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## The Editor's Corner

### IMMIGRANT FARM HELP

That there is something seriously wrong somewhere in the machinery of the present system that selects and brings immigrant farm labour to this country is evident from statements made by delegates from various parts of Canada who attended a meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Macdonald College, Quebec, earlier this month.

The farm labour situation formed the basis of a heavy discussion in the public sessions. The complaint was general from all provinces that many immigrants brought in as farm workers this year had not been satisfactory, either in ability or willingness to remain on farms, and that there was a heavy turnover of workers, putting a severe strain on operations on the farms to which they went.

Most serious aspect of the situation was reflected in instances told of actual harm done by immigrants entirely ignorant of farm skills or customs. There was also much complaint that farmers spent valuable time in training immigrant workers in farm skills, language and customs only to have the workers desert them in time of greatest need. At the same time, it was pointed out that many farmers need to develop a somewhat greater sense of responsibility with respect to treatment accorded these workers.

The Federation meeting adopted a four-point recommendation to be discussed with immigration and labour authorities at Ottawa. This recommended that workers coming to Canada under agreement be deported if unable or unwilling to fulfil their contracts; also that the government take some responsibility in the first month's training by paying the first month's wages, with the farmer providing board, lodging and training.

### PERMITS MAKE IT BUSINESSLIKE

Attempting to solve a problem which has caused much trouble between school boards in the past, North Halton High School board has adopted a permit system which should clarify the question.

Under the Act, a school board is required to pay tuition costs for a student attending an outside school for one of two reasons — to take a course which is not taught in the district; or because accessibility to another school makes it sensible for a student to be educated there. There is little question about the first point, but the definition of accessibility has always been a stickler, and it has led to many disputes between school boards.

Two years ago, North Halton successfully won a law suit against Oakville for payment of fees. This year a similar situation threatened with Burlington. At the same time, North Halton paid fees at Guelph for students who had never even asked permission to attend, as well as paying fees for one girl who had twice been refused permission.

The school board has decided that it is better to iron out differences at the start of the school year when something can be done about it. They are therefore requiring that any student resident in North Halton (which comprises the five municipalities of Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya) must have written permission from the board to attend another school. If this is not obtained, then the board will not accept responsibility for fee payments. There is nothing, of course, to bar a student attending any outside school he wishes and paying his own fees.

In order to be consistent, the board will at the same time require outside students attending Georgetown, Milton or Acton schools to have written permission from their home school board which will guarantee payment of their fees. November 1st has been set as a deadline for this permission, in order not to deprive a student of education should there be arguments.

It is not that North Halton board wishes to bar anyone from securing proper education. They welcome any outside student who wants to enrol, but they do not feel it is proper to expect local ratepayers to pay the costs. And they want to avoid friction between boards which has already led to one lawsuit.

Outside students coming to North Halton should get in touch with their home school boards immediately about the matter. North Halton students who have not asked permission to go to Guelph or other centres should not delay further in so doing.

### POT POURRI

A report from Halton Health Unit about polio cases in the county last week left us unaware that there was a local angle to the story. An Oakville man, Robert Polly, who contracted the disease is a nephew by marriage of Mrs. Walter Whitmee of town. He is married

to Jean Carpenter, a niece of Mrs. Whitmee. It is good news to report that Mr. Polly is making good progress and expects to be home from hospital this week.

Sulio Venchiarutti, a graduate of Georgetown High School who later graduated as an architect from Toronto University paid a visit to the Herald Office last week. He is in partnership with his cousin, Leo, and they have an office in Toronto. It was interesting to see some of the work which the firm is doing, including business buildings, schools and churches. Leo was a former member of the J. B. Parkin Associates firm, architects for the new Georgetown Public School, and did some of the design work on the Faberge plant on the Queen Elizabeth Way. Mr. Venchiarutti married a French-Canadian girl from Victoriaville, Quebec and they have two children who will be tri-lingual, speaking English, French and Italian. Repairs to the stucco work and a fresh coat of white paint at Arthur Scott Motors gives the building a smart appearance. An error in the high school results last week showed Barbara Cromar with a C standing in music when she received first class honours in this subject. Mrs. William Carney, who has been visiting in the Old Country for some time, has become acquainted with relatives of some Georgetown residents. During a visit to the Isle of Man she visited Mrs. S. Penrice, mother of Sam Penrice, superintendent of the Beaumont Knitting Mills, and also had a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bridson, parents of Mrs. Penrice. It was sad news from England last week when news came of the death of a well-known local man, James Crabtree, who was visiting his daughter there. The news of 20 years ago in the Galt Reporter, says that Jack Kemshead, Ayr, defeated the champion quoit player of Niagara district in a quoit tournament in Galt by a score of 31-19.

### STEWARTTOWN

#### District President W.I. Group Visitor

Esquesing Women's Institute meeting was held Tuesday evening at Mrs. H. P. Lawson's home, Mrs. R. Harris presiding. The roll call was answered by the month of your birthday and the flower of that month. One member rejoined and one new member. The suggestion was made and confirmed that the opportunity be given for joining and rejoining before the roll call. Mrs. Harris welcomed Mrs. Brown, the District president and her son's wife, Mrs. R. Brown. Thanks were received for fruit sent during sickness and coloring book for a child. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Humphreys were appointed a committee to oversee a display at Georgetown Fair, September 14 - 15. Delegates were appointed for the W.I. area convention at Guelph Sept. 11 and 12th. Mrs. Humphreys offered her home for the September meeting. Mrs. Harris introduced Mrs. Brown and addressed the meeting on "Conservation". She stressed the importance of each member taking an active part in the W.I. and the conservation of agriculture in research, in current events, local meetings, family heirlooms, photographs, family ritual and human personality. Mrs. Grant moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Brown for her helpful address. Mrs. Douglas contributed two piano selections which were appreciated. In a discussion on the Mary Stewart Collect, Miss E. Appelle pointed out that the late Mrs. Corner brought it to a meeting of this Branch and it was put into use before any other branch ever used it. Mrs. Grant and Miss Stone were hostesses for a dainty lunch served. Mrs. John Murray moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. H. P. Lawson for the use of her home, and to all taking part in the success and interest of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphreys and family have returned from a pleasant holiday at Lake Simcoe, Barrie and Wasaga Beach.

The flowers in St. John's Church were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Greenwood in memory of their two sons.

Rev. J. E. Maxwell announced that Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday, September 2nd in the evening. He has asked that members of the congregation contribute to the decorations of the church and decide that after the service the decorations be passed on to some city church where the congregation has not the opportunity of obtaining the farm products for their decorations. Church next Sunday will be, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. M. Baily was in Toronto on Wednesday to celebrate the 9th birthday of her grandson Paul Baily.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Evalonne Smith and Betty Humphreys have returned from an enjoyable motor trip in the United States. They entered the U.S. at Buffalo, through the Alleghany Mountains to Washington, on to Richmond, Virginia, through the Blue Ridge Mountains to Knoxville, Tennessee, then by way of Louisville, Kentucky to Detroit, and back to Canada. They were gone a week and enjoyed every minute of it.

### BALLINAFAD

#### English Visitor With New Village Residents

Paul and Carl Smith of Toronto are spending some holidays with their aunt, Mrs. W. Cassidy.

Mrs. D. Moran of Streetsville is spending a few weeks with her sisters Janet and Maud Young.

Mrs. Alfred Soper a former resident of this village died on Friday. The funeral took place on Monday from the Rumley Funeral Home in Acton.

Mrs. N. Sinclair and Mrs. F. W. Shortill spent Sunday with Mrs. E. McEnery who is quite seriously ill in Lockwood Clinic, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirkwood and Shirley, Mrs. B. Vannatter of Georgetown spent last week at Sauble Beach.

The Mission Circle plan to hold a sacred concert in the church next Sunday evening. The Mission Band met on Sunday at the Manse for their August meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Hammond have purchased the Benne house in the village and have taken possession. Mr. Hammond's sister, Miss Jean, Hammond of Brighton, England is spending a month's vacation in Canada and is visiting at the home of her brother.

#### RETIRED BAKER WAS GEORGETOWN NATIVE

A retired baker who operated shops in Exeter and St. Thomas, William James Statham died in Victoria Hospital, London on August 10th.

Mr. Statham, who was born in Georgetown, had lived in London for the past 23 years. Surviving are his widow, Hannah Horney, a daughter,

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Miss Lois Statham, Hamilton, a son, Lyle in Kingsville and a sister, Mrs. Roy Burling of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Interment was in Exeter Cemetery after the funeral service in London.

## Winter Comfort!

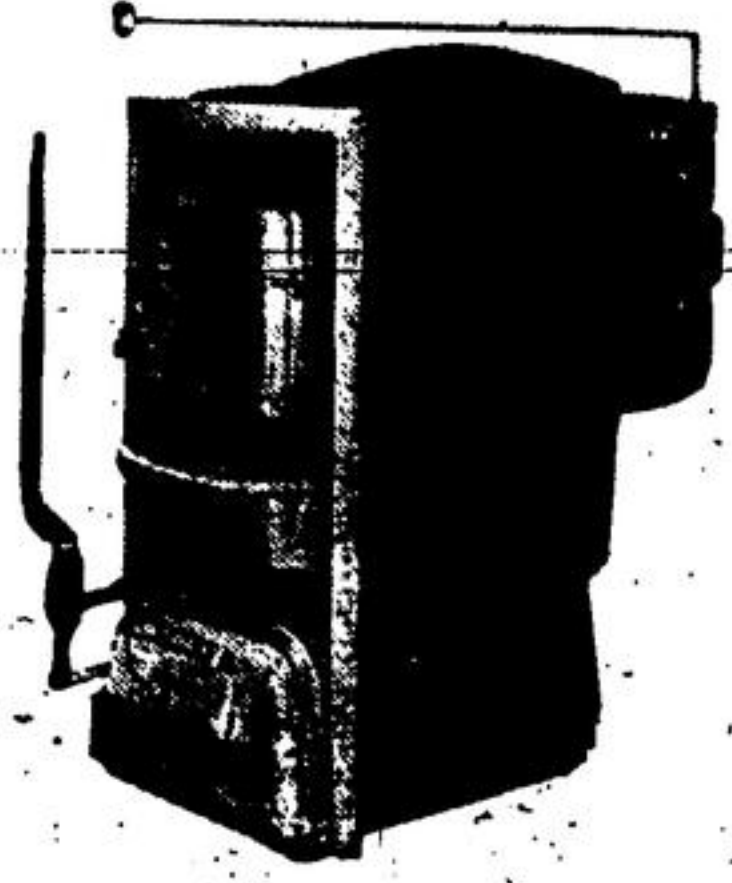


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