opened until the twenty-sixth of that month. [redacted] arrived rather late, to complete the business of opening city hall, but it was a question of better late than never as far as the population were concerned. After the city hall ceremonies, the premier's party then turned the sod for the new Steelworkers' headquarters and then drove out to the new bridge over the Burntwood River, where opening ceremonies were once again carried out. One of the spectators of this opening was seventy-seven year-old Albert Lafontaine, who had first visited the area of the bridge in the 1920's.

As with so many [redacted] openings, there are stories behind the stories. The bridge was never named. A competition was organized to find names for this bridge and also the bridge over the [redacted] bridge was not so fortunate. Many names were suggested. Many were names commemorating local celebrities or heroes: Gordon [redacted] Burntwood, [redacted] had hopes of political propaganda; [redacted] The longest name for the bridge came from a resident [redacted] who, obviously having had her problems with the 13 year-old Bailey bridge, thought that the name should be 'THEHONESTTOGOOD NESSTWOWAYTRAFFICINSTEADOF THATQUIVERYONELANEPLANKTHAT TOOKALOTOFPRAYINGJUSTTOREACH THEOTHERSIDETHATNOBODYWOULD BELIEVE' Bridge. These suggestions did not help. The bridge remained unnamed.

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As to the opening of City Hall, at the civic reception a number of uninvited guests turned up. Whether these guests were intending to embarrass the city was not known but they had obviously planned to see that they were fed; they had brought their own lunches in brown paper bags.

There is one final point about that old Bailey bridge, so loved and so hated by all who used it. It is still in town. The old bridge was dismantled but kept in storage in case it was needed for another northern community. That is all except one section of it was kept in storage. [redacted] Behind the city hall is a walkway through a gully. Spanning this gully is that section of the first bridge across [redacted] stretch of the Burntwood River.

Two other developments should be mentioned: the [redacted] airport terminal extension was opened, thus doubling the room available for [redacted] s fire department had some good news for the city. Apart from the fact that the department had been able to move into its new quarters behind city hall, improvements had been made to the old fire alarm system. Ever since its inception the [redacted] fire alarm system had been routed through the switchboard of the [redacted] Inn, the only place to have someone on duty twenty-four hours a day. With the advent of full time firemen and their re-location in the new fire hall, a new twenty-four hour roster was initiated and the old warning system disconnected at the end of August.

Children were not forgotten in the construction craze. Several playgrounds were installed. The Centennial Park was improved, Eastwood and Southwood parks were formed and change

Eastwood Park. 1979.