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FROM THE HILLTOP

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occasions such as Mother's Day, Easter and similar events running close up. June and July? Of course not! Who buys roses when they can get outdoor flowers?

And how wrong I would have been! Mr. Paul Angle soon washed out my incorrect ideas by giving me monthly figures of his million-bloom shipments in 1948, with May heading the list in the total number of blooms despatched and, believe it or not, October and August in second and third places. The records of other firms tell a similar story, indicating an all-year-round business instead of, as I had assumed, a semi-seasonal one. Interesting, too, was the revelation of steady year-to-year business, through good times and depressions both.

No Trade Secrets

"Of course," I said to Mr. Angle, "I'll expect you to tell me what facts and figures I may or may not use so that trade secrets are not revealed." "Trade secrets," he said. "There aren't any."

In these days of cut-throat competition that seemed hard to believe. Conversation with other growers indicated its truth. Apparently unique in Canadian business is this big industry where, it seems, one firm is quite willing to co-operate with another. Indicative of this is the fact that in 1945, when a visitation of the "rose midge" threatened disaster local growers acted in concert and brought to Canada under special permit what is believed to be the first shipment of the now famous D. D. T. to be used commercially.

"How come the rose growing industry centred in Richmond Hill?" I asked. Migration from the big city, with high land values, high taxation, was part of the answer. Originally located in Toronto, sound economics forced removal. Good transportation, absence of fog and a maximum of sunlight, and especially a good water supply were contributory and highly important reasons. (Incidentally what a hint for elected officials whose objective should be the location of good industries. They can't do much about the weather but there are one or two other things that do lie on their doorstep.)

No Spectacular Colours

And there, in brief, is a reaction to Richmond Hill's biggest industry. "But what about the roses themselves?" someone may ask. My answer is that this did not set out to be an article on rose-growing. Actually it would take space which is not available to deal with the interesting points which friendly, co-operative experts disclosed freely. One impression stands out or perhaps I should say two — the immensity and orderliness of the big glass houses which shelter the tens of thousands of green bushes and pots of grafts and, secondly, the striking absence of all colours but green. To one who expects to see a replica of a florist's shop on a large scale the spectacle, due to the fact that roses are cut while in bud, would be disappointing.

Well, there's Richmond Hill's biggest industry — an industry in which the surrounding countryside shares directly and indirectly through the prosperity it brings to the district. And isn't it nice to think that when Sam Spivis out in Winnipeg wants to get in right with his gal by sending her a bouquet — when Joe Doakes in Halifax stands nervously at the altar while the organ salutes the coming of the bride — Richmond Hill has played some part in the romances? Hardshelled old married men who disagree can argue that one out after the next lodge meeting if they want to.

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Dist. Gov. To Visit Lions Club



Mr. Stanley A. Darling

On Thursday evening, January 20, Mr. Stanley Darling, District Governor of District A3 Lions International will pay Richmond Hill Lions Club an official visit.

Mr. Darling was born at Lakefield, Ont., on July 14, 1906. Attended school at Lakefield and Peterboro; graduated from Peterboro Business College. For a number of years he was in charge of all shipping for Canada Cement Company at Lakefield. In 1932 he started in the insurance business and in 1934 opened his own insurance office in Peterboro. In 1944 he was instrumental in forming the Peterboro Fire and Casualty Insurance Agents Association and was the first president of that organization holding that position for two years. He served one year as vice-president of Ontario

Insurance Agents Association. He is married, has one daughter, Marybeth, is a Past Master of the Masonic Order, member of the Scottish Rite. His hobbies are woodworking and fishing.

Mr. Darling joined the Peterboro Lions Club in 1938 and has served in most of the club offices, was elected president of Peterboro Lions Club in 1942; elected Deputy District Governor in 1945-46; elected District Governor, 1948, and Chairman of Board for District "A" at the Porcupine Convention.

Mr. Darling is a gentleman with sincerity of purpose, a real worker in extending the principles and objects of Lionism, and his kind personality endears him to all Lions. A sincere welcome is extended to Lion Stan by all members of Richmond Hill Lions Club.

VELLORE

Vellore Euchre Club Celebrates 21st Birthday

On January 10, 1949, a very enjoyable time was spent in Vellore Memorial Hall when about one hundred and thirty-five registered to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Vellore Euchre Club. On January 11th, 1928, Vellore Euchre Club was organized with George Brownlee as President, Mrs. J. McNeil, 1st vice-pres. and Mary Constable, now Mrs. Robert Burton, 2nd vice-pres.; Mrs. Roy McDonald, secretary and Stewart Ruth, erford, treasurer. The winners the first night were for the ladies' prizes, Mrs. Wm. Bates first and Milt McDonald consolation; for the men's, Neil McDonald first and Will McKnight consolation.

Arrangements for the Birthday Celebration were made by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cameron (convenors), Mr. and Mrs. J. Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. J. McNeil and the present Executive for 1949 consisting of Mel Witty as president with his committee, Archie Cameron Jr., Don Snider, Mrs. Alex Bishop, Mrs. Duke Jarrett and Mrs. E. Witherspoon.

Archie Cameron, acting as master of ceremonies welcomed the guests on behalf of the president. Thirty tables enjoyed progressive euchre. Winners were: Ladies, Mrs. Art Foster, Mrs. Tod Watson, Mrs. Dave Julian and consolation, Mrs. Casey; men, Geo. Old, Tod Watson, Doug Clubine and consolation, Fred Constable.

After the euchre a sumptuous lunch was served. A birthday cake with 21 candles was carried to the table by Mel Witty and Don Snider. The candles were lighted by Jim Brownlee and Alex Bishop and blown out by Mrs. R. Burton and Mrs. D. Jarrett. The cake was cut by Mrs. J. McNeil and Mrs. R. McDonald, who were responsible for the first euchre when six tables were played. Birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all. During lunch time the minutes of the first meeting were read by Mrs. Fred Constable. Some of the prizes won the first year of the euchre were displayed.

As many present were members of previous years it was deemed appropriate to draw the evening to a close with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Mr. Earle Patterson who came all the way from Barrie for the event presided at the piano for God Save The King.

The Vellore Euchre Club will meet again January 24th at 8 o'clock.

The euchre and dance of Vellore Old Boys will be held Thursday, January 27th, in Vellore Memorial Hall.

The W.M.S. of St. Paul's Vaughan met at the home of Mrs. Alex Bishop on Thursday, January 13, with an attendance of 18. A Life Membership Certificate was presented Mrs. Bishop. The programme was taken by Mrs. E. Bryson, Mrs. H. Ballantyne and Mrs. Bowman when the study of China was begun. Plans were made for the quilting to be held next month at the home of Mrs. Albert Rutherford. The ladies are asked to meet about 10 o'clock. Pot luck dinner will be served.

HEADFORD

The Headford Home and School Club are holding a Fair and Home Baking sale, Tuesday night, February 1st, at the public school.

MAPLE

The regular monthly meeting of St. Stephen's Church W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Bryan Thursday evening, January 13th with a good attendance of members. Mrs. Martin read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. Bryan led in prayer. A good report of the year's work was given by the treasurer, Mrs. H. Taylor, Mrs. H. Cooper, acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. E. V. Keffer. Lunch was served by the hostess and a social time spent.

Play

Coming — to Maple Concert Hall, Friday, January 21st, at 8 p.m. A comedy in three acts, presented by the Vellore Women's Institute under the auspices of Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid.

The service of St. Stephen's Church was conducted Sunday evening by Mr. Campkin of Toronto. Rev. D.C.H. Michel has been ill, but it is hoped he will be able to take the service next Sunday evening, January 23rd.

The Maple Women's Institute held its regular monthly meeting at the Villa, Wednesday, January 12th, with the welcome presence of many visitors. The president, Mrs. McCullough, was in the chair. In the discussion on holding the 50th anniversary, it was decided on the month of April — the date to be decided later. The topic "Citizenship," was ably taken by Mrs. M. Palmer, and Current Events were covered by Mrs. F. S. Rumble.

A splendid report on the 46th Central Area Convention was given by Mrs. McLachlan. The theme was, "One in thought, word and deed, for world security and peace." "We must educate ourselves," she said. "And go forward with the needs of the world, for with the fast transportation to all parts of the world, space is conquered. We cannot consider ourselves isolated now, but must consider the rest of the world. If we are good citizens of the world, we will be good citizens of home. Newcomers should be absorbed into the country, and we should seek them out so they will not be lonesome here! The gathering enjoyed very much the solos by Ann Lawrie, "The Lilac Tree" and "Cloud Shadows", and the piano solos by Marilyn Snider — selections from "The Nutcracker Suite."

The Presbyterian Girls' Club met at the home of Miss Louise Matheson, Friday evening, January 14th.

The Mission Band will be held at the Manse, Saturday afternoon, January 22nd at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell spent the week end with Mrs. Helen Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aird have moved to their new home on Richmond Hill side road. We welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning have taken up residence at Dr. R. A. Bigford's home for a few weeks while Dr. and Mrs. Bigford are holidaying in the East Indies. Dr. J. P. Wilson and Dr. Jas. Langstaff, Richmond Hill, will take over his practice until their return.

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