

English Ships Used Masts That Were Hewn from Local Bushland

An old-timer from Bloomington has again favoured us with a few brief notes recalling the days when logging was of much importance in the district. He continues with the west side of the ninth of Whitchurch Township and the 8th concession.

"Since I wrote last, I see by The Tribune that my old friend in the person of Richard Williams has passed away.

"I have an error to correct on Lots 13 and 14. The farm now owned by Murray Ramer was never owned by David Curtis, although lot 14 was where the barn was burned. Before Dave moved to Lot 14, it was owned by a gentleman, Jacob Rose, who has a large family of boys and one girl. I believe all the boys are now dead but Edgar. All these boys loved horses, and one of them owned several good race horses. One of these horses was named "Decorator". I saw him race on the Newmarket track many times. This owner was Mrs. Bert Tait's father.

"On the west side of the 9th, Lot 15 was owned by the Hill family. It is now owned by Geo. Rodanz, and is used as a pasture farm for his good Herefords. I am led to believe that the older generation are all dead now. Ed. Logan, formerly a reeve of Whitchurch Township, married one of the girls of the younger generation. Another one of the girls married an old Altona boy, Sandy Davis, who is now the road superintendent of the township.

"Lot 14 was owned by Jacob Fockler, whose three sons are still living. One of them is Charles E., a United Church minister now retired in the village of Markham, and a great Temperance advocate. The next farm south was owned by William Trammer, and is now farmed by his son Otto. Land to the rear of some of these farms, nearer to the eighth, was owned by John Bartholomew. He drew logs from his lot to a sawmill he operated on his Stouffville farm, which is now owned by

his son Aubrey. Another good sawyer was Hugh Tockel. He turned out good lumber from his mill on Lot 16, Con. 8.

"Samuel Nesbitt owned lot 15 on the 8th, while lot 14 was owned by Stephen Donaghue. Stephen was laid to rest in the Dickson Hill Cemetery. His daughter married Ollie Smith, a brother of Nelson, the auctioneer. "We are now down to the Baker settlement. The Bakers at one time owned 1,000 acres or more at Baker Hill. Many owned lot 13, now the property of Merlyn Baker. Anthony Spang once lived on the same farm. Lot 12 was owned by David Baker, and later by the Wards, grandparents of Warren Rae. Warren's mother was a fast friend of the late Richard Williams.

The name of Seneca Baker is well known. He was once reeve of York County, and an outstanding man. He lived on lot 11, now occupied by his son Eugene. Seneca Baker was one of the best farmers in the township. He had a large family, who were all good workers and good singers. He was a good vocal teacher and was leader of the Baker Hill choir for years. Seneca started a singing school at Baker Hill back in the horse and buggy days. They drove for miles to that school. One pupil was Andy Stouffer, who still lives in Newmarket. Mr. Baker used to go by horse for over 90 miles, almost as far as Allison, teaching music and giving vocal lessons.

"Back to the 9th, and lot 12. This was owned by Thomas Fairies, and is now owned by his grandson Watson. I'll bet William Fockler or Herbert Burnett would remember a gang of Frenchmen who used to cut trees off the ninth, north of the sandhill.

The trees were felled and hewn with a broadaxe, and were used for masts on English sailing vessels of the time. I will remember Lidge Pennock and a Frenchman drawing the logs down past the Bloomington School. Some of them were

100 feet long. The wagons carried the masts slung under the axles, the hind wheels being 12 or 14 feet high. Pennock had a lovely team—a matched span of grey horses. The Frenchman had a grey and a bay. They were four fine horses, but I always thought the greys were the best. At Stouffville the masts were unloaded at the station, and shipped to England.

I almost forgot lot 11, in the north-west corner. It was owned by Albert Law, and is now owned by Murray Barnes.

—OLD-TIMER

Whitchurch Rd. Budget Ends Close to Line

After balancing the road accounts for the year 1955, road superintendent E. Davis reported to Whitchurch Township Council recently that the appropriation for the year of \$296,000 had been exceeded by \$296.48. The result is that the township will collect no subsidy from the provincial government on the excess sum.

The report was followed by a song from the Reeve, P. S. Legge: "Another year in office, and deeper in debt."

Incorporation For Thornhill

Reeve A. LeMasurier and Councillor V. Griffin of Markham Township and Deputy Reeve A. Rutherford of Vaughan Township met with the Deputy-Minister of Municipal Affairs at Queen's Park Wednesday morning to discuss the proposed Thornhill incorporation. The two townships concerned are vitally interested in the future effect of any proposed incorporation plan. The meeting was arranged by Markham's so-

Whitchurch Council Notes

During the meeting last week of Whitchurch Township Council, the members considered many smaller issues, in addition to the ones reported elsewhere. Welcome letter from R.R. A letter from the Board of Railroad Commissioners explained that their share of the work at a crossing north of Gormley would be 60 percent, instead of the previous figure of 40 percent. They wished to know if the council would agree to accept the greater contribution.

Spraying — Warble Flies An inspector will be named at a later meeting of council. E. Davis reported that almost enough of the spray was on hand for this year's spraying program.

Brucellosis Control The clerk reported that efforts to arrange an appointment with the Provincial Vet. had not been successful to date. Councillor Wallwork was critical of officials at Queen's Park, for this unreasonable delay.

Request for Raise A request for an increase in

pay was received from J. E. Allen, assistant assessor. This was referred to the Finance Committee for study.

Road Repairs The road superintendent reported that cold patching had been carried out on township roads near Pine Orchard, and on the 9th concession. He reported that frost in some cases was now down to the 2½-foot depth. Council asked the roads committee to study the question of new tires for one of the township trucks. The grader requires a new tire also, stated Mr. Davis.

Appeal for Tax Relief A letter from H. J. MacLean, owner of a new home, asked for relief on his tax bill, because his home was not occupied the entire year. Council studied the assessor's reasons for making the assessment, and ruled that the proper procedure would have been for Mr. MacLean to have appeared at the last Court of Revision. Council refused to grant the relief asked for, stressing that the house required 3½ years to complete.

Unionville News

Mr. Allison, Sr., left this week for a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Weir and family of Schomberg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Weir on Sunday.

Mr. Terry Greatrix of Timmins was a weekend visitor with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Findlay Pollard.

Sorry to hear Mr. A. Dyke was on the sick list on the weekend.

Mr. John Conley of Markham visited on Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ogden.

Four carloads from Unionville attended the Benefit Euchre and Bridge sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society held at the Buttonville Hall on Friday. Mrs. Peacock of Unionville brought home the 2nd prize for ladies. A 19-pound turkey donated by Leitchcroft Farms was won by Mrs. Miller of Buttonville.

Miss M. Ratney and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gough visited their sister and brother-in-law, Mr.

and Mrs. David MacKinlay and family at Ajax on Friday night.

Master Mark Whitmore of Toronto spent the past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Helmier.

Mrs. Smith of Toronto visited her friend Mrs. Corbett, Sabiston Sub-Division, for the weekend.

Miss Prince, of Toronto, spent the weekend with her cousin, Mrs. J. Thurston.

John Skelton, Station Street, suffered an attack of appendicitis this week and was taken to the Toronto Hospital.

There are several cases of chicken pox and mumps in the village this week.

Prizes at the Ladies' Euchre Club held at the home of Mrs. G. MacKlem on Tuesday night were won by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Weir and Mrs. J. McLaren.

Mr. Bert Findlay of Hyland Park visited Mr. M. Findlay on Tuesday.

Mrs. Betty Hardy was on the sick list the past week. We hope she is feeling better.

Mrs. A. Jones and daughter Lynda of Buttonville visited Mrs. Morley Jones on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterson and family enjoyed Sunday evening dinner with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Buttonville.

BALLANTRAE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Perkin who celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sunday with a visit from their family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Burton and family of Barrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perkin and family of Toronto.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paterson were Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. M. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorne and family.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Margaret Gray whose birthday was last Wednesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norm Bennett who will celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary on January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Peacock and son Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Perkins and sons, John and Ricky, of Agincourt, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins.

Mrs. F. Hayward and family and Mr. and Mrs. P. Hughes were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Mrs. C. Campbell of Scarborough spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips and family.

Complete Writings of Menno Simons are Newly Published

The 25 separate tracts and books are arranged in chronological order. Also in the new edition are fifteen letters or parts of letters extant, as well as the two hymns.

Editor of the volume, J. C. Wenger, wrote editorial introductions to each of the different writings, giving the background, time of writing, full title in the Dutch, and a brief summary of the contents of each book. Also prepared for the first time is a twenty-page index of the entire volume. The new edition contains six letters which never appeared in any collection of Menno's writings before, as well as a tract, "Meditations and Prayers for Mealtime," and two hymns.

The editor writes in the Introduction, "Menno had a sound view of the Scriptures, the Trinity, the new birth, holiness of life, divine grace, God's keeping power, the need of perseverance in faith and obedience, the doctrine of love and nonresistance, Christian separation and nonconformity to the world, the baptism of believers only, the rejection of all oaths, and the necessity of obeying literally every New Testament command. It is right that the church he served should be called Mennonite."

The 1956 publication contains eight illustrations, among them a photographic reproduction of the only extant letter in Menno's handwriting located in the Dutch Doopsgezinde Archives in Amsterdam, Holland.

In all his writings Menno has much to say of the commitments of baptism (he rejected the baptism of infants), of the new birth, of the necessity of earnest Christian discipleship, of the importance of church discipline, of the right to freedom of conscience, of the spirit of peace and love which should characterize disciples of Jesus, and of the absolute importance of aligning all life and doctrine with the teaching of the Scriptures interpreted Christologically.

The publisher is releasing this major work on January 30, 1956, exactly four hundred and twenty years after Menno's renunciation of the Church of Rome. The book is well-printed, handsomely bound, contains over 1,100 pages.

Sixteenth Century Father of The Mennonites Wrote Two Dozen Books and Booklets Now Available in One Volume

Four hundred twenty years ago, on January 30, 1536, a priest of Witmarsum in Friesland of The Netherlands, renounced his Roman faith and stepped into the ranks of a small group of evangelical Christians called Anabaptists.

Menno Simons was born about 1496. He lived for a few years in the area of Amsterdam, then after a brief period in East Friesland he located in the Rhineland, in the bishopric of Cologne, from 1544 to 1546. Most of the last fifteen years of his life were spent in Holstein in northern Germany near the Baltic at a place called Wustenflede. He died in 1561.

The release of this new edition marks the completion of ten years of planning and translating and publishing.

The first major collection of Menno's Dutch books was printed in Holland in 1601. A better edition was issued in 1646, and the large standard Opera in 1681 at Amsterdam. The English so-called "Complete Works of Menno" was published at Elkhart, Indiana, in 1871, and at the same place the German companion volume appeared in 1881.

No previous edition of Menno's writings, either Dutch, German or English, was really complete, and none contained a biography of the Reformer, Menno Simons.

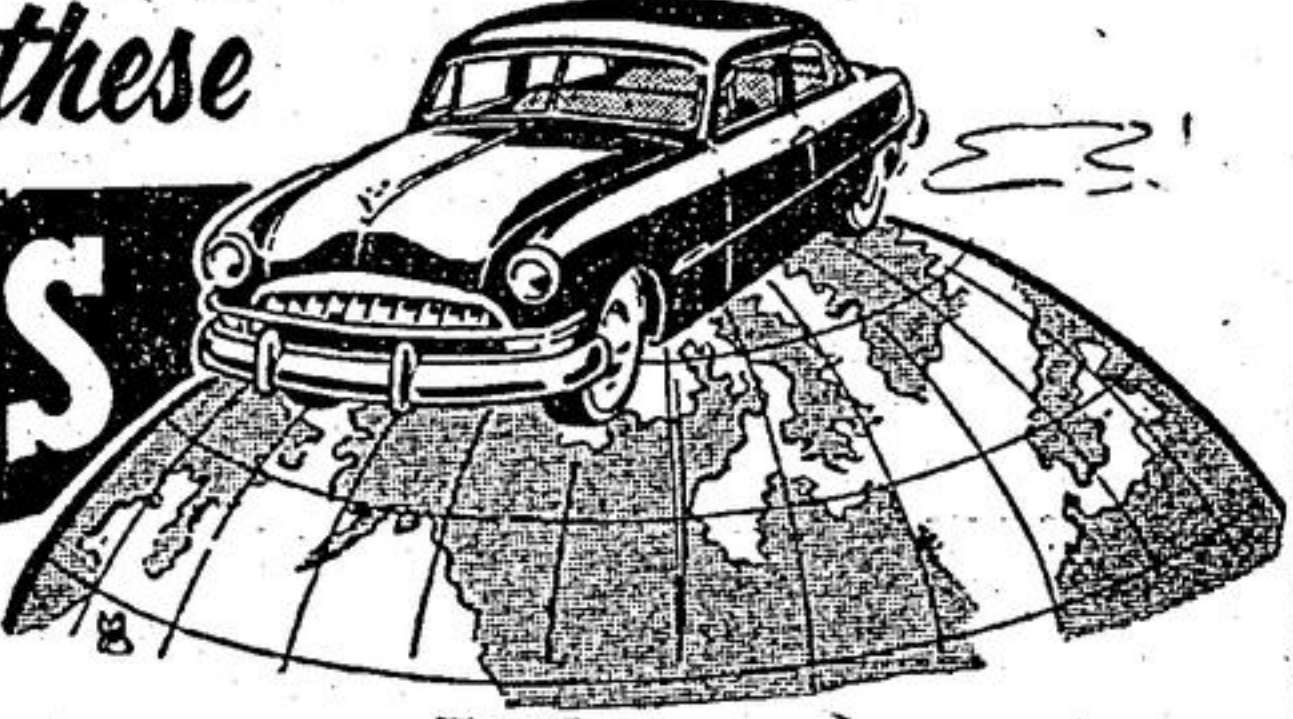
The new book is a complete new translation from the Dutch language and of the dialect in which Menno spoke and wrote. The translator is Leonard Verduin, linguist and theologian of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dean Harold S. Bender, of the Goshen College Biblical Seminary, president of the American Society for Reformation Research, and past president of the American Society of Church History, revised his 1936 biography of Menno Simons for inclusion in the volume.

Dr. J. C. Wenger, Professor of Theology in the Goshen College Biblical Seminary, and author of a number of books on Mennonite history and theology, is editor of the "Complete

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An amendment to the Highway Traffic Act which becomes effective February 1, 1956; makes it an offence to pass a stopped school bus.

ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 1st when a motorist overtakes a school bus which

- is marked on the rear SCHOOL BUS - DO NOT PASS WHEN BUS IS STOPPED and Red, Rear, Flashing Lights are operating and
- is stopped upon a highway outside a city, town, village, police village or built-up area for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children

he shall STOP his vehicle and SHALL NOT PROCEED until

- the school bus resumes motion or
- the driver of the school bus signals him to proceed or
- the flashing signals are no longer actuated.

Watch for the STOP message on SCHOOL BUSES

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Jas. N. Allan, Minister

Annual Sunday School Meeting

The annual meeting of Central United Church Sunday School was held at the church on Jan. 18th. Increase for the year in attendance was 371. Average attendance, 114. A substantial bank balance was reported by the treasurer. Representatives appointed for Christian Education were the minister, the session and Mrs. B. Gayman. The officers elected were: Superintendents for Senior Room, A. Dyke and K. Deacon; Secretaries, H. Brookfield, Walter LaRose; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Kennedy; Envelope Secretary, Mrs. A. Dyke; Pianist, Anne Casely, assistant, Shirley Snowball; Orchestra Leader, Mrs. Toogood; Officers & Teachers for girls, Mrs. L. Rainey, Mrs. A. Gardhouse; boys, Mr. O. Cuthbertson, Mr. K. Keacon; Int. Girls, Mrs. F. Paterson; Int. Boys, G. Turner; Sr. Girls, M. Warne; Sr. Boys, Wm. Thomas; Bible Class, Dr. A. C. Kennedy; Primary Room, Supt., Mrs. B. Gayman, asst., Mrs. J. Walker; Pianist, Mrs. Walker; Teachers, E. Sabiston, Betty Russell. Kindergarten — Mrs. A. Dyke, Mrs. W. Waterson, Mrs. G. Turner, Miss Wilma Caseley. Primary — Mrs. J. Walker and Miss Beverley Bratton. Asst. General Teachers — Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kennedy, Mr. John Weir, Miss Anne Casely, Mrs. Toogood, Mrs. W. H. Snowball, Mr. Owen Wilson, Mr. Glen LeGrice, Mr. Clare Ingram and Mr. Ben Gayman. Missionary Supt., Mrs. G. Kennedy. Temperance Supt., Mrs. W. H. Snowball. Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. A. C. Kennedy. Report to Official, Miss Marlan Warne. Auditor, Mr. G. Turner. Missionary and Maintenance Rep., Mrs. G. Kennedy; Treas., Mrs. Helen Dyke. Grading Officers, A. Dyke, M. Warne, Mrs. Gayman, Mr. Brookfield.

Fidells' Group

The Fidells Group held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night. Special speaker was Mrs. A. Gardhouse, a representative of the W.M.S. She spoke on New Canadians. Special music was presented by Mrs. Jean Cuthbertson.

Neighborhood Notes

The annual congregational meeting of Central United will be held on Monday, January 30 at 8.15 p.m.

A Layman's Training Course is being planned by the United Church for Wednesday evenings, Feb. 8th to Mar. 21st. The cost is \$7.00. The course will contain lectures on the Old and New Testament. These meetings will be held at Emmanuel College.

Mrs. William Bailey of Langstaff visited with Mrs. L. Rainey on Saturday.

Miss Vera Weighill has been on the sick list this week. Sorry to hear Mrs. Cora Gohn