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York County And World's Records

A short time ago this paper published figures showing an enormous increase in the issuance of building permits in Vaughan Township — part of the County of York — figures which indicate a strong trend towards urbanization.

In the next issue we published a news story which covered the fact that three world records for the production of butter fat had been captured by York County — an achievement truly rural in scope.

What a county! Leader in two fields of endeavour about as widely separated as can be found in our modern civilization — city building and milk production. Add a few other leaderships, such as that in rose-growing, and it looks as if York County isn't far away from being, in a literal sense, "a land flowing with milk and honey."

In any event, the world records which have been set by its milk producers are something in which the county can take no small degree of pride. The congratulations of this paper and, we are sure, of all citizens, are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood and their son Jack, and also to Jack Wauchope of Schomberg.

Horticultural Society Deserves Support

Among the many public organizations in Richmond Hill deserving of support the Horticultural Society ranks high.

The annual membership campaign which is now being conducted presents a favourable opportunity for all citizens to play a part in the beautification of the community, plus an opportunity to gain information which will be of value to them in planting and developing their own gardens.

From a cold dollars and cents point of view the investment in a Horticultural Society membership is worth while, the premium given to members representing a considerable return on the money paid to the Society.

Since its establishment in 1914 the Society has done a great deal of work in maintaining the interest of local horticulturists and its impact on community improvement has been considerable.

It is particularly fitting that Richmond Hill — one of the Dominion's largest rose growing centres — should be outstanding florally. The work of the enthusiasts who comprise the Horticultural Society is worthy of support in order that this ideal may be achieved.

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Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P.P. East York,
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Dear Miss Macphail:

We are inviting all the residents in this area to meet A. H. Woods, our C.C.F. Federal candidate for York North and yourself, at the Richvale School Saturday evening, April 30th at eight o'clock.

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Women's Institute

Mrs. Hicks of Bethesda, District President, was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Women's Institute. She asked what we as members of the Women's Institute could do to produce better conditions in "Home and Country". We can help by knowing ourselves, by facing facts about ourselves, extending a helping hand to neighbours and newcomers. We can study and use new methods in home and community. We should miss no opportunity to maintain homes and country where young people will be able to live happy normal lives. We can help maintain our organizations of which we should be very proud and which is probably the largest women's organization in the world with Women's Institutes in many countries around the globe.

We should be good citizens and appreciate our rights as a citizen. The citizenship we enjoy did not come over night but has been centuries in the making. We have the right of free speech, the right to criticize, to vote and put in office those who are to govern us. If we lived in Europe we would appreciate these rights. Too often women don't take much interest in politics, leaving it to the men. But if we have the opportunity to take part in public or political work we should use it.

Canada is a land of beauty that is all ours to enjoy. But we cannot just sit back and enjoy it. We have duties and responsibilities to our country and we should ask ourselves "what kind of a citizen am I and what contribution am I making to the country to which I owe so much."

Mrs. Hicks spoke of the importance of little things and gave three rules to help one be happy. 1, to commit something good to memory every day. 2, to look for something lovely every day and stop long enough to admire it and say "isn't it beautiful". 3, to give something of yourself to some one every day. By carrying out these rules one could not help being happy but would also bring much happiness to others.

Arrangements were made for a Spring Tea to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Grainger on Wednesday, May 4th from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

It is hoped to have a float in the parade on Fair Day, May 24 for the Women's Institute and members were urged to participate. A trip to Canada Packers on June 21st and a picnic to Springwater Park, Midhurst on June 28 were also announced. Members, please keep these dates in mind.

The roll call was answered by Canadian industries. Many members answered with the industry in which their husband was engaged.

Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt then gave a short paper on "Local Industries". She said the dictionary says "Industry is any occupation or employment through which marketable commodities are produced". So the one artisan is an industry as well as the huge plant. She then briefly told of the various industries in Richmond Hill and vicinity with some interesting facts and figures about each one.

June and Ruth Harding then entertained those present with two well executed piano duets, "June Bugs Dance" and "The Top of The Morning".

The May meeting on May 12 is to be a Children's Day and girls from the various girls' organizations in the village will provide the program.

Hostesses, Mrs. R. Cooper, Mrs. L. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Pollard, Mrs. W. Mylks and Miss Stong served tea. Mrs. G. Irwin and Mrs. J. Dewsbury presiding over a tea table decorated with spring flowers and candles.

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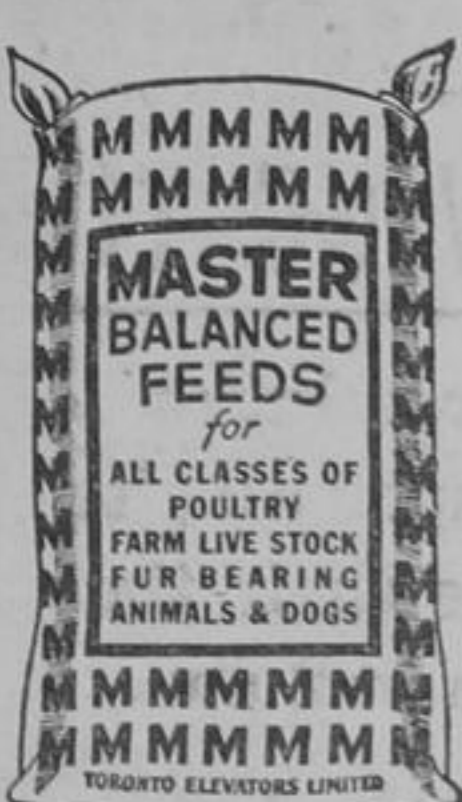
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