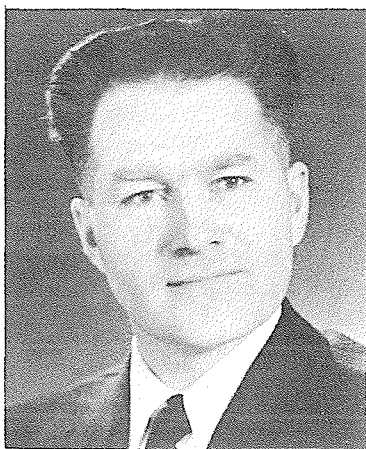


Bible Book Shop

Another business enterprise which serves a large area surrounding the Town of Winkler was established in 1958 when Mr. A. C. Klassen with the help of his family opened the Bible Book Shop in the front room of their house at 756 Mountain Avenue. The aim is to supply Christian literature to local and area readers. After five years the service to the community had expanded greatly so that in 1963 Mr. Klassen moved his business to a new location down town at 330 Main Street. In 1971 he enlarged the premises and extended the outreach further by going into a partnership with Mr. Peter Krahn.



Mr. A. C. Klassen, Bible Book Shop

Bakery

The Winkler Bakery was built by R. P. Browne in 1946 at 680 Mountain Avenue. It is now known as Dutch Bakery and the present owner is John Hildebrand. Mr. Hildebrand was engaged in the bakery as an employee in 1958. At that time two people were employed by the bakery. Today there are 12 full-time and several part-time employees engaged in baking and delivering the bake products. In 1961 Mr. John Hildebrand purchased 50% interest in the business with Mr. John F. Wiebe, and in 1970 he purchased the entire operation.

In 1967 a major expansion took place at Dutch Bakery, when 2,100 square feet of space were added to the plant, and another \$25,000 were spent on semi-automatic bakery equipment. In addition to this another giant oven was installed, which brought the capacity to 600 loaves per baking. The "Home-baked" buns are one of the major bake products. Dutch Bakery serves an area from Elm Creek east to Dominion City and Winnipeg.

Jack's Body Shop

Jack Penner went into the automobile body repair business in 1963 when he started a body shop at 423 First Street North. However, his experience in auto body repair work goes back to 1942, when at the age of 14 he was employed in this line of service. Jack's Body Shop has developed a reputation for taking big as well as small dints and dents out of auto fenders and bodies.

Toyota

On Thursday, October 26, 1972, Winkler Toyota Limited was officially opened for business at the former Penner Tire Centre at 416 South Railway Avenue. Participating in the ribbon cutting were Mayor H. F. Wiebe; Bob Wall, Sales Representative; Bob Renyk, Toyota Area Sales Manager; Bernie Funk, President; and Bill Brown, Manager of Winkler Toyota Limited.

Trailer Court

Late in 1971, Mr. Jake Unrau began construction of the new "Dutch Mill" Trailer Court on Park Street across from the Winkler Park. The plans called for 47 large trailer lots, a service building with a laundromat and washrooms, and special lots for transient trailers.

Triple-E Trailers

Triple-E Manufacturing Inc. Ltd., began commercial production of travel trailers in 1965 with a total run of 90 units. On February 5, 1966, the Triple-E Manufacturing Company plant officially opened at Winkler. The Company builds travel trailers and by 1970 production approached seven complete units per day. By the end of November, 1969, the firm had built a total of 2000 trailers. To date, the Company has a network of 35 dealers from Vancouver to Montreal. The trailers are also marketed in the mid-western United States.

Mr. Peter W. Enns, the founder of Triple-E Manufacturing Company Limited, was born June 1, 1912, on the parental farm in the Greenfarm School District four miles north-east of Winkler. His father, William F. Enns, who emigrated from Russia with his parents, homesteaded the farm which son Peter still owns. From 1935-1945, Mr. Peter W. Enns held an implement dealership at Niverville, and before going into the trailer business he operated a plumbing and heating business in Winkler. Mr. Enns is a member of a mechanically-minded family with inventive abilities. He has also been active on the building committee of the Winkler Bergthaler Church, as well as in MCC related projects at home and abroad. On Dec. 20, 1936, he was married to the former Lena Buhler.

The idea of building trailers on a factory basis occurred to President P. W. Enns, some years ago as he noticed the increasing number of trailers being used by vacationers, particularly in the U.S.A. Subsequent visits to trailer producing areas across the line, convinced Mr. Enns that this is a growing market, and that the trend could be expected to develop just as strongly in Canada. With the increasing number of good quality highways to vacation areas being built in this country, and with Canadians enjoying more and more leisure time, he felt that a well built Canadian product should be able to find a place in the western Canadian market.

With the help of his two sons-in-law, Peter Elias and Phil Ens, Mr. Enns began developing his design by building a couple of prototypes of the model now in factory production. These early models were subjected to exhaustive testing and a continuing series of changes and improvements in design followed. The result of this early work is the sleek, modern, Triple-E Compact, which represents the company's bid to break into the family size trailer market.