

# Amish Farmers Prepared to Settle In Ontario

An Amish Mennonite farmer, one of four who recently purchased property in Ontario, has denied that United States members of the sect plan to acquire a large block of land.

"We aren't trying to buy in any special block," said Henry Hertzler. "We bought the farms because they were the best value offered. We don't want to cause any trouble in the community, we only want to be able to live our lives in peace."

Mr. Hertzler was interviewed after reports that a group of East Nissouri Township residents had protested to federal members of Parliament against allowing large numbers of the Amish Mennonites into Oxford County.

Unlondale is about 18 miles northwest of Woodstock. "None of the farmers around here have said anything to us about not wanting us here," Mr. Hertzler said. He is one of four who recently purchased five farms. The Amish Mennonites number about 40 and come from Pennsylvania, Maryland and De-

laware. The farms cover about 400 acres a mile west of here.

Earle H. Slater, London lawyer, represents a farmer's committee organized to seek government assistance in prohibiting immigration of any more of the group.

"We recognize their complete right to religious freedom, but we object to their tendency to block settlement, to their boundary maintenance techniques and to the detrimental effect they have on prices of farm land in the surrounding area. They try to dominate the community completely and if they cannot, they will not live in it."

Stanley Adams, one of the committee members, said: "The Amish are a sect by themselves. They cling to old methods of farming, using horses almost exclusively."

While they are good farmers in the sense that they look after their land, Canadian farmers would hesitate to buy farms in the area where they settle. If this happens, our farms will all drop in value."

Fred Slater, former reeve of the township, said:

"There were lots of better farms they could have got around here, but they weren't in a block. We asked them why they didn't go up around Mount Forest, where they could get the same acreage for as much as \$5,000 to \$7,000 less for 100 acres than they were paying here. They said they wanted to stay in Oxford County."

Mr. Slater said that part of the oath of citizenship "calls for candidates to say they will defend Canada against aggression. These people won't take that oath so they can't become true citizens."

day night's hockey game, was "Determination, Dedication and Desire." We also enjoyed a duet by the Maye sisters and a special by our Choir. Both groups of young people will meet on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Sandford had supper on Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Alderson and family.

Gardening time is about here and you are invited to join the Stouffville Horticultural Society. Phone 556J1 or see Mrs. Gribble and she will accept your registration fee of one dollar and take care of your premium which is a choice of gladioli or fall bulbs. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month and a store of beauty and advice on gardening plus an opportunity to show your own flowers comes at each meeting. The Gladioli Society is holding its flower show in Stouffville in August. You may exhibit if you wish.

Goodwood Public School which has approximately ninety children on the roll, will present their music festival under the leadership of Mrs. Coby in Goodwood United Church on April 30th. Please keep this date in mind.

Mrs. Wm. May and granddaughter Patty Sue enjoyed a train ride to Markham and visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Percy and girls on Friday.

Miss Betty Ann James had the misfortune to break off a permanent front tooth while playing baseball at school. The Goodwood school have been entertaining (?) student teachers this past week.

## RUMMAGE SALE

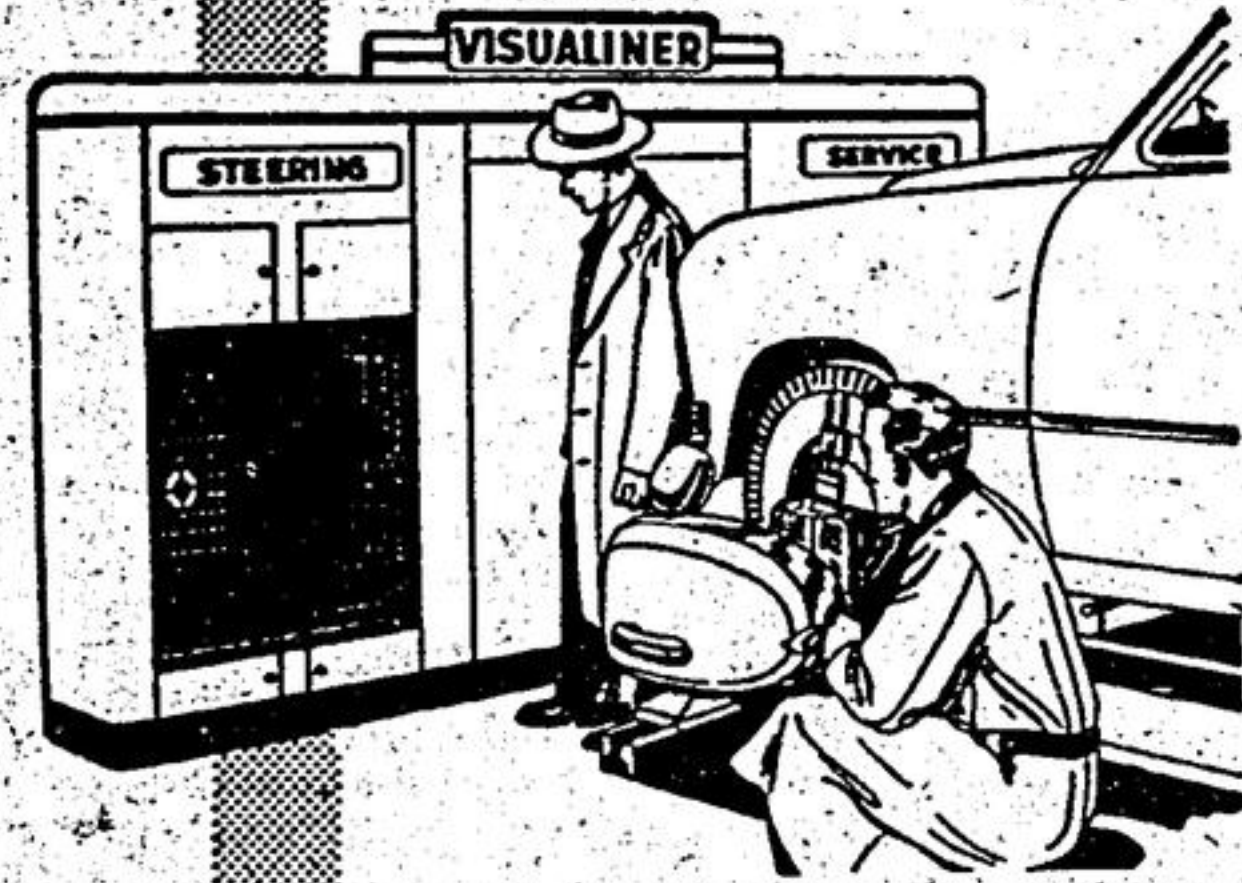
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## AUDLEY

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Seventeen ladies attended the April W.A. meeting at the church. Mrs. James Cowie opened the business period with a prayer. Used clothing for the Fred Victor Mission should be handed to Mrs. G. Squire, Mrs. Bert Guthrie or Mrs. G. Puckrin. The roll call was "Hope." The theme hymn was sung and the creed repeated.

Mrs. John Puckrin led the worship service. Mrs. Fred Puckrin read the Scripture, Miss Joan Esdale gave comments on the Scripture, and Mrs. Arch Bell offered prayer. Mrs. Geo. Squire read parts of a letter from Allan Knight, a missionary in Africa. The east group served refreshments.

Beginning on April 29, Rev. M. Butters will hold preparatory classes each Wednesday evening in the church, for a few weeks.

Club meets on May 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashton, Pickering. An evening of euchre has been planned.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Saunders who celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary on Monday.

## Would Develop Pond

Whitchurch Township on Thursday night discussed the closing of a road allowance adjoining the Westbrook Golf Course. Mr. Keith Nesbitt of Westview is anxious to develop a pond with the former road allowance. The sideroad is not used, but the clerk advised that, according to law, half would go to the owner on each side of the road.

Messrs. Ted Barlow and Harold Botham of Whitchurch Conservation attended the meeting and they stated that the Holland River Conservation Authority would be pleased to take over the property and develop a pond project farther down the creek, and which would include an old mill site considered to be historic.

Mr. Barlow said that Mr. Nesbitt had offered to co-operate and would share in some of the expense of the development. To complete the project it would be necessary to purchase some seven acres of land from Mrs. Woodcock, a Toronto resident, and these negotiations were left with the township conservation representatives.

Slaughter-House Clerk Crawford advised council that he had two parties seeking locations for a slaughterhouse in the township. He understood they were being crowded out of North York.

Council did not express any favorable comment for the class of business, but did say it might be possible for them to secure a site which would not interfere with other development.

Crossing Complaints.

A communication was received from the Supt. of the District for the C.N.R. stating that they had received a complaint regarding the crossing on the Wilcox Lake road 1 1/4 miles north of Gormley. They requested council to investigate and recommend any extra precaution considered necessary.

Reeve Richardson stated that two fatal accidents had taken place at this crossing.

## GLEN MAJOR

Miss Mabel Baker. Water-down spent the weekend with Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biggs, Brooklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee and family, of Islington, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones visited with relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. George Pickett and Mrs. Charles Fiss spent Monday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hingston and family, Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Mrs. Charles Johnson and Della, Uxbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Holman, Brooklin, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson and Randy, Don Mills Rd., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fiss and Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peddie, Claremont, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langille spent Friday evening in Toronto.

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of travel time. They spend 25 percent of the time slowing down and 13 percent of their gas doing it.

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The researchers were careful to point out that the Los Angeles results are not necessarily applicable to other cities. Nevertheless, these figures may offer some comfort to the traffic-harassed driver, who wonders how much it is costing in gasoline while he and his engine sit idling and fuming in a traffic jam.

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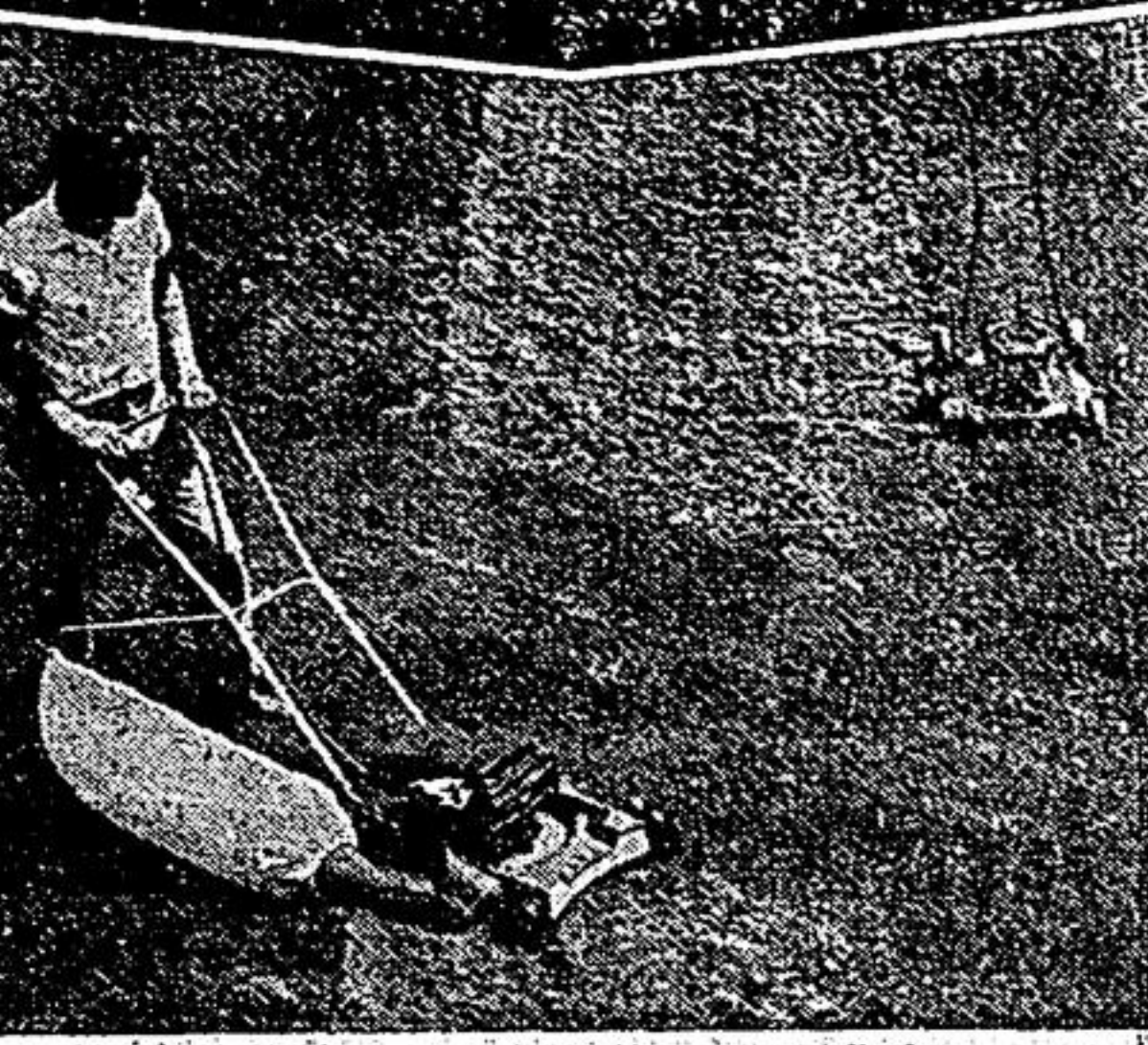
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