CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P Clarke

It came at last! Real, wet, soaking rain. In fact, it managed it twice. The first time there was a nice gentle rain that lasted most of one morning. We thought that was our quota for possibly another month. But Saturday it just tumbled down out of the sky and there seemed no let-up to it at all. It rained outside and it rained inside. The kitchen roof that had dried out hopelessly during the drought did no more than act as a sieve for the heavy downpour. Bob went up in the attic with pots, pans, boilers and a wash tub while I placed dishes and kettles at strategic positions around the kitchen. After about an hour the rain settled down to a more moderate tempo and we thought the worst was over. The lull in the storm encouraged the young folk to dress up and go out —although it is more than likely they would have gone anyway, storm or no storm. But around 10 o'clock, we were treated to another deluge and the roof found new places to leak. This time Partner went up in the attic, and by the time he was through every available pan, pail and kettle was up there catching drips. It was a happy, restful Saturday evening! Did we grumble? We did not! There was a time or two when I heard Partner talking to himself up in the attic, but no doubt he was just saying, "Oh, my, isn't this a lovely rain!"

We were glad there wasn't much wind because we haven't cut our wheat yet. My menfolk were a little undecided last Friday — should they cut it or shouldn't they? Now they are glad they didn't because as long as it was able to withstand the storm, it was better standing there than it would have been in the stook. So that's that!

And am I glad we have cooler weather at last as our influx of summer visitors has really begun. Friday was quite a day. Bob was to meet one visitor coming off the Toronto bus at 7.20, while I was to meet two others off the Hamilton bus at 7. When it was almost time for me to get away there was still no sign of Bob. Then he 'phoned. He had gone out with a load on his truck and was really mired—wasn't sure whether he would be back in time to meet the bus or not. Partner was milking, so after explaining the situation to him, I had to trust to luck and go. After I had gone, a young neighbor came in for eggs so Partner asked him to meet the Toronto bus — you see, we couldn't send a taxi because our niece was getting off along the highway. To cut a long story short, this is what happened: The bus stopped at the intersection and Niece Joy got off. To meet her she found our neighbor on one corner with his truck; on another corner, and right behind each other, was Bob with his truck and I with the pick-up with our two other visitors. Quite a welcoming party, wasn't it? Poor Joy didn't know which one to go and speak to first.

Another night there was a telephone call from Fort William—from Daughter, of course. Between the lot of us no one had told her definitely her English aunt would be returning the end of the month. Daughter had planned her holidays for September so now she is trying to arrange to get home this month instead. And that is easier said than done—an employee can hardly walk off a job just when she feels like it.

It seems so strange to have our small family of three increased to six and sometimes eight — and there may be more. I put an extra leaf in the table, and then another, and yesterday all three as we had friends in for supper. And the dishes! But I don't have to worry as nobody will let me do them. All I do is go to bed at night and figure out what I shall give them to eat next day. So far no one has starved.

The rain Saturday night was the cause of an annoying aftermath. Sister-in-law took the screen out of her bedroom window in order to shut it. When she opened it again, she didn't get the screen in right. Last night when she went to bed, she came down again in an awful dither—her room was full of flies! I went to investigate, spray gun in hand. Flies . . . they were everywhere! The ceiling and walls were plastered with them! How thankful I was for modern science and DDT. People from England generally wonder why we in Canada always have our windows screened. But they learn — one such experience as I have mentioned is enough.

Well, the men are just getting set to cut the wheat — and for the first time in I don't know how many years I haven't had to fix binder canvas. Bob took over that job—and without any argument from me!

Now I will hand over what I have written to my secretary to type. Oh, yes, I have a secretary now . . . Niece Betty . . . but unfortunately she leaves for a more lucrative position next Wednesday.

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HOW CAN I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I get rid of silver fish?

A. If the cupboard is infested with these insects, it is because there is some dampness attracting them. Sprinkle some borax around liberally to frighten them away.

Q. How can I mail cut flowers and be assured that they will keep fresh for a few days?

A. Before packing for mailing, cut slits in raw potatoes and insert the stems of the flowers into these openings. The juice of the potato will nourish the flowers, and keep them fresh for several days.

Q. How can I remove stubborn peach stains from linens?

A. Sprinkle with lemon juice and salt, and place for two days in the hot sun. Then rinse out in cold water and wash with warm water and soap suds.

Q. How can I relieve chafed skin, caused by perspiration during the hot weather?

A. By the use of fuller's earth. Wash the chafed portions and dry just a little. Dust the fuller's earth on the dampened surface and rub in carefully. Follow this procedure before retiring and there will be no trace of irritation the next morning.

Q. How can I change white shoes that have become too dirty to clean to a nice brown?

A. By rubbing them over with a mixture of 20 drops of saffron, and two tablespoons of olive oil; two applications are necessary for proper color.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS
Ps. 92:1-5; 103:1-11

Golden Text: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High." Psalm 92:1.

On Sunday, July 10, fervent prayers of thanksgiving were offered in the churches of southern Ontario. There was deep gratitude in the hearts of the people,—particularly of those most directly and immediately affected,—for the bountiful rains that had just fallen, terminating the long and serious period of drought. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Too often we forget to say, "Thank you." Bobby Burns was right when he said, "Man's base ingratitude to man, makes countless thousands mourn." But it is not only to man that we are ungrateful but to God, the Creator of all good. Paraphrasing Phil. 4:6, 11, Paul has said, "Be worried about nothing, prayerful in everything, and thankful for anything." Such an attitude is strongly conductive to mental health. In the morning we should thank God for His lovingkindness throughout the night; at night we should give thanks and sing praises because God has proved His faithfulness to us throughout another day. We ought all to join with the Psalmist in singing, "Thou, Lord, hast made glad through Thy work."

The Psalmist strikes the best keynote when he begins with stirring up his inmost self to magnify the Lord. He enumerates some of the benefits, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." Pardon received on renunciation of sin and faith in Jesus Christ brings unspeakable joy to the soul. "Who healeth all they diseases." That God can heal all manner of disease and sickness is a clear Bible teaching. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." "The Lord is merciful and gracious." For these and many others we should be thankful.

If we were more thankful to God, we would have more to be thankful for. Prayer is effective when offered with thanksgiving. "Let us give thanks unto the Lord."

Sense of Humor

The Latin teacher was in fine humor after lunch and instead of settling right down to Latin, he decided to tell the class a couple of jokes he'd heard the night before. Everybody laughed and laughed—except one girl in the first row.

"What's the matter?" asked the Latin teacher, "haven't you got a sense of humor?"

"I don't have to laugh," said the girl, "I'm transferring to another school Friday.

New Gadgets and Inventions You'll Probably Be Seeing

Protects Chairs

Scuff plates for bases of swivel chairs to prevent scratching are being made of plastic. Plates attached to chair bases by cement make bases chip-proof and easily cleaned, Ohio maker states.

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Pocket Radio

Pocket Radio weighing less than six ounces is said to fit snugly in palm of hand. Operates on standard broadcast band, has volume control. Plastic case protects delicate parts and maker recommends it for use by travellers and by the hard of hearing.

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Ketchup Dispenser

New dispenser molded of odorless and tastless Lustron plastic is said to end the need to pound the ketchup bottle; serves exact amount; is easy to clean.

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Protects Farm Equipment

Complete line of enamels for protection of expensive farm equipment and machinery has been developed. May be applied over previously painted surfaces and used for touching up spots before applying them as finish coats maker states. Said to provide a tough film resistant to weather, rust, grease and oil. Will come in black, red, grey, green, orange and yellow to match shades of original paint coatings of major farm equipment manufacturers.

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Bomb Waxes Car

Aerosol bomb is now available to ease waxing of floors and automobiles. Previous handicap to use of spray wax for general household purposes was high cost of spray guns that would develop pressure necessary for adequate application. This handicap is said to have been overcome by the low pressure aerosol bomb. Bombs can now be produced which contain enough wax to cover two automobiles at cost of less than $1 a car, maker states. Where use of prior cleaners is not necessary, entire job can be completed in from five to ten minutes. Tests under way said to indicate that combination cleaner-wax can be incorporated in single dispenser.

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Stores Paint Brush

Plastic film bag for storage of paint brush is said to keep it soft and usable for long periods. Brush is put in bag after excess paint removed; top of bag is twisted tightly and tied with string or elastic band. Will keep brush from drying out for as long as a year.

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Pinking Shears

Light weight pinking shears said to be standard in size, but almost half weight of any comparable shears, feature handles molded of cellulose. Plastic handles also make for comfortable pinking since they are molded to fit the hand and are flexible enough to adjust to individual hand and arm pressure.

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Holderette

Eliminates necessity for juggling handbag or umbrella while dining in a restaurant, playing cards, etc. Consists of rubber-cushioned metal disc about size of a 50-cent piece and a projecting metal arm. Simply place flat rubber base face down on table and hang your handbag at your side. Is finished in 24 karat gold plate and lacquered for long wear. Hinge at top makes it fit on any thickness of table or counter, including a flush top and side.

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Headlight Unit

Sealed beam headlight unit, featuring a specially designed lens has been introduced. New unit delivers a driving beam of higher intensity, accomplisehd by prisms which pick up the reflected light from the bulb filament and collimate it into a beam which projects the light into the main headlamp beam, company explains. Other features include aluminized reflector which whitens the light and keeps it white, and new method of sealing glass lens to metal back of unit. Product is said to be light in weight, but rugged in construction; will operate even though lens is cracked or broken.

Wall Finish

Quick-drying, one-coat wall finish that "paints and plasters" in one application is offered to cut home building and remodelling costs and to speed interior finish work. Designed especially for use on wallboard and other modern dry wall construction, the new synthetic rubber-based coating gives a "rough plaster" finish without high cost of lathing and plastering, maker states. Is brushed on like ordinary paint. Scrolls and design patterns can be worked into the teture. Comes in cream, blue, peach, green, rose and white. Finish is said to expand and contract on wall surfaces with the changes in temperature and weather. Fills in wall blemishes such as cracks, seams, small holes, etc. Can also be used on old plaster walls.

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

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SWEETER TASTIER **White Bread**

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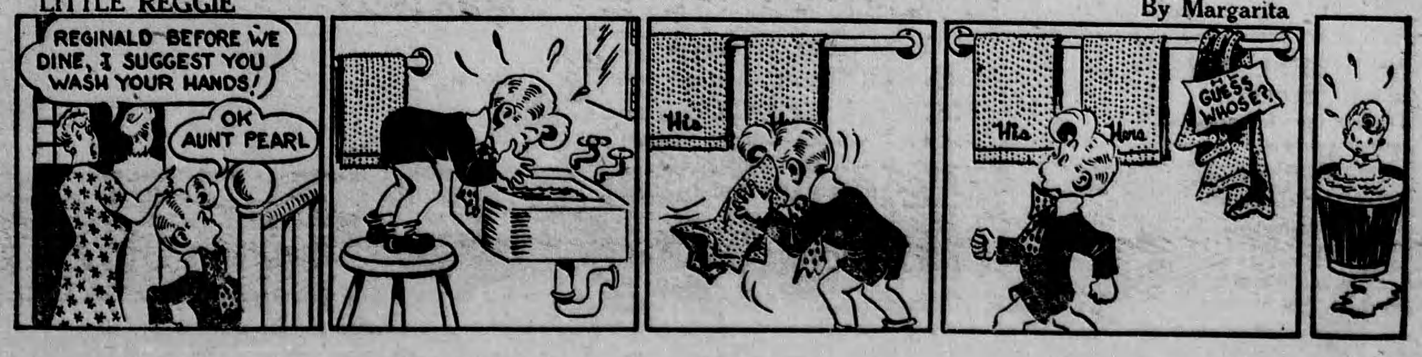
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