TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

THE WINNER

From the letters received in our recent contest "Name Your Favourite Band And Why You Like It", the one sent in by Bill Goodrich of Cardinal, Ont. was selected as best. Bill sounds as if he really bends the old ear when his favourite band is on the air, and seems to understand what it 's all about.

Bill writes: t my opinion that the "King of Swing" Tommy Dorsey has the best band. I like T.D. for many reasons but the first and foremost is because every man in his band is given a fair chance. I mean he does not hog the solos. Tommy also gives his vocalists smooth background with his soft brass section (on slow pieces) and w 'l blended saxophone section. Finally his fast pieces are extremely instrumental. — Your friend, Bill Goodrich.

A young fellow we know from Whitby, Ont., also entered the contest. He is about 10 years old. His name is Murray Wade and here is what Murray had to say: I like Sammy Kaye's band because (1) I listen to Sammy every Monday night (2) he seems to have lots of swing in his band, (3) Sammy sounds like a very swell guy to get along with. —Murray Wade.

We seldom receive letters from fellows as young as Murray, but we are very pleased to receive them. Thanks to all who entered the contest. We hope that you will all enter again next month and many more as well. You can read the details of the February contest at the bottom of the column. In the meantime, the personally autographed picture of Vaughan Monroe has gone out to Bill Goodrich with our best wishes.

Our Apologies To Colborne

For some time now we have been spelling Colborne as Colbourne and the gang down there have taken us to task for it. We offer apologies to the Keen Klub and hope that Bill Tye and several others will quit kidding our Colborne correspondent Bev. Wilson about it. Glad to hear that some of you came to Bev. Wilson's aid in securing new material for her dances and Club meetings. Bev. asks me to thank all who answered her request for help.

The Keen Klub of Colborne is holding a dance in February to raise funds to purchase a new record player. That Klub is quite interested in finding out who a person by the name of "Square-toed Muginty" is. Seems that they received a letter from this character who suggested they raise their admission from 10c to 11c and that they hire a rambling corn-boy orchestra and have some square dances. No one can figure out who the non-de-plume belongs to, and it really has them guessing.

This Is Valentine Week

This Saturday being St. Valentine's day we are reminding all you guys out there to get your shopping done early. If most of you are as forgetful as we are, you'll need a little reminder about now. P.S. We were going to write a Valentine poem, but after the insulting remarks following our Christmas effort, we'll be hanged if we will. Make up your own lousy poems.

What's Wrong Out There

From the little bit of correspondence coming in here it would seem as though our correspondents are still getting over Christmas—or else things are generally quiet around the Province. Don't forget to send in all the news of your Club activities to this column, that others may keep up-to-date on what you are doing. How about letting us have your new slate of Officers for the year 1948.

OUR FEBRUARY CONTEST

This month we are offering a lovely autographed picture, suitable for framing of "The Golden Voice Of Radio", Wishart Campbell. In 75 words or less tell us who your favourite radio singer is and why. Remember, it must be a Canadian Radio Singer. These pictures are personally autographed and well worth having. This contest is open to all Teen-Agers in the Province; you have a chance to win every month, so get busy now. The February Contest closes on the Twenty-Ninth of this month, and the winning letter will be announced and published two weeks after. Owing to the fact that we are suffering from a heavy siege of the flu, we are going to stop right here.

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Good Story-Teller

Pretty and shapely, and with an air of sweet trustfulness, she was bent on purchasing a sweater. The susceptible young clerk eagerly displayed his stock.

"Now this", said he, holding up a softly-tinted garment, "is just the thing for you, worth twice the money. It is the latest design, shrink, and it's a good yarn."

"Yes", came the soft rejoinder, "and very well told, too."

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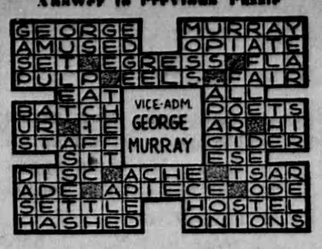
U. S. Army Leader

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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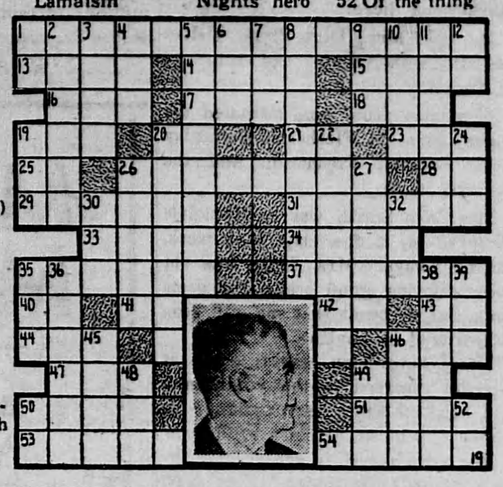

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Sometimes I think that just as Sunday was appointed as a day of rest — which it frequently isn't — so Monday was surely designated as washday for women because so often Monday is the only day in the week when washing can be done with any satisfaction—that is if one wants to hang it out and have it at least half dry. I never gave the matter much thought until last year and then I began to take notice—and act accordingly. And so it happened that when a friend phoned me quite early last Monday and said—"Are you going to wash today?"—I naturally answered—"I expect to." But then I added—"But why—what had you in mind?"

"Well, I thought I would come down for the day, but if you're washing maybe I hadn't better."

"Why not . . . come anyway . . . I'll be through by ten-thirty."

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So my friend came to visit — arriving at 8.45!—sat with me as I worked, helped when she could, and exclaimed at my good fortune when she noticed that Partner took over the job of hanging out the clothes. Personally, I think that a splendid idea. Gentlemen, please note: The easiest way to catch cold—or worse—is to hang out clothes after getting overheated at the washing machine or tub. The chances are you will only have one wife so why not try to keep her as long as you can?

After dinner my friend and I were sitting in the living-room discussing what I had in mind for re-decorating. "It's too bad you are not ready—we could have stripped the paper off today," said my visitor regretfully. I looked at her, sensing the fact that being an active woman she was already getting tired of doing nothing. So I answered—"But I am ready—we can go at it right now, if you like!"

And we did. By five-thirty the walls were bare.

So, that my dear friends, is the way I entertain visitors. Was my friend bored? Well, she phoned next day and told me when I was ready to paint she would love to come down and help. As I have said, or inferred, in this column upon other occasions — I think people enjoy a visit far better if they are not treated as "company".

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And what of the room? Well, the weatherman put an end to my enthusiasm. All my efforts for the rest of the week were spent in keeping, or trying to keep, the house reasonably warm. But in that I did not succeed, at least not as long as the wind was blowing. When it dropped, we were snug as could be even at sixteen below. Or was it that on one of those cold days I had a letter that warmed me right to the cockles of my heart? This was a letter from a friend in England who wrote—"I AM COMING!" just like that—in big capitals.

Tentative plans are that she will arrive by air for an extended visit at the end of her present school year. I suppose there will be the usual red tape to go 'through—we must guarantee to be responsible for her keep while she is here as five pounds is as much as anyone is allowed to bring with them from England, but she hopes to be able to do something to pay her way. As to that, I have been given to understand that no person visiting in Canada is allowed to take a salaried job—just as a protection to Canadian citizens—but I suppose there would be no objection to anyone picking fruit, or filling in wherever there is a temporary shortage of help. In any case I am not worried.

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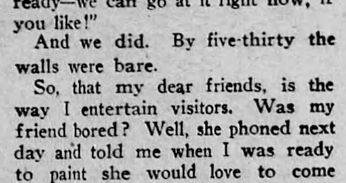
Another letter we got this week was from a friend — in Canada — recently left a widow, and to our distress she wrote—"I am having such a time because there are five years' income tax returns to make out!" Will people never learn?

Just imagine that poor little woman, who has never been required to help with financial matters, to suddenly find herself faced with such a gigantic task. I suppose her late husband was one of the many who, if the Government did not bother him, thought it was all right to let well alone. But a day of reckoning always comes—and it isn't the government who loses out.

Surely the least any man can do for his wife is to so arrange his business affairs that she will not be unduly embarrassed if, and when, she is left with the full burden of responsibility.



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... TABLE TALKS ...

An Easy Answer To "More Cookies"

You will be prepared for the unexpected guest if you make a practice of keeping a roll of cookie dough in the refrigerator. When guests "drop in," or one of the youngsters asks for a treat, cut some thin slices from the roll and pop them into a very hot oven. They take only 10 minutes to bake.

Here is a basic refrigerator cookie recipe, which makes about 100 cookies, and some variations:

Refrigerator Cookies

½ cup butter
½ cup other shortening
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
3½ cups pastry flour
2 ts baking powder
½ ts salt

Cream butter, shortening, and sugar. Beat eggs and add. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Work gradually into mixture. Form into rolls. Wrap in waxed paper and chill in refrigerator. When cold, slice thin. Bake 10 minutes in hot, 400 degree F. oven.

To make the variations, divide the dough after mixing it into three portions and put each in a bowl. After a variation is made, form into rolls, wrap in wax paper and put in the refrigerator.

Marmalade

Flavor with ½ teaspoon vanilla. Form into rolls, wrap in waxed paper and chill in refrigerator. When ready to use, cut very thin slices. Put 1 teaspoon orange marmalade on one slice and top with another. Press edges together and bake.

Chocolate Nut

Melt 1 square chocolate and add to dough. Mix well. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla. Work in ½ cup chopped walnuts.

Spice

Add 1 teaspoon allspice and 1 teaspoon cinnamon to basic dough. Chopped walnuts may be worked in.

Pinwheels

Flavor with ½ teaspoon vanilla. Divide the dough in half. Color one part with a few drops red coloring, or with melted square of chocolate. Roll out both portions of dough separately on waxed paper. Lay the colored portion on top of the other, and then roll the two together from one long edge, until both sections form one long roll. When sliced, each cookie will have a spiral of color.

Black and White

Divide dough in two, one portion larger than the other. Flavor larger portion with ½ teaspoon almond flavoring, and set aside. Melt 1 square chocolate and add to smaller portion. Flavor with ½ teaspoon vanilla. Form into long roll on waxed paper. Take second portion and roll out on waxed paper to width of about three inches and length of 10 inches. Place chocolate roll on this portion, and wrap almond-flavored dough around chocolate core. When sliced, and baked, there will be a chocolate center bounded by a wide cream border.

Orange

Mix 2 tablespoons strained orange juice with dough. Grate skin of orange, and work in.

Lemon

Mix 2 tablespoons strained lemon juice with dough. Add grated skin of lemon.

Sugar Cheapest Of Energy Foods

While costs of most commodities continue to rise, refined sugar remains the cheapest of all staple foodstuffs available to Canadian consumers. A survey just completed at Chatham, Ont., shows the cost of sugar to the householder to be five cents per 1,000 calories—a full 50 percent below the cost of bread which places second on the list of low-priced energy foods. Third from the standpoint of economy are potatoes at nine and a half cents per 1,000 calories.

Winter cabbage costs the consumer no less than $1.18 per 1,000 calories. Costs of other staple food products per 1,000 calories follow: Rib roast beef 79½ cents, back bacon 32 cents, cheese 25 cents, butter 21 cents, milk 20 cents, rice 11 cents and white beans 10 cents.

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A Change

The vicar was paying a call on some of his parishioners whom he had not seen for some weeks, and his last visit was to one of the oldest residents of the village.

After the preliminaries were over, he sat back to have a chat with the old man.

"I understand you have a son in Hollywood. Do you see him often?" he asked.

"Ah, he's been home every summer for five years."

"And does he bring his wife with him?"

"He does, sir. And five fine gals they were."

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TOPPING:

- 4 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt; sift again. Cream 3 tbsps. butter, add sugar, cream well. Add egg; beat thoroughly. Add flour, alternately with milk; beat well after each addition. Turn into greased 9-inch pie-pan. Sprinkle with mixture of 4 tbsps. sugar, and cinnamon. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 20 minutes; pour milk and butter over top; bake 15 minutes longer. Serve hot, in wedges.

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