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Butter churning was one of the pioneer activities demonstrated at the Second Annual Pioneer Festival of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority held Saturday, September 27th at the Dalziel Conservatory Area. Mrs. Robert Burton, right, is churning butter in an authentic mid-nineteenth century churn. Mrs. Edwin Roden works the butter in a wooden bowl while Mrs. Andrew Snider, centre, is "printing" the butter into pounds.

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By R. Hill Horticultural Society  
 Chrysanthemums are the glory of the fall gardener, coming along when the perennials are long over and the annuals are getting a little seedy. Their rich, clear colors make a revel of yellow, red, rose and bronze for a long season as they often survive the early frosts. Now is the time to look about you and to select the varieties you would like to grow next year. But you need not postpone all your enjoyment until then. If moved with their roots in a ball of earth, heavily budded chrysanthemums can be shifted without much shock. You may buy plants now or move some of your own to brighten up a spot in your border. Reset them at once at their former level, no deeper. Water often and generously so that every small bud is encouraged to swell to full size. Taller varieties will look better if staked. Next spring grow a number of plants in clay pots, pinching them back several times during the season to keep them low and bushy. At Thanksgiving time when the plants are in full bloom

they provide home decoration and attractive gifts. A very versatile plant indeed! In years past the ability of chrysanthemums to winter over was rather doubtful. More hardy varieties have been developed which often survive if left to shift for themselves but they are well worth a little extra care. If the plants become frozen in December and remain so until March there is little loss. However in our district they are often subjected to alternate thawing and freezing. Their shallow roots may be heaved and broken. So a good winter mulch is indicated. Use one which will not pack such as straw or hay. Watch your plants carefully in the spring and remove the mulch gradually as growth appears. Another thing to be done this month is to set out new peony roots or to divide your own plants. Peonies thrive for many years in their original setting but if you wish to divide a clump lift it carefully, wash it free of earth with the hose and cut into sections, each having three or four good buds. Peonies like a fairly heavy soil, well drained. They will not bloom if set too deeply. The root buds should be kept within an inch or two of the surface. There are not many new peony varieties. The old favorites are hard to beat. One which we admired very much last season was Pico, a large pure white, single with white stigmas. It was as cool and refreshing as a water lily and most effective in arrangements. You may have a long season of peony blooms, and they are so satisfactory for cutting if you choose your varieties. For early blooms plant Philippe Revoir (red and fragrant), M. Jules Eke (light pink) and the always popular Festiva Maxima (white with crimson flecks). Mid-season bloomers are: Felix Crouse (red), Sarah Bernhardt (rose), Therese (light pink) and Kelway's Glorious (white). Bring your peony cavalcade to a close with Martha Bulloch (dark pink), Myrtle Gentry (light pink) and Elsa Sass (white). If you have a gardening problem it may be addressed to the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, c/o 308 Richmond Street. Questions are also welcomed at the monthly meeting of the society.

**HIGHLAND PARK NEWS**

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Henderson Avenue Home and School  
 "You could take all the words out of a modern text-book and still have a book that works," was the dramatic way in which Lloyd Dennis, teacher and writer of public school texts, described the importance of illustrations in the books which the modern child uses in his school work. Mr. Dennis, ably aided and abetted by his illustrator, Robert Kunz, gave parents a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes of the production of a school book on Monday evening, October 6, at the regular meeting of the Henderson Ave., Home and School Association.

Local mothers of Guides and Brownies are to meet on Wednesday, October 15, at the home of Mrs. Jean Peters, Highland Park Boulevard.

A text-book, said Mr. Dennis, is a tool; and, to be an effective tool, it must have three characteristics: it must be authentic; it must be appealing and easy to read; and yet it must be hard enough to offer a challenge. In the making of a book which fulfills these requirements goes the effort of a whole team: the author, the illustrator, the publisher who finds the money for the initial production, the printer, the Department of Education who approve the text, and the teachers and pupils who use it. Mr. Dennis traced the history of a typical book from its inception as an idea jotted down on the back of an envelope, through the various stages of manuscript, galley proof, rough sketches, illustrations, and final printing.

Problems in connection with the writing of texts were illustrated by Mr. Dennis by specific reference to books he had worked on, and by Mr. Kunz with clever chalk sketches on the blackboard.

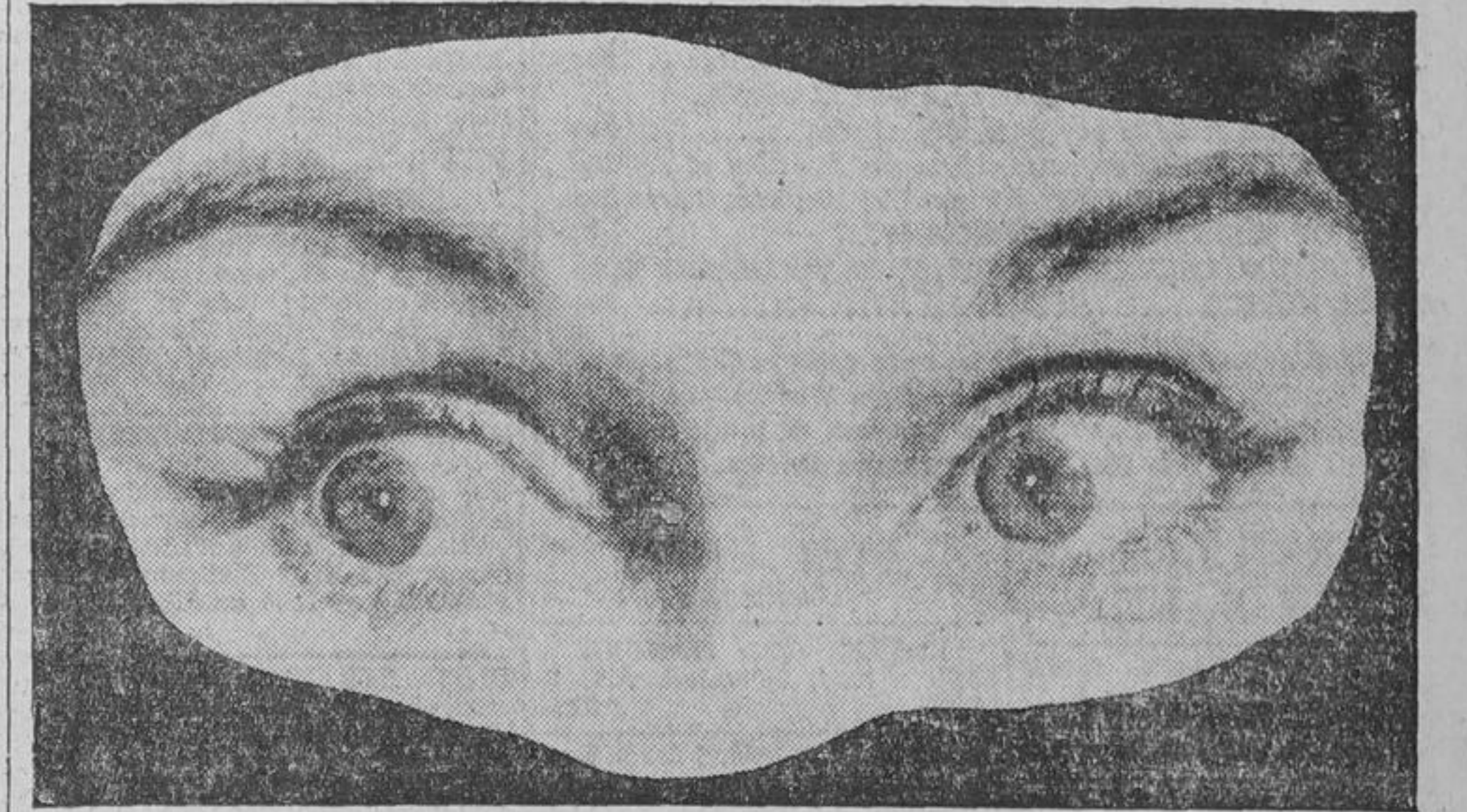
At the close of the meeting the executive committee met for an hour in the teachers' room at Henderson, to make further arrangements for the Fun Fair which the Association is holding at the school on Saturday afternoon, October 25.

Local Brownies held their annual "fly-up" ceremony to mark their graduation into the ranks of the Girl Guides, Tuesday, September 23, at Henderson Ave., School. The girls who "flew up" were: Diane Barbour, Donna Hudema, Erminie Jennings, Gall Peters, Susanne Pollock and Patricia Robinson. Daphne Armstrong, Carol Munro, Nancy Oliver, Alanna Parker, Andrea Schofield and Susanne Wilson walked up.

On Sunday, September 28, Guides and Cubs paraded in full uniform to Thornhill United Church behind the scout band to attend morning services. This week marks the format-

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