

Thornhill And District News

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Fortnighters
The Fortnighters of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met March 7, at the home of Mrs. H. J. Anderson, Kirk Drive. The president, Mrs. John MacKay, presided and Mrs. T. W. Stoddart took the devotional period.

An announcement was made of the Affiliation Service which will be held at the April 4 meeting, when the group will become associated with the Women's Missionary Society.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing plans for a St. Patrick's Tea, which is to be held in the Church Hall March 17, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Mrs. J. Mavor is convening the tea, assisted by Mrs. Eric Bare and Mrs. J. H. Ariss. A special table has been arranged for the children.

Elizabeth Carolyn Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsay, was christened in Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday, March 13. The godparents were Mrs. Harman Jennings, Miss Margaret Jennings and Mr. Leonard Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Edwards have left to spend a week's holiday in Windsor.

Rev. R. Harold Parr, B.A., of Glebe Rd. United Church, Toronto, will be in charge of the service next Sunday morning at Thornhill United Church. Mr. Parr has been very active in Toronto Centre Presbytery especially in missionary and maintenance work.

The Woman's Association of Thornhill United Church gave a very successful tea and bake sale on Saturday afternoon in the Church Hall. The theme of St. Patrick's Day was carried out in all the decorations. They realized over \$60 which is to be given to the United Church Campaign for Homes for Senior Citizens.

Thornhill United Church Ladies' Guild held its March meeting in the church hall Thursday evening, March 10. It was decided to donate the profits from the fall bazaar to the Building Fund for the new church. The speaker was a member of the Guild, Mrs. G. Mickleborough, who gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Europe. She illustrated her talk with some very beautiful Kodachrome slides. Mrs. Mickleborough was particularly impressed with Switzerland, its cleanliness and its friendliness.

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The Importance Of Books In Your Life . . .

By Elizabeth Sumner

I was brought up to regard books as essential as food. I have read all my life. I love books. I am unhappy without books. They are in every room in my home and as if that weren't enough I must needs work as a volunteer librarian just for the pleasure of being near books and handling them. I read in bed. I can read with both eyes and cook with one hand. Such devotion may seem excessive. My reply is that books are the answer to all our perplexities. Books are the immortality of the race, the father and mother of most that is worthwhile cherishing in our hearts. Long ago I fell back on books as the only permanent consolation.

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Books furnish us sublimation. The world often proves too much for all of us. So retire into the world of books temporarily and seek comfort and give yourself time to become calm. In so many ways books are your best friends and this perhaps is their greatest gift to modern man.

Reading is a pleasure of the mind — and reading is like eating peanuts — once you begin you tend to go on and on. Books can be as demanding or undemanding as you like. You can find a book that refreshes you immediately or you can find pleasure in a book that seems hard and is full of new ideas that are fun to wrestle with. Books make few demands on your routine. They travel with you or stay at home and keep you company in bad weather. You can shut a book at any moment to stop and think about it without missing anything, because you set your own pace. On the other hand, you can skip if you like. There aren't any commercials you've got to sit through if you want to be entertained.

T. V. Danger

There is a danger, that with television, the public will become more sensitive to auditory stimulus than to visual. Everything is altogether too easy. You turn a knob, switch a dial and sit. You are not even required to think. But you cannot read a book without thinking — and what is even more important you can choose your book.

Lost Art

When I was a child there wasn't even radio. One of my most delightful memories is that of my father reading to my brother and me. He loved to read to us, moreover he had time to do it and he was a busy man. Today, reading aloud is a lost art. Fathers who have never read to their children and children who have never listened have missed an experience that belongs to them because it is a part of growing up. It is a bond that strengthens daily life and it creates the reading habit that once indulged in can never willingly be set aside. I live those days again when I hear my husband reading to our children and it warms my heart. Our children have their own library in their own room and in addition they go to the Public Library and choose their weekly reading. In this way they are being trained to know and love books and to handle them with care.

Reading As Solace

Reading can be a wonderful solace to the older person — to the woman who has brought up her family and launched them into the world and lives of their own and who now, perhaps for the first time, has time to read; or to the man who has retired, whose activities have slowed up and who will find both stimulation and peace in books. I cannot urge you enough to use your public library. Most librarians delight in adjusting the book to the human need. A book is good only when it meets some human hunger. There is no one so gratified as the man to whom you have just given the book his soul needed and he never knew it.

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To Market — To Market

"Shopping At Farmer's Market A Rewarding Experience" - Says Writer

By Elizabeth Sumner

Shopping at the market — the Farmer's Market not the Supermarket is a pleasurable and rewarding experience. In this day of regimented buying, super-salesmen, breath-taking contests and wildly gyrating, or jet propelled toys designed to keep junior out of mother's hair and another dime out of her pocket, the Farmer's Market at Thornhill is a scene of quiet bustle, with leisure for conversation and coffee drinking.

There are tantalizing odors of home-baking, cheeses, coffee and cut flowers. When you go you always anticipate the delicate pleasure of discovery and I am never disappointed. Last Saturday I stepped inside the door and stood still, savouring the moment. Starved for Spring, for sunshine, for growth, I made straight for the flowers. I sniffed the carnations and hyacinths, cupped the tulips and fiddled in a loving hand, caressed the pansies. Mr. Wain holds sway here and his specialty is African violets. The colours are beautiful, all the gradations from mauve to purple, all the blues and the pure whites. While in conversation with him I mentioned that carnations are my favourite flower and that I grow them in the summer. He has promised me eight plants from seeds imported from England. He says the blooms are immense and very fragrant.

Flower to Food

I turn from flowers to food and gaze in fascination at Mr. Burton Palmer's stall. Here are trays of cottage cheese, slabs of Canadian Brick cheese, great round Dutch cheeses, homemade sauerkraut, Danish cured bacon. For 18 years Mr. Palmer has been bringing his beef pies, salads, sausage rolls, mincemeat and spiced beef in from King and Mrs. Palmer does all the pickling and jam making. Mr. Wain of the flowers and Mr. Palmer of the foods are President and Secretary respectively of the Farmer's Market.

Here is a stall that sells nothing but goat's milk. My interest is aroused and I approach the lady in charge — Mrs. Richard Down of Richdown Farms. She explains that her product is sold mostly to people with ulcers and other stomach trouble. However, even if you are in excellent health it is a marvelous food for it is naturally homogenized and the curd, unlike the curd of cows milk is soft and small. Would I like to taste it? She assures me there is no difference in taste from cows milk — only the texture differs — velvety, she says. I lift the cup with some trepidation, having only one preconceived idea of goats' milk. I taste it. There really is no difference, it's delicious. Velvety is the word. I buy a quart. Since the market in Thornhill opened a year ago last October Mrs. Down's sales have jumped from 2 quarts to 36 quarts — her entire output. One customer buys 14 quarts at one time. I asked her if Europeans made up the bulk of her clientele. She said no that Europeans are used to buying goats' milk for a few cents and will not pay the price in this country. There is an Ontario Dairy Goat Society whose president is Dr. Bourne of London. Under Ontario law all goats milk must be pasteurized but the Society is seeking legislation for permission to sell it raw. It has far more food value in this state and as goats are immune to T.B. this request seems reasonable.

Over in the far corner is Mr. W. E. Gladding from Orisole. He specializes in salad greens grown in his own green houses. There is watercress, leaf lettuce and green onions, pepper grass, mushrooms and celery — parsley and cucumber and little things all and they smell like my vegetable garden in summer with the sun on it. Next to Mr. Gladding is Mrs. J. S. Murby. Mrs. Murby sells ducklings — fresh killed at eight weeks and brought to market oven ready. She runs the largest duck farm in Canada and sells over 2,000 ducklings every week. She has duck eggs too. Double-yoked ones cost 75c a dozen. She has down pillows lighter on your hand than foam rubber and springy to the touch. They are beautifully made and come wrapped in pillow.

Have you ever tasted wild raspberry jam? If you haven't stop for a moment at Fritz's stall. She is a Mennonite lady and she and her husband have been coming to market for 15 years. She is famous for her jam, her potted beef and her homemade rolls.

Prize Winning Preserves
Sweet marjoram, the herb of grace — thyme and sweet basil, sage, savoury and tarragon, lie in fragrant bouquets and little packets at Mr. Gribble's stall. And "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." Above the herbs are shelves of homemade pickles and jams, all prizewinners at the Canadian National Exhibition. Damson plum jam, corn relish, sweet pepper relish, three fruit marmalade and the bitter, tangy Seville marmalade. Black currant jelly and delicious beet and horseradish pickle. There is a huge basket of New Brunswick Golden Eye beans,

marvelous when baked. Mrs. Gribble does them to order — seven hours in a bean pot with molasses, onions and herbs.

I see what looks like masses of white quilts stuck in a jar. I inquire politely. The mass separates itself into goose feather whisks and I suddenly remember the turkey wing of my youth — used to whisk off the top of the wood stove. To-day, a goose feather whisk is used for cleaning the fire screen.

New Candy Stall
A new candy stall has just opened up. The name is Le Fevres. There is homemade peanut brittle, cocoanut rock, barley sugar, fudge. Packaged chocolates are the specialty. Next time you go to market try their ginger chocolates.

Mrs. G. Sayers and her daughter of Morgan Ave. have a stall where they sell honey, homemade red grape jam, yellow plum jam, gooseberry jam, homemade bread, doll's clothes and they take orders for children's dresses, the smoked broadcloth kind.

It is now nearly noon so I go to the coffee stall and buy a cup. I must be warm for the cold walk home. Lunch pails and Thermos bottles are beginning to appear. I too must think of lunch for my family. I have bought goats milk, whole wheat bread, eggs, watercress and three roses. Looking at my purchases I know it's the roses that will nourish me for the end of winter finds my spirit famished and barren as the earth.

THORNLEA NEWS

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A joint stork shower was held at the home of Mrs. G. Martin on No. 7 Highway Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Little and Mrs. Martin. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received. Refreshments were served by Mrs. D. Morrison, assisted by several of the ladies present. During the evening a bon voyage gift was presented to Mrs. Green who leaves for England in two weeks.

The Doncrest ladies euchre club met at the home of Mrs. Frazer on Bayview for a friendly afternoon on Wednesday. The winners were Mrs. D. Inglis and Mrs. G. Chapman.

John Caesar had an unfortunate accident when he fell while bowling and broke a chip from his ankle bone.

Mrs. Stanley Sherman, who has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Elgin Sherman, and numerous friends for the past three weeks, left for Moose Jaw, Sask. on Monday to join her husband.

Home & School

The regular monthly meeting of the Thornlea Home & School Association was held March 9th. As the school had not been opened, Mrs. M. Ward invited the group to her home on Green

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Lane. After a short business session, Mrs. Ward introduced the speaker, E. Coulter, from Shouldice Surgery, who spoke on gardening with special emphasis on house plants. He had several fine specimens with him and used these to demonstrate; later the plants were given to the members. Mr. Coulter spoke on getting bulbs to bloom. Place them in pots in the fall close to a building and cover with straw or hay, then take them in about Christmas by which time they are rooted and will bloom. Feed your plants a pinch of bone meal once a month. The best fertilizer is barnyard manure, but if this is not available, dig anything that will rot into your soil even newspapers will help.

Petunias are in style this year and will be the key note in the gardens.

Mr. Coulter drew a diagram of the best way to landscape a new lot and answered many questions regarding the kind of flowers and shrubbery to plant. He was thanked for his most interesting talk by Mrs. Frazer. Mr. A. E. F. Wright reported to, and discussed with the members a brochure which he had brought from a meeting with the school board on March 1. Questions were asked about difficulties in regards to transportation and child population in the new Thornlea School. Mr. Wright was able to re-assure the mem-

bers and gave a most comprehensive report.

Mr. David Smith will be present at the April meeting to answer any further questions. Mr. Wright will act as the official link between Home & School and the Board of Trustees.

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