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## Garden Club Hears Talk By Thos. Costa

In a setting of exotic plants, palms, cacti, ferns; bearing members of the citrus family such as amquats an oranges; camellias and azaleas, the Tryon Garden club met Wednesday afternoon with the Thomas Costas in their home in the valley under Tryon Mountain.

This very unusual collection of plants filled the large conservatory which opens immediately into the Costa living room, and provided a most effective background for the large attendance of Garden club members.

The speaker of the occasion was Mr. Thomas Costa, whose long experience in the growing of flowers fitted him admirably for his subject, "Practical Gardening in Tryon."

Mr. Costa discussed a great many gardening problems, giving real practical facts instead of horticultural theories. His handling of the subject was quite different from the orthodox manner of many garden lecturers, and he exploded several pet fallacies, particularly those surrounding the use of insecticides. He advocated the use of a strong force of water on plants to wash disease and parasites from plants, rather than dopping them with a multitude of germ-killers.

Much humor enlightened Mr. Costa's discussions and his answers to various questions. His very practical advice on garden problems in the Tryon area, covering a wide range of plants and con-

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## Our London Letter

Parrs, Clivenden, Taplow, Bucks.  
Feb: 13: 1939.

Dear Mr Vining,

I expect you have already heard the exciting news about Miss Virginia Graham's engagement to Mr. Anthony Thesiger? They are to be married on Thursday, March 9th, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, and she is so busy with trousseau and letters and house hunting that she has asked be to write the London Letter for her. (Only of course this isn't a London Letter at all because I live in Buckinghamshire.)

She came down here for this past weekend and brought Mr. Thesiger with her. We had some fine inter-family tennis and came out pleasantly even after two days playing. I see years of tennis struggles stretching ahead of us! Mr. Thesiger is tall and fair and seems to like to do all the things that Miss Graham and the Grenfells like doing so you can imagine we're all extremely pleased about it. In fact it's a grand engagement and when they finally get to Tryon—which they are determined to do whether it's this year or in ten years time—I'm sure you will all agree with me about it.

They have bought a house on the corner of Cambridge Square. (It's extremely convenient for me as it's but a stone's throw from Paddington Station from where I go to and arrive from Taplow!) At the moment the Grahams' flat is a sea of wedding presents, invitations, lists, boxes from the dress makers and letters from excited friends. Miss Graham sits

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