

New Georgetown Business Blends Vitamins for Animals



Mayor Emmerson pushes the button to start the large mixer and officially open the new Fortamix Chemicals plant on Todd Road. With him is manager Alex MacMillan.

A new industry in town, Fortamix Chemicals Ltd., officially opened its doors Friday afternoon although it has actually been in operation for the last three weeks. The opening became official when Mayor "Steamer" Emmerson pressed the button to start the large mixer.

"Fortamix" does what its name implies — mixes fortified food, but for animals and poultry. Vitamins and minerals are blended in the latest micro-blending equipment. Micro-blending simply means blending in very small amounts.

After the blending, the vitamins and minerals are added to a concentrated food, which, in

turn, is added to a large amount of animal feed by the manufacturer. A fairly normal ratio is ten pounds to a ton, but this will vary according to the type of animal for which the feed is destined.

It is similar to the many vitamin and mineral enriched foods eaten by humans. These, too, must be added in minute quantities.

In addition, Fortamix acts as technical consultants to the feed manufacturers, doing laboratory analysis, and if necessary helping them change their formulae. In this way they keep the products up to government standards, which all come under the Food and Drug administration Act.

HORNBY

District Churches Combine For Good Friday Service

A Good Friday service was held at Hillcrest United Church with Hillcrest and Bethel Churches sharing in the service with their choirs. Rev. Keith Hawkes M.A.B.D. was assisted by Mr. Donald McLeod of Eden and Britannia United Churches. Members of the congregations of Bethel and Eden shared in the Good Friday service with Hillcrest.

The eighth meeting of the Hornby Actionettes was held on Monday evening, March 31, at the home of Mrs. William McPherson. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. The roll call "a special feature of my record book" was answered by the eight members present. Some of the girls completed their dresses and some completed their notes in their record books. A commentator for their demonstration was discussed but at the present time it is not official. Lunch was served by the hostess.

A very busy and successful day was spent by the St. Stephen's Anglican Church Women in their refreshment booth at the auction sale of farm implements, cattle and furniture held at the farm of Ernest Price. The ladies reported that they sold forty pies during the afternoon.

The recreation committee of the Boyne Community Centre held a euchre party on Thursday evening, April 3. There were 17 tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following winners: Mrs. Amy Merry, Mrs. Alfred Ford, Cliff Brown and Mrs. Harry Riebot. The draw prizes were won by Mrs. Ann Thorne, Mrs. Clare Ford, Donald Douglas and Milford Colling. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their weekly euchre party on Saturday night, April 5. There were ten tables of euchre in play with the prizes

going to the following winners: Mrs. Lena Hamilton, Nora Kranz, Mrs. Ernest Martin, Ronald Kingshot, Fred Workman and Wilbert Nix. The lucky draws were won by Mrs. Edward Robertson and Howard Martin. The next euchre party will be on Saturday night, April 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace and family on Good Friday.

Mrs. Harold Treanor of Meadowvale, visited last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Plant.

Mrs. Delbert Downs, Mrs. Frank Peacock, Cecil and Gerald Carton attended the funeral of their cousin, George Cusic in Guelph last Tuesday, April 1.

Birthday greetings to little Gregg Loos, who celebrated his second birthday on Tuesday, April 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Hamilton, Kent, Kendra and Kimberley were dinner guests on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy South of Brampton.

Get well wishes are extended to little Ruth Gillies following a tonsil operation at the Milton District hospital last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Break and daughter Ronda of Burlington, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Break.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rutledge and family spent the Easter weekend visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Wallace of Blyth.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Garry Hamilton who celebrated her birthday on April 8, to Donna Marie Waters on April 10, to Kevin Howden on April 11, to Anderson May and Christopher Durante on April 14.

— Mrs. Jim Hamilton

Hobby Becomes Full-Time Occupation In Spinning Craft

Ted Carson of Hornby is a man who has fulfilled a dream. One year ago he was able to give up his job as chief clerk with the Ontario Hydro in Islington and has settled down to a lifetime of spinning.

His dreams of spinning go back to when he was in Grade 4.

He was curious about the domestic people and the distaff type of spinning equipment they carried with them. When the teacher couldn't explain just how this paraphernalia worked it only whetted his curiosity.

It wasn't until he met his wife that he was able to find some of the answers to spinning. Mrs. Carson is a social worker for Peel County and one of her foster mothers was a spinner. A visit was arranged and Carson's hobby was launched.

Now Carson can be found hard at work in the farm home on ten acres of land.

The basement of the house, which needed an addition for spinning equipment that expanded to make Carson's hobby into a full time career, is crowded with all types of wool.

Raw wool imported from countries around the world is crammed into plastic bags waiting to be carded and spun either by Carson or some of his customers who drive miles to buy camel hair, cashmere or sheep wool.

Carson says alpaca (wool of the llama) from South America is difficult to import. It is held at the border and subject to Federal Dept. of Health penalties.

Carson cards and spins wool on a commission basis — his clients choose the type of wool and the number of ounces they require and then Carson turns the raw material into finely spun wool ready for knitters.

He has worked on some unusual materials including muskox and afghan dog's hair.

The afghan dog hair was brought to Carson by a Clarkson woman who is going to knit a sweater from the wool. The ten ounces of hand spun wool will cost the client approximately \$18.

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Carson works diligently at a spinning wheel that is 150 years old. It was given to him by Janet Pullen and had belonged to her mother who brought it to Oakville when she was a bride.

Cashmere is 75 cents an oz. in its raw state and \$2 an ounce when spun. It takes Carson one hour to spin an ounce of the delicate cashmere and a half hour to spin sheep wool.

The demand for cashmere is mostly from knitters and it takes six ounces of wool for one sweater.

Although spinning and weaving are usually thought of as comparable handicrafts, weavers are inclined to spin their wool rather than have the chore done for them.

Carson does give private lessons in spinning and takes groups when requested. He also demonstrates and lectures on spinning.

He is a member of the Ontario Spinners and Weavers and the Oakville Spinners and Weavers and co-founder of the Ontario Hand Spinning Seminar which has been in existence 4 years. This year the seminar will be held in King in June.

Among the spinning wheels that crowd the studio in Hornby are a 'walking wheel' that was made in Caledon in 1849, a distaff and hand spindle that is still in use in Peru and a Quebec wheel of undetermined age.

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