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### I Return To The Market - By Request



Mr. Wain of Wain's Florists, Cummer Avenue,

prize fowl for inspection by regular shopper, Mrs. F. Arnold Avenue, Thornhill.

Mrs. Clifford Seaton, R. R. 3 King, is shown in the Newtonbrook, is photographed at right behind his picture at left, at her stand at Thornhill Market where flower stand. Specializing in African violets, he has she sells, every Saturday, fresh eggs and poultry to the an abundance of Spring flowers and plans for sale, some Market's many customers. She is holding up one of the of which are being purchased by Mrs. Tom Higgins,

Stitt, 348 Hillcrest Avenue, Willowdale, who has great The Market, Stop 15 Yonge Street, Thornhill, is open every Saturday from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. - photo by lagerquist

By Elizabeth Sumner

The March lion was clawing at the Market Doors on Saturday. His tail was a lash and Spring lay at his feet torn and abandoned. But inside those green doors it was warm, cheer ful and fragrant, and I felt as have felt before that each visit here is a personal voyage of dis-

I went to Mr. Perkins flower stall to feast on the growing things. My need, like everyone else's at this time of year is for something green to look at and to touch occasionally for reassurance. Here is English laurel, eucalyptus and huckleberry. And heather, miraculous heather, purple and fragrant, forsythia, which is like sunlight caught and held; chrysanthemums, bronze and yellow. Mr. Perkins comes to market from Oakville. His father started ex-Farmers Market was in the old C. P. R. building across the road from the St. Clair station. From there he went to the North city limits and now his son comes to Thornhill.

Across the aisle and down bit is a stall that sells the most delicious homemade bread and butter tarts I have ever eaten. Mrs. William Thompson of Elgin Mills does all her own baking, The loaves are laid in neat rows and her pies and tarts march in neat lines down the counter. buy bread and chat awhile and then go to meet Mrs. Allan Reesor of Markham for the first time. She sells eggs, hundreds of eggs, homemade horseradish and handmade pillow slips of cotton percale. In the Fall she markets cider. I must remember this, for the last time we at home made cider it exploded. The bungs shot out with the noise of guns and the creamy foam cascaded over the ceiling, down the walls and along the floor. The dog thought he had been shot and it took me a week

to get the smell out of the house. One of our Thornhill residents is Nels Gage, butcher, owner of the huge concession at the north end of the market. He employs a staff of six to serve his customers who return regularly. His largest sales are of beef and his specialty is a porterhouse roast, as he prepares it. He removes the undercut, filets it, takes the tail and puts it through the mincer and presto! you have one meal of filet mignon, two meals from the roast and one meal of minced beef. All his meat is government inspected. He informs me he cures his own peameal bacon and cottage rolls He has oxtails, livers, ox tongues, sweetbreads, brains and cooked fresh tripe. He also has a hamburg patty machine which turns out hamburgers all seasoned and

ready for the grill. My mind won't stay on the larder though and I drift back to the flower stalls. Mr. Wain is showing geraniums, 56 varieties of them and some of them are the scented kind - rose, apple and lime. I pinch the leaves between my fingers and sniff. The smell of the rose-scented one evokes a long forgotten memory. I can see my grandmother making crabapple jelly and before the top went on the jar she laid a rose geranium leaf on the thickening liquid. The flavour of that jelly belongs to my vanished youth.

Mr. Hanson of Elgin Mills has great purple pansies with 15 inch stems and Arthur Turner of Steeles and Bathurst displays pots of blue hyacinths, massed together for effect and making the air heady with their fragrance. His granddaughter, Dianne Turner of Richmond Hill journeys to market every Saturday to help him. It was Mr. Turner who presented me with a long stemmed red carnation which I in turn gave to my eldest' daughter to wear to a party. I have been here nearly two hours. I enjoy shopping and talking to people; discussing prices, sniffing flowers and drinking coffee. But now I must leave. Mr. Palmer has offered to drive me home and we set out in his truck. I dare not let him turn up our lane for fear he might bog down in the drifts. We do not live on John Street as the phone book would have you believe, but way in behind, on the land above the river. As I walked the rest of the way all hope of Spring seemed blotted out, relentlessly and irrevocably

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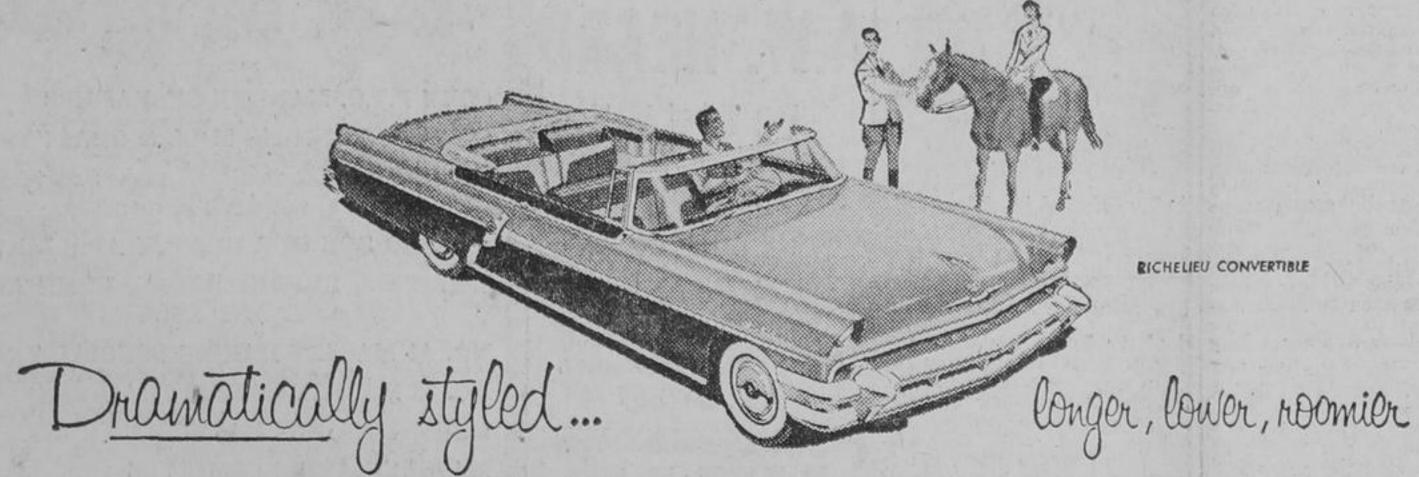
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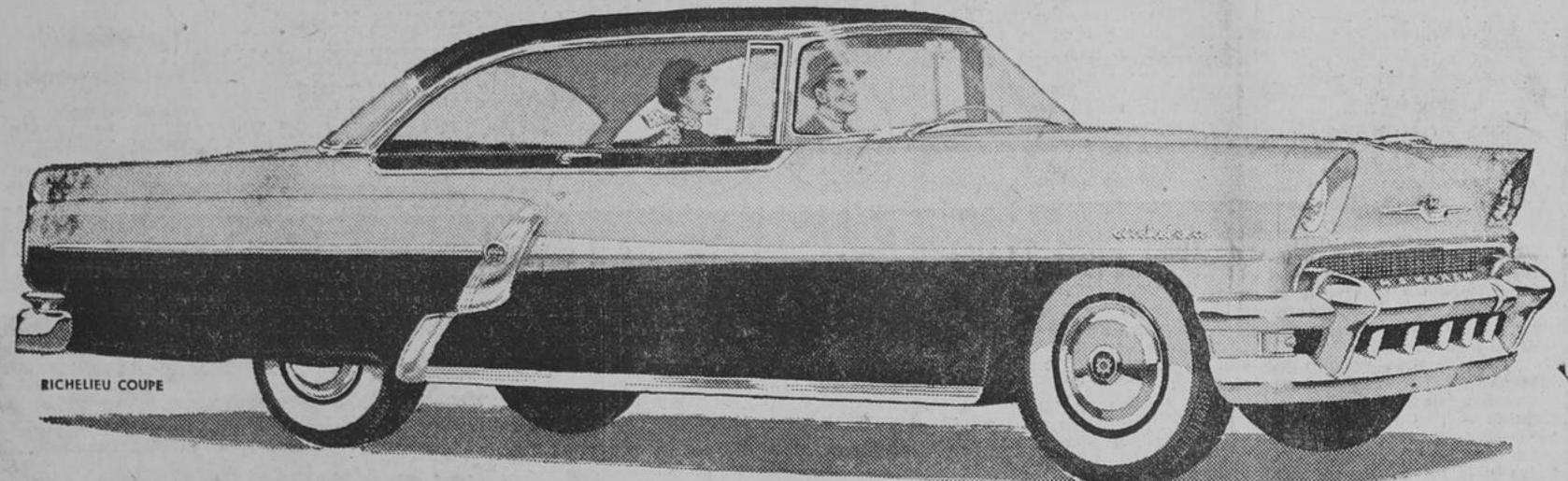
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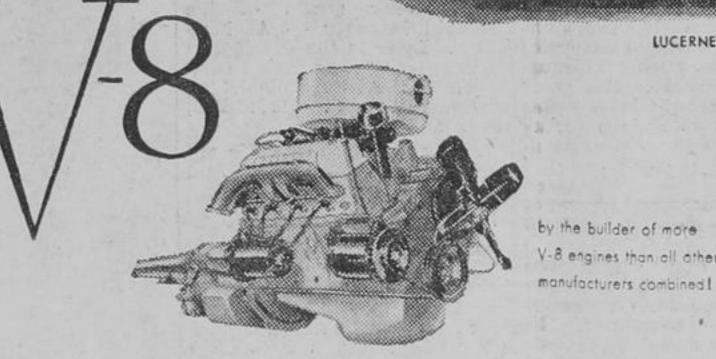
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