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TEA

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Here is a little bit of information that may interest farmers who are wondering where help is coming from to take off this year's crop. An employee of a city plant told us that men and boys who previously owned or lived on farms are now being laid off right and left, and of course selective service is sending them back to the farms. Some of them are glad enough of an opportunity to get back to the land—others are not so happy. It remains to be seen how many will really settle down again.

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How often that age-old problem presents itself — how to keep the young folk on the farm ... how to make farm life sufficiently attractive so they will want to stay. Personally, I don't think the answer lies so much in the farm as in the young people themselves. Some of them want to farm — others do not. Proof of that can be found in any average farm family. Naturally home conditions are the same for Bill as for John, yet John develops an unrest which only a job away from home seems to satisfy, while Bill is quite content to till the land. He takes an interest in Dad's pure bred cattle; he asks nothing better than to be given the responsibility of driving and caring for the tractor; and as he ploughs up and down the field his thoughts leap ahead to the time when he will be farming on his own. Conditions on the farm may not be quite as he would like them at present, but he has vision and he looks forward and figures out ways and means of making improvements — shorter hours, more conveniences.

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John, on the other hand, gets a job that pays big money. But it isn't long before he finds that the money isn't so big as he thought it was. There are so many deductions from his pay ... it costs an awful lot of board . . . and when a fellow eats out even an odd snack costs a quarter .. not like at home where the cookie jar was always kind of handy. And of course a fellow has to have some fun. He kids himself along by thinking what a dull time Bill is having — the dope — and how little he gets for all his hard work. And then one week-end at home there was Bill telling him about the Victory Bonds he has put away.

"You've got Victory Bonds, Bill?"

"Sure — come in mighty handy after the war. But you have some too, John ... I remember you saying so."

"Yes," said John slowly, "I did have but I cashed them in ... had to .. that smash with my car . . had to have a new engine. It cost me plenty."

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Poor John . . . he had to learn the hard way. It may be that after he has savoured city life for a few more years he, too, may realise that there is more than hard work to be found on a farm. There is a freedom that is found nowhere else on earth. And it provides greater opportunity for initiative than many a city job. On the other hand, although the going may be tough, John may eventually find his niche in the business or professional world — he may never return to the farm for more than a visit. But that will not be the fault of the farm or farming conditions — it will just be the natural order of things. Farming is Bill's way of making a living — John's choice is something entirely different. What road every Bill and John will follow can only be determined by giving each one a chance to shift for himself. And in so doing we need have no fear for the future of agriculture.

Love of the land is too deep-rooted in the soul of man or it ever to die out to any great extent. As long as the human race survives there will be farmers — successful farmers, who till the land from choice — not by compulsion. I have no figures to prove my theory but it is my opinion that among the unsuccessful farmers of this, or any country, we shall find men, who in their youth were victims of overbearing parential authority and made to stay on the farm against their will, ploughing the land while they were eating their heart out to be a mechanic .. coiling hay while longing to join the navy .. milking cows and wishing for wings to fly.

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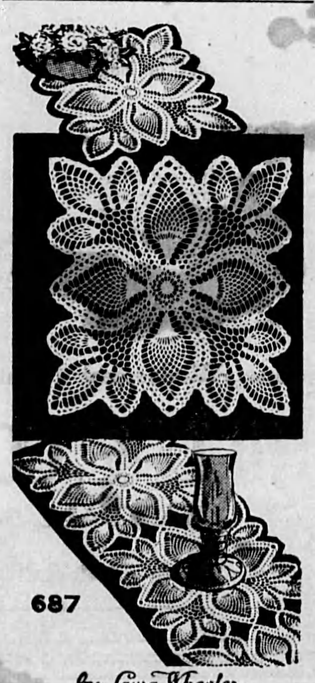
Youth is a time of unrest ... and after a war, when men have seen so much that they wish to forget, is also a time of unrest. That is something we should all do well to remember. Rehabilitation is something in which we all can help — by buying Victory Bonds and by a sympathetic understanding of all returned men.



by Laura Wheeler

This is the square you'll be making by dozens and scores—for pillow tops, doilies; and to join together for spreads, cloths scarfs.

It's the easy-to-do pineapple design; a square 12½ inches in fine cotton, larger in string. Pattern 687 has crochet directions; stitches.

Send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for this pattern to Wilson Needlecraft Dept., Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto. Print plainly pattern number, your name and address.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

1. When a bride is writing notes of thanks for gifts to friends who do not know her husband, should the notes be signed with both names?

2. In what way should a woman present a letter of introduction?

3. Should a girl precede or follow her escort into a restaurant?

4. When a girl is standing talking with a man, and drops some article she is holding, shouldn't she make an attempt to pick it up?

5. When playing golf and there is a foursome just ahead of you, how long should you wait before driving?

6. Is it proper to serve cream with demi-tasse?

ANSWERS

1. The signature may be her name only, but the note should say, "Howard and I deeply appreciate, etc." 2. She should always mail a letter of introduction, whether it is addressed to a man or to a woman. 3. The girl should go first. 4. No; she should wait for the man to pick it up. 5. Wait until all four of the players ahead of you are too far away for your drive to interfere. 6. No.

IT SHOULD KNOCK

People often fail to recognize opportunity because it looks so much like hard work.

— Peterborough Examiner.

Soapless Soap

A "soap" which is no soap at all will be used in kitchens and bathrooms after the war. Technically it is a detergent or wetting agent. It looks like soap and cleanses like soap, but it has new merits. It works as well in hard or salt water as in soft, and no ring is left around the bathtub because the salts found in hard water, generally lime, do not react with the "soap" to form an insoluble curd. A molecule is built up of an oily part (coconut oil) which will dissolve grease and a salty part that dissolves in water. The oily end of these detergent molecules does not react with the salts found in hard water to make a curd.

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