

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1934

THE NEW YEAR'S DAY
On the New Year's Eve...
The crowd of being always late...
This Archie opened the grave debate...
On time to breakfast; on time to school...
On time to the miter; that's my rule...
"Miss's hard but I'll do the best I can...
Trying to keep it a year," said Fun...
Never to speak—no even in fun...
An unkind word to anyone...
"Try to be trim and clean and neat...
said May, the tomboy; "from head to foot...
I'll mend my dress if it gets a tear...
And never forget to brush my hair...
These were the older ones, you see...
Archie and Fun and May—three...
Now everybody was waiting for Ted...
"See I'll mind my miter," he said...
How they laughed, and cuddled him...
Close...
Charles and dimples and cheeks of rose...
"Ted's is the best," they cried. "Well...
done...
It's all good resolutions in one...
—Mabel Earle.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
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Beautiful weather and fine sleighing
were features of interest in the elections
on Monday.
The Women's Institute is arranging for
a banquet in the Town Hall sometime
this month.
Messrs. James A. Matthews, Orangeville,
and J. P. Allan, Brampton, former
Actonians, were re-elected to their
respective Councils on Monday.
The numerous young folks who were
home for the holidays have returned to
their studies in the colleges and to their
positions on the teaching-staffs.
A parish social will be held in St.
Alban's Parish Hall to-morrow evening,
when the new lantern, recently installed,
will be used publicly for the first time.
The entertainment by Knox Sunday
School on New Year's night proved very
successful. A large crowd gathered to
hear the excellent programme by the
scholars of the Sunday school.
Mr. Alex. McDonald, Speyside, has
secured the contract for delivery of mail
matter on Rural Route No. 4, Acton.
For nine years Mr. McDonald has carried
the mail from Acton to Speyside
and Knatchbull and has proven an
efficient officer, always punctual and
courteous.
Reeve Hynds has been awarded the
contract for the erection of the clock
in the Post Office tower, and gives the
assurance that it will be first class in
every respect.

DEED
HEATLEY—On Sunday, January 4, 1914,
at Guelph General Hospital, Barbara
Anna, wife of John Heatley, Nassaga-
weya.

Dread of Asthma makes countless
thousands miserable. Night after night
the attacks return and even when brief
respite is given the mind is still in torment
from continual anticipation. Dr.
J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy changes
all this. Relief comes and at once, while
future attacks are ward off, leaving
the afflicted one in a state of peace
and happiness he once believed he could
never enjoy. Inexpensive and sold almost
everywhere.

A GREAT RIVER CLOSED
Navigation on the River St. Lawrence
has closed and the shipping that in the
spring, summer and autumn months
makes Montreal its principal port of call
and departure will, until early April, use
the ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and
Saint John, New Brunswick, both all-
the-year-around seaports.

While much of the bustle and activity
at the Port of Montreal will be gone for
the next four months, hundreds of men
will be kept busy on repairs, renovations
and improvements to the millions of
dollars' worth of equipment controlled
by the Montreal Harbor Commission in
order to have everything in first class
shape when the season of inland navigation
reopens in April, 1934.
The River St. Lawrence is one of
Canada's chief routes of communication
and is one of the really great rivers of
the world, draining the largest fresh
water bodies on the face of the globe.
It furnishes immense quantities of power
at different points in the course of its
flow from Lake Ontario at Kingston,
Ontario, to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.
With its tributaries the St. Lawrence
drains an area of 498,000 square miles
or a territory ten times the size of the
State of New York. But this great river
is not only famous as a trade route or
as a source of electric power develop-
ment; it is one of the most beautiful and
attractive waterways in the world. Its
clear, blue-green water, flowing through
a country of great scenic, historic and
industrial interest and protected for more
than a thousand miles from the storms
of the Atlantic have made it a very
popular tourist's route of travel.

GETTING IT OVER WITH
"Junior," mother said sternly to the
small culprit, "I hate to do it, but I'm
going to whip you—not because you broke
the window, but because you didn't
mind me when I told you to go some-
where else to play."
"Please, mother," begged the boy, tear-
fully, "can't you whip me for breaking
the window, too, while you're about it?
That'll be so good when he comes in that
he'll think he gave somebody a beating
or that."

TURN BACK
The motorist called the nearest garage.
"Hello," he said, "I've turned turtle. Can
you do anything for me?"
"Can we not," came the sweet,
feminine reply. "You've got the wrong
number. What you want is the no."

Chronicles of
Ginger Farm
Written Specially for
The Free Press by
GWENPOLINE F. CLARKE

To be properly orthodox I suppose I
should write about the New Year, about
clean slates and of the opportunity for
making commendable resolutions or of
this new-fashioned winter we are having.
New-fashioned, mind you—not old-
fashioned—because an old-fashioned
winter is something we could get along
with quite comfortably—see this new
kind—well, I suppose, like all ultra-
modern fashions—it takes some getting
used to. Maybe about ten years hence,
when in retrospective mood—I may
perchance take pen in hand and write
about this winter of 1933. But not now—
most certainly not now. After all one
should be decently reticent about what
one suffers!

And then in regard to the New Year
—I feel I ought to do something about
it—say something or write something,
because, after all, it is a New Year.
But every time I get near it I shy away
like a horse at a blind fence. When I
think that we are actually starting on
brand New Year it seems too big to be
treated lightly and too uncertain to be
disregarded entirely. There is, of course,
tremendous significance in our greetings
one to another, yet even they have be-
come banal and lost much of their
spontaneity and sincerity through repeti-
tion. Just once in awhile a greeting,
through its absolute sincerity, does pen-
etrate our conscience a little further than
usual. Yesterday, for instance, a lady
said to me in parting, "And I wish you
a happy New Year, and I hope it will be
the very best you ever spent!" Whether
it was the words or the tone of voice I
don't know, but certainly I was com-
pletely bowled over for a few minutes.
I don't know how or what I answered,
but it seemed to me like one of those
divine flashes which do occasionally pass
from one person to another. Nothing
appropos of the old year had been said,
yet I knew instinctively that the speaker
had visualized and sympathized with all
the worry and hard work incidental to
hard-time farming and her wish that
things might be less difficult was em-
bodied in her kind words of greeting. To
pitch a hard-luck story for the purpose
of arousing sympathy is contemptible
but unadmitted sympathy, tactfully and
sincerely expressed, is one of those things
which warm the heart. It is one of
the big things of life. Lovely words,
kind words, are akin to rose petals falling,
which leaving the mother stem, strew
the ground, giving as their last act,
fragrance to the world.

One of the things that always amazes
me is how differently holidays and festi-
vals are celebrated by different people
in various places. Certain days which
to some people are a time for religious
observance, are to others just gala days.
I wonder which side gets the most real
enjoyment out of their celebrations? Is
it possible that a dance or a midnight
party can be any more thrilling than
a Watch-night service? Or could a
show on Christmas night give more last-
ing pleasure than a carol service? Isn't
the world in general forsaking reality for
that which is merely superficial? Per-
sonally I have not done any of these
things for a good many years, but given
the opportunity I know which I should
prefer. There are, I am sure, many
dances which I have completely forgot-
ten but I think I remember every watch-
night service I ever was at. Is there
anything to equal the solemnity of those
last few minutes as the old year dies
and the glad ringing of the bells as the
New Year is ushered in. It isn't easily
forgotten is it, and now it is not even
necessary to leave one's home to heat
this service of welcome, because chimed
from far and near are borne on the air
to every home where there is a radio.
Truly, it is a wonderful age in which
we live.

And now, I suppose, since everybody
has had a breathing space, finished up
the remnants of the turkey or goose,
the next job is something that every-
body will be doing—writing "thank you"
letters; telling the recipient their present
was just the very thing the writer had
been longing for! Of course there will
be some white elephants—there always
are—but even white elephants have a
loveliness all their own because even
though we may have no possible use for
them, yet they have come as harbingers
of love from someone who has looked
for a tangible form in which to express
his or her regard for us. Especially is
this true of people who live at a dis-
tance. They judge our needs by their
own and so we have electric conveniences
coming to farm houses where there is
no power, and books for people who have
no time to read. But what does it
matter—a floor lamp is a nice piece of
furniture, even if it won't light, and a
book, more or less, takes up little room.
Some day the owner may find time to
read or even have power for the lamp,
but in the meantime gratitude need not
lack sincerely if we just remember that
the lamp or the book is only incidental—
it is really the kindly thought for
which we have to thank the sender.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL
FARMS
Weekly News Letter
Order Fertilizer Early
Plants as much as animals require food.
Winter is a good time to plan the summer
diet for crops. Manure supplemented
with superphosphate is a splendid ration
for most crops. Twenty-two years of
experimental work in the Field Experi-
mental Division of the Dominion Experi-
mental Farms have shown that yields
may be maintained by using commercial
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Home Cleaning of Small Vegetables
Seeds

Thresh out the seed by placing the
plants in a strong, closely woven cotton
sack. Light falling with a stick will li-
berate the seed from pods or heads.
Lettuce and carrot seed should be
rubbed out by hand, using a pair of
strong leather mitts.
A coarse sieve will remove the straw
and chaff. Place the seed and chaff on
a fine cloth; a quick, downward, side
movement, repeated several times, will
remove the chaff and light seed. Only
the large plump seed should be kept.
Hand picking will improve the sample.

Market Your Grain by the Postory
Route

This is the time when previous crate
and milk feeding fails. It makes the
best turkey flesh or roast chicken. The
roasters that were not ready for the
Christmas market had better be given
special feed of the demand that comes
in the New Year.

The million pounds of Canadian
turkeys that went to England for this
Christmas meant slightly higher prices
to growers here than were received last
year.
There is no reason why more good
poultry products should not be fitted
for the export trade. We have the stock
and the cheap feed. It is the best way
to get good prices for our grain; market
it through the poultry route.

Keeping the Wool Clean

Woolen manufacturers often object to
Canadian wool on account of dirt, par-
ticularly chaff and seeds. The removal
of such material is expensive, which is
frequently the reason for lower prices
offered. A little care on the part of the
farmer will help considerably in keeping
the wool clean.
The construction of the feeding racks
is important. Have the slats on the
feeding side almost vertical, and not
more than two inches apart. This will
prevent the hay from falling over the
animals.

When feeding, fill the racks from an
alley, or keep the sheep out of the pen.
They should also be kept out when the
bedding is being spread.

Persian Balm—the unrivalled toilet
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tinction. Delicately fragrant. Swifly
absorbed into the tissues, leaving no
stickiness. Persian Balm invariably
creates a subtle elegance and charm.

FUR TRADE IN SASKATCHEWAN

While it is true the principal industry
of Saskatchewan is farming with grain-
growing as the outstanding branch, the
province has a variety of other resources
that return a substantial annual revenue.
There are the forest resources in the
northern districts, the inland fisheries,
the lignite coal deposits, etc., each of
which is important. Another source
of revenue is the fur trade. Saskat-
chewan's raw fur production for the 12
months ended April 30, 1933, was 872,475
pelts valued at \$1,006,700 as against
587,942 pelts valued at \$850,109 in the
previous 12 months, an increase of 64
per cent in the number of pelts and
18.4 per cent in the value.
The most important varieties of pelts
taken were muskrat, weasel, red fox,
coyote and mink.

In the fur-farming industry of the
province 7,0775 pelts were sold during the
12 months under review.
There is a ready demand for Canadian
furs, because of their quality. The most
important markets are London and New
York. Of the \$11,495,088 worth of Cana-
dian furs exported during the 12
months' period ended June 30, 1932, the
British Isles took \$6,316,529 and the
United States \$3,908,773. Montreal also
holds an important position in the inter-
national fur market. An important in-
dustry in Canada in connection with the
fur trade is that of dressing and dyeing
of furs.

BETTER MATCHES

The physician was giving an informal
talk on physiology. "Also," he remarked,
"it has recently been found that the
human body contains sulphur."
"Sulphur," exclaimed the girl in the
blue and white blazer. "And how much
sulphur is there in a girl's body?"
"Oh, the amount varies," said the
doctor, smiling.
"Ah!" returned the girl. "And is that
why some of us make better matches
than others?"

"Think of it, sweetie. If you'd marry
me, you'd have a great big, strong man
around the house all the time."
"That's just it. I'd prefer a husband
who had a job."

A TEST
In the course of a lecture held in the
New York Police School, an elderly man
came into the room, said a few words to
the lecturer, and then left. The lecturer
turned to his pupils—lucky policemen,
toughened by frequent encounters with
gunmen—and commanded: "Take your
notebooks and write me a lightning
description of that man. Special marks
will be given for a correct account of
which hand he held his stick in." Of
the 42 pupils, 17 gave the left hand and
25 the right. Three declared their in-
ability to name the hand. The man
carried no stick!

BAD NEWS
A South African farmer who had been
away from home was met at the station
by his native servant, who greeted him
very miserably.
"Bad news, Joe?" inquired his master.
"Yes, baas. The baboon's dead."
"Where did he die of?"
"I think too much horseflesh, baas."
"From the cart horses, baas."
"Where did they die, too?"
"Where did they die after carrying
water the night of the fire?"
"The fire? What fire?"

"Your house, baas."
"Was it burnt?"
"Who's funeral?"
"Your mother's, baas. She died from
the shock when your father died."
"Your mother's dead, too?"
"Your father's dead, too?"
"Good heavens!"
"Yes, baas. And the baboon's dead,
too."

An outbreak of mosquitoes of a species
unknown in Canada resulted in the death
of 80 cattle, 47 hogs, 3 horses, 1 mule,
20 chickens and 2 dogs in Florida.

TIME TABLES
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
AT ACTON
Going East
Daily, except Sunday 10.07 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday 6.12 p.m.
Sunday only 6.34 p.m.
The Chicago flier, that passes through
here at 9.35, carboard, stops at George-
town at 9.44 p. m.
Going West
Daily, except Sunday 8.55 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday 2.23 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday 7.00 p.m.
Sunday only 10.29 p.m.

Did You Ever Stop
to Think?

By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma

E. D. Lambright, Editor of the
Tampa (Florida) Morning Tribune, says:

"When the President wanted to carry
the story and message of the NRA to every
employer and employee, every seller and
buyer, every office, store and home, in
every city, town, hamlet and crossroads in
the country, upon what agency did he
depend to do the work? The Newspaper.
And the Newspaper did it!

"Within 24 hours, or less, every in-
dividual in the United States able to read
or to hear somebody else read, knew about
the NRA, what it was, what it proposed,
what each person and association of per-
sons was expected to do about it, for it and
with it.

"So the Newspaper has made possible
nationwide knowledge of every nation-
wide movement that has been started
since presses began turning out news-
papers and wires began speeding to their
columns everything worth-while that was
happening or was about to happen.

The mighty power of the Newspaper
is at the command of the legitimate ad-
vertiser. As it carries the message and
appeal of a President, so it carries the mes-
sage and appeal of every manufacturer or
dealer who has something to sell and
wants the people to know it.

The Newspaper is the messenger of
news, of governmental programmes, of
social and scientific discovery and achieve-
ment. It also is the messenger of com-
merce, of trade, of maker to user, of seller
to buyer."

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