

Mariposa Township farmers often recall the days when a fine lot of God fearing and kindly religious people known as Quakers, were the backbone of the district around the old Quaker Church. This little white painted church was located north of Taylor's Corners and it was the scene of many splendid services.

John Cruess recalled with fond memories some of the families associated with the church, including the Rogers, Terrills and others.

~~Another~~ former farmer mentioned the stability of the Quakers and the devout character of these men and women. One custom was the sitting of the men on one side of the Church and the women on the other side.

It is remembered that in many cases the preacher did not utter a word for several minutes after he rose to his feet and this custom was emphasized at funerals when on these solemn occasions strict and solemn silence took place before the Spirit moved the minister to offer a prayer or to speak a few words.

Quakers, or Friends, as they were often called, had troublesome problems in war days as many of them spent days incarcerated rather than enter a combat where human blood was to be shed. However, be it known that thousands of young men from Quaker homes did take part in the defence of homes and country.

Returning to the Quaker District of Mariposa it is worthy of note that Alex. Horn, founder of the once well known Horn Woollen Mill on William Street north, apparently started his first carding mill in the old Quaker settlement. It was not long after that he started in business in Lindsay and that industry expanded and expanded and war years witnessed continuous expansion in the manufacturing of H.B. blankets, the two chief customers being the Canadian National Railroad Company and the Department

of Militia and Defence at Ottawa. The spinners and weavers worked day and night to keep up with the demand. .

Alex. Horn was truly a captain of industry. He was more than that. He found time to be Sunday school superintendent and he took his place in the community as a town councillor and his recreation was skating on the old time spring skates and at one time he, along with the late T. H. Stinson, paid for free skating at the Kiwanis Rink for all the boys and girls who wished to skate. He also served as member of the Children's Aid Society and in other capacities.

Many readers will possibly recall the days when Alex Horn could be seen walking across William Street from the office to the mill and as he walked and thought about matters he chewed on a bit of blanket or twine and at his

heels was his faithful friend,
a collie called "Laddie".

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham opened their new bungalow home at Oakwood Sunday afternoon to a couple of hundred friends, neighbors and relatives from a distance on the observance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Graham, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Graham is a busy man these days as President of the Lindsay Central Ex and in this connection it is of interest to note that his father was a President of the Lindsay Exhibition.

Mrs. Lloyd Graham, gracious hostess at Sunday's event, is the daughter of a former estimable resident of Lindsay, the late Police Magistrate, E. A. Gee.