



Heads horticulturists

Bert Card, well-known Richmond Hill resident active in the local horticultural society, has been elected new president of the group. He's shown here tending flowers at his residence.

Problems with Boston ferns

By Marion Bluegrass

Dear Marion: I have a Boston fern that looks a little unhealthy. The tips of the leaves are getting brown and the plant isn't filling out the way I expected it to.

I think it's getting enough light, and I fertilize it once a month according to the package instructions for house plants. What am I doing wrong?

Mrs. H. G., Markham.

Probably a couple of things. Boston ferns aren't quite as fussy as other plants as far as light requirements go, so the problem is very likely lack of moisture.

They like a nice humid atmosphere, something they just don't get in homes with drying central heating.

Treat yourself to a "mister" and mist the plant at least every other day to keep up the humidity in the air.

Or, do what I do with mine. Put it in your bathroom, as long as there's enough light from a window.

The water in the air from baths and showers

region gardener

does wonders for it.

You're also over-fertilizing. In fact, some authorities recommend never fertilizing these ferns. They suggest you simply re-pot the plant in fresh soil about once a year.

In any event, a monthly feeding is too much.

You may also have noticed your fern has a number of "runners," long leafless strands that appear from the same part of the base of the plant as the fronds.

These can be cut off at soil-level and discarded. They're aerial roots the plant can do without.

Dear Marion: Are there some plants that don't need to be misted? I've been doing it faithfully for all my house plants.

Miss K. J., Maple.

No, all plants don't need it, and some positively don't like it at all.

Here's a good rule of thumb to follow: mist plants with smooth or shiny leaves. Don't mist plants that have hairy or fuzzy leaves.

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HISTORIC CLOCK EXHIBITION IN OTTAWA

"Say Peqinaw for the clocks with better movements," reads a sign at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa. It's part of a permanent exhibition that includes 60 historic made-in-Canada wall and mantel clocks.

The exhibit is part of a unique collection of 80 clocks made by the Pequegnat Clock Company of Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario.

The Pequegnat clocks comprise the largest single collection of clocks made by one manufacturer to be brought together in a public show.

The original clock company, located in Breslau, near Kitchener, flourished in Canada from 1904 until a war-time scarcity of brass, in 1941, forced it to close its doors.

Clock making was a tradition with the French-speaking Pequegnats family long before they emigrated to Canada from Switzerland in April, 1874.

In 1904, a catalogue listing 33 different styles of clocks for that year was published.

They ranged from a \$30 grandfather clock with "brass weights and leaded glass door" to a mantel clock called The Midget which was 17 inches high and made of "solid weathered oak and fine, robust quality brass."

It cost \$4 and could be purchased in quantity of \$42 per dozen.

Secretary Elsie MacKay noted that the membership during the year had totalled 227, that entries in the society's shows had increased during the year and that \$1,700 had been spent in beautifying the town, including a 100-bush rose garden at York Central Hospital.

Officers for 1976 will be President A.E. (Bert) Card, 1st Vice-President William Barker, 2nd Vice-President D. Thelen. 1977 directors include Mrs. Margaret Styan, Mrs. Velma Shelletto, Miss Verna Haslam, Miss Zeta Milnes and Arthur Uren. For 1977-78 the directors are Mrs. William Barker, Mrs. Rose Barker, Mrs. Verna Kozar, Mrs. Jean Thompson and Miss Gladys McLatchy.

The name of W.J. Ankenman was added to the list of honorary directors, which also includes Mrs. B.L. Anderson, William Risebrough and Paul Angle. Robert Little is honorary president and Robert Ross the immediate past president. Dr. Lillian Langstaff is the only remaining life member of the 63-year-old society and Robert Little, Miss McLatchy, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. MacKay are life members.

Miss Mabel Mackie and Miss Stella Mackie are the auditors.

Deaf people suffer a lack of services

By Mary Dawson

RICHMOND HILL — There are 349 deaf persons confined to institutions because we haven't provided the right answer, Rev. Robert Rumble, minister of the Church for the Deaf in Toronto, told the 110 members of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society at Summit Golf and Country Club Saturday. Rumble, often called the voice of the deaf,

reported that although in this province the deaf are doing many things for other deaf that are not done any other place in the world, much remains to be done.

Treasurer Evelyn Boyd reported the local society had received grants of \$1,500 from the province and \$300 from the town during this year and had raised a total of \$4,726.65.

Thornlea students hold charity dance

THORNHILL — A dance to raise money for the Toronto Star's Santa Claus Fund will be held at Thornlea Secondary School Dec. 10.

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