



Canada's new champion butterfat producer Avondale Alga, a seven-year-old Jersey, is shown here being milked for her 730th and last time in her record-breaking one year test on twice a day milking. Herdsman Lorne W. Dickson milks the champion while Arden Baker, manager of Avondale Farms, Brockville, Ont., looks on. The cow, owned by Senator A. C. Hardy, produced 1,112 pounds of butterfat in 16,767 pounds of milk during the test period.

Early Days In Thornhill

By Doris M. Fitzgerald

The epidemic of Asiatic cholera and the "troubles of 1837" disturbed, but did not halt, the progress of the prospering community. The years between 1829 and 1849 were notable for the establishment of a post office, stage coach service, and toll gate; for the building of four churches and a school, and for the introduction of many amenities not hitherto enjoyed.

The post office which literally put Thornhill on the map in 1829 was a long needed convenience, and a matter for general satisfaction.

The village seems to be indebted to Mr. George Playter and his son for its first public transportation system. The Playters, then operating the mills on John Street which had been built by Allen McNab, began in 1830, to run stage coaches between Lake Simcoe and York. Weather and roads permitting, the unwieldy vehicles drawn by sturdy horses, lumbered up and down the Yonge St. hills, making frequent stops at inns along the way to refresh both men and beasts, and to pick up and deposit passengers.

During the next few years determined efforts were made to improve the condition of Yonge Street. By 1836 it had been macadamized as far north as Thornhill and a toll gate had been set up just south of what is now known as the Langstaff corner. The tariff collected was used for the upkeep of the road.

Trinity Anglican, the first church to be built in the village, was completed in the spring of 1830. It stood on the west side of Yonge Street just past the brow of the north hill. Eight years after the Wesleyan Methodists were able to transfer their Sunday services from the schoolhouse to a neat new church erected on the east side of Yonge Street, and a little to the north of Trinity Church.

Books were still somewhat of a luxury in 1843 when the Rev. George Mortimer tried to start a public library in Thornhill. He and other gentlemen in the neighbourhood contributed money and many of their volumes towards the project. Unfortunately it was not a success and petered out within a year, because there were so few demands for books (at a penny a week). It may be that many of those for whom the library was intended had not had sufficient education to enjoy reading. Schools were far apart, attendance was not compulsory and pupils were often absent during busy seasons on the farm. They acquired their knowledge of the three Rs in a hit and miss fashion, if at all.

This situation took a turn for the better in 1846, when through the efforts of Dr. Egerton Ryerson, school taxes were levied for the first time in Canada. School

Sections were formed also, and in the following year a little red brick schoolhouse was built near the corner of Jane and Elizabeth Streets, at a cost of \$875.00, to serve the southern limits of the Thornhill district.

In 1846 the British Methodists built a Church on the west side of Yonge Street. When, a few years later the British and Wesleyan Methodist congregations decided to amalgamate, this building was first closed, then sold to the Presbyterians in 1850.

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church was begun in 1847 by the Rev. Father Quinlan and still occupies the same site, at the junction of Colborne and Church Streets.

During this period there was a race track near the south west corner of Yonge Street and the Langstaff side road for running and steeplechase races. According to a story (in the unpublished History of the Langstaff School by Mr. McGuire and the pupils) Mr. John Langstaff, son of the John for whom Langstaff is named, was an accomplished horseman. One of his feats was to place a penny on each stirrup and take his horse over a high jump without dislodging them.

Two of the most important annual events were the township meeting on the first Monday in the new year, which every freeholder was expected to attend, and the parade of officers and soldiers of the militia on June the 4th. It was compulsory for every able-bodied man between the ages of eighteen and forty to belong to the local militia and they were called out three times a year for training. One historian noted that these training days were "a hardship on laborers, and an incentive to drunkenness." They also provided some amusing spectacles as the "soldiers" had neither arms nor equipment. One officer is said to have given the following command, "Gentlemen with umbrellas to the right, gentlemen with walking sticks to the left."

Thornhill was then a self contained community, many of whose needs were supplied by local artisans, some of whose names and occupations appear in old records. Robert Reetern and Wm. McGill were weavers; W. Cook and R. Wiles, wheelwrights; W. Snowden, a millwright; George Weston, a tanner; George Hunter, a blacksmith; Francis Barley, a potter; Thomas Dowdell, a harness maker; Arthur Griffiths, a saddler; Thomas Howe, a wagon maker; and John Wright, a tailor. In those pre-mass-production days when all boots were made and repaired by hand there was apparently sufficient business to occupy 5 shoemakers, Henry Noice, John Holdsworth, George Monkman, Robinson Tacklin and Samuel Horan.

(To be continued)

THORNHILL NEWS

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Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. The regular monthly meeting of Thornhill Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. will be held at the home of Miss Florence James Bathurst St., on Thursday, April 12 at 3 o'clock. This is to be the Thankoffering for the W.A. All the ladies are requested to attend since this is a special meeting.

Official Opening Dr. E. A. Crawford, who of recent weeks has been settling into his offices in the MacNeil-Anstey Building on Yonge Street in Thornhill, yesterday held open house for the general public to inspect his suite of offices.

He was assisted by Dr. Gordon M. Arnott of Willowdale and by his office nurses, Mrs. Anna May Crawford, his wife; Mrs. Ida McKinnon, his sister, and Mrs. Margaret Read. Punch and cookies were served. Dr. Crawford's associate from July 1 will be Dr. Robert Steele.

Dr. and Mrs. Crawford have two children, girls aged 5 and 2½, and hope to make their home in the locality at a later date.

Is Named Manager Mr. Robert Mullin, who was formerly on the staff at the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Thornhill, has just become manager of his first bank in Toronto. He will assume his new duties about the middle of May at the branch at Eglinton and Rosebury.

While they lived in Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Mullin were very popular, "Bob" being active in community work, particularly in the Lions Club. The Mullins have three children.

Their friends in the district are happy to learn of Bob's advancement and wish him continued success.

Turkey Supper A date to mark on your calendar right now is Friday, April 20. This is when the Trinity Church ladies are putting on their annual hot turkey supper, the proceeds to go to the Organ Fund. For further details, please see Coming Events on Page 1.

Brownies and Guides Thornhill Guides and Brownies

Horticultural Group Hears Talk On Work Of Valley Authority

Mr. Frank Maw, newly elected president of the Thornhill Horticultural Society, was in the chair at the meeting held last Thursday and which was very well attended in spite of the rain and the fog.

Mr. Paul Harden, president of the Don Valley Conservation Association said it was formed in the first place to stop industrialism and vandalism in the Valley and to try to restore it as closely as possible to its original state. With the help of the Guides and Scouts, it has been planting trees to replace many of those wilfully or ignorantly destroyed. Since the police picked up 67 saws and hatchets one Easter week-end, the association has been showing films in the schools in the area in question and this year very few such instruments were found. He gave a comprehensive outline of the aims and plans of the Association which is now affiliating with some of the horticultural societies.

Mr. Harden introduced Mr. A. Outram, president of the Don Valley Authority who advised, among other things, that as the result of an intensive survey of the Valley, the Authority had made 41 recommendations which it hoped would gradually be carried out. These include parks, golf courses, riding stables, swimming pools, picnic sites and the Don Forest to maintain water supplies. A representative of the Department of Lands and Forests showed films demonstrating what can be done and what land has been wasted.

Mr. P. Delf and Mr. C. Clifford reported on the recent Ontario Convention, touching briefly on the highlights.

The suggestion was made and enthusiastically adopted that the society's congratulations be extended to Mr. R. D. Little, of the neighbouring group at Richmond Hill, who, at the recent convention was elected president of the Ontario Horticultural Society.

The Thornhill Juniors met earlier in the evening and a good number of young people heard Mr. Lumis of Willowdale give a very interesting talk which he illustrated with coloured slides of his own and of his neighbours' gardens.

According to the report brought from the previous directors' meeting, an ambitious and "fruitful" year is in store for the district's horticulturalists.

Open Night Is Staged By Local Girl Guides

A large crowd attended the open night staged by the 2nd Richmond Hill Girl Guide Company in the public school auditorium on Tuesday night.

by the 2nd Richmond Hill Girl Guide Company to be held in the public school auditorium on Tuesday night, April 3, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The Company has the following Leaders: Captain, Catherine Smith, Acting Lieutenant, Anne Campbell; Company Leader, Lorna Matthews.

The Patrol Leaders are as follows: Forget-me-not, Molly Hargrave; Mistletoe, Linda Matthews; Daffodil, Florence Little; Pansy, Gloria Gates.

Commissioner Miss E. Izzard will enrol the following girls as Guides and present the badges: Maureen Temple, Betty Dubiwski, Carol Evans, Bonnie Cottrell, Nancy Dean, Patsy Ward, Annette Jason, Alverna Montgomery, and others.

Those receiving badges are: Second class, Linda Matthews; Child Nurse, Lorna and Linda Matthews, Anne Campbell.

Those who have passed the Child Nurse but not the Second Class, Gloria Gates, Florence Little, Ventia Stapleford and Isabelle Devine.

Parents and those interested are cordially invited to attend.

To Ship 20 Million Trees From Provincial Nurseries

More than twenty million trees will be shipped from nurseries of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests within the next few weeks, to fill orders placed during the past year, according to E. J. Zavitz, Chief Reforestation Division.

Despite the mild winter, the weather has not been too favourable for tree production, it was explained. Rapid and alternating thaws and freezes have continually threatened the provincial nurseries with heaving of the ground and the possibility of leaving the tree roots exposed.

Trees will be shipped from Midhurst, St. Williams, Orono and the relatively new nursery at Kemptonville this year, he said. No charge is made for the trees, providing they are to be used for reforestation purposes, but the demand has increased in recent years to the point that soon, it is expected, the nurseries may produce as high as 50,000,000 each year.

It was emphasized that if an order was not received prior to August 15, 1950, the chances are the applicant may not get any trees this year as demand far exceeds the supply.

Liberal Classified Advertisements Bring Results

BUTTONVILLE

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Master Roy Harding entertained the pupils of Grade 1 at a party at his home recently.

Guests of the party were Carol Newson, Sandra Burr, Janet Craig Cynthia Easton, Eleanor McKinney, Jimmy Hood and Jimmy Boyington.

Miss Florence Craig was a visitor in Lockport N. Y. during the Easter holiday.

Mr. Jack Stephenson, who has been working in Buttonville during the winter months, is returning to his home in Saskatchewan this week.

New residents in our community are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kedwell and two boys in the Newson house, and Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and four children on the Burns property. We welcome them to our midst.

Farewell Party. Last Saturday evening, there was a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hood to say farewell to the Newson family who are moving to Lakefield.

The Newson family will be missed in the neighbourhood where Mrs. Newson had been president of the Brown's Corners W.M.S. and active in Scout Mother's work where she was vice-president of the organization.

Both were co-operative and willing workers in any community activity.

The group assembled presented Mr. and Mrs. Newson with an occasional chair and Carol and Douglas with a silver dollar. Mrs. Craig read the presentation address while Mr. N. Reid and Mr. J. Harrott presented the chair. Rev. A. Huston in a few fitting words expressed the regret of the church at the loss of faithful members. Lunch was served.

Ranks High Congratulations to Miss Anne Davies who did so well at the Dramatic Contest for High School students held in Toronto last week. Anne ranked fifth in a group of thirty-eight contestants.

A successful afternoon euchre was held at the home of Mrs. Alfred Miller last Thursday. Each member of the W.L. invited three guests and ladies were present from far and near. Proceeds of the affair will help set up a scholarship for girls in East York Institute work.

Davidson Mission Band will hold their Easter Thankoffering meeting on Saturday afternoon in the church. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Mrs. Huston will be the guest speaker.

Miss Frances Baker has returned to her school on Seugog Island after holidaying at her home for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haraing, ohn, Roy and Marie holidayed in Peterboro for a few days last week.

The Y.P.A. of the St. Columba church presented a pleasing variety concert in Buttonville Hall last Thursday evening in aid of our local Y.P.A. work. Lunch was served by our young people after the concert.

Extensive use is made of aircraft in patrolling and carrying suppression crews and equipment to fires in the Northwest and Yukon Territories.

New President of U.N. Assembly



Ambassador Nasrollah Entezam of Iran (left) was elected President of the Fifth Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly, now meeting at Flushing Meadow and Lake Success, N. Y. U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie congratulates Mr. Entezam.

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Richmond Hill Women's Institute

The Richmond Hill Women's Institute will meet on Thursday, April 12, at 2.30 p.m. in the Public School Auditorium.

Mrs. Eleanor Brown of the Robt. Simpson Co. Ltd., will be guest speaker and will show films on the newest trends in Home Decorating.

A very cordial invitation is extended to every woman in Richmond Hill and vicinity to attend this meeting.