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**TEA TIME TALK**

(BY WILMA J. MARCHE)

When the cool breezes blow, it makes one wish for the sunny south or sunny Spain. Before long I hope to be in the former. So today, let's talk about the latter. Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas, son and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Wm. Lucas of this village, have recently returned from Spain. Mr. Lucas and his brother, J. F. Lucas, locally known as Fred, were the originators and are the present owners and managers of the University Travel Club of Toronto—a club which has had splendid success and has become internationally and favorably known during its ten years of existence. Chatting with them over the tea cups recently, it was surely very interesting tea time talk. How delightful it is to study maps and make plans for next year's travels! I've had a taste and I'm hungry for more. It gets in one's blood and there is evidently no cure. I've often wondered why life is so short when the universe is so big and beautiful. But it is—and all the more reason why we should see the wonders of the world when we can. There is no use waiting till we retire from active service. By then the mellowness of age has crept in and bereft us of the keen desire and strength to pursue those deeply entrenched dreams, which have become a bit dusty and worn. They have lain on the shelf too long and time has faded their bindings. There is only one way in this world to retain the Fountain of Youth. That is by keeping the brain alert, with interesting and worthwhile things. Otherwise, the mind goes to sleep and the body follows suit. Think over the aged people we know and it is not true, that those who have studied and been in touch with the outside world have kept their poise and mental vitality much longer, than those who felt their time was past? There is no finer way in the world to keep young than to travel and see new places and new faces. But for those who find it impossible, in the ordinary, normal routine of life, to travel to distant lands, there are countless illustrated volumes which bring the outside world to our hearthstones and through which we can go on many delightful trips of imagery.

But let us get on our way to Spain. Get along little doggie, get along. Incidentally, Ponce De Leon was a Spaniard, his name being linked closely with the history of both these sunny places. He was made governor of Porto Rico and in 1511 founded the city of San Juan. He was getting up in years and wounds which he received in battle caused him pain. The natives told him of an island where there was a fountain of youth, its waters giving perpetual prevention from age. So he was granted permission from the King of Spain, to go in search of this wonderful place. On Easter Day in 1513 he landed on its fair shores. It was a beautiful spot, a mass of color with flowers in abundance, so the discoverer named it Florida, which means flowery. Searching everywhere for the famous fountain, Ponce De Leon drank from every spring he could find but his wounds still bothered him. A few years later an Indian wounded him with a poisoned arrow and he returned to Cuba to die. Still, his quest was honoured and there is a park in that flowery State called 'Ponce de Leon Springs'. The spring itself, is named 'The Fountain of Youth'. Though this dreamer passed away, the dream or melody lingers on. Some poet has written, 'Though they forget the singer, they will not forget the song'.

Spain sent out many discoverers to distant lands. One of the first three people to land on the Bermudas was a Spaniard. The islands receive their name from him, his being Juan Bermudez. Christopher Columbus, too, sailed from those sunny shores to find the New World. From then on Spain was rich with jewels and gold from her new possessions.

After their summer travels throughout Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas rested and leisurely toured the northern part of Spain. A sunny land it is, full of color and romance. No wonder that sunny Florida appealed to a Spaniard, used to the like at home. Spain is slightly off the beaten path of the European-bound tourist, but it is so picturesque and worthwhile when one does arrive there. I almost envied Mrs. Lucas, as I listened, enraptured with her charming description of old Spain. It would be regrettable in a sense, if those colorful places should ever lose their quaint, native setting. The tourist throng goes across the sea for that color and effect. Still they desire, and demand, the comforts and conveniences of modern America. So, the European, desirous of pleasing his guests and sightseers is sorely tempted to go modern to a small extent. With extreme care, it would be possible to add the wished-for conveniences and luxuries of twentieth century America and not injure greatly, the congruence of the general outline. But to accomplish this successfully, would be the work of a real artist, for the unskilled workman would haphazardly unite the old and the new, in a way which would lack true harmony. By keeping the new touch 'a thing apart' would perhaps,

be the wisest move, for it is mostly in the matters of warmth and personal cleanliness, that the tourist wishes to have his home facilities replace the native and more primitive methods.

However, nearly every city in Europe has its American quarters or at least American hotels, where those seeking 'home away from home' can find just what they wish. On the whole, Spain clings to her background rather staunchly and even in Barcelona, the most modern city of that country, there is an abundance of medieval color pervading throughout its entirety. The industrial life of Spain is becoming modernized and developing satisfactorily, in ratio with the older modes of living and working. An example of this is "the ancient town of Avila in Old Castle. Here the granite walls and watch-towers were built during the eleventh and twelfth centuries and they remain in splendid condition to-day. But the town has grown beyond these walls and is now lighted by a modern power plant. Thus we find a country of intense interest, where change and conservatism are woven together into a pattern which is most pleasing. Spain is a land of contrasts, her climate, her regional products, her people of many races, and even her architecture, some of it being relics of ancient days—make a picture, vivid in light and shadow. Speaking of pictures, Spain is a haven of promise for the artist, who paints with a love of vivaciousness and strength. There is little room there for the half tones of color, unless it be in the unsets or the misty waverings of the sea. There has been much color, too, woven in the history of this land. Many peoples have taken part in her pageantry of progress. Greeks, Phoenicians, Vandals, Visigoths, Mohammedan Moors and Romans, all left their birth mark on her surface. There is evidence everywhere of the Roman influence. It was a lasting and powerful influence too.

The mountains of Spain are rich in mineral. Considerable agricultural products are raised. We people of North America import olives, grapes, raisins, citrus fruit, Spanish onions, nuts, silk and cork from Spain.

The government of Spain became a constitutional monarchy in 1876 but was dissolved in 1923 and its place taken by an advising National Assembly pending the adoption of a new constitution.

Catholicism is the predominating religion but other believers are allowed their freedom of worship. There is a compulsory system of education. The population is approximately twenty-two millions of people. There are 28,870 public schools, 5,500 private schools, 60 secondary schools and 11 universities. The University of Salamanca dates back to early in the thirteenth century. So Spain is most assuredly, holding her own in education as well as progressing in trade industries and the tourist business.

The Spanish people are a happy race. Their ceremonies and traditions are deeply rooted in their lives. Every child born is named after some saint. The day of the saint, not the child's birthday, is celebrated by the family and many friends. Holy week is a sacred observance with people flocking to church and even the traffic is suspended in order to hold the religious processions. This closes on Easter Sunday and then many gala rejoicings are held. Festival time in the spring is one of great gaiety in all the provinces.

But one cannot fully imagine the customs and carnivals which make Spain outstanding. We people of the new world, have not that back ground to keep up. Therein lies the greatest charm of the Old World and the permanent reason why the lands across the sea will continue to be attractive to the tourist throng.

**BERKELEY**

Mrs. E. Rowe and son went to Dundalk on Friday enroute to her home at Oakville after visiting with Mrs. A. E. McConnell and other relatives.

Mrs. E. D. Gilpin and Teddy spent a couple days with Toronto friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gillespie and children of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. A. Patton and son of Richmond Hill visited for the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowerby's infant daughter and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hill were baptized on Sunday afternoon in the Anglican Church.

The Union fowl supper held on Friday evening in the United Church was largely attended.

The masquerade dance held in Chas. Rowe's garage on Tuesday evening was well attended. Prizes for costumes went to Mrs. George Caswell and Mr. A. E. McConnell.

Mrs. Nesbitt of Dundalk visited her son, Mr. Norman Cook, Miss Ettie Lee of Saskatchewan visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. David.

Mrs. Harry David visited with friends in Toronto for the week-end.

**CEYLON**

Misses Dorothy and Macil Snell were week-end visitors with Port-law friends.

Miss Hunt of Toronto is a visitor at Mrs. Geo. Arrowsmith's. Mrs. Neubauer, Mrs. Fred Sprout and Mr. Bert Whittaker of Akron, Ohio, have returned home after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittaker.

Miss Nellie Genoe of Owen Sound is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Genoe. Mrs. Appleton (nee Ella Lawrence) of Goderich was a caller in the village on Sunday.

Miss Bessie Cairns and Miss Kathleen Alton of Markdale were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns.

Mr. Jim Hales and Mr. Morris of Presque Isle, Mr. A. E. Haw and family of Salem, Miss Donalda Sloan of Eugenia and Miss Margaret Sinclair of Sundridge were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair.

Mrs. Harvey Griffin of Toronto is visiting her sister and mother, Mrs. Geo. Cairns and Mrs. K. Wilcock.

We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Mrs. Jas. Radley, pioneer resident of this place, who passed away at her home near Maxwell.

At the United Church parsonage, Flesherston, on Thursday, Nov. 1st, Rev. W. J. Scott united in marriage Miss Harriett Knox of Toronto and Mr. Peter Sherwood of Ceylon. After a honeymoon in Toronto Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood will reside in Ceylon.

The property committee of the Community Hall were hosts to a jolly Halloween party Friday evening. The decorations gave the hall a gay setting for the many novel costumes. The Piper Orchestra supplied good music and lunch being served at midnight.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday at Mrs. W. C. White's. A good attendance marked the occasion and much interest was displayed in the returns of the talent money which amounted to \$15. The November meeting will be held at Mrs. Sinclair's home taking the form of a social afternoon when it is expected the Flesherston Ladies' Aid will be guests.

Anniversary services were held in the United Church here on Sunday when Rev. Baker, Dundalk, was the special speaker, delivering impressive sermons at both afternoon and evening services. The Flesherston choir kindly took charge of the music for the evening service, Mrs. Dr. Bryce being soloist.

**TRAVERTON**

Mother Earth was covered with snow for a few days last week but it disappeared on Saturday.

Inspector G. E. Pentland of Hanover paid his first visit to S. S. No. 4 and 5 recently. He found both schools making good progress.

North Glenelg church people held anniversary services in the Baptist

Church recently. Rev. Mr. A. Homer preached inspiring, sermons. A social was held on Monday last week at which there was a splendid program and lunch served.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook of Elmwood spent a day recently with the Cook and McArthur families.

Misses Lillian Lewis and Evelyn Elliott of Toronto spent a week-end recently at J. C. Cook's home.

Mr. Walter Clark of Bentinck was a recent caller in this neighborhood. Mr. Ed. Embury of Greenback spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robson and son, Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Greenwood spent Sunday with Mr. Angus McIntosh and sisters at Dor-noch.

Mr. W. R. Jack motored to Stratford on Saturday and spent the week-end with his daughter, Clara. Mrs. Frank Twamley and Mrs. Will Campbell spent last Friday at the McClocklin home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook spent from Saturday with friends in Niagara and other points. Mr. Herb Addison of Glamis was in charge during their absence.

Mina M. Edwards spent the week-end with Miss S. E. MacLean at her home in Bentinck and in company with members of the family motored to Stratford on Saturday.

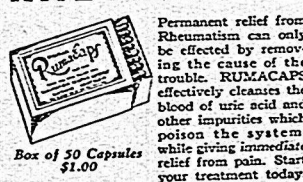
Some of our young people attended the fowl supper at L.O.L. No. 1192 on Monday evening. Miss Florence MacLean of Bentinck spent a week recently with Miss Mary Tory on the 10th con. Glad to report Mrs. John Laughlin on the mend and able to be home again after receiving treatments in Markdale.

Miss Aleda Staples and Master Alex. Ellison of Edge Hill were recent guests of Mrs. Will Ellison on the 10th concession.

About fifty young people of the neighborhood enjoyed a Halloween social at Zion church on October 30th. After the devotional exercises, Mr. Irwin Matthews related the experiences of his motor trip last summer to Nova Scotia.

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