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The Editor's Column

IMPLEMENT COMPANY HOUSES WORKERS IN MODEL VILLAGE

The Massey-Harris Company has housed 34 families and 91 single men in buildings that have become homes at the former No. 5 S.F.T.S., RCAF., near Brantford and a village that will eventually have a population of more than 750 has been born. The community already has its own water system, electrical system, laundry, janitor service in its apartments, baseball diamonds, swimming pool, track, theatre, community centre. It will have within a short time a general store, ice hockey rinks indoors, a roller rink, a big playground to supplement the playground it already has, a bakery, a refrigeration plant, a modern, grade school and its own government, elected by ballot.

An extraordinary undertaking involving thousands of dollars, it is proof of how far the agricultural implement industry will go to provide Canadian farmers with the implements they need, residents of the "village" said. It is the answer of the Massey-Harris Company, officials said, to the challenge to find homes for the workers it needed.

There is no other post-war village like it anywhere in Canada where private enterprise has done all the work.

"We needed homes. They needed skilled workers. They were willing to go a long way for us. We appreciate it," the villagers have said.

As soon as it had the paper work done the company started remodelling. Four weeks later the first "settlers" arrived. They're still there, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Phillips. He is a production man at the plant. The plumbers had scarcely moved out before he moved in with his wife and two children.

The air school covers 880 acres formerly owned by a young man who turned it over to the R.C.A.F., enlisted, got his training on the station and later was killed flying over Germany.

The station had ready-made conveniences, hot-and-cold running water, steam heat, sewage disposal, garbage incinerator. The buildings the company took over are three, four, and five-roomed apartments now.

It took just three months to get the 34 families and the 91 single men in. Total population now is 201. The company has a waiting list of 137 families. They will go in as each new apartment is ready.

H. R. Ellis, general personnel manager of the company, said the monthly rent the tenants pay includes solely the cost of operation without profit. Mr. Ellis is organizing the project.

With their rent the tenants get free heat, electricity, a fine electric range, the janitor service, the communal laundry facilities and hot and cold running water.

The single men's building, two storeys, will accommodate 150 men in comfortably furnished rooms for two, three or four occupants with cupboard space, centralized washrooms and shower baths.

The skating rinks will go into the drill hall, which will accommodate three regulation-size hockey cushions. One third of the space will be reserved for hockey and the balance for pleasure skating and roller skating.

The former officers' mess is now an attractive lounge, free to all the "villagers." There is a snack bar. The theatre is being renovated. Once a week, at least, 1000 villagers and guests will see a movie with feature, shorts and cartoons. Amateur theatricals are being organized. Badminton and basketball are on the program. A nine-hole golf course is planned. Also under consideration is a park with lawns, flower gardens, shrubs and trees, rustic benches and tables.

When the general store opens within a short time, with departments for drugs, hardware, groceries, meats and dry goods, housewives will do all their shopping in the village. The former airmen's mess will become a cafeteria.

At present the children of school age attend school in a converted Air Force building a few minutes walk distant. This arrangement will continue until their own school opens.

Elections for a self-governing body will not take place until the village is fully populated. There will be a new village council in Brant county then.

A seven-man committee composed of company employees carries on the administration now and takes care of all public facilities and utilities.

Two British war brides are with their husbands there. Aubrey Carefoot is head of the largest family. The Carefoots have six children. Their apartment has five rooms, living room, kitchen, three-piece bath and three bedrooms. The family came from Thornbury last May. Mrs. Carefoot is a former Brantford girl.

Villagers point with pride to the cleanliness of their quarters, their village street, their artesian well water and their convenient bus service to Brantford.

The water is pumped from the artesian well and stored in a 1,000,000-gallon underground tank and an 85,000 auxiliary tank. Police and fire protection are provided.

An armed guard is on the village gate. He is Tom Money, recently retired after 40 years with the Massey-Harris Company. Mr. Money's last position with the company was with the security guard staff. He is now custodian of the property of War Assets Corporation still on the station.



Street scene in Canada's newest "Village" as Massey Harris men come home from work at 5 o'clock.

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CLEARING AUCTION SALE

OF FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FEED, FURNITURE, ETC.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Elizabeth Anderson, late of the Town of Georgetown in the County of Halton, Married Woman, Deceased.

The Creditors of Elizabeth Anderson, late of the Town of Georgetown in the County of Halton, Married Woman, Deceased, who died on or about the 4th day of August, 1946, and all others having claims against her estate are hereby notified to send by post prepaid or otherwise, to send by Messrs. Langdon and Aylsworth, Georgetown, Ontario, solicitors for the undersigned administrator of the estate of the said Elizabeth Anderson, deceased on or before the 9th day of November, 1946, their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the curties, if any held by them and this immediately after the 9th day of November, 1946, the administrator will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the administrator shall then have notice.

DATED this 7th day of October, A.D. 1946.

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