TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

Well, the summer holidays are half gone and everyone is looking forward to getting back to school—what a laugh! However you may be thinking a little about fall plans and wondering what the football line-up will be like this term. But this is still summer so we'll make the most of it, while we have it.

Barry Murkar

Can You Top This?

We are in receipt of a letter this week, following a paragraph last issue on pen-pals. Ruth Gillman of Brougham, Ont, says: Thanks for the swell column for teen-agers. I have just finished reading your article, "Correspond—It's Worth It". I have been writing to pen-pals since I was eight years old and after nine years, I write to exactly 452 different people. I write to pen-pals in Japan, China, Cuba, Philipines, Jamaica, Newfoundland, Hawaii, Malta and naturally U.S. and Canada. How about more articles on pen-pals? Also for anyone who is interested, I would be pleased to give them addresses or send their address to some of my pen-pals. Can anyone top my record of pen-pals? I'd be very interested in hearing.—Ruth Gillman, Brougham, Ontario.

Thanks a lot for the interesting letter, Ruth and hope to hear from you again. If any of you kids out there want a real pen-pal,—well here you are.

News of the C. N. E.

Seems like a long time since we pushed our way down the midway at the good old "Ex", but it's here again and they sure have plenty of interesting things for teen-agers. In the automotive building you will find a section for teen-agers only. They have a record bar, fashion show and there will be teen-age broadcasts conducted from there daily. The midway will be bigger and better than ever, and every moment you have can be taken up with seeing something different and something interesting. Boys and girls who have an overdose of freckles can get in the freckle-faced kids competition and maybe win a little green stuff. If interested in any of the competitions you should get your entries in early. Re-placing the nightly pageant which has been a feature of the C.N.E. for years, will be the famous Olsen & Johnson comedy team with the New York cast. Owing to a mishap at the grandstand, the nightly pageant had to be suspended this year.

He Tells 'Em.

A clipping of an editorial appearing in the Moorpark Enterprise of Ventura County, California, came in from a reader the other day. The editorial, headed "What Need of It All?" concerns the present teen-age centres that many municipalities are building, or drawing up plans for, at the present time The writer says, and we quote—Twenty-five or thirty years ago teen-age centres and places of recreation for youth did not exist and the youth of that day grew up as wholesome and well-fitted for honest worthwhile life as the namby-pamby, shiftless and playboy youngsters of the present day—and so on. He says that building such places is only admitting failure to teach and control children, and that the handling of the child is an irksome job—so let someone else do it. Brother you have something there. (I'll probably hear about this one. Plans are in the making for a centre here and maybe we could have chosen a better time for it—or could we?)

It Could Only Happen to Us

Two weeks ago we counted 12 mistakes in our column, made up of typographical errors and mis placed lines Either the weather was too hot or the compositor and the proof-reader were cooling off with—you know what.

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

This is the year I've been waiting for—yes, this is the year—with berries in the bush hanging red and ripe whichever way one looks. We haven't had such good picking for several years as we are having right now. And believe me, I am making the most of it. Everything else is being neglected, or at most reduced to minimum requirements. Any time now I am expecting to hear sounds of exasperation from my menfolk because I am afraid their supply of mended socks must be just about exhausted. Probably they will say—"Darn those socks"—in which case I too, may say "Darn those socks" only not quite with the same meaning.

Of course we are enjoying our usual run of summer guests—and I mean enjoy—but they, too, are being drawn into my scheming toils like helpless flies in a spider's web—my web being the raspberry patch to which they are enticed and given a pail and a pair of overalls I might add they are rising to the occasion magnificently.

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Last week my sister-in-law and I made our first visit to the bush. It was more of an inspection trip than anything else as I wasn't at all sure that the berries were ready. So we wandered around in the bush quite a bit, picking here and there, but with no intention of staying very long. At ten-to-six I thought we had better head for home—and that's where the fun began. Do you think I could find my way out of that bush! To make matters worse the sky was overcast so that we couldn't even tell where the sun should be. As looking didn't get us anywhere we started listening. We could hear a tractor going not too far away and then we heard a car, so we headed hopefully towards where we thought the car had passed. Eventually we got out but quite a piece from where our car was parked so that meant a nice little walk for me to get it.

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Of course when I related our experiences at supper time the men scoffed at the idea of our being lost; ridiculed the suggestion that we really had trouble in finding our way out of the bush—and in any case thought I was completely crazy. During our wandering I asked my sister-in-law if she were scared and what she would do if we were really lost.

"Nothing at all," she answered, "I would just sit here until someone came to find us. And I certainly was not scared."

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Since that trip there have been others. Twice John came with me and I was relieved of all anxiety—also the job of carrying the big berry pail. Today Second Niece and I, along with a neighbour, went picking on our own. And what a great picking we had. It rained nearly all day yesterday and I imagine most people thought the bush would be wet as only once did we hear voices, and they were children voices. The bush wasn't really wet all. I suppose the denseness of the undergrowth keeps the ground from getting soggy.

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All this activity has netted me twenty jars of berries—to say nothing of the number we have eaten—and the prospects are very good for still more pickings. The question is which will give out first—the berries, the sugar or my enthusiasm!

Has 'Guilty' Look—Screen actress Kyle MacDonnell goes on the gold standard as she models a two-piece bathing suit of gold metallic thread in Hollywood. The suit is not just for sand-lounging either, as the elasticized fabric is guaranteed water repellent.

Partially Pleased

Friend: "Hullo! You don't half look pleased with yourself."

Prospective Bridegroom: "I am. I've just been half promised half a house."

... TABLE TALKS ...

Vegetables Fresh From The Garden

The home economists of the Consumer Section, Dominion Department of Agriculture suggest several unusual ways to serve summer vegetables.

If wee new potatoes, hot and buttered are sprinkled with freshly chopped mint leaves it eliminates making mint sauce to serve with the roast of lamb and they are specially good too.

Hot String Bean Salad

1½ lbs. string beans, cut up (4 cups cooked)
3 slices bacon, diced
3 minced green onions
¼ tablespoon Cider vinegar
⅛ teaspoon pepper.
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 large bunch lettuce
4 hot hard-cooked eggs, sliced

Cook beans until tender; drain. Saute bacon until crisp. Combine next 6 ingredients. Cut up greens in bowl; top with hot beans and eggs. Pour seasoning and hot bacon with fat over all. Toss well. Serve 4.

Marcaroni and Vegetable Dinner

¾ package elbow macaroni (1½ cups)
2 tablespoons fat
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
¼ cup fat
1/3 cup flour
2½ cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
2 eggs
¼ cup vinegar
1 teaspoon mustard
6 whole carrots
2 cups cooked butter beans
1 cup cooked green peas

Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Melt 2 tablespoons fat, add bread crumbs and brown. Add cooked macaroni an mix well. Keep hot. Melt ¼ cup fat in top of double boiler, blend in flour, and milk, salt and pepper. Cook stirring constantly, until it thickens. Beat eggs, vinegar and mustard with some of the hot mixture, return to double boiler and cook 3 minutes. Arrange vegetables around macaroni on a serving platter, pour sauce over macaroni. Six servings.

Stuffed Vegetable Marrow

Cut a small marrow in half lengthwise and remove seeds. Place marrow halves on a greased baking sheet and fill with the following mixture.

2 cups soft stale bread crumbs
1 small onion
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 tablespoons melted fat

Bake for 1 hour in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F. Six servings.

Canning

When canning fruits by the Cold Pack method, for each quart sealer allow: ¾ to 1 cup syrup for such fruits as blueberries and saskatoons; 1 to 1½ cups syrup for such fruits as raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, cherries and peaches; 1½ to 2 cups syrup for such fruits as apricots, plums, pears, rhubarb. When canning fruit by the Hot Pack method, use the minimum amounts of syrup suggested for Cold Pack.

Herman's Problem

—Said a handsome young weasel named Herman.
Here's a thing I could never determine:
When a gal wears my coat,
She's a lady of note,
But when I wear my coat I'm just vermin.

Sure Protection

More than good general health is needed to ward off the communicable diseases. Doctors say that, although disease is less likely to attack a healthy person than one in poor condition, such protection as inoculation, vaccination and other forms of immunization is essential, particularly for children.

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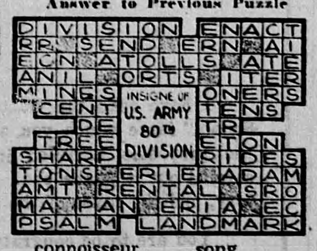

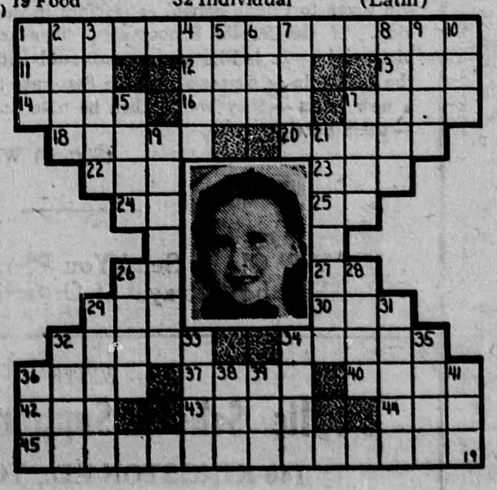

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