

Now That Spring Is Here

# York Farmers' Market Does Thriving Business

BY DORIS M. FITZGERALD

To winter-weary eyes the profusion of colourful cut flowers and plants at the York Farmers Market, Thornhill, last Saturday, was a visual tonic. We saw men and women happily shopping for everything from posies and bunches of daffodils to magnificent hydrangeas and Easter lilies in pots. The silky, jumbo pussywillows cultivated by Mr. B. Morrison on his farm were also in great demand. At Gage's stand five butchers were filling orders for spring lamb and veal, and other choice meats. Fresh tongues, liver, kidneys and hearts were also in good supply at this busy stand. "Regulars" clustered around Mr. Steckley's counter to buy farm sausage and fresh pork. A number of stalls plump turkeys, capons and chickens were selling well, and orders were being taken for next week. Only fresh

killed fowl are sold at the market, where in most cases, food passes directly from the producer to the consumer. To provide greater variety some imported vegetables and fruits are brought in, but because of improved storage methods the home grown ones being offered are still firm and appetizing, and there are quantities of tomatoes, and salad greens grown locally under glass. We were once warned to be careful about eating water cress in case it came from a polluted stream, so it was reassuring to learn that the tangy cress featured each week at Mr. Gladding's stand is grown in his own large greenhouses at Gormley.

Such aids to the busy homemaker as the cheese and delicatessen corner, and the stands specializing in home baking, were ringed with waiting customers, and at LeFevre's candy counter Mr. LeFevre said there might not be any chocolate

eggs and bunnies left to sell next week, so great had been the demand.

There were lots of purchasers for fresh eggs, maple syrup, honey, and the small antiques and handicrafts which make such good gifts. Everywhere there was talk of the promising spring weather. The nursery-men spoke of their field grown perennials already showing above the ground; the greenhouse men mentioned the thousands of February-sown annuals which will be ready for the market, and out-door planting in May. Farmers spoke hopefully of getting out on the land soon.

The Easter market on April 13th, will be the tenth such annual event for the York Farmers since they located in Thornhill. Some of the stand holders had stalls at the old North Toronto Market thirty or more years ago, and a number of their loyal customers still drive out to Thornhill to shop with them.



## Where Did They Get Those Hats?

Members of the Beverley Acres Y.W.C.A. Neighborhood Group proudly model some of the creations they brought to their Mad Hatters' party held in Beverley Acres Public School last week. (Left to right) they are: Mrs. A. Smoke, chairman of the group, who is carefully balancing a hat adorned with a variety of dairy produce including several eggs; Mrs. James McLellan, wearing a headpiece reminiscent of a soggy Grand Banks soustener; Mrs. G. Redburn, who is shown topped off with a gay floral display and Mrs. S. Lawson, who is shown wearing a hat that is not unbecoming at all. (Staff Photo.)

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## Gormley News

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We are pleased to report Mrs. Roy Brillinger is resting much more comfortably in St. Michael's Hospital and showing some signs of improvement. Mrs. Abram Lehman (the former Annie Steckley of Gormley) has undergone surgery on her eye.

Mrs. J. Moody underwent surgery this week at Women's College St. Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Marian Kelly is in York County Hospital, Newmarket, where she had surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barrett welcomed their second granddaughter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cowling of Saskatoon are spending a week's holidays with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham. Miss Mildred Brillinger arrived by aeroplane on Friday evening from New Mexico to spend three weeks' holiday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Roberts and son of Eugenia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. B. Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Higgins have moved into the Berry house on the town line, the former Seth Wideman property.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smith and two boys moved recently to Lake Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wideman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Neale Sider and family of Wellandport.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barkey of Stouffville had supper on Saturday with Mrs. Frank Harvey and Joyce.

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## Thornhill Group Publish Brochure

The Thornhill Area Recreation Committee intends publishing a brochure listing various recreational groups and opportunities in the Thornhill area and would appreciate hearing from any such organizations, so they may be included.

There are many people in the area who would quite possibly like to join a dance group, an art, craft or music group if they knew of the existence of such a group. The A.R.C. brochure will make this information available to the public.

A request to the secretary of the A.R.C., Mrs. A. Linklater, of 25 Dove Lane, Thornhill, will receive prompt attention and an application form containing details of the group

with names and addresses of its officials will be sent out.

Organized baseball and hockey receive substantial financial assistance and any other projects which cater to the communal needs of the residents of Thornhill are given consideration for financial assistance upon application to the A.R.C.

It is not essential that such an activity be an athletic association to receive assistance from the committee. Any cultural clubs or associations catering to a specific group in the area might desire to join with the committee or acquaint other groups with their activities in order to promote their various projects to the fullest.

The A.R.C. will undertake to publicize the objectives of all groups in order that residents can be made aware of the many activities which exist in Thornhill.

Tennis and badminton clubs are successfully organized in Thornhill in connection with the A.R.C. but for years have been self-supporting and have not so far sought financial assistance.

Have your group secretary contact the A.R.C. promptly to be included in the forthcoming brochure.

**Hydro Showtime For Thornhill United Church**

An unusual show - in which the stars are modern electrical appliances - will be held in Thornhill on April 23rd, at 8.00 p.m.

Hydro Showtime, arranged by Ontario Hydro's Richmond Hill rural operating area, will be presented on that evening in Thornhill United Church, Dudley Avenue, under the auspices of the United Church Women.

During the two hour show, the audience will be treated to a cooking and laundering demonstration, a motion picture and a practical lighting demonstration. They will have a chance to examine major appliances displayed by local dealers. During the evening attractive door prizes consisting of small electrical appliances will be drawn for as well as the food prepared by the home economist.

Gwyneth Reed, Ontario Hydro's home service consultant, will preside in the demonstration kitchen. Aided by a variety of electrical appliances, she will prepare entire meals on-the-spot. She will also demonstrate an automatic washer and dryer.

As a "certified residential lighting consultant" with the Academy of Lighting Arts, Miss Reed is well qualified to give a practical demonstration of "light for living", pointing out the advantages and beauty of a proper lighting scheme.

The evening's programme will include a graphic description of all-electric living in the film "Meet Mrs. Swenson" and a short film strip illustrating electric home heating.

Desmond T. Tilson of Ontario Hydro's sales division staff, will act as master of ceremonies. He will introduce the platform demonstration and explain the advantages of electrical living.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton have a new granddaughter born on April 4 to Mr. and Mrs. James Ash, Moorfield.

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