

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

That is a question I get asked from time to time. Well, the only way to get writing done or any other thing for which one has a notion, is to make use of the odd minutes—minutes that would otherwise be just wasted time.

For instance, all summer I had promised a neighbor I would take her over to see some of her relations who live a few miles away. Well, we have all been so busy it seemed impossible to find a day that was convenient to all. However, this morning my neighbor phoned again and asked if I could manage the trip to-day. As it happened, daughter was away and I was busy with the weekly wash and my story for the paper had just to be written—it was what I had promised myself for my afternoon's work. However, I did some quick thinking and said I thought I could go. So here I am sitting in the "Optimat," with pencil and paper, while my neighbor sits in the house and visits with her relations. It seems like quite a good arrangement to me. I can write rough copy here just as well as I can at home—the "Optimat" makes a good portable study.

When I get home all I have to do is run off this scribble on the typewriter, and then off it goes on the train in the morning.

Of course I didn't park myself out in the car directly we got here—I am not quite so unbecomable as that. No, for awhile we all sat in the house and talked and I had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with people I had not known before. As we visited I got several inches of knitting done on a pair of socks I am knitting for our Institute exhibit for the Fair. So there you are—three birds killed with one stone. So you see what I mean, don't you, about using up the odd minutes?

Of course all this activity sort of evens up last week, when there were so many things I didn't do. But then, who could do anything last week—that is anything that didn't actually have to be done? Was there ever a hofter, stickier week? As luck would have it, it was just last week, of all others, that our relations, on both sides of the family, decided to visit us. First came my sister and her little boy, and then, in another day or two, Partner's brother arrived. To make matters a little more complicated, Partner and Son were away nearly every day threatening.

But hot weather notwithstanding, families have to be fed, so say nothing of visitors, and I was faced with the choice of two things in feeding them—to still further heat up an already overheated house by lighting the kitchen fire, or to manage the best way I could on a two-burner coal oil stove. I chose the latter course, and by using a little ingenuity managed to cook a hot dinner every day.

My thoughts flew to the joy of possessing a waterless cooker—I mean the joy it would be if I had one—but that is just one of the things I haven't got. So I told myself a wise woman if she can't have what she wants makes the best of what she's got. So I thought out the canpaper paper in the kitchen—you know don't you—that funny kind of parchment paper that you wrap vegetables up in so you can cook several kinds in the same kettle. I found the paper and made funny little bundles of my carrots and cabbage and popped them into the potato pot along with the "mushrooms," and everything cooked just fine—allowing longer for the carrots, of course.

The other burner I used for cooking my meat and when it was done I put it on a plate over the potato pot, so I could both the tea kettle. By dinner time everything was cooked and was also nice and hot and not the least bit dried up. Unfortunately this way of doing things has one big drawback as far as I am concerned. You see, I really do want a waterless cooker, but now Partner—man-like—may think if I can manage so well without one, why bother about getting one at all. And Partner—man-like—may not be convinced by my argument that because one does a thing once, one may not want to do it all the time.

Which just reminds me—there is another little family problem I should like to bring to your notice. We were talking this afternoon about woman driving cars, and it amazed me how many women there are whose husbands absolutely refuse to let them drive the family car. How often one hears a woman say—"Yes, I wanted to go to Mrs. Blank's meeting to-day, but John was busy, I didn't like to ask him to take me and of course he won't let me take the car myself."

Well now, doesn't that strike you as being a very short sighted piece of business on John's part? Surely he should be able to see what a help it would be to him if his wife could drive the car. I would say if a woman wants to drive, let her drive, and to the woman I would say—make up your mind to learn even if you don't want to—consider it as one of the necessary jobs to be done on the farm.

"Real social security is in self-reliance and neighborliness."—Henry Ford.

Acton Fall Fair September 21-22, 1937 Special Prize List

- 15 Best High Stepping Horse in harness, 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00
16 Best Single Turnout, 1st, 1 year's subscription, Guelph Daily Mercury, value \$4.00; 2nd, Walker & Sons, Guelph, goods, value \$2.50
17 Best Span High Steppers in harness, by Ritchie & Agar, 8 gallons Best McColl-Frontano oil, value \$2.50
18 Best Span Clydes or Shires, by the Pioneer Equipment Company, goods to the value of \$5.00, or of a larger purchase
19 Best Lady Rider, 1st, electric grill, value \$5.00, by Acker Furniture Co.; 2nd, fountain pen, by Chappie's Book Store, Guelph, value \$2.50
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22 Best Span Clydes or Shires, by the Pioneer Equipment Company, goods to the value of \$5.00, or of a larger purchase
23 Best Pony Race, once around track. Pony must be hitched to four-wheeled vehicle. 1st, \$7.00; 2nd, \$5.00; 3rd, \$3.00.
24 Best Heavy Team in harness, by Guelph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00. To be added to winners of Society prize, Section No. 21
25 Best Coll. heavy type, under 1 year, by R. J. Kerr, cash, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00
26 ONTARIO ASSOCIATION RIBBON—The Coronation Year Rosette Ribbon, supplied by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, will be awarded to Best Horse on Grounds to be presented by Mr. R. J. Kerr, 1st Vice-President of Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies
27 Best Group of Three Dairy Cows, consisting of 1 mature cow, 1 two-year-old heifer, and 1 yearling to be aired by a pure bred bull. Any family having won a T. Eaton Co. prize at a fair in 1937 not eligible to compete. By T. Eaton Co. Ltd., silver tray, Sheffield reproduction, value 1 bull, 4 females, by Weston Bread & Cake Co., bread tickets, value \$5.00
28 Best Beef, steer or heifer, pure bred, grade of cross bred, no age limit. Animal shown in any other class not eligible. Donated by the Union Stock Yards, of Toronto, Ltd.
29 Best Dairy Cow, any age, by E. A. Hales, Guelph, cash
30 Best Holstein animal, male or female, by McLehlan Chopping Mill, cash
31 Best Pair Young Sows, under 4 months, 1st, by J. Herzog, neokyo, value \$2.50; 2nd, by National Grocers, 3 lbs. Gold Medal coffee, value \$1.80
32 Best Flock of Sheep, consisting of 1 ram, 2 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, any breed, by Canada Bread Co., 1st, tickets, value \$3.50; 2nd, tickets, value \$2.00
33 Best Pair Marketable Wether Lambs, 1st, by J. B. Mackenzie & Son, ironing board, value \$2.50; 2nd, by McDonald's Bakery, tickets, value \$2.00
34 Best Pen of 6 bred-to-lay Pullets, S.C. White Leghorns or B.P. Rocks, 1st, by D. H. Lindsay, Pioneer Laying Mash, value \$2.50; 2nd, by Cole Bros. & Scott, goods, value \$2.00
35 Best Pen of 6 New Hampshire Red Pullets, 1st, cash \$1.25; 2nd, cash 75c
36 Best Pullet in Barred Rocks, by Blatchford Calf Meal Co., 1 25-lb. bag "Fill the Basket" Egg Mash
37 Best Pullet in S.C. White Leghorns, by Blatchford Calf Meal Co., 1 25-lb. bag "Fill the Basket" Egg Mash
38 Best Pullet in S.C. Rhode Island Reds, by Blatchford Calf Meal Co., 1 25-lb. bag "Fill the Basket" Egg Mash
39 Best Pullet in White Wyandottes, by Blatchford Calf Meal Co., 1 25-lb. bag "Fill the Basket" Egg Mash
40 Best Collection of Farm Produce, including grain, roots, vegetables, fruit and flowers. Gardeners not eligible. By Georgetown Lumber Co., goods to value of \$2.50
41 Best Collection of 3 mangolds, 3 turnips, 2 pumpkins and 2 cabbages, 1st, Ontario Seed Co., seeds to be collected in spring of 1936, Woodhall & Muselle, value \$2.00; 2nd, cash, \$1.00
42 Best 3 Samples of Grain, consisting of wheat, oats and barley, half bushel of each, 1st, cash, \$2.00; 2nd, cash \$1.00
43 Best Bushel Basket of Mixed Vegetables. Not open to market gardeners. By Woodhall & Muselle, plants, spring of 1936, 1st, value \$2.00; 2nd, value \$1.00
44 Best Half Down Table Turnips, 1st, cash, \$1.00; 2nd, 50c
45 Best Bag Potatoes, donor to receive same, by J. C. Matthews
46 Best Basket of Onions, donor to receive same, by J. H. Smith
47 Best Barrel of Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, delivery later. By Bert Stewart, cash
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49 Best Bushel Macintosh Reds, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, delivery later. By Hinton's 5c to \$1.00 Store
50 Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, delivery later. By H. Wild, cash
51 Best Bushel Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, delivery later. By L. Starkman, cash
52 Best Dressed Chicken, donor to receive same, by George Washburn, cash
53 Best Donut, Two Muskies, baked from Lily White Flour, by Horlop Mill, Swanton, 1st, 50 lbs. Lily White Flour; 2nd, 26 lbs. Lily White Flour, value
54 Best Loaf Home-made Bread, made from Purity Flour. Donor to receive same. Prize winners must have receipt for flour, showing it being purchased from D. H. Lindsay. 96 lbs. Purity Flour, value
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56 Best Working Man's Cold Dinner, served on a tray, consisting of 8 separate victuals. 1st, cash \$1.25; 2nd, cash 75c, by Farm Women's Club
57 Best Barrel of Gladwell, not less than 25 dozens, 1st, cash \$1.25; 2nd, cash 75c
58 Best Basket Out Flowers, 1st, cash \$1.00; 2nd, cash 50c
59 Centre Piece of assorted flowers, not over 14 inches in height, for dinner table setting six, 1st, cash \$1.25; 2nd, cash 75c
60 Best Begonia, by Miss Russell, cash
61 Best Basket Wild Flowers, arranged for effect, 1st, cash \$1.00; 2nd, cash 50c
62 Best Coronation Display of Red, White and Blue Flowers, 1st, cash \$1.00; 2nd, cash 50c

MINING IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

A notable expansion of prospecting and mining activity has taken place in the Northwest Territories during recent years, mainly due to the introduction of aerial transportation, which has made it possible to reach and explore remote and little known areas.

In 1936 several mining companies carried out a large scale of aerial exploration, which led to the discovery of some sulphide deposits in the area between Great Bear Lake and the Coppermine River, and in May the following year the notable discovery of pitchblende-silver deposits, from which radium is obtained, was made at LaBine Point, on the eastern side of Great Bear Lake.

located in the Great Slave Lake area in view of gold discoveries made during 1935 near the mouth of Yellowknife River and on Outpost Island. A large number of mineral claims were staked in these localities, and also in the vicinity of the Yellowknife River on the south shore of Great Slave Lake. A gold strike was reported in August, 1934, at Gordon Lake, situated about fifty miles north-east of Yellowknife Bay, which seems likely to rank as one of the most important discoveries made in the Northwest Territories during recent years.

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