

Dutch Brothers And "War Bride" Sister Reunited



Two Dutch brothers, Henk and Gerard ten Koppel of Amersfoort, Holland, saw their sister, Mrs. S. Marchment, 8904 99 st., Tuesday for the first time since 1945 when Mrs. Marchment came to Canada as a war bride. The brothers are in Edmonton to start new lives. Gerard, centre, is a furniture maker and Henk, at right, a pastry cook. A little surprise they brought from Holland for their sister, a "Dutch girl" doll, is changing hands in the above picture.

Dutch Woman Kept Busy 'Talking' For Brothers

Two Dutch brothers arrived in Edmonton Tuesday to start life anew, following years of meagre living in their war-torn homeland. Although they knew nothing more of Canada than was possible to learn on a continental train trip, the were full of hope for the future.

They were Henk ten Koppel, 23, and his brother Gerard, of Amersfoort, Holland. Their sister, Mrs. S. Marchment, 8904 99 st., came to Edmonton in 1945 as a Dutch war bride.

The fact that the two brothers speak practically no English gave Mrs. Marchment plenty of opportunity to practice her native tongue Tuesday. Henk and Gerard were eager to talk of Canada, of what they had seen on their trip, and of the "grand treatment" they had received from Canadians after reaching Quebec City.

Several friends were on hand to greet them, and Mrs. Marchment was busier than a hive of bees trying to keep up with the interpreting.

The brothers were particularly amazed with the size of the country and the vast areas that were unoccupied. They found it hard to realize that houses could be spaced so far apart and that farm lands, especially in the west, were so large.

Pictures they carried, showing congestion of tenements and homes in their homeland, explained their surprise.

Through their sister, they said that things in Holland now are "pretty grim." Food is scarce, and little new clothing has been seen since before the war.

"Canadians are so much more cheerful than people in Holland," they said "Everyone there is wondering how he will exist from day to day—but the general situation is improving." Reports got around that the food situation was easing, but "we never saw anything of it," they said.

Both Gerard and Henk were eager to start work in Edmonton. Henk is a pastry cook and Gerard worked in a furniture manufacturing business. They plan to remain

in Edmonton if they can obtain employment.

It was a quick trip, they reported, and Mrs. Marchment added the arrangements of their immigration to Canada were concluded long before her most optimistic expectations.

She started negotiations in Edmonton early in January, and the two left Rotterdam on April 27 on the Dutch immigration ship Tabinta. They arrived in Quebec City last Friday.

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