

Woman Bosses Hutterite Settlement In Alberta

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WILSON SIDING, Alta. (CP)—
In this Hutterite colony 20 miles south of Lethbridge, where men usually have the last word, Mrs. Katie Hofer occupies a unique position.

As in all Hutterite colonies, women's place is in the community kitchen or laundry, milk or sewing rooms. Mrs. Hofer is head cook and boss of the colony's women, but her sphere is the whole colony and she has a thorough grasp of its affairs.

A middle-aged widow, she is the daughter of Rev. John Wurz, colony leader and recognized religious head of the world's 10,000 Hutterites. She is closer to the pulse of colony life than any other person.

MEN IN CHARGE
"Only the men have a voice in running the colony and a vote when it's time to elect a new boss," she said.

But in the absence of her father in Lethbridge marketing some of the colony's produce, a group of the men sought her advice on fishing operations in a nearby lake.

Mrs. Hofer is a cheerful, womanly woman. Like all the women on the colony, even the girls, she wears laced black boots, an unadorned, dark-colored dress which reaches to her boot tops, a printed apron and a polka-dotted kerchief knotted under her chin.

There are 42 Hutterite colonies in Alberta, 22 in Manitoba and six in Saskatchewan.

NO SMOKING, DANCING
"We are not allowed to smoke, dance, go to shows, listen to radio or watch television," said one young Hutterite girl. "We would like to do some of these things, but they would take up too much

wedding day they can shave, but afterwards they must let their whiskers grow.

There are no card games, dances or other purely social activities where boys and girls can mix freely, but they are together at weddings and funerals.

Hutterites eat their meals, prepared by different women in rotation, in community dining-rooms. Their living quarters are self-contained "apartments" in barrack-like buildings, furnished with only the barest necessities—a table, a few kitchen chairs, beds and a few chests.

FOUNDED IN SWITZERLAND
To the Hutterites, whose strict, fundamentalist beliefs have been adhered to since the sect was founded in Switzerland 400 years ago, the church is the centre of community life. A half-hour service is held every week-night in the school. On Sunday members of the sect attend two services. Children attend Sunday school every Sunday afternoon.

Reading material in the colony is scarce. Sect members do not buy books, magazines or newspapers.

Hutterites are camera-shy. They consider a photograph a graven image and say photographers who take their pictures are guilty of stealing. But one newspaper photographer who convinced some of the younger Hutterites to pose for him was flooded with requests for prints.

WHEAT AND LIVESTOCK
On this prairie land the Hutterites grow grain, mainly wheat, and raise livestock and poultry. Before Christmas the colony had roughly 500 sheep, 300 cattle, 300 pigs and 1,000 chickens. Shortly before Christmas it sold 1,500 ducks to a chain grocer.

"Mr. Wurz and the colony boss divide everything among the people according to their needs," said Mrs. Hofer. "They sell what we raise, bring home the mail from Lethbridge and do the buying. The men and women usually shop to make for cloth, and the women make most of the clothing."

She outlined the organization under which the colony operates. The field boss looks after farm work and sees that every able-bodied man has a job. Younger Hutterites assist the older men until they learn a trade.

Bosses are picked in elections in which every baptized man has a vote.

"Our people are baptized only after they know what they are being baptized for," Mrs. Hofer said. "This usually takes place between the ages of 18 and 25."

PREACHERS ELECTED
Even the colony preachers are elected. Candidates are selected by members of a colony, but the final say rests with preachers from the neighboring colonies, who examine the man's "qualifications" for the job.

"We have never had anybody who refused to work. But we have had people who have been sick and they cried when told they couldn't work."

Men work as long as they are able and as they grow older are assigned lighter duties. Women stop doing heavy work when they reach the age of 50.

Men can marry any time after they are baptized. Before their

PIUSVILLE

The funeral of the late Joseph MacLellan, was held at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic church on Tuesday January 31st., with Rev. Rooney officiating. Pall bearers were Jackie Gallant, Warbuton

of our time and we wouldn't read our Bibles as much as we should." Like all Hutterites, she views her life as the narrow path to eternal salvation for those who have the self-discipline to stay within its boundaries.

"They live a simple life and report among their rewards on this earth a freedom from "worldly worries," such as family conflicts, social isolation and personal finances.

Change made in some quarters that the Hutterites are Communists are resented by Mr. Wurz. "There is a great difference between our way of living and that of the people of Russia and other countries who call themselves Communists," he said.

"NO TYRANNY"
"We have a most democratic reign here. There is no tyranny. All the men have a vote in the conduct of the colony's affairs and no one is compelled to do anything."

"You can't fight communism unless people listen to the teachings of Christ. Guns and bombs won't do it."

While higher education is shunned, the prosperous Hutterites do not hesitate to use the fruits of increased education and technical knowledge.

But a retired school principal who taught in schools near Hutterite colonies for almost 20 years, said:

"They're afraid their children will see what they are missing outside and that they'll lose them if they let them continue at school."

Murray, Anthony Blanchard, Nelson L. Gallant, Norbert Corcoran and James Rooney.

Mr. Albert Gallant, Piusville, recently spent a few days in Cape Wolf visiting friends.

Mrs. Fred Gallant and infant son arrived home in Piusville on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Corcoran and daughter Cheryl, motored to Charlottetown on Thursday, February 2nd. On their return trip they were accompanied by their daughter, Pearlene who was a patient at the Pello Clinic.

Miss Arlene Corcoran, Piusville, visited her sister, Sr. Mary Helena, St. Vincent's orphanage on Thursday.

Messrs. Edward Gallant and George Gallant, were recent business visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. John P. Gallant, employed in Tignish, spent the past week-end at his home in Piusville.

The monthly meeting of the Piusville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John P. Gallant on Thursday evening. Following the meeting bingo was played to raise funds. A delicious lunch was then served by the hostess, assisted by several members present.

Mrs. John T. Gallant was a train passenger to O'Leary recently.

Mr. Melvin Blanchard, employed at Bruce McKay's, Summerside, spent the weekend of the 4th at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Gallant and son Paul, Rosebank, visited home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallant recently.

Friends of Mr. John F. Gallant

are sorry to learn he had to enter the Western Hospital, Alberton, for treatment. All wish to see him home again much improved in health.

The pupils of Piusville School are progressing favourably under the skillful management of their teachers, Mrs. Joey Gallant, and Mrs. John T. Gallant.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Thomas Corcoran, on the death of her brother, the late Joseph MacLellan which occurred in Piusville on Sunday January 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Warbuton Murray and children, Shirley, Kevin and Whitney, visited Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. George Barnett, Elm-sdale, on Sunday, January 15th.

Miss Yvonne Gallant, employed at the Western Hospital, Alberton, spent Wednesday January 18th., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Gallant, Piusville.

Mr. and Mrs. Warbuton Murray and son Whitney, were business visitors to Summerside on Tuesday January 17th. They were accompanied by Mrs. Norbert Corcoran.

Friends and relatives of Mr. Joseph McLellan, Piusville, are sorry to learn of his illness. All wish him a speedy complete recovery.

Mr. Dessie Lalland, Sherbrook, Quebec, was through this district on Friday, January 20th., as representative of the social credit movement.

The January meeting of the Piusville Women's Institute was held on January 17th., at the home of Mrs. Peter F. Gallant, with Mrs. Norbert Corcoran presiding. New committees appointed were, sick, Mrs. Joseph H. Gallant and Mrs. John P. Gallant; school, Mrs. John

P. Gallant. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John P. Gallant on Wednesday, February 2nd., where the roll call will be answered by "Home Made Valentines". To make sandwiches for next meeting—Mrs. Anthony Gallant, Mrs. Joseph N. Gallant and Mrs. Norbert Corcoran. To make cakes—Mrs. Vincent Gallant and Mrs. Peter F. Gallant. It was decided to make a box for St. Vincent's Orphanage. The members are to bring their donations to the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by several members present.

Friends of Mr. John T. Gallant will be pleased to learn that he is much improved in health. All hope to see him out and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Keir Murray and family, Mimmintigash, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warbuton Murray, Piusville. Miss Shirley Murray, spent Saturday with her friend, Miss Erma Hardy, Rosebank.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hardy, Rosebank, were recent visitors to Piusville. D.A.

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No War Glamour In Campaign In Malaya

By FREDERICK COLEMAN
SINGAPORE (Reuters)—If ever there was a war lacking glamor, it is the campaign being fought in Malaya.

The spectacular side of the Malayan anti-Communist "emergency"—roadside ambushes, terrorist attacks on sleeping villages and the like—makes world head lines. But the major job which British and other troops have faced over the last eight years is just boring, uncomfortable and only occasionally really dangerous.

The casualties speak for themselves. During the eight years there has been an average of about 40,000 Commonwealth troops in Malaya. Of the grand total, only about 400 have been killed in action. For the Commonwealth jungle fighter is a part-time policeman as well as a soldier.

DREARY CHORES
The dreary work of establishing food check points at villages, inspecting identity cards, patrolling vast areas of jungle, not so much because they are infested by Communist bandits but so that the bandits will be discouraged from using them, occupies more time than actively hunting down and attacking the enemy.

During a British soldier's two-year hitch in Malaya, the odds against ever sighting, much less shooting, a terrorist are high. Such actions as are fought are always brief, often inconclusive and generally without a high rate of casualties, unless either side is

Reds Explore Warm Oasis In Antarctic

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio said Tuesday a Russian expedition has explored a strange Antarctic oasis where the midday temperature rises to 77 degrees and there is primitive plant life.

The broadcast said the oasis covers about 200 square miles in Queen Mary Land, on the eastern edge of the permanently ice-bound Antarctic continent. The area was sighted in 1948 by an aerial observer with a U.S. expedition, but the Russians claim this is the first time man has set foot on it.

The radio account said: "In the opinion of members of the expedition the oasis appeared thousands of years ago after the ice receded. A high degree of solar radiation and the heat of the sun makes the snow melt early in the spring. Powerful currents of warm rocks could be a hint that the air rise over the stony surface."

"The flora here is very poor. The only animal life encountered is birds—the snow white strom finch nesting among the rocks, and a small black bird."

The reference to the heat of the rocks could be a hint that the oasis is a centre of subterranean radioactivity from such fissionable materials as uranium.

IN MEMORIAM Mrs. Phoebe Wedge

The death occurred in North Carleton on Thursday, January 26th., of Mrs. Phoebe Wedge, wife of Joseph A. Wedge in her 80th year. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

She leaves a monna besides her sorrowing husband, two sons, Agno of North Carleton, and Ambrose of Summerside, and two daughters, Tillie, Mrs. Bert Cormier, North Carleton, and Mary, Mrs. Joseph J. Arsenault, also of North Carleton, and sixteen grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday morning from the home of her son-in-law, Joseph J. Arsenault, to St. Peter's Church for Requiem High Mass at 9:00 a.m. offered by Rev. Reggie MacDonald with Rev. Preston Hamill in the sanctuary. One of the altar servers was William Cormier, grandson of the late Mrs. Wedge, and her son Agno was in the choir. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Agno Arsenault, Fred Cormier, Edward Wedge, all grandsons, also Joseph J. Arsenault and Bert Cormier, sons-in-law, and John Gaudet.

There were numerous mass cards and floral tributes. Floral tributes included: pillow from Agno, Eva and Family; Joe, Mary and Family; Ambrose, Edith and Family; wreath from Bert, Tillie and Family; basket of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Victor Howatt and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dewar.

IN MEMORIAM James Kenny

The death occurred at Ottawa, Ont., late Sunday evening February 5th of James Kenny in his eighty-fifth year. The late Mr. Kenny had been enjoying his usual good health until about an hour prior to his death, at which time he suffered a stroke and passed away after receiving the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, of which he was a devoted and faithful member.

Czech Jews' Purge Trials Are Feared

BERLIN (AP)—Purge trials of Jews in the Soviet Union and in Czechoslovakia are being prepared by Communist secret police, sources with contacts behind the Iron Curtain reported Tuesday.

The Moscow trials are reported scheduled for next month. The case in Prague is supposed to follow shortly after.

Israeli sources said hundreds of Jews in prison in both Moscow and Prague are potential defendants. A Communist authority confirmed this.

The Communist move was said to be designed to discredit pro-Israel elements inside Communist ranks in order to bolster Russian standing in the Arab world.

MIDDLE EAST DRIVE
The drive is seen as a step in the Soviet effort to penetrate the Middle East. The first move was the sale of Czech arms to the Egyptians last summer.

According to both the Israeli and Communist sources, the Russian courts will set out to prove that certain Jews, perhaps some highly placed in Soviet affairs, worked for the creation of the state of Israel against Communist interests.

In 1922 Rudolf Slansky, Jewish general secretary of the Czech Communist party, was accused of "Titoism," and was tried and executed.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Soap substitute, 6 Strikes (slang), 11 Motherless calf (West. U. S.), 12 Ruinous damage, 13 Food fish of warm seas, 14 Harangue, 15 Employs, 16 Kind of bread roll, 17 Indefinite article, 18 Southeast (abbr.), 19 Place, 20 Chemical suffix, 21 Journey, 22 Sound, as in gooses, 23 Optical illusions, 27 Musical instrument, 29 Most domesticated, 32 National flag (Tahiti), 33 River bottom, 34 Land-measure, 35 Part of "to be", 36 Danish weight, 37 Wash, 38 Of the moon, 41 A street urchin, 42 Leave off, as a syllable, 43 Correct, 44 Wise men.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: **AXYDLBAAXR** is **LONGFELLOW**. One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
RFTW EBQ YR OTR RT RFG AIBED HG BEEZPDOR; ER ZY RFD SDNG AIBED KTP QDBOR JTN RFDD—RNDQEF

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