

Brothers from Holland Homesteading in Tent On Acreage Near Town

Two brothers from Holland, who in their earlier years spent a year and a half in Canada, have mastered much of the English language and are now applying their ambition and hard work to a four-acre tract of Pickering Township, which they have rented from Mr. Ross Kester, who farms just outside the town limits. These young Dutch men are cultivating their small farms intensively and will grow cabbage, carrots, and other small crops. They have erected a tent on the townline corner, purchased a new tractor and other implements.

The Assink brothers are members of a family of eleven children, all of whom have come out to Canada. In addition to Tony and Ted, Joe is employed in Stouffville for Smith, Welding, while doing the latest to arrive. He is situated on the farm of Merlin Baker, 3th con. of Whitby.

The boys arrived here a little over a year and a half ago and the only words of English they knew at that time were "yes" and "no." At the present time they are attending language classes being held twice each week in the Stouffville High School. They worked in Markham Township during their first summer, and took a bush job north of Peterborough last winter. From these earnings the Dutch settlers have decided to set out on their own and have high hopes for one day increasing their land holdings considerably.

The Assink family are farmers back in their native country, working with horses on a small acreage near Arnhem.

"This is a great country," commented Tony to the Tribune. "We never want to leave."

He told the press that since the war the devaluation of the Dutch money has made it very difficult for farmers in his native land to afford tractors and other machinery. Previous to that time, four dollars was about on a par with the Dutch coin.

Father of Former High School Teacher Ministered at Mt. Albert

Rev. Charles J. Bailey, former pastor of the Highland Rd. United Church, Kitchener, died Friday at Woodstock.

He was the father of Gordon Bailey, former High School teacher here and was minister some years ago at Mt. Albert.

Rev. Bailey served the Kitchener church from its opening until the end of 1949, when he retired due to ill health.

Ordained in the former Methodist Church, he served in many churches, including West in Edmonton, Alta., Mansfield, Mt. Albert, Penakulthene, Toronto, Kleinburg, and Smooth Rock Falls.

Surviving is his widow, the former Jessie B. Dickson, four sons, Allen, Gordon, Harold, and Woody, and a daughter, Mrs. Suzill, Watways, Alta. Interment was made at Hillview Cemetery.

Second Lady Added To School Board

At a meeting of the Stouffville Public School Board on Monday evening, Mrs. (Dr.) Nell Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Mrs. Stouffer, who is now a member of the municipal council.

Mrs. Chas. Woodcock has been engaged to fill the vacancy on the public school staff due to the resignation of Mrs. Clay Baker.

Mrs. Florence Miller, in company with Mr. and Mrs. G. Miller and Mrs. H. Warriner, are taking a motor trip to Boston, going by way of the Adirondack Mountains, Lake Placid, and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Hare, and Pappa and Stouffville, Mrs. R. D. Coupe, in party of Woodbridge, and Harold Hare of Huntsville, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. R. Hare, at Keswick.

Mr. Arnold Hodge, of Markham, who was the instructor in the night class in the school of the town, has had an accident and is recovering in the hospital.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL



Councillor Rex Stouffer
Mr. Harold Spofford and Mr. Rex Stouffer were elected to the Stouffville Municipal Council last week by acclamation.



Councillor Harold Spofford
Both are active business men. The new council headed by Herve Henry, is expected to hold its inaugural meeting sometime this week.

Markham Twp. Agrees to New Public School Area

A petition from the trustees of Thornlea, Thornhill, Langstaff and Richmond public schools to set up a school area was favorably accepted by Markham Township Council on Monday. The area concerned would extend from lot 40 in the 1st concession to lot 15 in the 2nd concession. Vaughan Township had already given their approval to the plan.

David Mackey requested improvement on Sussex Ave. near Richmond Hill. Council explained that this road to be improved must be the necessary 66 ft. width, graded and gravelled.

A deputation voiced objection to shooting on concessions in a residential area.

"We should have a bylaw to prohibit this shooting," said Councillor Chas. Hooper.

At a meeting of the Township Game Preserve Committee, Mr. Dalton Rummy.

Mr. Quantz from Langstaff complained against the indiscriminate dumping or refuse on the road sides in that area. It was revealed that one such offender was being investigated at the time of the meeting because the unwittily dumped a bag of lumps on the road side containing one of his old license plates.

There was considerable discussion with Weed Inspectors Butcher and Conner concerning this year's program for weed cutting.

P. A. Byers and Family Here From Flooded Winnipeg

Finally Forced to Evacuate After Believing They Were Safe on High Ground

Mr. P. A. Byers, brother of Mr. Jess Byers, son of Mr. Markham, arrived here from stricken Winnipeg last week, and was followed this week by his family who were finally forced to evacuate their home following Mr. Byers' arrival.

Mr. Byers left this district in 1909 and this is his first trip here in nine years. His brother, Mr. Jess Byers, has been seriously ill at his home on the St. for several years. Our western visitor left Winnipeg on Monday night and was in Stouffville several days when he received the shocking news that his wife and family were being forced from their home and were evacuating during the weekend for the east.

The Byers' western home is located in the Fort Rouge district which is between the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. One high ground Mr. Byers tells us that the banks of the Red River near his home are some thirty feet high. However, it appears that the great swell of water at the nearby junction of these two rivers has backed up the Assiniboine until the home was untenable.

One can hardly imagine the emotional state of our former resident on receiving a call on Sunday telling of his family's plight.

Whitby High School

The Whitby High School Board has approved the proposed expansion of the school building on Main Street. The expansion will cost \$100,000 and will provide for 100 additional seats.

The Board also approved the purchase of a new bus for the school. The bus will be used for field trips and for transporting students to and from school.

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