I Have Been Faithful—After My Fashion—This dead dog has a really faithful buddy. The little fellow sat beside his fallen friend when the animal was struck by a car and remained there until the body was removed eight hours later.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

There is one thought in everyone's mind these days; one topic that takes the spotlight in all conversations . . . the drought! That is, insofar as country people are concerned. Whether city folk are equally worried is a question — actually it appears not to concern them right at the moment. Some might even grumble if it rained and spoilt a picnic. How we would welcome it, supposing it spoilt a dozen picnics — but at present there is no sign of a break in the weather. It is heart-breaking to go out at night watering plants and things in an effort to keep them alive. We give them a real drenching, and yet by the next evening they are wilted and weary again. One wonders . . . what is it that makes rain more beneficial to plants than water from the well or cistern? We still have our tomato plants, cabbage, peppers and some annuals in baskets just as they came from the greenhouse. We find them easier to care for that way than if we set them out in the garden. The wheat is out in head but without rain what will there be in the kernels?

Yesterday Partner was looking over one of the fences with a view to future repairs when he saw quite a number of dark objects hanging on a tree. On close inspection he found they were wild plums — undersized, premature, and dead ripe. He picked one or two and split them open. Except for the stones they were hollow — absolutely no flesh or juice in them at all. That makes me wonder what will happen to the cherry crop?

Maybe this is one of the "seventh years" of which the Bible tells us during which we should neither sow no reap, nor gather any of the fruits of the earth. Maybe what we don't do voluntarily we may have to accept without choice. No, I don't wish to be gloomy but you must admit we do take an awful lot for granted and although we work, and plan, yet every once in a while we are set back on our heels and forced to a realization that we are still absolutely dependent upon a Higher Power.

I am wondering what my sister-in-law will have to say in regard to our way of living. Last year, when Cicely was here, we heard very little about the shortages in England as compared with our land of plenty, mainly, I think, because Cicely had no worries about housekeeping. She had her noon meal at school, which helped her rationing problems considerably, and her housekeeper looked after things at home. But Partner's sister has had it all to do, and, until a year ago, an invalid mother to look after as well. Now she is alone and we are hoping a holiday in Canada will do her a lot of good. At this moment Bob is away to Toronto to bring her back to the farm which she has not seen for twenty-two years.

Incidentally i am thinking she will wonder what she has struck when she sees our front steps. They are pale green — and only partly finished at that! The other day, when I was looking them over I was thinking they were going to soak up an awful lot of paint when I did get around to giving them a paint job. So I got Bob to gather up all the odds and ends of paint that happened to be around and mix them altogether to use as a first coat. The conglomeration emerged as the colour I have mentioned — pale green. But for a first coat what did the colour matter? So that same evening I went at it . . . had the top of the steps finished and was starting on the first riser when Partner called me to look at a calf that had suddenly become very bloated. So I went and we worked with that calf until one a.m. I imagine we saved its life for which it appeared to be very grateful. Would it have been, I wonder, had it known that we saved it only so that it might be sent to market in a few weeks time. Anyway it was the calf that interrupted my step-painting ob — and I haven't got back to it yet. Funny thing how it is often so hard to get back to a job once it has been interrupted.

Well, we hear quite often about cats and birds, but on Ginger farm we do things differently. Here it isn't the cat that gets the birds, it's our Honey. The other night I found no less than five fledgling starlings on the back lawn. Not one of them was eaten so I knew the cat was not responsible. Later, by her tactics I discovered the culprit. Honey, by snooping around the shrubberies, found the young birds which had been taken there for protection. Partner says she also gets up into the haymow and finds them there, just as they are learning to fly. If they were any other birds than starlings Honey would get a scolding . . . but starlings . . . well, you know what I mean, don't you?

In Los Angeles, Calif., a thief who took $250 from a cafe called on the telephone a few hours later to tell his victim the money would be found in public locker No. 3225 in a railroad station—and it was.

Wolf! Wolf! 35 Bucks Worth—Deputies at Polk City, Ia., hold seven baby wolves found by Harold Wicker, while hunting for mushrooms. Wicker turned the animals in for the $5-a-head bounty offered for wolves. They will be destroyed.

Buying A Tractor?

If you are thinking about buying a tractor, here are some questions you may want to answer before you close a trade:

1. Is my farm large enough to support a tractor? Can I keep it busy enough doing real farm work to make it pay?

2. Can I replace enough horses with a tractor to make it pay from that angle?

3. Are my fields large enough to use a tractor, or can I make them so?

4. Would a tractor fit in with my system of farming?

5. Would I like farming with a tractor? Am I the type of man who can change over from work stock farming to tractor farming and do a good job of it?

6. Can I enlarge my farm enough —in row crops, pastures, etc.—to do my farming enough better to make a tractor pay?

A man with a small farm may buy a tractor and make money and spread overhead costs with it by doing custom plowing and other work for neighbors. Ability to get his own rush jobs done on time is another advantage.

Many good farmers who perhaps could not afford a tractor for row crops alone make it pay by doing other jobs. They use the tractor to saw wood, thresh grain, grind feed, stretch wire, and many such farm jobs.

An Agricultural Experiment Station found in a recent study that tractors used less than 400 hours a year cost 95 cents an hour to operate. Those used from 400 to 800 hours cost 64 cents; from 800 to 1,200 hours, 51 cents; and over 1,200 hours, the cost was 37 cents an hour.

In the area covered by this study each tractor had replaced an average of 4.5 work stock. The study seemed to indicate that each tractor should have replaced about five head of work stock. With maximum use of power and equipment it was figured that each tractor could have replaced up to six work animals.

If you decide not to buy a tractor now or if you can't get one, perhaps you would like to do these two things:

1. Keep accurate records for one year to see what it costs you to keep and use each horse, how much time each horse worked, and how much clear money each horse made for you.

2. Increase your cash reserves so that any purchase next year can be on a cash, or largely cash, basis.

The average l[illegible] expectancy at birth of a native of India is 27 years, Government of India actuaries report.

Gardening Hints from —

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FOR THE KIDDIES

Frozen fruit-juice on a stick can be made at home by use of polyethylene plastic molds soon to be introduced to the Canadian market. Molds come with supply of wooden sticks. Stick is inserted through hole in end of mold which is then filled with fruit juice and put in ice compartment of refrigerator. When frozen push down on stick to release from mold. Mold is washable, may be used indefinitely, maker states.

MOTH PREVENTIVE

New fireproof moth repellant with cedar aroma said to contain four times necessary potency; 10-lb. bag covers 80-100 sq. ft. wall space. It's mixed to a thick paste and spread on walls and ceilings of closets with paint brush. Dries in 24 hours and will not rub off, maker claims.

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FOAM RUBBER PILLOW

Foam rubber pillow curved to fit the body is offered for use as headrest and backrest. Originally made for airplanes, is now available for automobiles, buses, trains, homes, hospitals and ambulances. Pillow is U-shaped and about two inches thick, 20 inches long and five inches wide.

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TABLE HAS MANY USES

Novel curved table featuring two extension leaves which can be reached from a swivel chair is offered for work, hobby or play. Leaves may be used for layout work, patterns which have to dry, pasting or typing manuscripts. Work can be left on slides and pushed inside table. Small unit on wheels with drawers for filing or for hobby equipment may be fitted under table if desired.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren

The Songbook of the Bible
Psalm 1; 67.

Golden Text:— Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100: 2.

During this quar[illegible] we are to study the Psalms of Ancient Israel. These are a group of lyrical poems of which seventy-three are accredited to David, the sweet singer of Israel. Some Psalms have been the object of sharp criticism because of the anathemas they contain. An example is Ps. 13:9. "Happy shall he be that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against stones." But it should be noted that the anathemas are usually prophetic and not necessarily the personal sentiment of the writer. Neither does the psalm hint approval of the beastly action pictured in the forecast.

The first psalm is really a preface. Here the line between the righteous and the wicked is clearly drawn. The righteous is happy. Since he does not walk as the ungodly advise, he does come to stand in the way of sinners nor take his seat with the scorners. He is different. But his righteousness is positive, too. He delights in God's law and consequently his life is fruitful. How different from the ungodly who are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. The difference will be manifest to all in the day of Judgment.

From Ps. 6 it is evident that the writer conceived of God as not only Israel's God b[illegible] One who would govern the nations. "All the ends of the earth shall fear Him." The God or the Psalms is a great God. All men are called to serve Him with gladness and come before His presence with singing. May we through confession of our sins and faith in His Son have that melody in our hearts that will vibrate in unison with the music of the Psalms as we study this book of poems this quarter.

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

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