

# Assincks celebrate their past and future

**Two brothers started new lives in Canada 50 years ago and are still going strong**

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After 50 years in Canada, Joe and Tony Assinck are still counting their blessings.

The brothers left Rotterdam July 6, 1948 with their neighbour, Frank Baks, recalled Joe. "There was no future for us in Holland; the war was over and we were bankrupt. Germany had taken away most of what we had, so the three of us decided to immigrate to Canada."

They began their new lives working on a Stouffville farm owned by Albert E. Walton. "The farm was on 17th Avenue, between the 9th and 10th Concession, and I spent a year there. Tony was there for two and a half years, but I went back to my trade in 1949, working for Walt Smith at Stouffville Sand and Gravel, and on October 6, 1952 I started

my own business in Markham.

His machine and welding shop on Main Street, Markham had been established just six weeks when it was destroyed by fire.

"We had no insurance, all we could do was pick up the pieces and go on with our lives." Faced with a massive cleanup, the family was deeply touched by the incredible support from the community.

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"The farmers came out of the woodwork. For five days, an average of 10 or 12 a day came to help and within one week we were back in business." And in Stouffville, Weldon's Shoe Store donated clothing and rubber boots, refusing any payment for the generosity.

Meanwhile, in 1951, Joe married Betty Williams, while Tony wed Rita Wagg. Joe and Tony set up Assinck Bros. on Hwy. 48 in Markham. "I stayed there until I sold my share to my employees in 1978 and it's still going successfully.

My son, David, runs it now," Joe said. "Tony retired and has moved up to Jack Lake in Apsley and has a sawmill which he runs as a hobby. He has a cottage right beside ours."

Although Joe has visited

Holland more than 20 times since he left, there is no question where his loyalties lie.

"Canada is my country and that's absolute; I could not live back in Europe. Our future is here."

The family decided to mark 50 wonderful years in Canada by holding two celebrations — an open house at Stouffville's Silver Jubilee Club today from 2 to 4 p.m. and a big bash at Tony's place on Jack Lake July 25.

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