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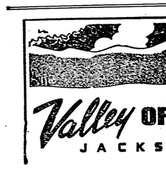

Valley OF REVENGE

BY JACKSON·COLE

Synopsis

Chapter XLII: Valdez tries to persuade valley men not to run down Pete Haskell, whom they believe is the culprit they seek, until more evidence is produced.

CHAPTER XLII

"Then you can't do anything — legally."

"But otherwise we —" began the cattleman.

The rancher brindled like a cat with its back up and tail fluffed out.

"You've got a nerve telling me what we can't do without bucking the law!" he roared. "You're a shining example of a law-abiding—"

"No matter what I am!" Valdez snapped curtly. "I'm asking you to hold your men in check for forty-hours. Sabe?"

"And suppose none of them feels like taking orders from an outlaw?" Haskell growled.

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"Then you can all face the farmer's guns! Somebody tried to burn out a farmer named Pringle a few hours back. And if things had gone the way they started, after that, at a farmer's meeting tonight, your buildings might have been ash piles by now. And if you had tried to stop them, you mightn't be able to sit here talking now."

"I've got eight punchers in the bunkhouse!" blustered Haskell. "They—"

"Then there would have been nine dead men. Thirty or more settlers were ready to ride down here and burn you out, Haskell."

Haskell stared. "You mean you stopped 'em?"

Valdez shrugged. "I'm giving you orders now. They're for your good. For forty-eight hours you and all cattlemen keep out of the farmers' way. Sabe? If you don't—"

Through the open window came the mud-muffled pound of a gallopping horse. Valdez shot a glance outside. He could glimpse a rider below, already half out of saddle. By the wide split skirt he knew the rider to be a girl, even before she cried out Haskell's name.

The old rancher was amazed and alarmed.

"Tim Callan's daughter!" He thrust his head out of the window. "Alice! Up here!"

A dark-haired girl moved into the oblong of light on the ground.

"You've got to come, Mr. Haskell!" she cried "Dad's trying to keep a crowd from riding to the valley. Bartle's brought in more settlers, and there's barbed wire on wagons."

"Get home and tell your dad I'm coming pronto!"

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Haskell spun from the window, snatched a boot and jammed it into foot as there came the sound of the girl's horse racing away.

"You can stop those hot-headed fools if you try hard enough," Valdez said tightly. "You've got to."

"Maybe I can. If not—"

"I will." Valdez shid over the window sill. "There's a forty-eight-hour truce on. I told you that."

"Not on you, hombre!" Haskell snapped. "Looks like you're dead set against us cattlemen. That makes you fair game wherever you're met up with."

Valdez vaulted lightly through the window into the blackness. He was out of sight when Haskell pounded down the stairs and out to the corral . .

Pete Haskell raced to Tim Callan's spread in a lather. There he heard the sorest news he had heard since the first tobacco farmer had thrown up a long fence in the south end of Deep Water Valley.

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"The men have already gone, Mr. Haskell," the cook told him. "They all ain't more'n three-four miles away by now."

Haskell raced on. He must stop them!

"caught up with them at Chinoo Pass, the main entrance to Deep Water Valley. He rode with gun in hand, grim determination in his steel-blue eyes.

"I'm not arguing," he told them.

"But for the last time I'm telling you that the man who rides this way and gets by this pinto of mine does so after he drills me.

"I'll ride with you to town to Bartle's office," he offered, "providing you let me speak to him alone —and let me get away before one of you draws a gun on him. I don't want even a buzzard's blood on my hands or conscience. Sabe?"

The men agreed to follow the level-headed Haskell. They turned their horses' heads toward Gold Creek.

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Ellen Maxon lay shivering with dread as the man she had once thought she loved came storming up the stairs and to the door of her bedroom.

He did not even knock. The knob was twisted, and Clark Weber stamped into the room and over to her bedside. She could hear his breath coming in fast, bitter snatches.

"Have you been in the barn loft?" demanded Weber.

Her denial died at sight of what lay in the palm of his outhrust hand. It was that poor little Mexican peon friend! And you set me free when you tried to do such a contemptible thing as to kidnap him to try to get gold from his father! You'll find your ring on the dresser."

Rage shook him, and his eyes blazed fire. "You little empty-headed—"

(To Be Continued)

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Your Handwriting and You

By Alex. S. Arnott

Roy Rogers' Handwriting

Our readers should be especially interested in this week's analysis as it is that of the handwriting of Roy Rogers, king of the cowboys and famous motion picture star.

If you have followed Roy's picture exploits you will know that they feature especially his gallantry in protecting the weak and unfortunate. His script is written with light, fine lines, a strong indication of a spiritual nature which tends toward idealism and nobility of thought. Independence is shown in the letter "d", revealing Roy's desire to do things according to his own inclinations rather than those of other people—typical of the pioneering spirit. Extra large loops in his capital letters are also typical of the adventurous type of person, always willing to take bold steps.

The smallness of the writing gives an impression of concentration—a sign of power to focus attention on the more important issues. In some of the other letters, having decided loops with tight knots to close them, we see tenacity that will stick to a problem until it has been solved.

On the whole Roy's writing is a good illustration of sincerity of purpose, really remarkable energy and a high-spirited personality.

Roy Rogers + Trigger

Anyone wishing a more complete analysis please send self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Sun Bureau, 123, 18th Street, New Toronto 14. There is no charge for this service.

Advance Notes From the "Ex."

In five days recently, Mrs. Kate Aitken, women's director of the Canadian National Exhibition, flew the Atlantic twice and visited Berlin, Paris and London. She had Exhibition business to do, as you might guess! It was nothing short of arranging to bring Princess Elizabeth's beautiful wedding dress to this year's C.N.E., for one and all to see. Elsewood Hughes, general manager of the "Ex.," had made the preliminary arrangements on his trip overseas. While in London, Mrs. Aitken also went to tea at Buckingham Palace, the guest of the King and Queen. If you haven't got your C.N.E. prize list, there's no time like now to sit down and write for it. Just send along your name to Mrs. Kate Aitken, Women's Director, C.N.E., Toronto.

New Canadians—Three hundred immigrants to Ontario from Holland arrived in Toronto recently. Most of them are farm folk and will settle in rural sections. Six fine-looking new Canadians rest on their baggage while waiting for a train to their new home in Owen Sound. From left are Adrianne Van de Steen, her sisters Josephine, Betsy, Annie and Maria.

ANNE HIRST
Your Family Counselor

"How Do I Know He Loves Me?"

"I've been going with a boy for two years," writes a young fiancee. "I love him more than life, and he says he feels the same way about me. Yet so many of my married friends said before they married, 'I know nothing will happen to Tom and me!'

"How can they be so sure? Must we just take the boy's word for it? I'm afraid to be too sure, for fear of getting hurt."

And many a girl, in the weeks before her wedding, feels the same fear.

We cannot predict the future. We never can be sure that "nothing will happen" between ourselves and the one we love. A safer thought is: "If anything does happen to us, I know we'll come through all right."

That faith is based on the knowledge we have of the man we are to marry—knowledge accumulated through the years of our friendship.

Knowledge and Faith

All lovers have misunderstandings. How has the young man measured up through them all? Is he quick to confess, humble, or anxious to give you the benefit of any doubt?

Does he think of your pleasure first, or of his own?

Is he tender when you are ill, or impatient with any sickness?

Is he jealous when you talk to to an old friend, or does he trust you?

Is he pleasant to your girl friends, or does he resent your seeing them?

Does he get along well with your family?

Does he help with the dishes when you do them at home, or sit by and read a newspaper?

Is he strictly honest (I mean, has he real integrity) or does he just get by?

Is he generous with money, or a penny-pincher? (Of course you've discussed budgets, and who will handle his salary?)

And (this is important) do you two laugh at the same jokes, like the same foods, enjoy the same sports and entertainment? If you differ, does he compromise, or think you should go along with him?

Check your answers, and you will know what love he feels for you, and your chances for a good marriage.

To "S.V." "A Little Afraid," "Wondering"

Instead of doubting the affection of those you love, be intelligent. They have singled you out to marry, from all the girls they know—that proves they love you best. Remember, though, that when you marry you'll live together practically 24 hours out of 24. It is important that you marry the man you have your eyes on. And learn, during this engagement period, to talk things over before you both agree, each in the spirit of eager compromise.

Have faith in the man you're going to marry, and let him know it. Don't fear the future—you cannot escape trouble, but you CAN learn how to meet it. Write Anne Hirst at 123 18th Street, New Toronto, 14, if you think she can help.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. What is the best and most correct form of introduction?

A. "Mrs. Smith, may I present Mr. Brown?" is one of the usual forms of introduction A briefer form commonly used is, "Mrs. Smith, Mr. Brown." By emphasizing the more important person's name, it can be made as clear as though the words, "May I present" had been used. Never say, "Mrs. Smith, meet Mr. Brown"

Q. Should the water glasses on the dinner table be filled before or after the guests have been seated?

A. They should be filled three-quarters full just before the meal is announced.

Q. Should the engagement ring or the wedding ring be worn on the finger first?

A. The engagement ring is worn over the wedding ring.

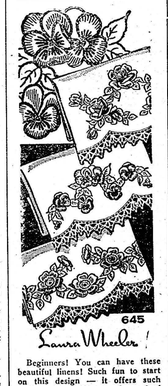
Q. Is it all right for a divorcee to continue to use her husband's name?

A. It is now quite customary for a divorced woman to use her maiden name and her married name combined. If her name was Elizabeth Carter and, her married name is Brown, she signs her name, Mrs. Carter Brown.

Q. Do guests filing into the dining room seat themselves immediately upon entering the room?

A. No; they should stand behind or beside their chairs and are seated from the left when the hostess gives the signal or seats herself.

Thomas Gainsborough, painter of the famous "Blue Boy" had sketched almost every tree and cottage around his home by the time he was 10.



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How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove scorch from cotton fabric?

A. If it is badly scorched, try dipping the article into cold water and hanging it dripping wet in the sunshine. When dry, wet it again, and repeat the process. It may take about two or three days but it is a cure that will not injure the wearing qualities of the material.

Q. How can I make a good linoleum polish?

A. Mix one cup of melted paraffin, two cups of kerosene, and three tablespoons of turpentine.

Q. How can I remove the marks of an indelible ink pencil from white material?

A. By soaking in a fairly strong solution of ammonia and water. This process may have to be repeated.

Q. How can I remove blackheads?

A. A treatment for blackheads is to use soap and water freely. Gently massage a thick lather on the face, and when it has dried, rinse off thoroughly. The larger blackheads can be pressed out with the fingers, using care not to bruise the flesh. Then sponge the skin with witch hazel. This treatment should be used daily.

Q. How can I prevent the rusting of mattress springs?

A. Rub the springs occasionally with a cloth dipped into melted paraffin, and they will never rust.

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What About It?

The team's leading batter had stepped up to the plate and soundly smacked the first ball for a two-bagger with three men on base. The husband, a rabid fan, turned to his wife in high glee and shouted: "Did you see him hit that ball?"

"Well, wasn't he supposed to!" coldly scuttered the lady.

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Laura Wheeler

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Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren.

Daniel Stands By His Convictions. Daniel 1:8-20.

Golden Text:— But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. — Daniel 1:8.

Daniel has always been "a boy's hero". As a lad he was taken a captive in Jerusalem and led off to Babylon, the capital city of a pagan empire. He was to be fed with the portion of the king's meat and with the wine which he drank as part of his preparation to appear before the king. In such circumstances it would have been easy to ignore the teachings of his youth concerning clean and unclean meats. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. Yet he was not offensive about it and courteously requested that he and his companions be tested for ten days on a diet which would not be in conflict with his convictions. God blessed them physically, intellectually and spiritually for this noble stand. When they appeared before the king, he found that in all matters of wisdom and understanding they were ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers in his realm.

King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed—and convinced. For the balance of their school days Daniel and his companions were permitted to continue their simple diet. With the courage of convictions Daniel dared to "stand alone" and, even in the face of possible danger to himself, to do what he had been brought up to regard as right and proper.

The pledge of abstinence from all that defiles was the safe course for those young visitors to Babylon, magnificent capital of the greatest empire then upon the globe. There is no wiser course for those, young and old, living in the present era, more than two thousand years later.

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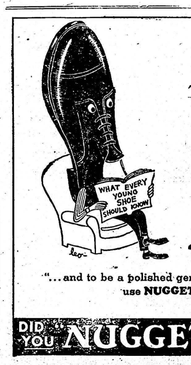

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10. English river
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48. Hall
50. Metal
51. Olden times

The answer to this puzzle is elsewhere on this page.

The Green Thumb

By Gordon L. Smith

With so much to be done outdoors right now, it is very easy to forget about your house plants. But many fascinating kinds — in varieties some times hard to get from a florist can readily be grown from seed, which should be sown now, so that they will have time to develop into blooming size by the autumn.

Flowering maple, a favorite of grandmother's era, has been much improved by recent hybridizers. Pendant, bell-shaped flowers one to three inches long come in delicate shades of yellow, red, pink, salmon, orange and white—some with light veinings of contrasting color.

Patience plant, another old favorite, blooms all year round. Those that have flowered indoors during the winter may be set out in a shady spot to bloom through the summer. Because they grow so readily from cuttings and are so easy to grow from seed, such plants are often hard to buy and you will be amazed at the results from a packet of mixed hybrid seeds. But don't forget the one great requirement of these ever-blooming flowers—plenty of water.

Begonia semperflorens is another ever-blooming candidate for a sunny spot in your window. Christmas Cheer, with its scarlet-crimson blossoms above dark green foliage and Christmas Pink, with bright pink bloom and lighter green foliage, are also well worth while.

Seeds of begonias are so tiny that it is best to plant them in very finely-sifted soil, and just barely covered. With all house seedlings watering should be done with great care. The soil should never be allowed to dry out completely, as the drying of the tiny root-hairs is fatal.

Geraniums, often grown from cuttings, are also easy to raise from seed. But don't disturb the flat in which the seeds are planted, as some seedlings may appear within two weeks while others may take four times that long before showing.

Periwinkle is a charming annual which makes an exceptionally good house plant because it endures heat well. It develops slowly into a 12-inch plant with phlox-like flowers and waxy green foliage. Primroses take six to eight months from seed and require cool growing conditions; although there is one variety, with salmon pink bloom, which is supposed to be quick and does ... in other four months after seeding.

Seeds sown in shallow bulb pans or flats are easier to care for than those in open ground. Fine seeds should be pressed very carefully into finely sifted soil, covered very lightly with soil or sand, and the container soaked in the sink or tub. Glass or newspaper should be placed over the top until the sprouts appear, after which they require sunshine and a constant supply of moisture.

Your seedlings should be moved into small pots or flats later on into larger ones, only when the roots begin to crowd. Gradually harden off and, carefully watered and fed, they should develop into husky plants for your fall and winter window garden.

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Almost Sorry

A woman in the midst of divorce proceedings was complaining to a friend about the boring conferences she had to endure with lawyers.

"Oh," said her friend, "don't talk to me about them! I've had so much trouble over my property that sometimes I wish that my husband hadn't died."

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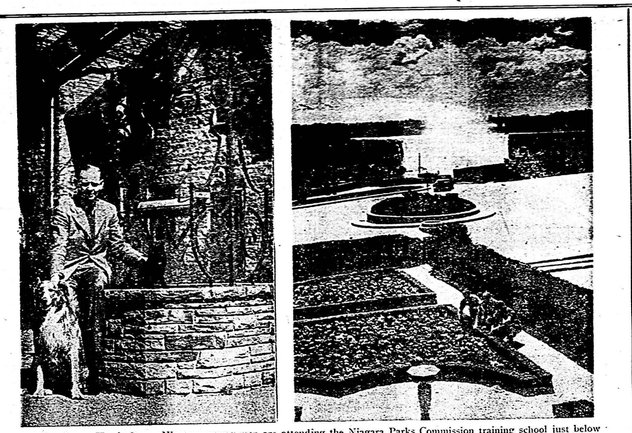

Students Learn Horticulture—Nineteen young men are attending the Niagara Parks Commission training school just below the Whirlpool. In three years they learn enough horticulture, floriculture and aboriculture to fit them for top jobs. Director of the school is J. B. Liddell (left), who came to Ontario from the Royal Botanical Gardens at Edinburgh. Few students anywhere have as pleasant surroundings (right) for their classes. Requirements for entry are three successful years of high school and, preferably some practical knowledge of horticulture.

Odds and Ends

Most people have the idea that leprosy is a very contagious disease. Yet in more than fifty years of administering to lepers in the American National leprarium no doctor or nurse has ever contracted the malady.

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The cave man had his own notions of what constituted perfect feminine beauty, and his ideal was a woman who measured the same in all three dimensions. In other words, a lady three feet tall, three feet wide and three feet thick would be the belle of the village.

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According to Historian Ernest Gagnon, Canada's first horse arrived at Quebec just 301 years ago. It was sent here from France as a present for the Governor.

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When there is a severe shortage of food among the Australian aborigines, it is their custom to kill off some of their children, according to a noted anthropologist. They never do away with old people, whom they consider valuable for their wisdom.

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Experiments conducted in a University laboratory proved that if rats are allowed to choose their own food, they will instinctively choose what is best for them. In the ideal ratio of nine parts carbohydrate, four of protein and three of fat.

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A public Health Service official reports that men with a large number of filled, missing or imperfect teeth have a strong tendency to marry women with approximately the same number of dental defects.

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A University scientist was once sent all the way to Africa to study the gaits of the native for pigeon-toedness. When he came back he reported that they toe out at exactly the same average angle as the people on this Continent.

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Earliest date on which an occangoing ship arrived in Montreal harbour was April 9th, in 1945, while the latest date on which navigation was thus officially opened was May 24th, 1943. Navigation was closed on Nov. 21, in 1891, the earliest on record, while December 17, 1941, was the latest

...TABLE TALKS...

Muffins and Jam

These are unpredictable days. Food preservation is as important today as it ever was. Tasty preserves, jams and jellies in the emergency cabinet are now MUSTS.

Start with rhubarb and strawberry conserve when these fruits are at their peak season. Here's a recipe which blends the lusciousness of these two fruits into a conserve you'll be proud to serve next winter. The combination of corn syrup and sugar gives a nice texture and sheen, and just the right degree of sweetness to this conserve.

Strawberry Rhubarb Conserve
2 cups (½ pound) prepared rhubarb
1 cup seedless raisins
2 cups sugar
1 cup corn syrup
1 large orange
4 cups (1½ pounds) prepared strawberries
½ cup blanched walnuts, coarsely chopped

To prepare rhubarb, wash and cut into ½-inch pieces. Place in deep kettle. Add raisins, sugar and corn syrup. Remove peel from orange and cut away one-half of inner white part. Chop peel and add to rhubarb. Cut orange pulp, entirely free from membrane, into small pieces and add to rhubarb. Meanwhile, wash about 1½ quarts fully ripe strawberries. Drain and hull. Add to rhubarb mixture. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; simmer, stirring occasionally until thick, about 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from heat and cool about 5 minutes. Blanch walnuts by covering with boiling water for about 3 minutes, then drain and cover with cold water. Drain; chop and add to rhubarb mixture. Pour Conserve into hot sterilized glasses. Paraffin. Makes 7 glasses. (6 fluid ounces each).

Serve with:

Breakfast Muffins
1½ cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons melted shortening
¾ cup wheat flakes

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift again. Combine egg and milk and add all at once to flour mixture; add shortening. To mix, draw spoon from side of bowl, toward center (15 times), turning bowl gradually. Chop spoon through batter (10 times). Add cereal and mix (about 3 strokes). Turn into greased muffin pans, filling each about ⅔ full. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 22 minutes, or until done. Makes 9 large muffins.

Just For Fun

"Mose" said the Southern Colonel to his colored houseman, "I'm going to have guests for dinner on Sunday and I want you to get a nice turkey. But be sure it's a tame turkey — not a wild one like you served last time as my guests are Northerners and might not like the gamey flavor of the wild kind."

Sunday dinner arrived, and a noble-looking turkey adorned the board, sure enough. But when he was half-way through his portion, the Colonel angrily summoned his houseman.

"Mose," he said, "I thought I told you to be sure and get a TAME turkey!"

"And dat's what I sho enough did, Boss," was the reply.

"Then how do you account for there — two buckshot I bit out of the slice I'm eating?"

"Dat's a tame bird all right, Boss, I wouldn't tell you no lie. De fac' of de matter is, dem buckshot was meant for ME, not for de turkey!"

How Chinese Do It

Since my arrival in this country—wrote a Chinese visitor to London —I have observed with dismay the English way of making tea. In time of shortage it is unnecessarily extravagant and I have been able to convince friends here they can save nearly a third of their ration by making tea properly.

After warming the teapot only one and a half teaspoons of tea are required for an ordinary-sized pot. The tea is only just barely covered with boiling water and is allowed to stand half a minute. A little more water is then added and allowed to stand; this is repeated until the pot is filled. The pot must never be completely emptied before adding the water for a second pouring.

Korean developed moveable type 50 years before Gutenberg printed the Bible.

Public Talks Need Private Practice

All of us are called on at one time or another to make a speech — to make a presentation, to acknowledge a gift, to welcome a visitor.

Do you get tongue-tied when it's your turn?

Suppose your club is having a debate and you feel strongly on the subject; are you able to express your opinion?

Think out your first sentence word-perfect and scribble a few phrases to help you make your point.

Let's say the topic is "Inadequate Schooling." Your first sentence would have to be a bombshell.

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You go on, reminding them how hard it is to handle two or three children in the home. You give statistics on teacher's salaries and then offer a possible solution, one that the group could act on.

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CANADIAN STYLE

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Everyone seems to be fed up with the weather—rain, wind, cold, thunderstorms—and still more rain. Water, water, everywhere. It is too bad for the farmers who have not yet finished seeding—but there is not one thing anyone can do about it. We were watching the skies anxiously ourselves towards the end of last week but thank goodness we were just able to get through before the rain came. We were so glad. It is a tiring business—to say nothing of the worry when seeding drags on through the weeks. It must be painfully discouraging to those who have recently taken up farming—we old-timers are more or less hardened to the vicissitudes of farm life!

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I wonder if this unusually active period of buying and selling farm lands is general throughout the province? In all the years we have been here we have never known so many farms change hands in such a short time. In this district it doesn't seem long since we rated as "newcomers." Now, by comparison, we can almost be classed as "old-timers" as, one by one, neighbors pull stakes and move into town. I wonder how many will be contented? Often we hear of retired farmers who are so lonesome in their town homes that they hardly know what to do with themselves. Probably the women settle down more happily than the men —glad of the opportunity to give more time and thought to their homes without the interruptions incidental to farm life. They like to be able to step out, do their own shopping and then walk home again. If they have nostalgic yearnings very few admit it.

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And then what of the newcomers to the country—the man from the city who suddenly decides farming is the life for him! Sometimes I wonder — perhaps that type too, keep their feelings to themselves. "The simple life" is definitely romantic—although lack of actual experience. Personally my heart aches—and my indignation rises—when I hear of a middle-aged man, quitting his job, putting his money into a hundred-acre farm and expecting his wife and family to adjust themselves to an entirely different way of life, possibly without the conveniences to which they have always been accustomed. For them "the simple life" very soon becomes anything complicated. Of course, a few acres with a comfortable home, that's something else again. I can think of nothing better in these days of ever-crowded living quarters. But a hundred acres—oh no! If you haven't been used to farming.

Then there are those who think they can make a living with cows, as a part-time job — quite possible if properly organized! Usually there comes a rude awakening; enthusiasm wanes—and another farm is up for sale.

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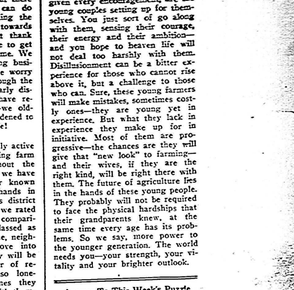
But the newcomers that I think we all welcome, and who should be given every encouragement, are the young couples setting up for themselves. You just sort of go along with them, sensing their courage, their energy and their ambition—and you hope to heaven life will not deal too harshly with them. Disillusionment can be a bitter experience for those who cannot rise above it, but a challenge to those who can. Sure, these young farmers will make mistakes, sometimes costly ones—they are young yet in experience. But what they lack in experience they make up for in initiative. Most of them are progressive—the chances are they will give that "new look" to farming—and their wives, if they are the right kind, will be right there with them. The future of agriculture lies in the hands of these young people. They probably will not be required to face the physical hardships that their grandparents knew, at the same time every age has its problems. So we say, more power to the younger generation. The world needs your energy, your vitality and your brighter outlook.

Answer To This Week's Puzzle



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