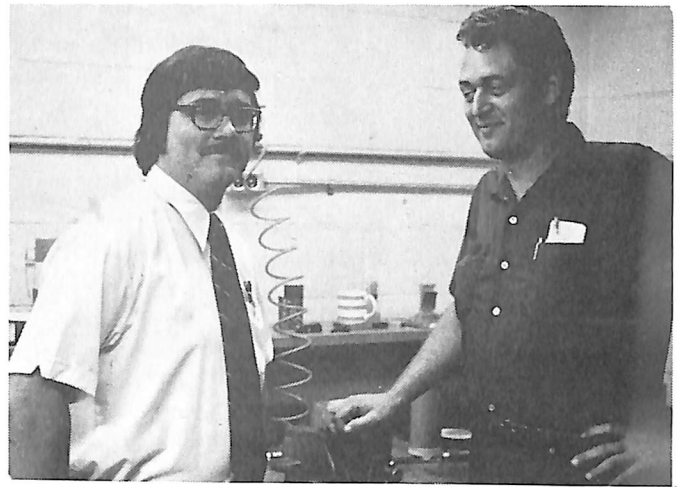


SECOND SPARE CLERK DOUG OWEN ON TRAINING IN THE MATURING DEPARTMENT.





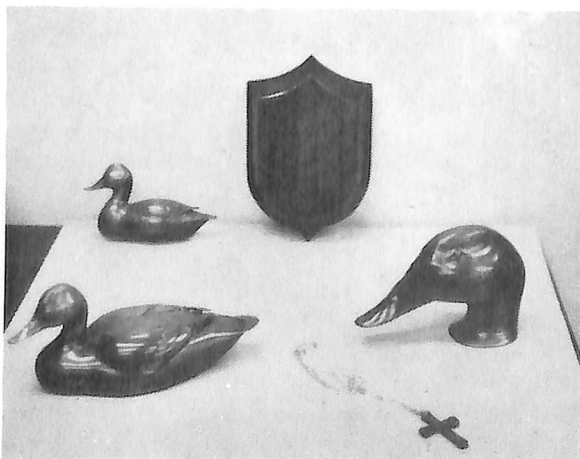
NEW LAB TECHNICIAN SCOTT BEATON



NEW BOTTLING MAINTENANCE P.M.C.  
BRIAN QUIMBY ON HIS FIRST DAY OF WORK  
WITH MECHANIC JOHN TIEFENBACH.



SUMMER STUDENT ALISON WHITE (DAUGHTER  
OF ELDON WHITE OF MATURING).



WORKS OF ART DONE WITH PEN KNIFE AND  
FILE ONLY-BY DANNY WIGLE OF MATURING.



ED MACHURA OF MATURING WITH A BIRTHDAY  
CARD AND CAKE PRESENTED BY HIS CO-WORKERS.