

Kankakee Container Has Big Year

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The past 12 months made "an exciting year for Kankakee Container Co.," reports E. H. Fienning, president of the firm.

"Early in the year we celebrated our fifth anniversary by announcing acquisition of land and plans for building a new 52,000 square foot plant just south of A. O. Smith on Routes 45-49," he reports.

Groundbreaking ceremonies, sponsored by the Kankakee Area Chamber of Commerce, were held April 24. Construction started May 8 and the building was completed for production Oct. 6.

THE NEW plant, on a nine-acre plot, provides for more efficient operation, adequate parking facilities, and an additional 22,000 square feet of space compared to the old plant, Fienning explained.

New equipment and machinery purchased during the year cost \$50,000. Salaries and wages paid during the year to an average of 50 employees amounted to just under \$300,000, he reported. "Our sales volume increased 11 per cent, reflecting general business conditions of our customers' need for corrugated shipping containers and related products," Fienning reported.

"WE ARE looking forward to 1965 with optimism. The pulp and paper industry is projecting a 4 to 5 per cent increase this year. With our new facilities available, we are projecting a

15 to 20 per cent increase in sales," he continued.

"All predictions are for a continued growth in most businesses. Kankakeeland should prosper with the balance of the nation, with its many diversified industries," he said.

Kankakee Container Breaks Ground

A future bright with the promise of new industrial growth was forecast here Friday as nearly 150 persons gathered for the groundbreaking of Kankakee Container Co.'s new plant.

What was termed "a wonderful outpouring of community sentiment for the management of Kankakee Container" were present at the turning of the first spadeful of dirt and later at a noon luncheon.

The events were sponsored by the Kankakee Area Chamber of Commerce, whose president, William Holmes, said, "We are not here to welcome a new plant, but to welcome the expansion of an existing plant."

A **51,000 SQUARE**-foot building is to replace the firm's existing quarters now on Grinnell Road.

Site of the modern structure will be south of Kankakee on

Routes 49-52-54 and will be adjacent to the proposed industrial park.

Also slated for construction nearby is the new box plant of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.

Holmes praised the owners of Kankakee Container, E. H. Fienning, president, and Arthur Gault, vice president, for their move in locating near the planned industrial park.

"If all goes well," said Holmes, "we will have a new industrial complex there."

He noted that similar plans are under way to welcome Olin Mathieson.

Mayor Ray Nourie of Kankakee, Glenn Mulligan, Bradley village president, and Lester Day, chairman of the Kankakee County Board of Supervisors, also expressed their appreciation for the plans of Kankakee Container.

Mayor Nourie noted that industrial development "increases and stimulates the lifeblood of our community."

PRESIDENT Mulligan praised the firm for "its foresight" and said that "we of Bradley are thankful for the building of the new plant."

In explaining the company's reason for its move, Fienning said, "Our faith in the community did this."

He noted that much of the firm's business comes from the Kankakee area.

"Anything that moves at any time is in corrugated boxes," he said.

Nearly half of all paper tonnage is consumed in the making of containers, he added.

Fienning also praised the decision of Olin Mathieson to build

here, explaining that neither firm will be in competition with the other.

Fienning said he foresees a future of continued industrial growth, notably through the industrial park.

He also listed a few needs of Kankakeeland — additional schools, new YMCA, the completion of Interstate Route 57 and improvement of the Kankakee River making it navigable farther downstream — which he noted are currently under study.

"These are all not dreams," he continued. "They are being studied." He predicted that eventually each would be realized.

"Kankakee is on the peak of doing something great and we are thrilled to be part of it," he declared.

E. H. Fienning Heads Group To Advance School Proposals

The United Community for Schools Committee, a newly formed organization working for passage of the Kankakee School District 111 building bond and tax rate increase proposal, today announced selection of a campaign chairman.

Heading the drive will be Edward H. Fienning, president of Kankakee Container Co. He has two daughters, Jenny, who is a junior at Kankakee High School, and Kathy, an eighth grader at East Junior High and a son, Charles, who graduated in 1962 from Kankakee High and now attends Harvard University. The family lives at 1318 Cobb Blvd.

Commenting upon his reasons for accepting the chairmanship, Fienning said, "I assumed this

responsibility because it is the most important problem in need of a solution in the community. All other programs of importance here, and the future progress of the Kankakee area hinge upon the matter of providing the best educational facilities and teachers for our children.

"**IN SPITE** of personally having a building program in progress, I feel the school improvement program is of such importance that I have accepted the challenge to work for what I feel is the best program, not only for immediate needs, but for the future growth of our community.

"This is a last-chance issue which will affect us for years
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ONE OF THE STARS of "Kotton Kapers" to be presented by the pupils of Larye Williams at the Grand Theatre Thursday night is pretty two year old Kathryn Fienning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fienning, 1001 Orleans. Kathy's number is a song and dance of "My ABC's" and has to be seen and heard to be fully appreciated.

—Daily Gate City Photo

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DAR Honors High School Girls

Eight area girls were honored and Clermont DeSelm related little known facts about the Revolutionary War at a meeting and tea held by the Kankakee chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Stinson, DAR good citizen chairman, introduced the eight girls and their mothers. These girls are picked from the senior class by their respective schools on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The girls were Jenny Fienning of Kankakee High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Fienning; Rebecca Regnier of Bradley-Bourbonnais High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel E. Regnier; Kay Ferrell of Manteno High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell; Sandra Hauert of Grant Park High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauert; Mary Lynn Benoit of Momence High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Benoit; Mary Lesch of St. Anne High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lesch; Donna Houberg of Reddick High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Houberg, and Janice Shivers of Peotone High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shivers. The girls were awarded a certificate and a pin.

Tells Of War

Mrs. Edward Drolet, first vice regent, introduced the speaker, Clermont DeSelm.

DeSelm discussed the Revolutionary War men and battles, stating that while these particular people and events were not written up in history books, they nevertheless changed the course of the war.

He explained that the British early in the war had a plan to use three different parts of their armies to divide the New England Colonies in three sections to cripple them. The disintegration of this plan by a series of trivial incidents compounded by bad judgment made the campaigns go awry and changed the war completely, he said.

Gives Brief History

Mrs. Howard Schwark, regent, presided at the meeting. The invocation, Washington's Prayer, was given by Mrs. D. U. Sellers, ex-regent. Mrs. Dios Lopez led the pledge to the flag. Mrs. Schwark gave a brief history of the DAR and its three-fold purposes: historical, educational and patriotic. She also introduced a new member, Mrs. Jo-



GOOD CITIZEN GIRLS and their mothers were entertained at a tea Saturday afternoon by the Kankakee chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Girls honored, from left, are Janice Shivers of Peotone High School; Mary Lynn Benoit of Momence High School; Mary Lesch of St. Anne High School, and Sandra Hauert of Grant Park High School. Clermont DeSelm, guest speaker, is at right.

seph Kritina of Cabery and a guest, Mrs. Frank Olsen of the Sauk Trail chapter of DAR.

Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Gerald Buckman, chairman, and Mrs. W. L. McLeod, Mrs. William Haslett, Mrs. Dan Blatt, Mrs. Rex Bonser, Mrs. John Nesbitt, Miss Myra Beedy and Mrs. Stephen Norton.



THESE FOUR GIRLS were also named good citizen girls by their schools. They are from left, Donna Houberg of Reddick High School, Rebecca Regnier of Bradley-Bourbonnais High School, Jenny Fienning of Kankakee High and Kay Farrell of Manteno High School. The girls were given certificates and pins in recognition of their achievements. (Journal photos)

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Winning District Speech Contests 'Old Hat' For 3

It was "old hat" for three of the 10 district speech champions from the Kankakee area Saturday.

For one of them, Anne Weinlader of district champion Central High School (Clifton) it was her fourth district title in as many tries. Miss Weinlader, whose beauty and talent won her a spot in the competition for Miss Teen-age of America a couple of years ago, has been a district champ in four different categories.

As a freshman she won first in original monologue — in fact went all the way to a third place finish in the state finals. As a sophomore she was a district winner in serious reading and last year she was first place winner in after-dinner speaking. Saturday she further showed her versatility by winning first in original orations.

Dennis Dean of Bradley-Bourbonnais won district titles last year in original orations and comedy reading, in fact got to the state finals in both. Saturday he was the winner in radio speaking.

Vickie Elliott, also of Central High, won first place in prose reading Saturday. Two years ago she was a district winner in original orations.

Bradley High School supplanted Dwight as the district one-act play champion. Coach at Bradley is a veteran of many speech contests, Miss Agnes Stelter.

Jenny Fienning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fienning 1318 Cobb Blvd., has been named winner of the DAR award this year at Kankakee High School.

A senior, Miss Fienning plans to enter college next year and major in social work. Her eventual aim is the Peace Corps.

Miss Fienning is currently secretary of National Honor Society and a member of Student Council. She is in her third year in chorus, Art Club and Dramatics Club. She has been on the Council and in NHS two years and spent one year in Latin Club.



Fienning

The Kankakee senior was finance chairman of the American Field Service program last year and also was chairman of the decoration committee for the prom. She currently is serving as teen co-chairman of the March of Dimes campaign at the school.

Miss Fienning had a role in the junior play and in Oklahoma last year. She presently is busy with participation in "Music Man."

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The freshman class at Watseka High School has named five students to represent it on the Student Council.

They are Susan FitzHenry, Dag de Bruin, Donna Daschner, Steve Grice and Chris Anderson.

Formal initiation of new members was conducted by the Reddick FHA at its last meeting. Mothers of members were guests at the meeting held in the school cafeteria.

Patricia Halpin, president, conducted the business meeting and led a group of officers in presiding over the initiation.

Frederick Wepprecht, a graduate of the school who has been living in Colombia, South America, as an International Farm Youth Exchange representative, was the speaker and he illustrated his talk with color slides.

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Margaret Malone, University of Illinois student and formerly a member of the Kembery Chapter of FHA, returned to her school to speak at the last meeting of the chapter. The Kempton-Cabery High School graduate discussed college life and the many careers that are available through college study of home economics.

During the business meeting Carol Becker, president, appointed as committee chairmen for the Heart Sister Week, Coralee

Bailey, activities, and Judy Gualandi, refreshments.

The committee for the carnival and dance to be March 19 will be Cheryl Canham, Barbara Nylander, Judy Gualandi, Carol Becker, Betty Weaver and Coralee Bailey.

Barbara Nylander, Gail Moore, Pam Moore, Donna Quayle and Kathy Weigel were appointed to give a special magazine report at the next meeting.

It was reported the new casserole cook book is off the press and that the meat, salad and dessert books are still available.

Earlhamites Meet on Campus to Honor Member Of the Family at Dedication of Hoerner Hall



Honoring Richard Hoerner, '20, seated, second from right, at the dedication of Hoerner Hall, new men's dormitory, are Earlhamite members of the family.

Seated, left to right, daughter Sue Hoerner Jackson, '49, sister Eola Hoerner Fienning, '39, sister Joan Hoerner Keene, '36, honored guest Richard N. Hoerner, and sister Florence Hoerner King, '32.

Standing, left to right, brother-in-law Edward H. Fienning, '38, brother Dr. Jerold K. Hoerner, '19, brother-in-law James Keene, '36, son Richard N. Hoerner, Jr., '54, and nephew Richard King, Earlham sophomore.

(See January issue of *The Earlhamite* for the Story of Richard Hoerner, '20, and Hoerner Hall.)