

# Thornhill And District News

# Farm News And Commentary

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### Around The Village

Mrs. J. T. E. Palmer of Vancouver, mother of Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan of Colborne St., has moved to Thornhill and is living on Elgin St.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Poulter, who have been touring the Southern States for the past few weeks have returned to town.

In the United Church on Sunday at 4 p.m. the following children were baptized by the Rev. E. Kent: Sandra Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawyer of Woodward Ave.; Judith Maureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutton of Crestwood Road; Donald Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Burgess of Highland Park Ave.

Rev. Earl B. Eddy, B.A., B.D., of Central United Church, Weston, will be the guest preacher at Thornhill United Church this Sunday.

### Teacher & Pupils Hold Spring Tea

Teachers and pupils of Thornhill Public School held a Spring Tea and Fun Fair on Tuesday, April 19. The schoolrooms were turned into a Games Room and Touch and Take. White Elephants, Used Books and Games tables were set up. The showing of movies and a Nursery were supervised by the senior girls. The auditorium was divided into a tea room, a bake sale and a hobby display.

The senior girls presided in the kitchen, preparing tea, cakes and sandwiches and the boys of Grades 6, 7 and 8 acted as waiters. Throughout the tea hour piano music was provided by 50 girls and boys each taking their turn.

The hobby display included shells, stamps, coins, leathercraft, copper work, basketry and model boats and cars.

Proceeds from the tea are for sport equipment for all grades and for the Red Cross.

## Mrs. A. W. Crowhurst President Thornhill Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute was held in the Masonic Hall with an attendance of 30 members, and one new member. Reports of standing committees for the year were read and showed a great variety of work and activities covered.

Installation of incoming officers by Mrs. P. Bone were as follows: Past president Mrs. C. Sinclair; president Mrs. A. W. Crowhurst; 1st vice Mrs. C. Clifford; 2nd vice Mrs. C. Thompson; rec. sec. Mrs. C. Russell; treas. Mrs. W. Thompson; corr. sec. Mrs. A. G. Seelye; district director Mrs. C. Sinclair.

Branch directors, Mrs. J. Fisher, Mrs. B. Hislop, Mrs. F. Cole; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. H. Mizen; citizenship and education, Mrs. P. Bone; home economics and health Mrs. C. Brilling; community activities and public relations Mrs. R. Spanton; historical research current events, Mrs. T. Empringham; pianists, Mrs. G. Brilling; Mrs. W. Ball; auditors, Mrs. R. Holmes, Mrs. J. Cooke.

A presentation by Mrs. Holmes of a life membership pin to Past President Mrs. C. Sinclair and afternoon tea served by the hostesses concluded the meeting.

## 52 Entries Exhibited At First Spring Showing

One of the signs that spring is surely upon us is the first show of the year, which was held recently at the United Church hall. The hall was filled with attractive exhibits of potted plants, cut flowers and foliage, with a large number of entries totalling 52, in which African violets predominated.

The African violet, logically enough, originated in Africa. It was discovered in 1890 by Baron Walter von Saint Paul, who found it growing on his plantations in East Africa. He sent both plants and seeds home to his father in Silesia. Plants raised from seed were shown in Ghent, Belgium in 1893 at the International Horticultural Exhibition and in 1894 plants were raised in the Royal Gardens of England and two plants were taken from Germany to the United States by a retail florist. By 1936 a number of varieties were available in the United States, but it wasn't until 1946, six years after von Saint Paul's death, that his flower became generally popular.

There was also a plant sale at the show and it was under the direction of Mrs. Percy Bone and her committee, Mrs. J. Dribble, Mrs. Bert Heslop and Ernie Kohler.

The first speaker at the evening's meeting was Don Wain of Wain Florists, who covered the various types of insecticides now available, and those in process of being developed, for outdoor and indoor use. He particularly recommended for their lasting qualities aramite and parathion. The use of either of these cuts down the number of times plants must be sprayed. He also spoke briefly concerning soluble fertilizers stressing their ease of application.

The main speaker, introduced by Len Riley, was A. W. Aimers of F. Manley and Sons, distributors of lawn and golf course equipment and milorganite fertilizer. His subject was the building and maintenance of lawns. With the use of lantern slides he drew the attention of the audience to the careless methods of present day builders in subdivisions of wasting the top soil and leaving a poor foundation on which to establish a lawn. He told of different varieties of lawn seed and stressed the fact that it should be selected from the point of view of use, durability and care that the lawn will receive. He showed slides of several test plots on grass being grown at various centres.

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## Guide Leaves Sick - Bed To Receive Gold Cord Certificate

Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, was the scene of the Presentation of Gold Cord Certificates to outstanding Girl Guides in Ontario, on Friday evening, April 15.

The program was sponsored by the Ontario Council of Girl Guides Association and 170 girls from all parts of Ontario were present to receive their certificates.

Of particular interest was the Gold Cord presentation to Miss

Margaret McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McArthur of Thornhill. Margaret is the first Thornhill Guide ever to receive this honor. With her were her parents and Guide captains of the Thornhill First and Second Companies, Mrs. Duncombe Ball and Miss Evelyn Thornycroft. Of even greater interest perhaps was the fact that Margaret had her appendix removed on Monday but was able to appear at Convocation Hall on Friday and receive her award from the platform.

## Outlines Responsibilities Area Recreation Committee

Robert Priestman, vice-chairman of the Area Recreation Committee was guest speaker at the April meeting of Thornhill Home and School Association.

Mr. Priestman gave a brief outline of the set-up of the Committee which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education, Programme Branch. This Committee is in turn responsible to the Vaughan Township and particularly to the local communities. Its purpose is to fill the needs of the community in all aspects of recreation. The recreation program is divided into three main groups: 1. Physical (badminton, hockey, baseball, etc.); 2. Social (dances, radio broadcasts); 3. Hobby groups.

The present Area Recreation Committee consists of R. C. Poulter, chairman, Robert Priestman, vice-chairman, Walter Smook, William Balfour, Mrs. Margaret Grant, George Giles, Ty Sowden and Mrs. S. W. Warren, secretary. At present the committee is sponsoring the Daub and Sketch Club, the swimming pool and its activities, and the summer playground in the park.

In the near future it is proposing to sponsor film nights for the family and sing-songs in the park during the summer months, as well as manual training groups and junior art classes under the leadership of the Daub and Sketch Club. The committee is also providing free swimming instruction for the school pupils in the area schools. The

Horticultural Society is also under the sponsorship of the Area Recreation Committee.

An election of officers was held and Mr. Bailey of the York-Simcoe Home and School Council installed the Executive for 1955-1956. The new executive is as follows: Past president, Ted Fugler, president, Ken Duncan, vice-president, J. Mavor, 2nd vice-president, Mrs. C. Atkinson, recording secretary, Mrs. H. Spofford, corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. Heaton, treasurer, Jack Elliott.

Executive committee: Mrs. Huckvale, Mrs. H. R. Burgess, Mrs. Ed. Percival, Mrs. W. L. Rick.

## Mother & Daughter Girl Guides Banquet

Mothers and daughters, 127 in number, turned out for the Guide banquet on Thursday at Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill.

Mrs. D. H. Gunn, Area Commissioner, presented the newly formed Second Thornhill Company with its warrant. The Rev. S. A. R. Wood dedicated this new company's flag which was presented on behalf of the Local Association by Mrs. R. McArthur. Two coloured films on International Guiding were shown and the two companies presented a short play on the meaning of Guiding.



Four glamorous blondes always make an intriguing photo. When the four blondes all wear their hair in pony tails, it's even better. But these four blonde, glamorous pony tailers have another thing in common - they are all CBC television stars. Here, from the top, are dancer Babs Christie, singer Marilyn Kent, dancer Glenna Jones, and actress-personality Hollyhock. Marilyn Kent is featured on numerous CBC shows, and the dancers in the weekly variety, "On Stage". Holly frequently appears on "Living" and, while she is known to be somewhat naive, this hasn't stood in the way of her career; with her friend Uncle Chichimus, she was one of the first two creatures ever to appear on Canadian television when it came on the air back in 1952.

According to figures released by the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, cancer ranks fourth as a cause of death between the ages of 1 and 4 years. Between the ages of 5 and 14 years it ranks second for both sexes and is surpassed only by accidental death.

## Change In Attitude Mentally Retarded

There has been a very noticeable change in attitude on the part of the public toward the mentally retarded, said Dr. Griffin, General Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, during a panel discussion at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children on April 16. The meeting and banquet held at Manor Rd. United Church, North Toronto, was attended by 14 members of the Thornhill & District Association for Retarded Children.

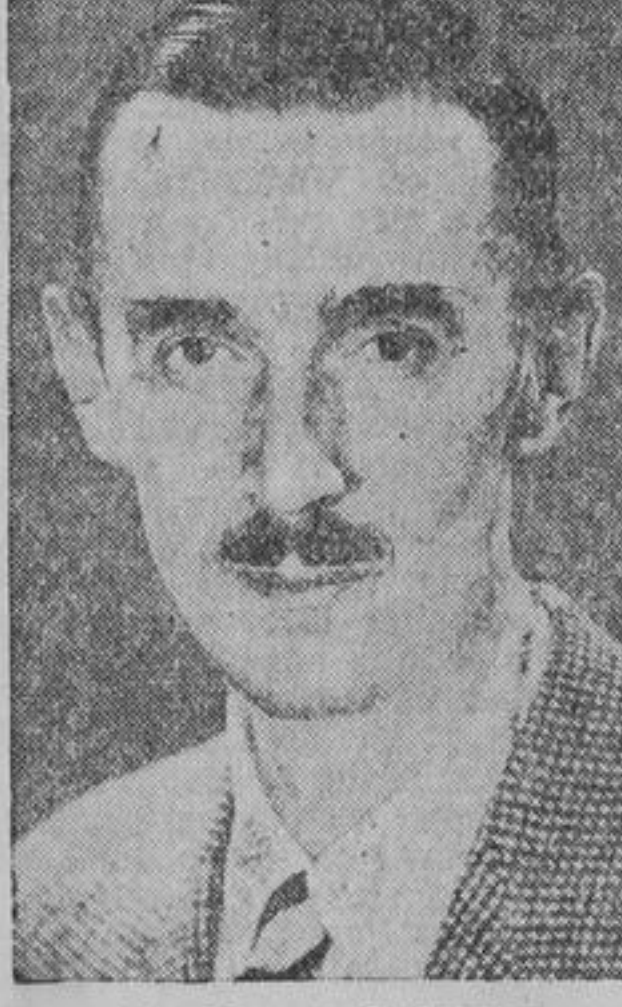
No longer, said Dr. Griffin, are these children hidden away in homes or made fun of on account of their shortcomings. More and more people are becoming aware of this group, the majority of whom are trainable. It was estimated, he said, that 30 out of 1,000 were retarded, but out of this group 30 only one was considered completely untrainable. Four out of 30 are trainable to a greater or lesser degree and the remaining 25 are considered trainable and capable of maintaining good social relations with their normal brothers. Dr. Griffin stressed the great need for research into the causes of mental retardation, (some 70 have been listed), and for research into the emotional and psychological problems of these children. He also said that in his opinion, to recommend institutional care for a retarded child in infancy, as some doctors still do, is a risky practice.

Dr. Norma Ford Walker, well-known Toronto geneticist, was the second speaker on the panel. Her work on the hereditary aspects of mental retardation has aroused widespread interest, and at the same time dispelled many of the "old wives' tales" as to its causes. The magnitude of this research work and the difficulty of obtaining data were appreciated afterwards by everyone who heard Dr. Ford Walker.

Others taking part in the panel discussion were Dr. W. E. Henry, Medical Officer of Health for York Township, who reviewed the progress and activities of the school for retarded in York Tp.; Miss Clara G. Binnie, Senior Teacher of Speech Correction and Lip Reading in Toronto Schools; Mrs. Ursula Lemmon, Liaison Social Worker and Teacher, York Township Schools, and Mr. G. B. Gunn of Oakville, Chairman of the Sheltered Workshops sub-committee of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children. Miss Binnie urged more adequate distribution of findings by those working with

retarded children. Mrs. J. O. Arrowsmith, Chairman of the Scientific Research and Clinical Services Committee, O.A.R.C. introduced each speaker. Schools for the retarded, she said, helped the child to organize the abilities that he has.

The Thornhill Association for Retarded Children is now conducting a financial drive. Donations are urgently needed to support the Thornhill school on Bayview Ave., to which the children will move in the Fall. Contributions, which are deductible from income tax, should be made payable to the Association and sent to the treasurer, Mrs. P. Bickelstaff, 215 Oak Ave., Richvale.



Dr. Raymond Parker

The success of the Salk polio vaccine brings a special satisfaction to the volunteers of the Canadian Cancer Society because of the part played by the Society in the development of the vaccine. Society president, R. B. Buckenfield said in Vancouver recently. The vaccine is developed in a culture medium which was produced by a Toronto scientist with the assistance of the Society.

For a number of years Dr. Raymond Parker has been working with the assistance of a National Cancer Institute grant to develop a synthetic tissue culture. This is a chemical mixture in which body cells can live and grow.

Working in the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories at the University of Toronto, Dr. Parker developed in 1950 his 199H mixture. The mixture contains 60 ingredients and it kept cells alive for 40 days. Since then he has developed a solution No. 858 in which cells will live indefinitely, but No. 199 has proved to be more useful than any of these.

In Toronto a group headed by Dr. Andrew J. Rhodes, Dr. A. E. Franklin and Dr. William Wood discovered that the polio viruses would thrive and multiply better in Dr. Parker's 199 than in any other solution. Dr. Jonas Salk of Pittsburgh grew monkey kidney tissue in No. 199 and injected it with polio virus. When the viruses were powerful enough he killed them, thereby producing the first safe and effective polio vaccine.

Cultures of polio viruses have been mass produced in the Connaught Laboratories ever since, using Dr. Parker's No. 199, thus the Canadian scientists, supported by monies provided by the Canadian public through the Canadian Cancer Society, made a great contribution to one of the most important medical advances of the century. So research in one line of medicine is often useful in another line.

### W. A. Luncheon

The W.A. of Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill, held its Spring Luncheon on April 20 in the Church Hall.

The luncheon was begun with the singing of "O Canada" with Mrs. Martin Powell at the piano. One hundred and forty-five guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs. S. S. Tobias, and the Rev. S. A. R. Wood, asked the blessing.

A very enjoyable one-act comedy, The Witching Hour was presented by the Footlights Club of Trinity Church under the direction of Mrs. Roger Priestman.

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# FREE RAW TICKETS FROM THORNHILL MERCHANTS

by Keith Russell  
CBC Farm Commentator

**So Now We Have Three provincial hog producer organizations;** the Ontario Hog Producers Association to frame general policies regarding production and marketing, the Ontario Hog Marketing Board to direct the policies for marketing, and the Ontario Hog Selling Co-operative to do the actual job of negotiating price and directing the hogs to market. The question in the minds of interested observers is whether the directors of the Co-operative, long on experience at producing hogs but short on the actual selling of them, can get as much for the producers as the directors of United Livestock Sales, some of whom have been in the hog selling business for over 30 years.

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**A LEVY of 1% on producers' gross milk sales** to build up a fund to stabilize milk prices has been approved by Ontario's whole milk, concentrated milk, cream and cheese producers. Collections could start as early as June 1, but will probably not get underway till late summer or fall. Concentrated milk and cheese producers, who have been financing their own two-price system in the past, will benefit directly with the cream and fluid milk producers contributing to their programs through the new fund. Foreseeable immediate benefits to the cream and fluid milk men will be the indirect advantage of strengthening the cheese and concentrated milk situation. Provincial dairy groups hope to see the stabilization fund collections become national as soon as possible, but are willing to make a start provincially to get the program going.

**Federal Fruit and Vegetable** growers should be giving more attention to quantities and mixtures of commercial fertilizers, if they want maximum yields.

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