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**Chatting . . .** *With M.H.B.*

• **LAST WEEK** we told you about Mr. and Mrs. Jaap and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dougie Crabtree, recently arrived in Canada from Manchester, England moving into the brick bungalow on Albert Street just vacated by the Howells. We had further interesting information for you concerning the family (Jaaps) but it was just too late for the column-deadline. However, it still remains just as interesting this week as last. At least it was very interesting to us, for it happened to be the first time we had ever received any first-hand information about what it is like to live in South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Jaap and their daughter lived in Johannesburg, South Africa for a good many years before going back to England to make their home.

• **IN REPLY TO** our query as to whether she liked living on the other side of the world, Mrs. Crabtree answered an emphatic "Yes." Of course the climate is very warm there, but not so humid as here, when hot weather comes, and as a result, the heat is easier to bear. We asked about the rainy season, and found that it lasts eight months of the year, when it rains from ten minutes to half an hour every day, and then clears again. In "winter" the weather is dry, warm and very pleasant. Incidentally, Mrs. Crabtree is looking forward to seeing our Canadian snow. She has never seen it in any quantity before.

• **TO GO BACK** to South Africa for a moment, Mrs. Crabtree tells us it is definitely a "woman's country." There the white women at any rate, lead a life of ease, with servants to attend to all the household tasks.

We asked about the fabulous diamond and gold mines near Joh-

annesburg, and wondered if she had ever seen a diamond in the rough. Her answer was in the affirmative, but she said the diamonds have no particular lustre before being cut and polished.

• **KNOWING THAT** if we should ever travel in that part of the world, we would never be so venturesome, nevertheless we asked Mrs. Crabtree if the family had ever been in the dense African jungle. They have been on what is called "Safari" many times, through the jungle in the Belgian Congo, where they saw wild elephants, crocodiles, hippopotami, and snakes of all sizes and colours. The safari is organized for shooting wild game, particularly an animal known as "Springbok." South Africans line this delicacy very much, particularly after it is dried and cured, when it is called "biltong." When fully cured, the biltong is hard and black, and to eat it, it must be graded. It is used in a great many ways—from merely sprinkling some on bread and butter, to showing a bagful to eat in a picture show—like we do popcorn or peanuts here.

• **THE SAFARI** travels with guides by station wagons, which are known as safari in South Africa. After camp is made, the hunters are expected to stay within its protective bounds most of the time. And we might add, they would have no difficulty in making us adhere to that rule. We enjoy hearing about it, but the jungle is not for us.

It just occurred to us that we forgot to mention last week that Mr. Crabtree is employed at Alliance Paper Mills Ltd.

• **COMING BACK** to the Canadian scene . . . those wonderful old standbys, and favourite of Tely columnist Thomas Richard Henry — petunias, have come into their own again, making the gardens of many homes a riot of colour. We are still comparatively new at gardening, and the planting of many flowers is still a novelty. Each year we try to plant some new variety so that we may watch its growth with interest or amazement, as the case may be. One that definitely comes in the latter category is this year's planting of salvia. Half the plants definitely look like salvia as we remember seeing it grow in other people's gardens. The other half dozen plants are mongrels. Instead of that brilliant crimson bloom nestled among glossy green leaves, these misfits in the flower kingdom chose to sprout a long

thick stem from the top of the plant, the summit of which is crowned with a puny orange midget zinnia, measuring in all about three inches across. And not only that. Now that the plants have reached a degree of maturity, we can see that even the foliage is quite unlovely, to put it mildly, and the whole row of them are mute testimonials to the wisdom of plants keeping to a strict moral code. They are uglier than most weeds.

• **STRIKING A** more beautiful note re gardens — Happened to have occasion to call at Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peters' home on the Mill Road last week. We hadn't been past the house for years — well, in the last seven anyway, which is the length of time the Peters have owned the place. And in those years the Peters family have created quite a little fruit farm and truck garden, as well as a lovely lawn and flowers. The young fruit trees, vineyard, and gardens are well toward the back of the house, and when you choose to lift your eyes from the contemplation of the attractive vistas close at hand you will see a most glorious view of the Glen Valley stretching up and into the Caledon Hills. The day we were there was extremely warm and the visibility was excellent. There was a pleasant breeze to be found nowhere else in town, we'll wager, and all in all it was a delightful place to visit.

• **TO DESCEND** to what one might call the ridiculous from the sublime . . . The weekend saw friend husband doing a few little odd jobs around the house — now wait a minute . . . we know THAT isn't exactly ridiculous. But the point is that one of those jobs was installing a new seat on a bathroom fixture. We opened the box it came in and read the large advertising sheet enclosed, which was headed up with the manufacturers' trade motto "Tops for bottoms." Wonder what advertising genius thought that one up!

• **WE ARE A** little light on housing news this week, with only two items to report . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sullivan who came to live in Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herbert's Main Street apartment a year ago, from Huttonville, have moved to Hearst. The apartment has been rented by Mr. Bob Burns, whose marriage to Miss Marion Stuart of the Bell Telephone staff, takes place this month . . . And Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain, Janet and baby son, are moving from Berwick Hall, to the recently remodelled house on Charles Street, owned by Mrs. L. W. Dann. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Licata will occupy the apartment vacated by Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

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**STEWARTTOWN CHURCH SERVICE TIME CHANGED FOR AUGUST**

Church service was held at St. John's Church Sunday morning. After a discussion with those attending, Rev. J. E. Maxwell announced for this month of August the service will be held each Sunday at 10 a.m. Next Sunday will be the service of Holy Communion.

Mrs. Fred Cash and her two children of Toronto are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Hulls.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and family of Allandale spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith. Ruby Tennant returned with them to have some holidays at Allandale.

Happy birthday to Lynda Walker, who will be 3 years old next Saturday.

The August meeting of Esquevas W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. H. P. Lawson Tuesday evening August 14th at 8 p.m. The guest speakers will be Mrs. Milton Brown, district president, and Mrs. Chester Service, district secretary. Ladies are invited to attend the meeting.

We are pleased to see Miss Beatrice Ständish about again after her recent illness.

Verna and Doris Picket spent a few days holidaying with friends in Acton last week.

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**SILHOUETTE PAINTING**  
PLACE GLASS OVER PICTURE TO BE TRACED, DRAW WITH INDIA INK IN BOLD OUTLINE. WHEN DRY, COVER BACK WITH HEAVY WHITE CARDBOARD. BIND WITH BLACK TAPE.

**Tom Gard's Note Book**

August — the month of picnics! Each weekend we try to have something special planned for the whole family — an overnight, if we are at the cottage and weather will permit, or a trip to some picnic area if we are home. Such excursions should be enjoyed by all young Canadians with such excellent beauty spots so close at hand.

It becomes the duty of every adult to learn and to teach safety measures with camp fires if this heritage is to be protected. Each year careless people cause serious losses through forest fires. At this time of year, when our forests are often tinder dry, cooking fires or camp fires should be built on solid rock or right out in the open on packed earth. Embers have been known to smoulder for days and travel many feet underground before they break to the surface if the earth is laden with decaying roots and bits of wood. If a large flat rock is not handy the Gards use rolls of sod to form the sides of the fireplace and carry the weight of the cooking utensils.

**Silhouettes**  
My teen-aged daughter is painting interesting silhouettes on glass and framing them with cardboard and black binding tape. She does a good job of it, too.

Son Jimmy, not to be outdone by his sister, brought home a set of "tin-can" jardiniere he had made during the craft period at his boys' camp. They were painted and ready for immediate use in his mother's "window" garden.

**Foot Rest**  
When I sit down to relax and put my feet up this winter, it will be with the aid of a new hassock made from a butter box. Just the finishing touches remain. The top has been carefully padded and covered with bright durable plastic. (All that remains to be done is complete the pattern being made with decorative tacks.)

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