

# Thornhill District News

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### Street Dance And Carnival

This will be your final reminder of the mammoth street dance, carnival and bingo, sponsored by Thornhill District Lions Club, and planned for Wednesday evening, July 28th. Fun will commence early in the evening, with something of interest for every age group. Pony Rides for the children, games, dancing to Russ Creighton's orchestra and finally bingo.

Draw prizes are particularly attractive with the following heading the list. A Thor Auto-Magic Washing Machine; Bob-a-lawn power mower; Filter Queen Vacuum Cleaner; Thrif-tee Portable Electric Washer; Boyco Record Player; a Pedigreed Jersey Calf or £100. This calf has been donated by Mr. Alf Bagg and is from Mr. Bagg's famous herd. All sorts of smaller prizes including cameras will be given, totalling over \$1000. in all.

Tickets are selling at 25c each or 5 for \$1., and may be obtained from any Lions Club member, or if desired may be purchased at the gate on the night of the Carnival.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church Sunday School combined with the Women's Association and Women's Missionary Society for a highly successful picnic on the Church Grounds recently. Convening the games was Mrs. S. Findlay and Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Porter were refreshment convenors. The picnic supper was highlighted by delicious strawberries and cream, enjoyed alike by members of friends from Lansing, Toronto and other outside points.

### Women's Institute Members Please Note

If you have not paid for your picnic photos, will you please call at the photographers, Lagerquist Studio, 3349 Yonge St., and choose the photos desired. Payment is required in advance.

Mrs. Tutt, the former Mabel King, was honored at a highly original Pantry Shower given by her friend, Mrs. A. Morrison at the home of Mrs. H. Mizen. The gifts were presented in the garden and refreshments served later indoors.

C.N.E. Women's Institute Exhibit Deadlines have been announced by the C.N.E. for special women's division competitions, and August 16th has been set as the final entry date for the Women's Institute special.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thompson, Robert and Marilyn of Mattawa, Ont. are spending a few days with Mrs. Robert Thompson.

Lecturing on the culture and care of delphinium, Mr. P. Bone was guest speaker at North Toronto Horticultural Society's July meeting held in Castlefield Baptist Church recently. Mr. Bone produced samples from his garden here.

Last week, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Ronny of Thornhill, and Mr. Edgar Simpson of Kirkland Lake and Miss Winnifred Simpson of Toronto spent a few days visiting an aunt, Mrs. Puckring, of Kenmore, New York.

Mrs. G. Wells has returned after spending a week with friends at Bolton.

The Mission Band of Thornhill United Church held their picnic at Riverdale Park.

### SOIL SURVEYS AID FARM PLANNING

The value of soil survey to Canadian agriculture, both now and in the future, is discussed in an article in the May Agricultural Institute Review, contributed by P. C. Stobbe, who specializes in soil and agricultural engineering in the Division of Field Husbandry, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Sketching the early development of soil surveys in Canada from their initiation by the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, some 34 years ago, Mr. Stobbe points out that soil surveys are now carried on in all provinces through co-operation of provincial departments of agriculture, agricultural colleges and the Experimental Farm Service of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

The approximate area surveyed to date by all types of survey is about 214 million acres, of which about 135 million acres are occupied land and only 77 million acres are improved farm land. Most of the unoccupied land has been covered only by broad reconnaissance surveys to determine roughly its potentialities and to determine where most detailed work is justified. There are still about 35 million acres of occupied land and some 14 million acres of improved farm land which have not been covered by soil surveys of any kind, although some preliminary inspection trips have been made.

Mr. Stobbe points out that soil surveys are not an end in themselves; their greatest contribution probably is in providing a basis for further investigation. They have aided greatly already in the establishment of soil-climatic zones which are broadly associated with different types of farming, crop zoning and fertility requirements. The location of important agricultural developments, such as irrigation and conservation projects, are based on soil surveys and similarly, sub-marginal land which should be taken out of cultivation is determined through surveys. The establishment of areas suitable for production of special crops such as tobacco, apple orchards, sugar-beets, fibre-flax, and market-garden crops, all owe much to the work of the soil surveyor.

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## ONTARIO GARDENER

Sunday, July 18th

By BOB KEITH, Richmond Hill  
Now that it's on in July the hot weather can make the plants flag and lose their brightness, and a little job which may need doing at times this month is watering.

One way of doing this job is to just stand holding the hose, but the trouble is no one usually wants to stand long enough to give the soil a proper soaking. There is no use in giving the garden a swish over with the hose every night or so. It's far better to give it a good soaking say about once a week. A good sprinkler is a useful thing to have, but remember to leave it long enough in one position so that the soil gets well soaked. Another system I like to use is to take a piece of board six inches wide, and about two and a half feet long, and put it on the ground among the plants to be watered. Next take the hose without the nozzle on it and place this open end at one end of the board. When the water is turned on part way, not full, it runs onto the board and flows off the sides and end. The board breaks the force of the water and spreads it so that the soil doesn't get washed about. By leaving it in one place for about 10 minutes, the ground gets a good soaking, and the moisture will get well down into the soil where it can do some real good.

**Fertilizer**  
It's remarkable how much growth the dahlias make during the summer and in gardens where you see them making good growth, they are in well drained soil, well supplied with humus and plant food. But besides the fertilizer worked into the soil before or at planting time, applications during the summer are often advisable too. You could put some on now, say a couple of ounces to a plant, using a good commercial fertilizer. Sprinkle it in a circle about the plant 5 or 6 inches out from the stem. Later on when the buds are beginning to appear you could put on another application. This will help to bring out the size and colour.

Chrysanthemums are very heavy feeders too, and they appreciate a good fertile soil. I'd say give them some fertilizer now, sprinkling a little about each plant. Do it again about the end of the month and again towards the end of August. Some growers like to give their plants some liquid fertilizer every 2 or 3 weeks. A tablespoon of Nitrate of Soda or Sulphate of Ammonia dissolved in a gallon of water makes a good solution to use. Pour about a pint of this about each plant and then follow with a pint of clear water. This will help carry it right down to the roots where it can be made use of very readily.

While I'm on the subject of these two plants I might just mention about the tarnished plant bug, or aster bug as it is sometimes known. This is one of the worst pests of these two plants. It attacks the buds and causes the flowers to open in a very poor fashion... many of them are quite lopsided and distorted. DDT has shown up quite well in the control of this insect, and either liquid or dust forms may be used. Frequent dusting with derris dust seems to deter the insects pretty well too.

### Planting Iris

Iris plants set at this time or through August will have a chance to get established before winter, and then too you are more likely to get some bloom next spring. Of course actually you can move iris almost anytime as long as the ground isn't frozen. But when they are planted during July or August, they seem to take hold better, make some good roots, and go ahead with much less check in their development.

Iris does well in sandy or gravelly loams, but I think a soil a bit on the clay side is really about the best. However, no matter what kind of soil you have one of the main things is to see that it is well drained. The bearded iris just won't thrive in wet or waterlogged soils. They give the best results in growth and bloom when they're planted in a bright spot. They like a good fertile soil and will benefit from the addition of humus, but don't put on manure at planting time. If it is used it should be worked in well in advance of planting time. Bone meal and superphosphate are somewhat similar in their feeding value and are about the best fertilizers for iris.

The main thing to remember in the actual planting operation is not to

plant too deeply. The top of the rhizome should have only one inch of soil over it. They don't like to be planted deeply, and anyway it encourages rots which are often fatal to the plant. After you get it in the ground, firm the soil well about the roots and if it's dry give a good watering. For the spacing of the plants I would say to have them at least 18 to 24 inches apart.

### Sowing Pansies

It's just about time to be sowing pansy seed. From a sowing made during the latter part of July or early in August, you'll have a fine showing of bloom next spring, and I think that's when most of us like to have our pansies in flower. Shade is a help so you might pick a spot that gets the morning sun but is shaded during the afternoon. A loam well supplied with humus and a little on the sandy side is best. If you have a clay soil add a little peat moss or leaf mold and some sharp sand. A very good way to plant the seed is in rows. Mark out the rows about 4 inches apart then sprinkle the seed thinly along the rows. Press it gently into the soil and cover with about 1/2 of an inch of sandy loam. Don't forget to watch the watering carefully until the seedlings are up... they usually take about 10 days to germinate. Frequent sprinkling will likely be necessary to get good germination.

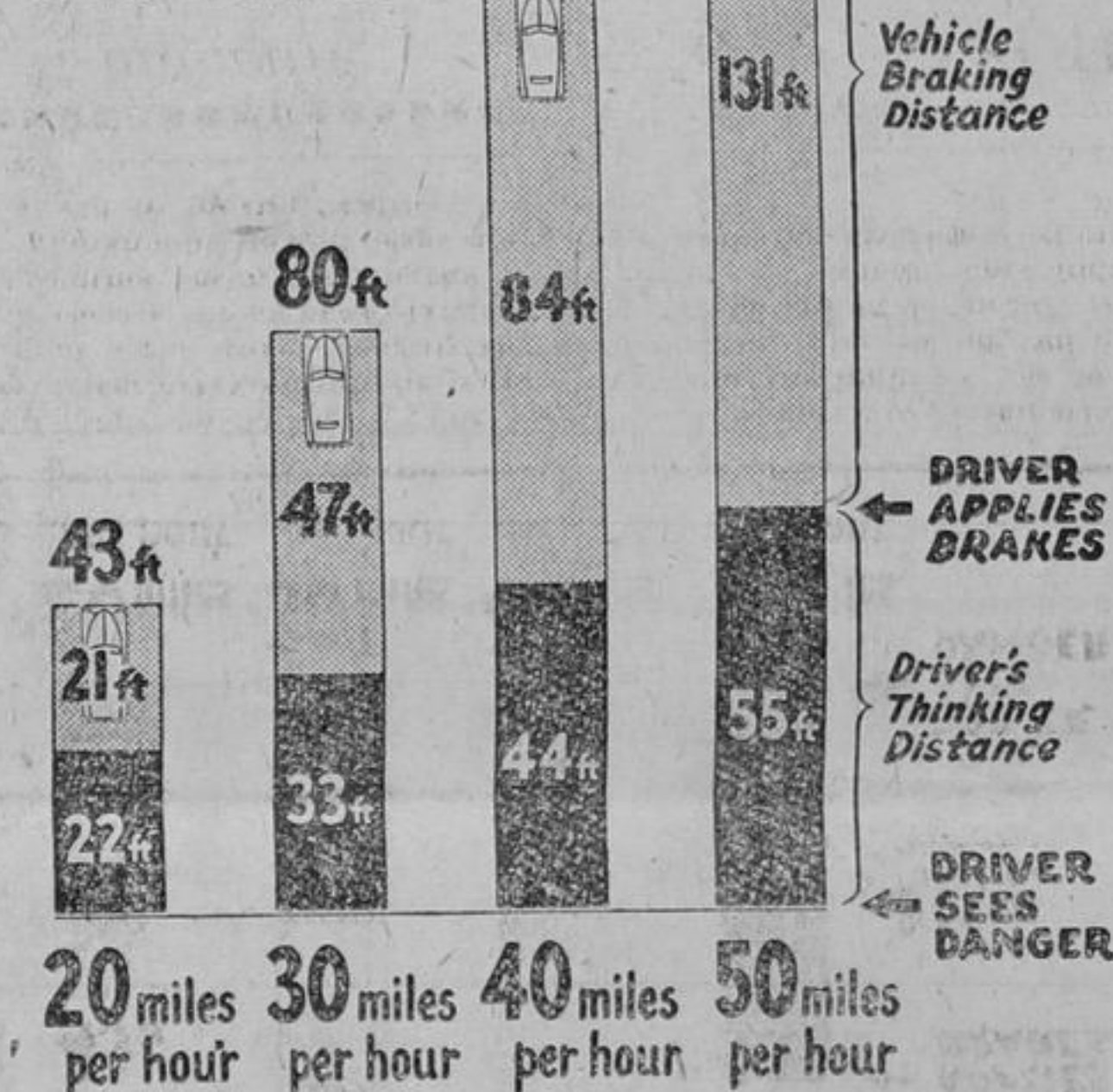


**CHANTEUSE** — If it's an operatic aria or a song from the hit parade, Simone Quesnel (above), Montreal vocalist sings it with a husky contralto that has charmed radio listeners for 13 years. Currently she is broadcasting her interpretations of modern ballads in Sringtime, a weekly program of popular music in a sentimental mood, heard Mondays at 8 p.m. on the CBC Trans-Canada network.

Two girls were discussing a third, with a normal amount of mewing, of course. "Well," yowled the first, "I see that Doris is getting her third divorce." "I know," purred the second girl. "Doris, so to speak, moves in the best triangles."

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