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HOBBIES

INTERESTING THINGS THAT PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICT ARE DOING

A number of you will remember the interesting demonstration in weaving given by Mrs. Owen Classey of Thornhill at the Red Cross Handicraft Show last year, and the tweed jacket and other examples of her excellent work which were on view nearby. Since then Mrs. Classey has acquired a spinning wheel and has become adept at dyeing, carding and spinning her own wool. This is an important accomplishment now when all woollen blankets seem to have been bespoken by the government and the Red Cross, and when it is becoming increasingly difficult for civilians to buy skinned wool. A bona fide spinner however can still obtain raw wool to work with.

Lately Mrs. Classey has been experimenting with old silk stockings which she cut into narrow strips and spun into a soft thick thread. Using this for weft and a matching cotton for warp, she wove a very attractive cushion cover on her small loom. At present her largest loom holds a partly completed suit length in grey herringbone tweed against the day her son Frank returns from overseas. Although Mrs. Classey has taken up spinning and weaving in the last three years, she has been keenly interested in these ancient crafts for a long time.

During the last war she frequently visited the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England, and particularly the corner devoted to rare examples of weaving, Gobelin tapestries, and the William Morris loom. Wm. Morris did much to improve the style of design employed in decorative textiles in England during the 1800's. He was also a poet, writer, designer of furniture and a socialist.

Mrs. Classey was too busy then to think about weaving as a hobby for, when her soldier husband went to France, she took his place as private secretary to H. G. Wells, the novelist, for two years. But, even if she had had the time, the cumbersome looms then available would have made such a venture difficult.

Her modern portable loom will weave material up to 30 inches wide and 3 feet in length, and requires very little floor space when not in use. For wider widths and longer lengths the heavier models with four staunch uprights and strong cross beams are still necessary.

The construction and operation of a loom has changed so little since the days when Egyptians wove their mummy cloth, that even the cast iron, power driven, factory looms of today bear a striking resemblance to those earlier models.

Setting up the warp, particularly if the heddles have to be threaded for an intricate pattern, is the most difficult and tedious part of weaving. When that has been accomplished it is very fascinating to watch the design steadily develop as the shuttle bearing the weft thread is thrown from side to side. There are many good patterns available for amateurs but Mrs. Classey enjoys formulating some of her own.

It is said that 100,000 spinning wheels and 60,000 looms are now in use in the Province of Quebec, and the government has sent trained instructors from Quebec to inaugurate classes for women in the Prairie provinces. They have been told that a farmer who keeps 5 sheep and 1/4 acre in flax will have enough wool and linen to supply the family needs for a lifetime. Ontario lags behind in this type of handicraft, possibly because she is a prosperous industrial province. In Toronto however there is an enthusiastic group of about 22 spinners and weavers. This



DR. ARCHER WALLACE
Who will be the preacher for the special church service of the Vellore Junior Farmers and Junior Institute to be held in Teston United Church, Sunday, May 2nd at 7 p.m.

BUTTER COUPONS

Butter Coupons Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are now good. The first five expire on April 30; Coupon No. 6 expires May 31. Coupon No. 7 becomes good on April 24, Coupon No. 8 on May 1 and Coupon No. 9 on May 8. These Coupons also expire May 31.

district can boast of at least four (plus some novices) who hope to form a little guild of their own some day. You will be hearing more about their work.—D.M.F.

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CANADA NEEDS 10,000 TONS OF TIRES AND TUBES BY DEC. 31
The Department of National War Services states that 25,000 tons of scrap rubber were collected last year. But the amount of tires and tubes collected has not been as satisfactory as the other grades of rubber. It is estimated that during the year 1943, 10,000 tons of scrap tires and tubes will be required to fulfil the needs of the armed forces, especially as the supply of crude rubber is diminishing. The local Salvage Committee urges strongly all those who have old tires and tubes make them available for collection.
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The lists will open on 26th April 1943, and will close on or about 15th May 1943, with or without notice, at the discretion of the Minister of Finance.

Department of Finance,
Ottawa, 26th April 1943.