

Immigrants Start New Life Farmlands in Bulkley Valley

Thrift and in- the Dutch are play- siderable part in the substantial growth now experienced by this Bulk- community. They are a group of new immi- come to Smithers and recent years.

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two families of 178 ve taken up residence ince 1949. Thirty- en attend Smithers

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Purple Held Home

Home was the color- ety setting for a most azar, held by the the Royal Purple last Spring flowers grac- ties with the pur- ple motif of the Order ed throughout the

is Gastaldini, con- ssisted by Honored y Mrs. C. McIntyre, ed the guests at the

Boychuk and Mrs. V. n charge of the home- th with its cakes and contributed by the of the Lodge, while Mrs. k charge of the candy

etwork stall with such prons, pillowcases and ul household articles ed by Mrs. T. Hill, Mrs. n and Mrs. D. Deery.

were Mrs. R. Shrub- Mrs. G. Gerrard with ne in charge of the erviceurs who were stay, Mrs. R. Elliott, kstad, Mrs. O. Siatta, ten, Mrs. J. Currie R. Morrison, Mrs. A. ans Mrs. C. Erickson in the kitchen, while at the afternoon was

pp. had their teacups read Keenn.

farming, according to Gus Weiss, a former newspaperman in Holland, who is one of few who speak English.

NEW HOMES

Ten new homes have been built and many like himself intend building as soon as possible.

Seriously religious, they are of both Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths.

Bringing with them their Calvinistic theories, the Protestant group have affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church of the United States. This church, founded by Dutch immigrants, has its centre at Calvin College, Michigan.

Seeking a place of worship, these people bought the old United Church building last fall. Throughout the winter they shared the church facilities with the United Church congregation until their new building was sufficiently completed to occupy.

NEW ORGANIZATION

As a group it is not their intention to introduce a national organization. It is their desire to try and become assimilated as soon as possible.

In this regard Mr. Weiss expressed the feeling that there is a lack of encouragement to the newcomer to help him to assimilate.

"There are many," he said, "who will reasonably quickly make adjustment to the Canadian way of life and language. There are others who are hesitant and retiring as strangers in a new land."

The younger generation, particularly those attending school, are learning the language and customs of Canada quickly, he added.

The homeland tie proved strong in response to the appeal for aid following the recent flood disaster. Co-operating with Smithers village commission in the general flood relief fund drive, more than \$2,000 was raised.

Participation in the Mid-Summer Night Festival, in which national groups are contributing to the program of old country folk lore, dancing and singing, is anticipated. The festival will be held June 20.

A triple wedding of three young Dutch couples took place recently. The wedding involved the marriage of two brothers and a sister from one family.

Besides the Dutch settlers at Smithers a large number have settled around Houston and elsewhere through the Bulkley Valley.

It is felt their entrance into the agricultural development of this district will be of considerable importance. A growing potential market at Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat is expected to make an increasing demand for farm produce.

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DISTRICT NEWS TERRACE

Thursday and Friday of last week saw the Spring production of the Civic Centre Choral Group's "Evening of Song" under the baton of Jim Norrington.

The children of the elementary school had colored the backdrop and the country scene it presented made a fitting setting for the singers. A well-rounded program of some of the best-loved songs, both old and new was enjoyed by the audience which joined in the choruses of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and the finale, "Pack Up Your Troubles."

Mrs. C. J. Norrington accompanied on the piano and George McAdams was master of ceremonies.

On Friday evening Mrs. Norrington was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the singers and Mr. Norrington was given a special accessory for his new car.

A party in the Civic Centre followed the concert. Taking part in the concert were: Mrs. T. Fraser, Miss E. McMillan, Mrs. J. Martin, Miss P. Pendergast, Mrs. Alice Campbell, Mrs. Frances Hopkins, Mrs. F. Labelle, Mrs. Colleen Sande, Mr. Oliver Baxter, Armand Bissonnette, Allan Campbell, Len Leighton, Tom Pendergast, Ab. Hart, Harry Philip, Fred Skinner.

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Card Table Can Support Attractive Supper Settings

By ELENORE LESTER

The newlywed who hasn't completely furnished her home is often eager to entertain at informal luncheons and suppers. If she uses some imagination, even the humble card table can be the basis for a charming and sophisticated table.

New York decorator William Pahlmann, in designing backgrounds for a new sterling silver pattern, recently showed that elegant effects may be achieved with a square of a felt over a card table.

Pahlmann suggests the use of a 63-inch square of felt, allowing a full overlap over the average card table. The felt, which comes in many rich, strong shades, need not be hemmed and makes a handsome background for silver and plates. For a festive touch, ball trim or a scalloped fringe may be tacked to

the felt.

In his settings Pahlmann used white, turquoise and black ball fringe on brown felt, and chartreuse gimp and a chartreuse scalloped fringe on apple green felt. Pahlmann also suggests denim and old sheeting in good colors for the backgrounds.

Not to be overlooked are the many beautiful textured plastic place mats for gay settings. These mats have a woven, linen-like or bamboo-like appearance.

One new place mat, known as "Song to the Bamboo Tree," is a perfect reproduction of a painting by one of the foremost contemporary Oriental painters. Green foliage and a yellow bird form a charming picture against a gray or beige background. An effect of oriental shantung is created by the combination of printing and embossing on the mat.

Large Crowd At SON Party

The sons of Norway Club held another enjoyable dance and card party, at which a good crowd attended.

Winners for the evening were: Whist—ladies first, Mrs. A. Norton, second Mrs. A. Dumas. Men's first, Mr. Hans Pettersen, second H. Deane-Freeman.



Shower Held For Marie Boulter

A delightful bridal shower was held for Marie Boulter at her home when about 40 of her friends surprised her.

The gift of a China tea set was presented by Mrs. Tycho in a miniature box car. The evening was spent in playing games and community singing.

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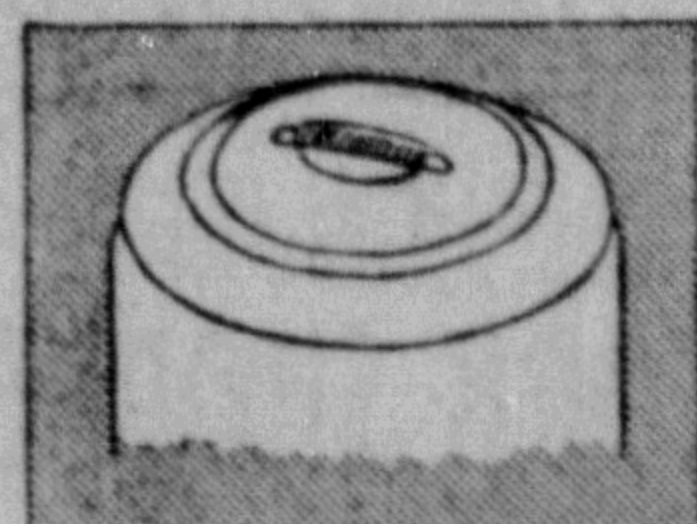
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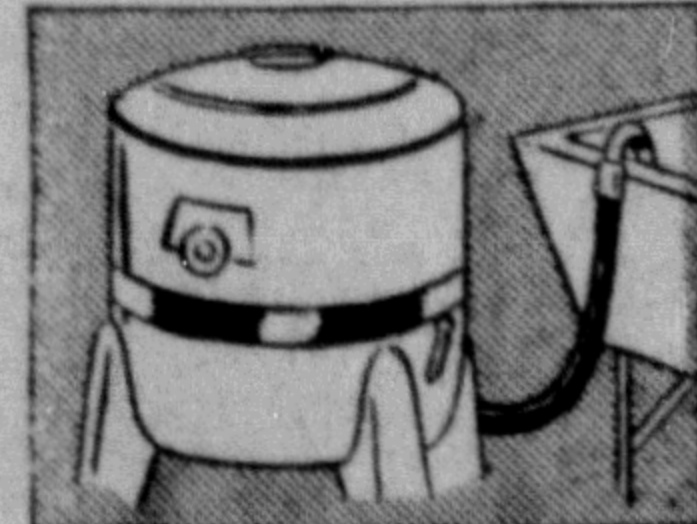
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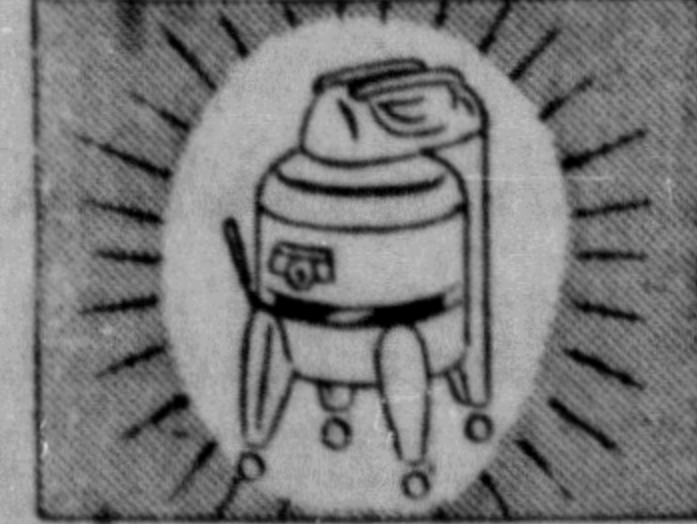
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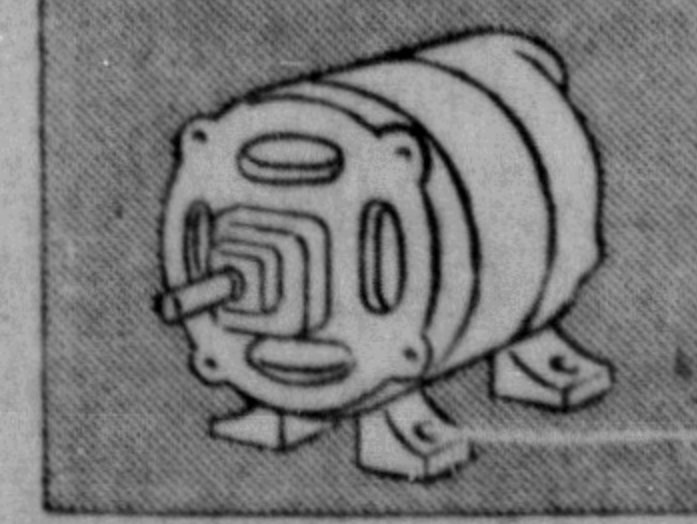
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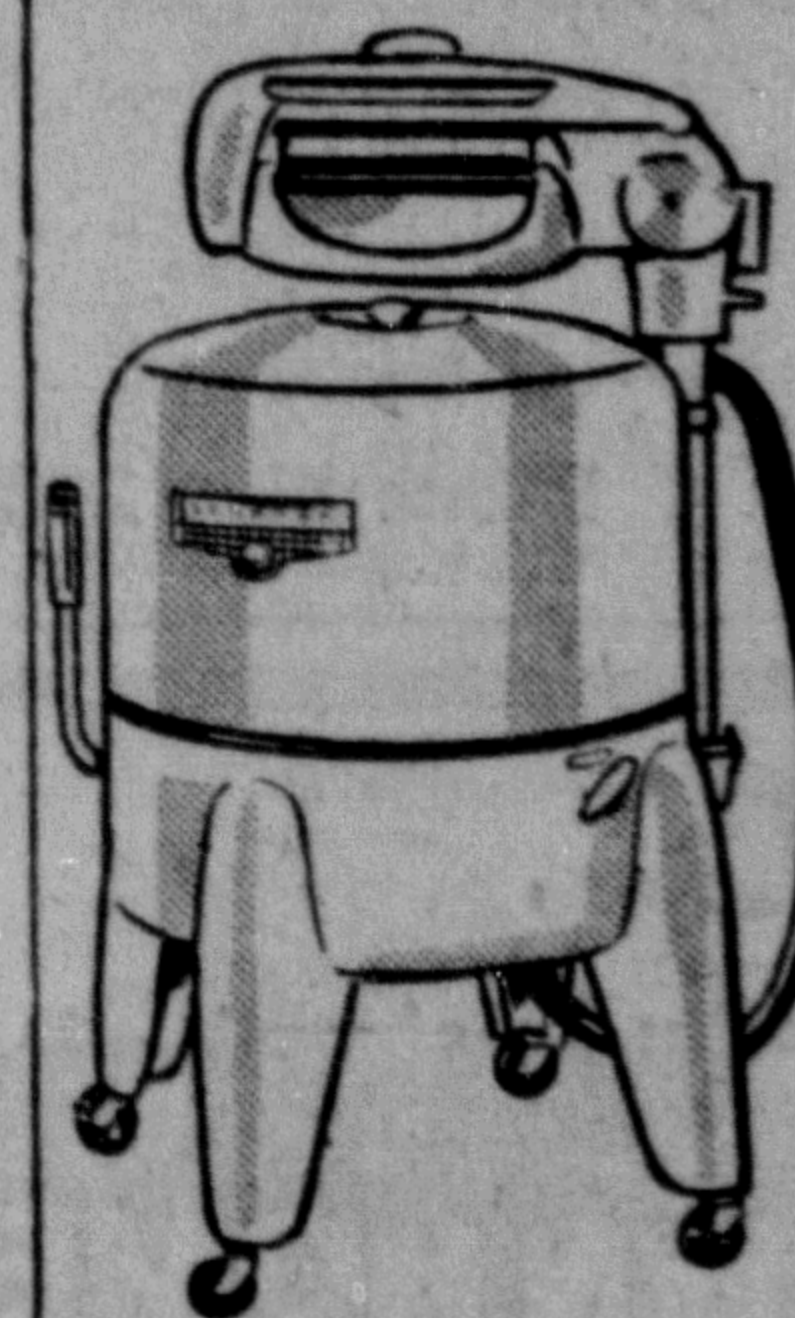
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