

## Thornhill District News

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Loughheed on the birth of their son at Grace Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday morning, July 27th.**

Mr. and Mrs. B. Weldrick have sold their home on Jane St. to Mr. and Mrs. Angus Hills of Toronto, who will take possession around the first of September. Mr. and Mrs. Weldrick will move back into their original home on Elizabeth St., now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards have returned from their vacation spent in Northern Ontario.

Mr. Boynton Weldrick, who has been ill for the past month, has recovered sufficiently from an attack of shingles and sciatica to get about again with the aid of a cane.

Dr. R. W. Wesley is also suffering from an attack of shingles.

A complete and early return to health is wished for both by their many friends in the community.

### Doncaster Ladies' Club

At the July meeting of the Doncaster Ladies' Club, held at the home of Mrs. Goodchild, preparations for the picnic were completed, and plans for the Bazaar commenced. The date has been set for October 9th, and the place, Thornhill United Church Sunday school room.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs. A. Loverock.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3rd, at 7:45 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Loverock, Garden Ave.

### Traffic Lights Installed Here

As a direct result of a petition presented to the Deputy Minister of Highways by a delegation representing the Lions Club, Churches, Schools, Women's Institute and other organizations in the community, traffic lights have been installed by the Department of Highways at the junction of Number 7 and Number 11 highways here.

### Doncaster Ladies' Club Hold Picnic

Doncaster Ladies' Club held its second annual picnic at Woodland Park earlier this month. Games, sports, swimming and a softball game were enjoyed by the one hundred in attendance. Racing was under the direction of Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Russell. Children were given ice cream and chocolate milk, and the smaller ones presented with rubber balls. Everyone was enthusiastic over the fine turnout and fun, and a picnic next year will be a "must".

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. W. C. L. Ball whose brother, Reginald E. Ball of Richmond Hill, died on Tuesday, July 20th.

### LANGSTAFF

Last Thursday afternoon, the Women's Fellowship of Langstaff Baptist Church honored Miss Annetta Thelka at a personal shower, held in the garden of Mrs. Le Riche's home on Garden Ave. Proceedings opened with prayer offered by Mrs. Jordan, followed by a solo rendered by Miss Thelka.

Mrs. Marritt made the presentation and as Miss Thelka took her place in a beautifully decorated chair, a large basket of gifts was placed before her and she was showered with confetti. After opening the gifts, the bride-to-be thanked everyone and extended an invitation to each member of the Fellowship to attend the wedding. Her marriage to Mr. Sam Rogers of North Toronto will be an event of August 21st at Covenant House, College St., the ceremony to take place at 3 p.m.

Thirty members were present at the shower and enjoyed delightful refreshments provided by the ladies. As Miss Thelka cut the luscious cake made by the hostess especially for the occasion, she again extended heartfelt thanks.

### Langstaff Baptist Church Notes

A speedy recovery to three members of the Primary Department who have contracted chicken-pox: Joanne McLean, Marilyn and Bernard Warnica.

Mr. Herb Foster, present pastor of the Church announced at Sunday School last Sunday morning that he would be unable to carry on the work into the Fall, so it would therefore be necessary to call another minister. On Wednesday evening following the Prayer Meeting, there will be a short business meeting to vote on the question of calling Rev. Rutter as pastor, and all members unable to attend were urged to mail their votes. At a previous meeting, it had been decided that a lot for a parsonage should be purchased and a building fund commenced. In this connection Mr. Spencely was appointed treasurer.

Guest speaker on Sunday morning was Mr. David Smith, principal of Langstaff Public School. Relating the story of the rich young ruler, found in the Gospel according to Matthew, Mr. Smith emphasized that this young man was of fine character, yet realized he lacked something. While apparently possessing every good habit, his love of money was his downfall, for when Christ commanded him to sell all he owned and give it to the poor, he chose to put his wealth first, and in rejecting Christ committed the unardonable sin. In conclusion, Mr. Smith advised the immediate acceptance of Christ and the putting of Him first.

The Teenagers Quartette composed of Gwen Carter, Grace, Ruth and Ethel Layzell sang "Living for Jesus."

Birthday greetings were extended to Ruth and Ethel Layzell and Dorcen Reaman.

Next Sunday morning the Langstaff Ladies' Trio will provide the music.

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## Ontario Gardener

(Condensed from the Broadcast of Sunday, July 25th)

By Bob Keith, Richmond Hill

### Raspberry Pests

The other day I was talking to a chap and he mentioned that in his raspberry patch he had noticed that the tips of some of the new canes had wilted. He said that the wilted part was only about 4 or 5 inches long and just below it the stem had been circled with what looked like a series of little punctures. There were two of these girdles, about half an inch apart.

The injury is caused by the raspberry cane borer. It's a beetle about half an inch long, and it has a black body with a yellow back. They usually attack new canes about 4 to 8 inches below the tip where they cut two rings about the stem. In between these rings an egg is laid. The egg hatches into a yellowish grub which bores a short distance down the stem. This usually completes its work for the season and it stays there in the stem over the winter. The following year the grub starts to work again and bores right down through the cane to the root, with the result that it kills the plant. If you notice any wilting tips, cut them off 2 or 3 inches below the girdling rings. If you do this, then you usually remove the eggs or grubs before much actual harm is done.

### Strawberry Plants

No doubt many of you set out some strawberry plants this spring, and by now they should be making lots of runners and filling up the rows. In some cases there will probably be too many runners, and a little thinning may be necessary. Actually the runners should be spaced about 4 to 6 inches apart. In commercial planting this would mean extra work and expense which might not pay, but in the home garden it wouldn't be much of a job to attend to. During the summer and fall keep the cultivator going to keep down the weeds and to keep the soil in a good friable condition so that the runners will root and get established more quickly. These newly-formed plants will be somewhat shallowly-rooted at first. Work carefully around them so that the roots are not disturbed.

### The Development of the Strawberry Plant

An interesting thing about the development of the strawberry plant is that the condition of the plant in the fall has a great deal to do with the crop the following season. Along in September and October the beginnings of the fruit buds start to form. The presence of sufficient nitrogen in the soil at this time stimulates this fruit bud development, so that applications in August and September of fertilizer containing nitrogen can be very beneficial. Nitrate of Soda is a very good thing to use for this. It doesn't take much — all you need is half a pound for every 100 square feet of bed. It's a fairly strong fertilizer so to be on the safe side it would probably be a good idea to divide it in half. Put half of it on in the latter part of August and the other half about two weeks later. If you can't get the nitrate of soda a good commercial fertilizer could be used. Get one containing around 4 per cent nitrogen and put it on at the rate of about two pounds to 100 square feet of bed.

### Setting Out Plants

Commercial growers and most home gardeners too, find that the best time to set out strawberry plants is in the spring. Strawberries like the cool moist conditions usually prevail in the spring, and planting at that time gives them a chance to become well established and to make good strong plants by fall. These are the kind of plants which will bear the best crop the following year. However, some gardeners do set out plants in August or early in September, but with planting at that time you can't expect to get as good a crop as you would from spring planting.

Young Billy and Jane were in the yard playing. Jane had two apples — one beautiful, big and red, and the other small and green. Jane pondered, then bravely held out the apples with the standard invitation: "Take your choice."

Billy eyed the apples, then his greediness overcame him and he took the big red one. Jane's eyes blazed, she stamped her foot and admonished: "Put that back and take your choice." — Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Magazine Digest.

## Four Years After D Day Britons Thankfully Recall Generous Red Cross Gifts

MARKHAM TWP. RED CROSS CONVENOR RECEIVES APPRECIATIVE LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

The Prophet tells us "Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days," and we assure the workers of Markham Township Branch of the Red Cross will be fully repaid for all the love and labor put into the service they gave so willingly during the war years, when they read the following letter sent to your Convenor.

We feel honored that after the lapse of several years someone still remembers and we are happy in the thought that we were able to help a little in those trying times.

Your Convenor also remembers with gratitude your splendid co-operation and this great Canada of ours can have nothing to fear in times of turmoil and stress with such strength behind her in the service of such splendid women.

Mina J. Sommerville,  
Convenor of Work,  
Markham Tp. Red Cross Branch

Falling Royd,  
Hebden Bridge  
Yorkshire, England.  
June 6, 1948.

Dear Miss Sommerville:

Today's date is a memorable in our history. It is four years ago on the 6th of June that the Allies attacked the Germans from Britain. The great D-Day. I shall never forget the effect it had on this small corner of the globe. The silent explosive rockets rained down on Southern England more than ever with the result that the Receiving Areas, and this was one, had evacuee women and children simply pouring in day and night. In hundreds they came, we had nearly 3,000. That was over-working time for the W.V.S. billeting officers, especially my de-

partment, the Clothes Depot. How we blessed and thanked all you Red Cross workers in Canada for all the wonderful clothes, shoes, blankets, etc., you sent to this country.

Before D-Day we had hundreds of school children from Brighton, from the beginning of the war. After D-Day, we had hundreds of school children from London. They arrived in just the clothes they stood up in — no coats, night attire or shoes, many of the soles literally hanging off, and not a clothes coupon between them, they had been sent away so quickly. For ten days my department worked extremely hard, I can tell you, trying on clothes, fitting on shoes. In normal times, not a very quick job, is it? And some children haven't any idea whether or not a shoe is tight. During that ten days we handled hundreds and hundreds of shoes and boots. I thanked Markham Township Red Cross Branch and all other workers of the different branches from the bottom of my heart for all the magnificent gifts of clothing made and sent to Britain. I can assure you it was very much appreciated in this part of the world. It was wonderful to pass on your gifts to homeless and clothesless people and how their eyes sparkled to see the wonderful choice of pretty dresses, blouses, coats, nightie, layettes, bed, pram and cot covers, blankets, etc.

Again our thanks also to Markham Chapter No. 155 O.E.S. for the lovely parcel recently received, so many good things in the big generous parcel that we were so grateful for.

My love to you all and God bless you every one.

Affectionately yours,  
Kitty Waller.

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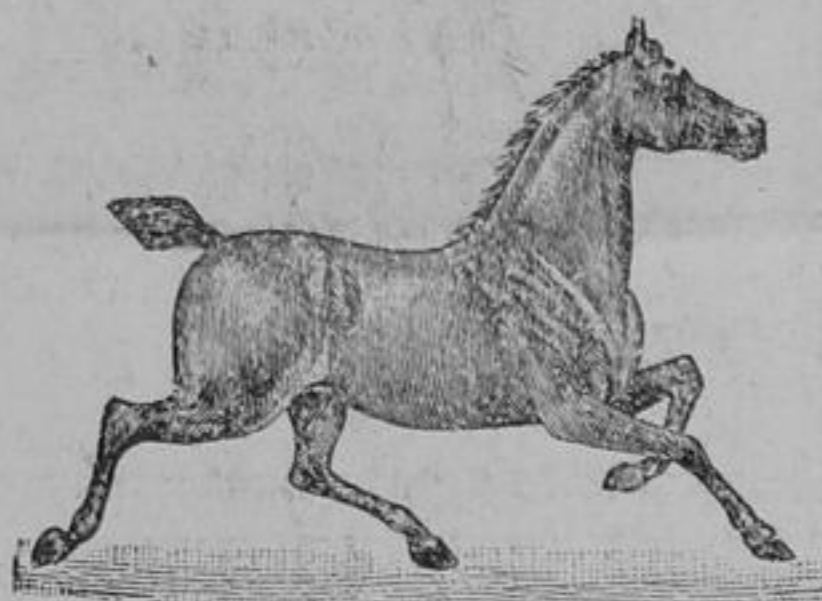
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