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## Brothers from Holland Homesteading in Tent On Acreage Near Town

Tony and Ted Assinck, brothers from Holland, who in their short period in Canada of a year and a half have mastered much of the English language, are now applying ambition and hard work to fourteen acres of Pickering Township soil which they have rented from Mr. Ross Kester who farms just outside the town limits. These young Dutch men are cultivating their small farm intensely, 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 Assinck brothers are members of a family of eleven children, six of whom have come out to Canada. In addition to Tony and Ted, Joe is employed in Stouffville for Smith Welding, while John, the latest to arrive, is situated on the farm of Merlin Baker, 8th con. of Whitchurch.

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 our Dutch settlers have decided to set out on their own, and have high hopes of one day increasing their land holdings considerably.

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

"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, our dollar was about on a par with the Dutch coin.

## Father of Former High School Teacher Ministered at Mt. Albert

Rev. Charles J. Bailey, 71, 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 charges. Included were North Edmonton, Alta.; Mansfield, Mt. Albert, Penetanguishene, Toronto, Kleinburg and Smooth Rock Falls.

Surviving is his widow, the former Jessie B. Dickson; four sons, Allen, Gordon, Harold and John, and a daughter, Mrs. Burrill, Waterways, 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.) Neil Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Reg 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. Clayt. 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 Adirondyke Mountains Lake Placid and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Hare and Barbara of Stouffville, Mrs. R. D. Couperthwaite of Woodbridge and Mr. Harold Hare of Huntsville spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Robt. Hare at Keswick.

Mr. Arnold Hodgkins, Markham R.R., who was the instructor in the art class held at the school the past winter, has had a piece of art accepted for the fine art exhibit at the Art Gallery at Eaton's College Street Store. This work, which is a self-portrait will be on exhibit from the 17th of May until the 31st.

## NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL



Councillor Reg. Stouffer



Councillor Harold Spofford

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

Both are active business men. The new council headed by Reeve Henry Ogden 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 Richvale 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 concession 1 in a residential area.

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

"I think the Township Game Preserve Committee should be told about it," stated Mr. Dalton Rummy.

Mr. Quantz from Langstaff complained against the indiscriminate dumping of refuse on the roadsides in that area. It was revealed that one such offender was being investigated at the time of the meeting because he unwittingly dumped a bag of junk on the roadside 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 and spraying.

## P. A. Byers and Family Here From Flooded Winnipeg

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

Mr. P. A. Byers, brother of Mr. Jess Byers, 8th con. of 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 down east.

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 8th 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 enroute 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, on high ground. Mr. Byers tells us that the banks of the Red River nearest 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 wire on Saturday telling of his family's plight.

He described some of the sights in this, one of our country's most beautiful cities, in its great hour of trial.

"This catastrophe will set Winnipeg back twenty years," he said.

"When I left Winnipeg on Monday night," he stated, "the water wasn't far below the big C.P.R.

ing and spraying. Reeve Timbers stated that he understood from the County Inspector that Vaughan's weed spraying equipment could be rented by Markham Township.

"We have a mower of our own," stated Mr. Hooper. "We could use this equipment if we had a pump." Council agreed to proceed with the same policy as last year as to weed cutting with the addition of some experimental spraying.

If weeds had to be cut on private property, the matter of charges were to be left to the two inspectors.

A bylaw for Local Improvement along Clark Ave. was given two readings and directed to the Municipal Board for approval.

The Markham-Stouffville High School Area received the approval of council on their agreement to proceed with the engaging of an architect to draw up plans for a new High School near Markham Village to cost approximately \$500,000. Seventy per cent of such an expenditure would be borne by the Ontario Government. As in the case of the Whitchurch meeting last weekend, the Board stated that it was their intention to purchase a site for a second school near Stouffville which would be used immediately the southern school was filled. It was not believed that the proposed new school at Markham could be ready for about two years.

railway bridge, one of the main arteries. It's usually about fifty feet below."

Residents are asked to keep their radios on all day and night in case any special bulletins may be broadcast.

Mr. Byers stated that the Manitoba government would reap considerable criticism over the terrible situation, since many had foreseen for years the need for protection against just such a plight as now faces the capital city. He stated that province has always shifted responsibility to the Dominion government.

People who have summer homes, cottages or any outside accommodation are asked to leave in order to ease the load on the sewers and other public utilities.

He told us of friends evacuating by bus from one part of the city to another having the water as high as the bus seats, and being forced to scramble over sandbag gangways to get clear of the flooded area.

The great C.N.R. freight sheds are flooded, which is causing an unbelievable tieup in traffic.

Your editor recalled to Mr. Byers visiting some of the fine parks in Winnipeg a few years ago, and was told that these are nothing but lakes today, and that the animals which were kept there as a sight-seeing attraction have had to be destroyed.

In Mrs. Byers communication to her husband she speaks of the terrific financial loss of the milk ranchers there, where the animals, many with young at this time of year, are being drowned.

Up until last weekend The Tribune understood that the homes of Dr. Fred Warriner and Mrs. Jos. Lemon, other Stouffville folks living in Winnipeg were safe, but the situation is changing daily.

## Board Will Purchase Site Now, For Future Stouffville High School

Markham-Stouffville High School Area Board revealed before Whitchurch Township Council on Friday evening that they are negotiating for a site adjacent to Stouffville for a second High School in the area, contemplated in five to ten years time. The meeting between the Board and the township council arose out of Stouffville and Whitchurch Township's firm opposition to building a new school near Markham and failure to extend Stouffville's present up-to-date building, or erect a school at each centre.

Mr. A. G. Thompson, local member on the Area Board, told the council that the procuring of an immediate site for a school here in the future, met with full department approval. He also added that the Dept. of Education would give Whitchurch and Stouffville agreement in writing which would ensure a second High School here just as soon as the accommodation in the proposed school near Mt. Joy was taken up. This accommodation is for 400 students, and at the present rate of expansion, it is ascertained that this school will be overcrowded by the end of five years.

The cost of the proposed school to the south, is a half million dollars, of which amount the government will pay 70%.

Reeve Ed Logan still questioned the wisdom of one school so far to the south, and stated that he believed the cost of transportation would be too great.

Frank Burkholder, Markham Board member replied that the capital cost of two schools immediately, as favored by Stouffville and Whitchurch would offset these heavy transportation costs. Mr. Burkholder added that there was the question as to whether or not Markham Village and Markham Township would agree to the added cost of two schools.

"Will the Dept. guarantee the same grants in five years time when we want to build another school?" asked Councillor Legge.

It was agreed that this was something on which all concerned would have to take a chance.

The cost of the new school as proposed at present would raise Whitchurch secondary school costs from 1.76 mills to 3.55 mills, it was believed, and this amount was not considered extreme.

Board member A. H. Williams stated that the Dept. of Education frowned on approving of an addition to the Stouffville school because of the fact that it was shared with the Public School, and likewise was unfavorable to an addition to Markham school because the building was obsolete.

It was believed that the Stouffville Public School could make immediate use of the entire building because of the over-crowded condition in the primary rooms.

However, it was agreed that the deputation from Whitchurch and Stouffville should interview the Department, and receive first-hand and in writing their approval and assurance that a second school would be built at Stouffville on a site to be purchased now, when the need arose as it appeared certain to do.

## Visiting Ministers at Heise Hill Love Feast

Four ministers from other districts, in addition to other visitors attended the recent Love feast held at the Heise Hill Church. The ministers were Carl J. Carlson from Chicago, Ill., Joseph Vanderveer from Hillman, Mich., Charles L. Baker from Stayner and Rae Sider from Blair.

Rev. Carlson is in charge of the Chicago Mission which had its beginning over fifty years ago. On Sunday evening he gave a very interesting account of the work and needs of the mission. At the close of the service an offering was lifted for Home Mission work.

Rev. Vanderveer who held a two weeks' revival meeting at the Cober Church in Vaughan gave his last message there on Sunday evening.

The messages given by all of these ministers were very helpful and much appreciated by these two congregations and the visits of all the visitors in the different homes were also greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. J. Irwin had the pleasure of entertaining twenty-two members of her family circle on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Gertrude Parker of Hamilton is visiting with Miss A. B. Duncan.

## Lewis Farm Sold At Altona Auction

William McCartney, formerly of the 8th concession of Pickering purchased the farm of the late Arthur Lewis, at the public auction sale there on Tuesday. Sale price was \$7,600. One of the largest crowds to attend an auction this spring was on hand when auctioneers Sellers & Atkinson prepared for the bidding.

Highest priced cow went for \$185. A Ford tractor sold for \$630 with the plow and cultivator attachments selling at \$110 and \$100. Calves ran up to \$85, geese \$8 and turkeys \$10. A number of antiques in the furniture line also found ready sale.

## Unionville Will Consult Engineer on New Main Street Paving

The Department of Highways will not permit a supplementary budget by Markham Township in order to increase expenditure on Unionville's Main Street. A communication was tabled to this effect at the regular meeting of Markham council on Monday. The township budget has been kept to a minimum this year, and cannot afford any increased help for the Police Village.

Present figures will allow \$1,000 to be expended on the Main St., which when subsidized by 50% would mean a \$2,000 expenditure on the road.

The Village Trustees waited on council in the evening to discuss the matter, and the conclusion reached was that a construction firm contractor should be brought in to ascertain the possible cost of placing the road in shape this year with a view to re-surfacing next year.

The trustees did not favour expending a great deal of money in costly patching, only to tear the same up next year for a complete re-surfacing job.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brady of Rockville Centre, Long Island, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Austin.

## Whitchurch Police Seek Higher Allowances

A brief from the York County Police Association was read before Whitchurch Council sitting in regular session on Friday evening, which called for various improvements in working conditions, salary and allowance increases desired by the local constables.

The brief set out salaries at \$2850 for the Chief of Police in the township, and \$2750 for a first-class constable. An increase in mileage was sought from 7c to 10c per mile. The statement called for one and a half days sick leave each month, and asked that this leave be allowed to accumulate. Holidays with pay and a pension scheme were the other points included in the police brief.

"Those salaries are higher than paid by the county," commented Reeve Ed Logan.

Councillor Fred Timbers was absent from the meeting, and Councillor Sid Legge suggested that the matter be tabled for discussion before a full council.

A deputation came before council concerning what they termed a "dirty mess" on the 2nd concession and the CFRB sideroad, where garbage was being dumped indiscriminately along the roadside.

The refuse was constantly on fire the deputation claimed, and Aurora fire brigade had to be called several times each season to protect the bushland nearby.

It was claimed that the Aurora town garbage collector was the chief offender, and the Aurora Tannery also came in for criticism for dumping their waste material in this area.

The ratepayers were advised to get a petition signed, and the matter would be attacked either from the standpoint of public health or public nuisance.

Wilcox Lake Ratepayer Condemns School Situation  
Bob Sharp, ratepayer from Wilcox Lake waited on council as

## Local Butcher Passes Suddenly

The community was shocked on Friday morning, May 12th, to learn of the sudden passing of Percy Joseph Ouellette, who has been in the butcher business here for the last four years. Mr. Ouellette had been in apparent good health when he was suddenly stricken at his home on Main St. He was in his 49th year.

Deceased was born in Credit Forks, Ont., and in 1925 married Kathleen Croft who survives him. Mr. Ouellette came to Stouffville from Toronto and entered business here in the Lawson Blk. at the westend. Only a couple of weeks ago he entered new premises owned by Geo. Baker.

Joseph Ouellette was an ardent sport fan and had taken a prominent part in the Athletic Club in town.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Betty, (Mrs. Moher) Mimico, and a son Ralph.

Father Carvell of St. Augustine Seminary conducted the Requiem Mass for the deceased at St. Patrick's Church, Markham on Monday. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

## Ball Tournament Here May 24th

Stouffville Intermediate Baseball Club will stage a ball tournament here next Wednesday, May 24th. Proceedings will commence at 1.30 with the final game slated for 6 in the evening. Port Perry, Sunderland, Sutton and Stouffville teams will take part, with \$75 as prize money.

These four teams will all be in the southern division of the Tri-County league this summer so that Wednesday's tourney may afford a preview.

Stouffville's 1950 Club is being self-supported, and the boys are asking for your patronage on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker and family of Mimico spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. Lickorish and family.

Saturday, May 20th, is Mothercraft Tag Day. Buy a tag.