

Charlie Boss Loves Kids



Charlie Boss, Harold Street, Stouffville

this led the experiment succeeded and the boy fitted in.

At times there were as many as five boys staying at the farm. One by one they were transferred out to other foster homes as more of the children were received and given the initial guidance by Charlie and his wife that made them adapt themselves to a good home environment.

In the meantime, Charlie and Nell Boss were learning about alcoholism, broken homes, cruelty and all the tragic evils which twist and warp those young minds of these children who were coming under their care. However, neither Charlie or Nell Boss criticized the original parents and they won the trust and affection of these unfortunate, pitiful little waifs. They always tried to meet their young charges on their own level of intelligence and gained the respect of these children for them-

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STOUFFVILLE — Charlie Boss loves "kids" — all kinds of "kids." He maintains that no child is really bad.

And Charlie should know because he has had plenty of experience with children. During the past nine years, he and his wife Nell, natives of Holland, who now reside in Stouffville, have cared for some 13 boys and two girls under the Foster Children plan sponsored by the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

The project of acting as foster parents was started at first by Mr. and Mrs. Boss so that their oldest son, Randy, would have companions and playmates. But the Boss family also has increased. Charlie and his wife now have three sons and a daughter of their own. Never the less their interest in having foster children has not diminished.

When Charlie Boss and his wife, Nell, came from Holland, life was strange in this new country and it was quite lonely. There was a language barrier for Mrs. Bos who spoke no English at first. But she gradually overcame this handicap.

They lived first in Markham Village for two years. Then they moved to a large farmhouse in Markham Township near Stouffville, staying there for three years. It was while in this big farmhouse that they decided to take in these lonely children as a companion for their oldest son Randy. Later, they moved into the town of Stouffville, and presently reside in a four-bedroom home at 193 Harold Avenue.

Active in Scouting
Over the years, Charlie Boss has been deeply involved with "kids," especially in scouting. He started as a scout leader in Holland and after he came to Canada some 14 years ago he continued in scouting work. Charlie, who is a member of the accounting department staff of Ontario Hydro's Central Region, in Willowdale, has expanded his interests in children's activities and now coaches them in minor league hockey and other sports. He gets a real "kick" out of doing these things, because Charlie really enjoys "kids."

But being a foster parent has not always been easy and simple. Charlie has had to use psychology and to be firm at times in handling some of the youngsters sent to him and his wife.

He recalls especially one eight year old lad who came to live with the Boss family. This boy had been in 13 foster homes during one 12-month period. This was a real challenge for Charlie and he volunteered to try and help this boy if he could. The child resented all authority and good social behaviour was completely foreign to him. When he came to stay at the farmhouse with the Boss family, he soon started smashing the barn windows and caused the death of 50 baby pigs.

There were no scheduled meal times for this boy and it was a few weeks and many firm refusals later before he finally consented to eat with the family. However, because of Charlie's determination and perseverance with

Portrait in Hall of Fame

By Mrs. Wm. Sandle
VICTORIA SQUARE — A portrait of the late J. J. E. McCague, Holstein breeder of Glenafton Farms, Alliston, will be unveiled at the Royal Winter Fair in the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

There were 15 tables of Euchre players in the Community Hall on Friday evening.

Prize winners were: Ladies - Mrs. Henry Allen, Mrs. Everett Vanderkooy, and Mrs. Bill Cox. Men -

Harry Barber, Jim Curtis and Jim Grainger. A box of groceries was won by Neil Brown.

Another Euchre Party will be held in the Community Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 17 at 8:15 p.m. Women's Institute.

The November meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Tuesday evening, November 14 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ken McLean, Gormley.

The theme of the meeting will be, Public Relations. Roll Call: An Amusing Article You Have Just Read.

The guest speaker will be from the Children's Aid. Reports will be given by the delegates who attended the recent area convention.

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