

Pulp And Paper Plant Gets Boost In '83

BY MACREENA DOYLE
 What could have been a year of dismal failure for the St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper plant instead has turned to hope for the future.

In 1983, after only a short stint of being occupied by the St. Lawrence Pulp and Paper division of Sonoco Products, Inc., the parent company announced that they would be closing the plant, citing financial losses and a softening of the pulp market as primary reasons for the shutdown.

Almost immediately after the announcement, the community task force that had been responsible for Sonoco's initial interest sprang back into action.

They managed to convince the Bank of New York, who became the plant's owners, to leave the plant and its equipment intact for at least awhile, because the plant would be easier to sell if it was left in that condition.

They also put out an information blitz to pulp and paper trade publications, giving details of the plant's history, the various firms that had occupied the facilities and the latest reasons for why it hadn't worked. The process instituted by Sonoco was intended to be experimental, they said, and the experiment hadn't worked.

A letter from Mayor Richard Lockwood, a member of the task force, accompanied the information sent to the journals, urging editors to do stories on the plant on their pages. It was hoped that merely being informed that the plant was available for sale, a company looking to expand would take a look.

Long-Shot Worked
 The long-shot apparently worked, because stories in trade journals did appear, along with photographs. Not long after that, inquiries from companies began to trickle in.

One of those companies, Ponderosa Fibres of America, Inc., based in Atlanta, Ga., eventually made their plans known.

Late in the year, Ponderosa Vice President of Operations Jerome Goodman announced that the company was interested in buying the Ogdensburg plant, renovating it for their purposes and re-opening in March of 1984, with about 40 employees on board.

expansion, adding 500 more during Phase II.

"Response to the mausoleum has been very encouraging, better than we anticipated," said Richard C. Fox, president of the park's board of trustees.

Calling the mausoleum a "rather bold venture" because it is a fairly new concept to North Country residents, Fox said he is pleased with its success so far.

Sales for the 300 spaces are about 12 months ahead of estimated projections, he said.

Another Option
 The park was established for the expressed purpose of providing northern families an additional option for final disposition of loved ones.

The park's alternatives a person has, Fox said, "the more satisfaction they derive from arriving at a decision."

An otherwise unknown fact about the "highest" form of honor one can receive upon the deceased is that it is not until the 20th century has mausoleum entombment been within the means of the average family.

Modern engineering has made it attainable, Fox said.

Foxwood Memorial Park is New York State's newest cemetery, created in 1982 and established in 1983 with approval by the New York State Supreme Court.

The park, Fox said, was founded to be a not-for-profit cemetery corporation with the intent of constructing a non-sectarian, public mausoleum in the North Country.

Fox said one was built in Watertown several years ago.

Groundbreaking, then construction of the local facility began in July of this past year.

An open house is scheduled for the first weekend in February of this new year, at which time the public is invited to visit the mausoleum.

Landscaping Work
 A great deal of landscaping work has still to be completed during the spring and summer months, Fox said.

And the "reflection pond" near the park's entrance will be accented with flood lights, a lit fountain, shrubs and flowers.

The mausoleum building — a four-column, Grecian-styled structure — was built from concrete and steel.

Its exterior is faced with native stone and granite-solid building materials to "endure through the ages."

Two directors were re-elected to three-year terms, Paul A. Jones and Wesley L. Stitt. Other directors are Frederick J. Shurtleff, Carlton E. Bresett, Robert E. Wilson, Johnson G. Moore and Charles T. Fox.

applications for land-spreading of the sludge that is produced as waste.

Emission and effluent problems experienced by St. Lawrence will be alleviated through renovation.

Word on the UDAG is expected at any time from federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials who have already met with local officials, with apparent good results.

Likewise, both DEC engineers and Goodman reported that negotiations over solid waste management had gone smoothly and permit applications are expected to be approved.

"We're looking forward to opening the plant in Ogdensburg," Goodman has said. "We want to be a part of the community."

Foxwood: Alternative Is A Success

BY DEBORAH WIGHT
 Foxwood Memorial Park is the Seaway Valley's first mausoleum, providing above-the-ground burial year-round.

Construction of St. Lawrence County's only mausoleum — a 300-space facility — has been recently completed, and plans are underway for its

On adjustable mortgage loans have increased their popularity and have helped to make home ownership a reality for more and more people.

Of course, the fact that residential mortgages are perhaps the best investment a financial institution can make helps to reinforce the safety of customers' savings deposits — which are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000 per account.

Even though the Ogdensburg Federal Savings and Loan Association plans to make full use of new investment authorities so that it can serve an even broader segment of the community, the institution will maintain its specialization in housing and real estate financing.

It is optimistic that 1984 will be a better year than 1983, although much depends on interest-rate levels. It is confident, however, that continued economic growth of steady interest rates will allow the institution to continue to serve the housing and investment needs of the community.

Also, Wilson stated that at the annual meeting held Jan. 17, Frederick J. Shurtleff was elected chairman of the board; Carlton E. Bresett was named vice chairman of the board; Robert E. Wilson, president; C. Terri Machado, vice president; Alanna J. Bloodough, treasurer; and Sheila M. Shaver, secretary.

Consequently, 1983 was a year of many changes for savers at the Ogdensburg Federal Savings and Loan Association. The new insured money market deposit account, introduced in December, 1982, was overwhelmingly accepted by customers. This account, along with newly structured accounts introduced in October, has given the Ogdensburg Federal Savings and Loan Association's customers greatly expanded money management choices — at very competitive interest rates — for their savings.

The acceptance of new accounts meant strong savings deposit growth throughout 1983 at the Ogdensburg Federal Savings and Loan Association. This savings growth for the year totaled \$1,539,701, the largest one year savings growth in the institution's history. These savings gains have made more money available for mortgage loans, as well as for expanded business and consumer lending in our local community.

Mortgage lending activity at the Ogdensburg Federal Savings and Loan Association also increased during the past year. Lower interest rates

Savings And Loan Co. Shared In Good Year

Printing Co. New To City

Located at 211 Patterson St. in Ogdensburg, Hubbard's Printing Service is relatively new to Ogdensburg although its owner Reynold Hubbard is not.

Hubbard relocated to this city in 1972 upon being hired as pressman locally. After working here for 11 years he decided to open his own business, which now stands in the old No. 3 firehouse at 211 Patterson St.

Being the oldest fire station in the city the No. 3 engine house (as it was known) was built in 1872. A two story structure, built of brick, it was unused for many years. Although quite old every brick is as true as the day it was laid. It has been restored pretty much to its original state. It was once the quarters of the No. 1 steamer. The department in 1872 included 36 men in three companies. There were two steam engines and five hose carts, and horses were hired when needed.

Hubbard's Printing Service offers fast service along with quality job printing at economical prices. Says Hubbard, "I hope to be here for many years to be of service and to have a long standing, friendly relationship with this community. I'm really looking forward to doing business in St. Lawrence County." The shop is open from 8-5 daily.

Globe Ticket Company, the world's oldest and largest ticket printing company, has announced the appointment of Mr. Hubbard's Printing Service as a Tickets Tomorrow Center.

Tickets Tomorrow is a new and unique system designed by Globe to meet the local ticket printing demand more quickly and efficiently than ever before. The logo carries a tag line, "Your Ticket Printing Center of Today."

"My wife Pattie and I are really excited about the addition of the center to our business and we are looking forward to an active business year. We love Ogdensburg and hope very much to be part of its 1984 progress and growth through a good working relationship with the community," Hubbard said.

Stanton's 7 Years Old

Stanton Electronics in Ogdensburg, at 1005 Ford St., is now a seven year old business in the city.

Robert and Joyce Stanton say that their business has grown to become one of the area's major repair centers for all kinds of electronic products.

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