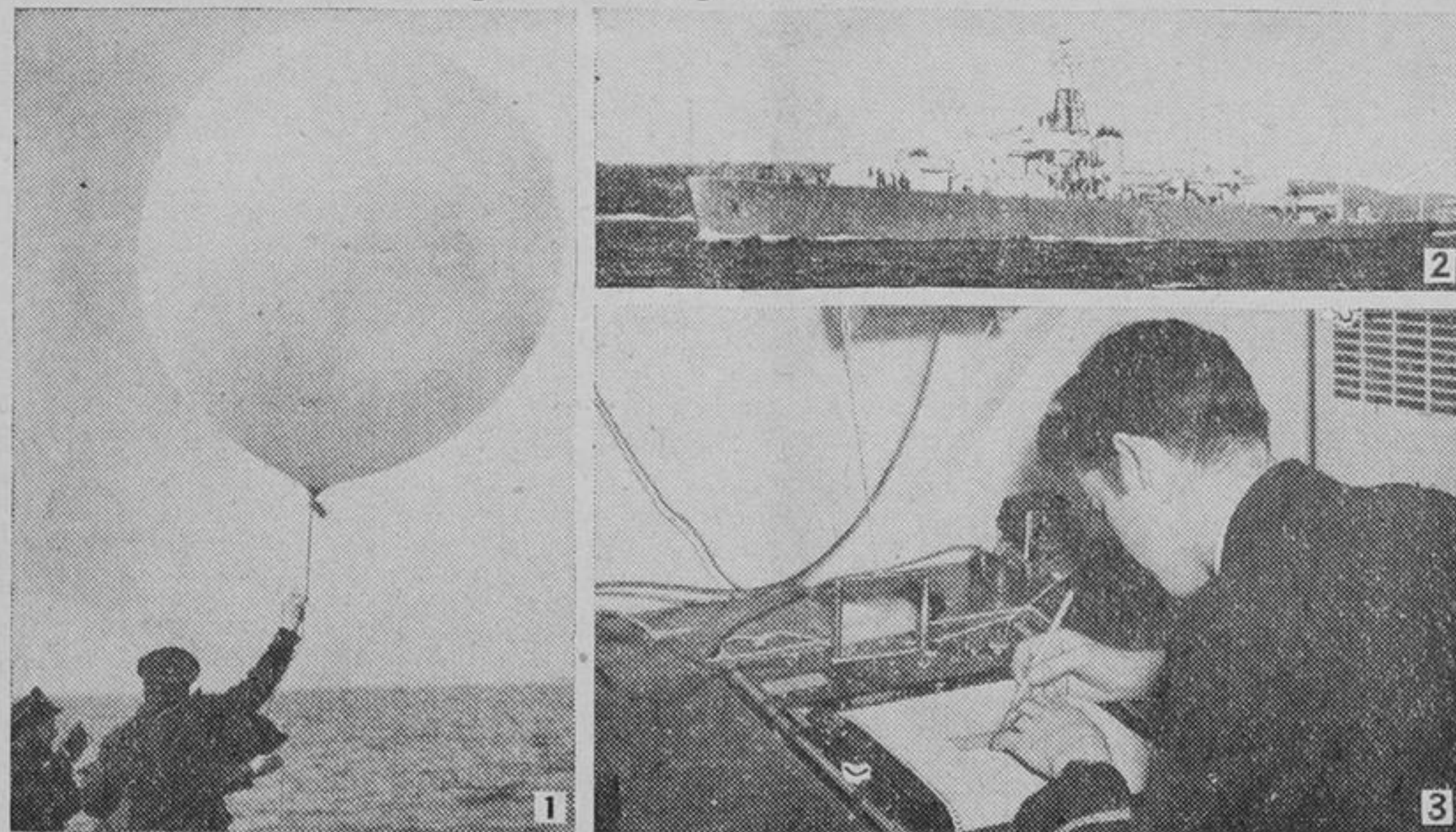


Doing Something About the Weather



Far out in the stormy North Atlantic Ocean seamen (1) aboard the Canadian weather ship H.M.C.S. St. Stephen, prepare to release a radio-equipped balloon which will radio back reports on weather conditions in the upper atmosphere. The St. Stephen (2) is one of 13 weather ships, supplied by eight countries and financed by 10, which make up a network arranged by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The ICAO weather ships are on constant duty, ready to radio passing aircraft late weather information, and to participate in search and rescue operations. A specialist (3) maps weather data coming from a weather balloon and prepares it for broadcast to passing planes and shore-stations.

Don't Plant Spuds If Disease Signs Found On Cutting

When cutting potatoes for planting, growers may find some tubers with brown streaks. Other potatoes may show a distinct brown discoloration at the stem end. Others may be partially decayed, due to storage rot, late rot, blight rot or acterial ring rot.

For safety's sake potato-growers are warned, it is better to know the cause of the trouble than plant them and find trouble after the crop is growing.

Ontario Department of Agriculture officials point out that one or two of the infested potatoes may be placed in a match-box or other small container and sent to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, or the Dominion Botanist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Full particulars about ways and means of correcting the trouble will be supplied in a few days.

It is pointed out by crop specialists that if the cause is brown streaks, the tubers may be affected with "net necrosis" caused by "leaf roll." If this disease is suspected, all potatoes should be examined by cutting off a thin slice of the stem end and all affected seed should be discarded at once. If several are found in a bag, the seed should certainly not be used.

In the case of bacterial ring-rot, the disease may increase in a single year from a mere trace, up to as high as 30 per cent. As many as 50 sets may become infected from a knife used to cut the potato. The knife should be thoroughly disinfected and all bags should also be treated with disinfectant.

If planting machinery is used on different farms, it should also be thoroughly disinfected before going from one farm to another.

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Common drinking cups and roller towels are still accepted in English public schools, according to a Kansas teacher who taught for a year in a school within 50 miles of London on an exchange basis. The Kansas City, Missouri, Star recently published an interview in which this teacher told how horrified she was to find a cup chained in position for the common use of the 250 pupils at the school. She was tireless and undaunted in her efforts to get rid of that common drinking cup, and had discussions with the local school authorities, the visiting nurse and the county educational officer to gain her purpose. Finally, she states, her labors were rewarded — a new cup was bought and attached to the same chain! CARL E. HILL, M.D., M.O.H.

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Thornhill District News

The Thornhill United Church Sunday School celebrated its 110th anniversary last Sunday morning. The guest speaker was Miss Nellie Soyones of St. Paul's Avenue Rd. United Church, Toronto, who has been a teacher and leader in children's work for many years. Her subject was "Light." The Junior Choir sang very acceptably their anthems and during the offertory combined with the Senior Choir for the rendering of the Prayer of Thanksgiving arranged by Kremsler. The Young Ladies Guild of the Thornhill United Church held its final meeting of the season in the form of a picnic at the home of Mrs. Heron. Mrs. E. Jacques who will be leaving soon to live in Ontario, California was presented with a beautiful pearl brooch. Mrs. N. Findlay won the cosmetic case for which tickets were sold at previous meetings. A delicious dinner was enjoyed and the programme consisted of games led by Mrs. A. Martindale and Mrs. H. Craig.

The W.M.S. bazaar was packed and delivered to the W.M.S. office in the College St. United Church last Wednesday.

The Girl Guides held their annual meeting in the Scout Hut last Thursday evening. The Brownies were also present to bid farewell to five of their members who were flying up to guides. Eleven service stars were presented to the guides who had earned them by an attendance of 75% or over.

The programme took the form of a regular weekly meeting with a number of parents present to witness the prize-giving ceremony. Elaine Bond won the prize for friendliest guide. Ann Lippett was chosen the best guide with Betty Rouxel in second place. Margaret McArthur was the most loyal guide. A friendship pin was presented to Joan Sanderson who is leaving the troop to live in Montreal.

Mrs. Gunn, division commissioner, Mrs. McNeil, district commissioner, and the Oak Ridges Brown Owl attended the meeting.

Another hike has been arranged for the guides next Saturday. All guides and leaders to meet at the Scout Hut at 10 a.m.

Thirty new books borrowed from the Richmond Hill Public Library are now on the shelves of the Thornhill Library. Residents are urged to join the library and enjoy reading the many books available.

The Doncaster Ladies Club held a meeting June 7, at the home of Mrs. Russell, Proctor Ave., with 17 members present. Mrs. Cole, Sr., was introduced as a new member. The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Goodchild, Henderson Ave.

On June 1 a bazaar and White Elephant Sale was held. Mrs. Angels of Clark Ave., loaned her home for this occasion. Proceeds amounted to \$23.40 and those in charge of arrangements wish to thank all who so kindly contributed to the success of this venture.

The ladies of this very active group are hoping to hold a Strawberry Festival later this month.

The Langstaff School team defeated Thornhill 28-17 on Thursday night to take the Nels Findlay trophy. Langstaff piled up a commanding lead in the first three innings, and though Thornhill tried hard they could not overtake the lead. The results in the other divisions were: Junior Boys: Thornhill 32, Thornlea 21; Langstaff 11, Concord 3. Girls: Thornlea 31, Thornhill 9; Richvale defeated Langstaff.

This completes the regular schedule in these sections and the playoffs will take place this week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jackson on May 21 in the Toronto Western Hospital, a son.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Emmanuel who were married in the United Church on Saturday. The bride is the former Eileen Gertrude Durie.

Mrs. Matthew Johnson Dies
A resident of Thornhill for the past twenty-six years, Mrs. Matthew J. Johnson died on Wednesday, June 8, in her seventy-ninth year. Born at Ingersoll, Mrs. Johnson lived a great part of her life, until moving to Thornhill, in Midland. She was an active member of the Women's Institute. Surviving her are her husband and five sons, Earl, Hazen, Verne, Lorne and Sam, and one daughter, Vera. In addition there are thirteen grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Thornhill United Church, with a large congregation in attendance. It was conducted by Rev. J. J. Kent, assisted by Rev. H. E. Wellwood of Richmond Hill.

Ask Farmers' Aid For June Survey Of Ontario Farms

Ontario farmers will have received from rural school teachers the annual June questionnaire regarding acreages sown to field crops, the number of live stock on hand and their disposition.

The questionnaire has been sent out by the Agricultural Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Success of the survey depends on cooperation of farmers in filling out the desired information. Officials of the Ontario Department of Agriculture are urging that all farmers assist. Unless the survey covers a large number of farms, it is not worth a great deal. It is pointed out that the information sought has nothing to do with taxation and returns are only seen by statistical office-workers.

In addition to this the farmer is protected against wrong use of his return by any department.

However, the statistics compiled from the returns are valuable to government departments, banks, farmer and farm organizations, railway companies and many industries in planning operations. International groups such as world food and agricultural groups depend entirely on the figures to provide up to date data on Ontario's agricultural industry.

A Scottish merchant was dying, and his wife, two daughters and three sons were at the bedside. Finally his wife bent over him and sobbed: "Can you hear, father? We are all here. Your daughters and sons and old Mary praying for you."

With a scream of anguish the old man sat up in bed. "Who's looking after the store?"

VICTORIA SQUARE

The annual Sunday School anniversary services will be on Sunday, June 19th at 2.30 p.m. D.S.T. and 7.30 p.m. The guest speakers in the afternoon will be the Rev. Mr. Sanderson of Dentonia Park Church and Mr. Bell of Dentonia Park. In the evening the message will be given by the Rev. N. Rowan and musical numbers will be given by the "Baker Hill Ladies Octette. Plan now to attend.

A number of young people attended the anniversary services last Sunday at Mimosa where the Rev. Eria Currey is pastor. All who attended reported a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown of Richmond Hill.

We are sorry to report that Miss Margaret Mortson had the misfortune to break her leg while playing ball. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton and baby twins spent Sunday with Mrs. Burton's sister, Mrs. J. McAvoy and Mr. McAvoy at Big Bay Point on Lake Simcoe.

The J.W.I. held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. Stan Defoe on Tuesday, June 7th, when members of the club, Marion Casely, Edna Sanderson, Norma Wilson, Pauline Eade, and little Anne Buchanan, Marion Sandie, Grace and Helen Boynton, Margaret Mortson, Marjorie Sanderson and Jean Brumwell modelled wedding trousseau and Bertie Forster gave a talk on hints on how to conduct a wedding. Coral Perkins played wedding music and Kathleen Barber gave a report re the District Annual. A joint meeting was held in the hall later and games were played. Refreshments were served.

The Victoria Square Club were victors again in the baseball tournament at the annual picnic held at Musselman's Lake last Friday.

A Garden Party and Strawberry Festival (if berries available) under the auspices of the J.W.I. and J.F.A. will be held in the church basement on Wednesday, June 29th, beginning at 5.30 p.m. until 8 o'clock. Enjoyable entertainment will be afterwards and everyone is cordially invited.

GORMLEY

Mrs. Ida Robinson of Toronto is spending two weeks' holidays with Mrs. A. Hoover.

Mrs. J. Sharbach, Nancy and Patsy of Midland spent the week end in the Henderson home.

Mrs. Eva Hammond and Isobel of Port Colborne called on Mrs. E. Jones on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowyer of Moose Jaw, visited their cousins, Mrs. E. Jones and Mr. J. Stevens on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDowell who were married recently and are living on the Farquharson farm. We welcome them to our community.

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Professor: No it was Columbus.
Student: Yes sir, I know, but I didn't think it necessary to mention his first name.

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