

Harpoons Abandoned Eskies Get New Skills

Hands that once held a harpoon now clench an air hammer. Bodies once bent over the bloody carcass of a seal now strain over a carpenter's workbench. Once-primitive people now are working in a white man's world.

A group of Eskimos are taking part in an experiment being conducted by the federal government's Northern Affairs Department at Fort Churchill, 610 miles north of Winnipeg.

Officials are elated with its success so far.

Do Good Work
Andrew Spys, technical officer in the Works Department, said the natives did "very good" work.

"They are very adaptable to any trade," he said.
Mr. Spys told of the recent difficulty army mechanics had in repairing an outboard motor. The mechanics worked on the machine for nearly 10 hours without success. "Finally, one of the Eskimos, Kidlapik, took over and in an hour and a half he had the thing going," said Mr. Spys.

Seven Eskimo families, as well as two young bachelors, were brought to Fort Churchill from Fort Chimo, a wartime U.S. military base on the east coast of Hudson Bay. Most of the men left their hunting and fishing to work at the American base during the war and were reluctant to return to their old way of life after the war.

Joined by Families
The men arrived here last year. They were joined by their families this summer. If their arrival was confusing to the Eskimos it was even more so for camp officials. The natives all bore English names, chosen in honor of Hudson's Bay Company factors and Arctic retainers, but only one or two Eskimo men can speak English.

But in a short time the families of Charlie Gordon, Jacob Gordon, Matthew Adams, Tommy Adams, Willie Adams, Silas Gordon and Edward Berthie were sorted out.

Already on the camp staff were several other Eskimos, among them three from Chesterfield Inlet, Too Too, Kidlapik and Shamme. These three had already proven their worth. Too Too is a skilled carpenter, Kidlapik runs a hydraulic drill and Shamme is a tile layer. During the last winter's army exercises, Bulldog II, the three natives acted as scouts.

Harpoon Whales
After work and on Sundays this last summer the three harpooned 150 white whales in the Churchill River mouth, which they sold to a whaling factory at \$1 a foot.

The Fort Chimo natives, temporarily quartered in abandoned construction huts outside the camp area, were given instruction by camp engineers under Major Lloyd Macdonald.

They went on staff as laborers but their apprenticeship was quickly over. Because of their inborn mechanical ability, they were doing as good, if not better, a job as their white fellow workers.

Charlie and Silas Gordon and Matthew Adams are employed as the layers. Jacob Gordon is a carpenter, Tommy Adams a painter, Willie Adams an electrician and Edward Berthie a tinsmith. However, their foremen are quick to use their other abilities on other jobs.

Allowed to Participate
"There is absolutely no segregation," said Bill Kerr, northern affairs agent. "They are allowed to participate fully in camp life."

The natives are paid a regular wage, averaging \$1.35 an hour for an eight-hour day, six-day week with time and a half for overtime.
Mr. Spys said the Eskimos are "very cautious in handling their money. They know the value of a buck," he said. They are also paying the price of earning a living in the white man's world. Income tax and unemployment insurance are deducted from their pay cheques, and they must pay for medical services at the camp hospital.

Their take-home pay averages about \$50 a week.
Edward Berthie, one Eskimo who speaks English fluently, said he enjoys his work as a tinsmith "just fine."

Children Like School
"My family like it here and I think we will stay. The children are excited about school and come running home every day with things to show and tell us."

Bill Beswetherick, labor foreman in charge of the Eskimos, said the natives were worth "ten of some of the men we have around here."

To prove it the natives' salaries were raised from \$1.10 to \$1.35 an hour.
Mrs. Spys said the natives had only one complaint. "They are most unhappy during the summer months," she said. "They don't like the heat."

Mr. Gordie Bennett, well known resident of Markham Twp., returned home from hospital last week after undergoing a serious knee operation.

On Tuesday evening, two gravel trucks collided on the 9th concession, north of Stouffville, causing considerable damage to both vehicles. The one truck belonged to Mr. Mel Emmerson, Stouffville, and the other to a Mr. Tout of Kincardine.

During the hunting season, when the hunter is loaded, the gun shouldn't be.
Dumdora thinks Social Credit is what you get for giving a lot of parties.

Off to Chicago Livestock Show

John Pugh of Whitechurch Township is off to Chicago this week to the International Livestock Exposition as a guest of the British American Oil Co. He scored the highest number of individual points as a member of the York County plow team at the inter county competition at the International Match this year. The other member of the team was Carl Timbers, also of Whitechurch. The boys as a team placed first in the competition with 17 other counties.

Banquet Climaxes Anniversary

A bountiful repast of turkey on Monday evening last, completed the fourth Radio Anniversary weekend of the Stouffville Youth for Christ.

Filled to capacity, the basement of the United Church echoed to the applause for the many distinguished visitors who were called on for brief speeches and for the active workers in the movement who were introduced by the chairman of the evening, Rev. Norman Rowan.

Seated at the head table were the Reeves of Markham and Whitechurch townships, Alf. LeMasurier and Ivan McLaughlin, Reeve Elmer Daniels of Stouffville and their wives.

High School News

(Ed Sanders)
Very little has happened around the school in the past few weeks, but now that extra-

Big Crowd Lined Santa's Route Sat'day

The chilly weather of last Saturday did not prevent a record crowd from lining the streets of Stouffville to take in the annual Christmas parade sponsored by the local merchants. Although the number of floats was less than counted on, their excellence made up for anything else.

The Altona School float was well decorated and represented a lot of work in their efforts to depict Little Red Ridinghood, The Hillcrest School entry (Peter, the Pumpkin Eater) was also excellent. Slightly different was the Bloomington entry, representing the old school-house, complete with old-fashioned stove and a row of old-time pupils.

An entry from Ringwood, Miss Karen Kennedy, placed first in the class for decorated bikes. Best decorated doll carriage was shown by Marie Chessman.

RETIRING



Councillor Glenn Ratcliff Councillor Glenn Ratcliff who is leaving the local municipal scene this year after giving eight years service on the Stouffville municipal council.

curricular activities are being resumed, the school is getting back into the old swing again.

The student body is busily preparing for the school commencement on Friday, Dec. 2, at 8 o'clock. The only way that this can be a success is to have everyone there, so be sure to attend.

A more serious function was announced this week at the school, Christmas exams, which are scheduled to start on Dec. 15th.

In the sports picture, Stouffville is going to enter a Junior and possibly a Senior basketball team in a league including Markham, Pickering, Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

District Offices Important Part of County Health Unit

In the County of York are situated the headquarters and district offices of the York County Health Unit. The headquarters office is situated in Newmarket and there are district offices at Richmond Hill, Stouffville and Sutton. These offices deal with such matters as septic tanks and over-the-counter queries regarding the installation of septic tanks and tile beds, the "roughing in" of new plumbing and various complaints regarding unsanitary conditions existing in the surrounding neighbourhood.

Applications for septic tanks and plumbing are made out and submitted to these offices in order that inspection may be carried out. The inspections are, in most cases, completed within one or two days after notice is received from the applicants.

Communicable diseases such as measles, mumps, chickenpox, whooping cough, etc., are also reported here either by the teacher, doctor or parent, and either home visits are made by the Public Health Nurse in the particular district to advise parents regarding general nursing care and quarantine and isolation regulations.

Sterile water-sample bottles can also be obtained from the

offices to test well water. If for some reason a householder cannot get to the office to obtain a water sample bottle himself, the sanitary inspector, upon request, will take the water sample. After we receive the results, which generally takes from one week to ten days, a letter of notification is sent out to the householder giving the results, which may be either Grade 1, 2, 3 or 4. If water is graded 3 or 4, letters are sent out with instructions for chlorination of the well.

Every day from 8:45 to 5 p.m. telephone messages are received by the office clerks from parents, family physicians, teachers, etc., requesting that Public Health Nurses visit in the homes regarding particular problems.

Requests for appointments for chest x-rays are also received by the office staff from physicians and members of the public interested in having x-rays and appointment cards are mailed one week to ten days in advance of the various chest clinic dates.

The telephone numbers of the York County Health Unit offices are: Newmarket 1484; Richmond Hill TU-13161; Sutton 334; Stouffville 146.

SEEKS COUNCIL SEAT



Ken Laushway, one of Stouffville's most active young businessmen whose candidacy for the 1956 council was welcomed by a considerable number of ratepayers.

BALLANTRAE

Mr. and Mrs. B. Rogers, Miss Judy Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. Black and family were all Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham on the birth of their son born at the Brierbush Hospital Nov. 25th.

Little Pamela Child celebrated her sister Janice's 2nd birthday, Nov. 23, with the mumps. We are glad to hear that Pam is now well on the way to recovery.

Ballantrae has had a face-lifting with the improvements made at Ken Ogden's garage.

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Storey for Howard's father, Mr. Russell Storey. Mrs. R. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pattenden and family, Mrs. E. Morgason, Mrs. E. Marshman were among those who helped to make this a happy occasion.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Norm Bennett is ill. We certainly wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perkin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford and Mr. Frank Beard of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins of Barrie had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perkin to celebrate Mr. Perkin's 70th birthday.

ALTONA

Congratulations to Altona School on winning first prize for their "Little Red Riding Hood" float at Stouffville's Santa Claus Parade on Saturday. Too bad there wasn't more competition.

We're glad to hear little Earl Lewis is feeling better after his operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bunker and family of Goodwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wag of Mt. Albert were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bunker.

Jail rioters in a Kentucky town used musical instruments as weapons. Their idea was to blow.

Births

BASTON—Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Baston of Willowdale are happy to announce the birth of a son on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1955, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto; a brother for Paul and Sheryl.

BEACH—At the Mayfair Private Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beach, 40 Ennerdale Rd., Toronto, twin daughters, (stillborn).

BEGIN—Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Begin, R.R. 2, Stouffville, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra Marie, Nov. 25, 1955, at Brierbush Hospital.

COLE—Mr. and Mrs. Morley Cole (nee Lila Feeny) of Highland Creek, Ont., are proud to announce the arrival of a son, 6 lbs., 11 oz., on Sunday, Nov. 27, at Brierbush Hospital; a brother for Karen, Sandra, Wendy and Glenn.

GRAHAM—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham, R.R. 3, Newmarket, are happy to announce the birth of a son on Nov. 24, 1955, at Brierbush Hospital.

LEHMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lehman of Claremont R.R. 2, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter on Nov. 29th at the Brierbush Hospital.

MAY—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben May of Goodwood wish to announce the birth of a daughter at the Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 29; a sister for Kenneth, Ronald and Margaret.

NESBITT—Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Nesbitt, Stouffville R.R. 2, wish to announce the birth of a son, Nov. 21, 1955, at Brierbush Hospital.

OLIVER—Mr. and Mrs. Felix Oliver, Claremont, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Nov. 25, 1955, at Brierbush Hospital.

PRESTON—Mr. and Mrs. Clare Preston, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son; a brother for Cheryl, Marlene and Steven. Born Nov. 27 at Brierbush Hospital.

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Mr. Cyril Morley was returned as Reeve of Pickering Village by acclamation at the nomination meeting held on Monday night. Eight persons were nominated for four council seats. They are: Jack Balsdon, Ken Cooper, Douglas Johns, Gordon Bray, Harry Purvis, Ronald Hall, J. R. Boyes and Ronald Watson.

GORMLEY

Mrs. C. Milsted

The Gormley Home & School Association will hold its Christmas meeting on Monday night, Dec. 12, at 8:15 in S.S. No. 7, Markham School. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Eade and Edna had supper on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crowder of Uxbridge in honour of Mr. Eade's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheppard and Bob and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, all of Peterborough, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sproule and Mr. Herb Moorthy and family.

We wish a belated birthday greeting to Mrs. Sproule who celebrated another birthday this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gooding, Carol and Ronnie of Altona, spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Quantz of Aurora visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Leek on Friday.

Miss Joyce Harvey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner and Miss Evelyn Doner had supper on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leek.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Brillinger of Toronto are holidaying with Ross's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger.

Rev. C. E. Hunking is conducting two weeks special meetings at Burr Oake, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman of pine Orchard visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson, on Monday.

CEDAR GROVE

Euchre will be played in the Cedar Grove school house on Monday, Dec. 5, when all players will be welcome.

The December meeting of the W.M.S. will be held at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Frank Sewell, on Dec. 7. Mrs. Murrison's group will be in charge. Please bring mite boxes to this meeting.

Two boys arrived this week, born to the Robbs and the Rowans.

Cedar Grove Community Club met this Monday at the home of Ruby and Mahel Resor. Plans for the annual meeting and the new year were discussed.

A bee has been planned for Saturday morning of this week, when a start will be made on the opening of Cedarena for the skating season. All available help will be appreciated. Austin Resor, an able manager, will continue on for another year.

Turkey supper and annual meeting will be on Dec. 27. The annual report, election of officers and an interesting speaker will make this an enjoyable Christmas week event.

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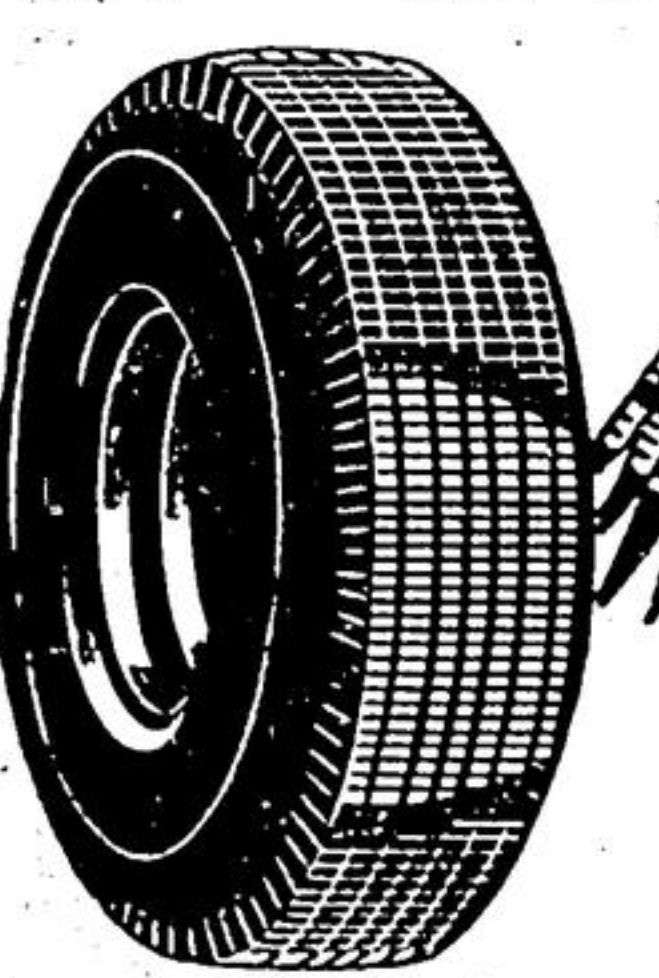
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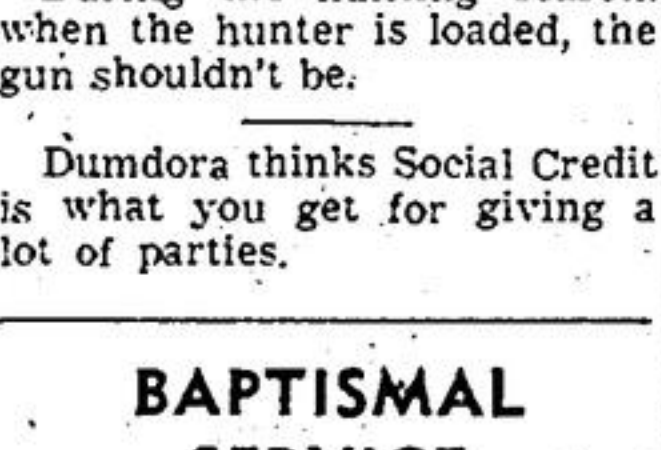


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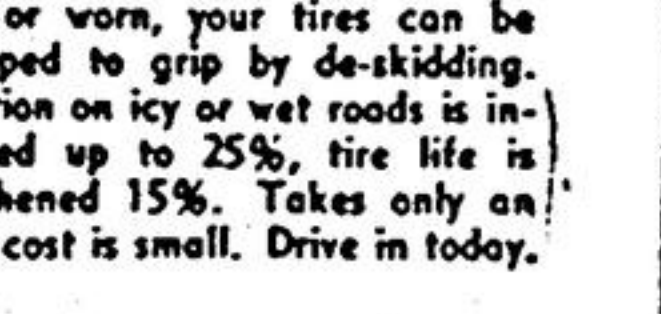
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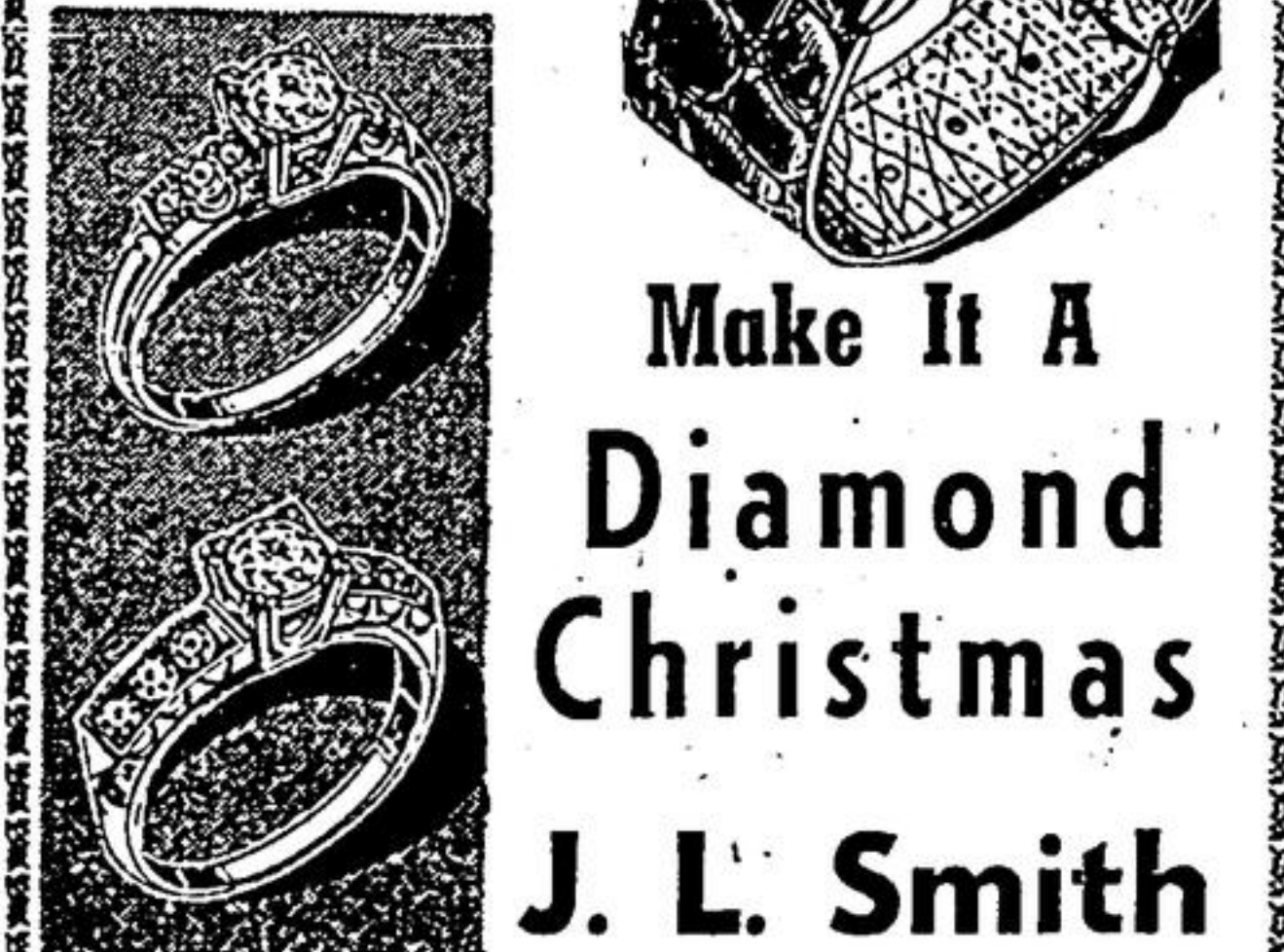


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