

# TEA TIME TALK

(BY WILMA J. MARCH)

The days slip by so quickly that ere the realization of a new morn dawns upon us it is dying in the west. Once more it is spring time, that season when all the world takes on a new lease of life. This year it seems to be particularly welcome, there having been so much sickness during the past, long, cold, blustery winter. Yet some of that sickness drags on showing the earmarks of decreased vitality. As if an epidemic swept over the country, leaving diminished strength, thousands in America are suffering with the aftermath of sickness.

I am facing this situation, not from personal illness but my father has been ill for two months, first with flu and a heart condition from it, then decreased vitality and a failure to respond satisfactorily to doctor's treatments. It may result in our having to remain in the south throughout the summer months, something which we have not done before. I am told that the summers in Florida are very pleasant and not so hot as one might expect. It is true that this State is cooler than southern Georgia, because of its narrowness and being almost unheard of. But seeing is believing, if the summers here are as nice as the winters. Certainly the days are beautiful now, especially the mornings and evenings. At present it is just like our July. In my backyard are several orange trees and many sizes of fruit upon each tree. There are tiny oranges the size of a marble, others like plums and some as large as small peaches. Oh, yes, there are peach trees too, bearing peaches half developed. The flowers are beginning to make the roadsides and gardens a flame of color. The sweet, beguiling magnolias are at their best now. They look like huge water lilies, waxy in their creamy loveliness.

The rain is refreshing the air and accentuating the already brilliant green of the tropical verdure. It will be springtime all the way northward through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, even to Ontario and I find myself being lonesome for the trip through the wonderful mountainous districts, where every mile brings one up or down a slope which gives a view beautiful beyond words.

One more thing is typically characteristic of the southland in springtime. The grammar schools are closing to-day, not to open again till next Autumn, late in September. Last evening the Zephyrhills school held the closing exercises for this season. The usual Commencement Exercises have been dispensed with and a class entertainment or play held in its stead. One of the finest plays for amateur players which I have ever had the pleasure of seeing was given last night, with the entire class taking part. I enjoyed being assistant coach and critic, for everyone played up and gave their parts like real professionals. I hope to be able some day to direct this play in Markdale.

The title is "Tommy To-morrow" and it is a real commencement play. There is never a moment throughout the entire three acts, when the interest lulls. It keeps players and listeners alike, right on their toes! There is no problem of having the characters tire of practice and thus eventually necessitate giving up the production, a thing which happens only too often when a play drags on and on in the formative stages.

The ambitions and dreams of youth, highly colored with superabundance of vivacity and optimism make up the warp and woof of the fabric called "professional". We took a peep, a vivid one, into the future twenty years hence. There we saw our fair girl and boy graduates following the paths of medicine, art, aviation, science, politics and finance. Of course there was lots more in each act to intrigue the interest and keep the suspense at fever heat. Then at the grand finale, the diplomas were awarded, also certificates for perfect attendance and non-tardiness throughout the full term.

The girls wore white linen suits and navy linen blouses and the boys white linen suits and navy shirts with white ties. All wore white shoes and blue buttonieres. But

the high-light of the comedy was the second act, which brought forth billows of laughter. To see a gang of lusty, healthy school boys in a baby parade and a nursery act, dressed in nightgowns and baby bonnets, playing with blocks, drums, wooly dogs, teddy bears and horsas, and drinking from bottles, sitting in clothes baskets, high chairs and perambulators, would surely make most people laugh till their sides ached. And it was all because one funny little lassie had as many "nutty ideas as a centipede has legs".

So much for that, a finale to elementary school days, days which form the foundation for the High School days to follow. I can well remember when I was promoted from the downstairs grade to the upstairs one, "out where the west begins". Gracious but I felt important indeed that I hated to go home at four o'clock. I kept walking up and down stairs just for the thrill of it. Prior to our graduation to the upper realm, those who had dwelt above us had high-hatted us till now it was our turn. What a feeling it was to be able to expand our chests with honest-to-goodness and righteous pride.

Next week I am going to tell you about an intensely interesting Civil War veteran whom I have had the privilege of knowing this winter. He had some thrilling experiences and he gave me a very lovely gift, one which I shall prize very highly always. He asked me to write a story of his experiences for the local paper here and it is in the paper on sale to-day, with a splendid picture of this lovable old veteran, who has celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday, yet is hale and hearty. I had dinner with him during his last day in town and he happily tucked a bill into my hand as he said good-bye. So next week I'll tell you about the gift he gave to me and later I expect you will see an account of it in Ripley's "Believe it or Not."

## SAUGEEN JUNCTION

Mr. Ed. Badgerow and Mr. G. N. Littlejohns attended the O.E.A. convention in Toronto.

Mr. Robt. White visited in Toronto with his family last week.

Mrs. Joe Park is in Dundalk with her mother, who is sick. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Lorne Wright was in Fever-sham on Tuesday.

Messrs. Ed. and Wilfred Batchelor were home from Badjeros over the week-end.

Mrs. Wm. Halliday visited her mother in Corbetton recently.

Mr. Emmett Jackson is busy buzzing wood in this burg.

## WILLIAMSFORD

(Intended for last week)

Mrs. Fred Heft was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of St. James' Lutheran Church for their April meeting on Thursday. The meeting was opened in the usual manner with hymn, Scripture reading and prayer. The minutes were read and adopted. The roll call was answered by 15 members and five visitors. The "Friendship Fan" quilt blocks were turned in and Mrs. Molson and Mrs. Lipsky were appointed as a quilt committee. Mrs. Lipsky invited the ladies to her home for the quilting on April 29th. A kind invitation was extended to the ladies by Mrs. L. Dravis, to have the next meeting at her home. The program was opened by a vocal solo, "Two Little Orphans", by Miss Rita Luno; reading, "Has a Minister Much to do", by Mrs. L. Grahlman; reading, "How Paul Gerhard Wrote One of His Hymns", by Mrs. D. Nuhn; recitation by Mrs. Herman Heft; a vocal duet, "Ivory Palaces", by Mrs. L. Kuglin and Mrs. D. Nuhn; reading by Mrs. Herman Heft; a poem based on the text "Consider the Lilies" by Rev. A. J. Datars. A geography match conducted by Mrs. Kuglin and also a contest by Mrs. Wm. Heft was won by Miss Olive Lipsky. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Wm. Heft, Mrs. H. Heft and Miss Rita Luno.

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The unlovely things and unattractive places in Canada that displease the eye are made by man. It is time he set out to undo some of the damage that has been done. There are primrose paths for all to tread who care to make them. An amazing amount of worry can be spaded under along those paths in a bright spring afternoon. Since Adam tilled the first garden many pastimes have come to claim their thousands but have passed out of the picture while gardening has stood through the centuries. There must be something in it. Buy some flower seeds, plant some flowers or shrubs this spring. Help to make Canada more beautiful.

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