

# Of Interest to Women

## Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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The countryside is donning its autumn colors of red and gold; the blue jays are calling from the big oak tree; apples are blushing a rosy red; the ground is strewn lightly with leaves—and yet the thermometer the last two days has registered eighty in the shade. It is a great combination if one has time to get out to enjoy the warm air and lovely scenery. And that is exactly what mine Joy and I did last Friday. We went to Guelph for no other reason than to visit friends and see country. We did make a round of the stores but we soon got tired of looking at the high-priced goods on display and took ourselves up to the Agricultural College where we enjoyed ourselves for a good hour looking at the beautiful gladioli, and wandering through the greenhouses—in one of which were housed tropical plants of all descriptions. Then we visited and had tea with friends, who also presented us with two large baskets of Pompadour plums—on which we feasted all the way home.

And now to more practical things. I ask you when is a convenience not a convenience? The answer to that one is the telephone—that is if it rings when one doesn't want it to.

You know what I mean—one is nicely in the middle of canning; the sealers are sterilized and perhaps the second or third jar in process of being filled when ding-a-ling-aling goes the phone. And then what happens? You either have to let it go unanswered and wonder for the rest of the day whether that call was important or not or you put your kettle of fruit to one side, turn off the heat under the sealers and say "Hullo" very sweetly to that contraption on the wall. It may be just a neighbor wanting a friendly chat—in which case you explain the situation and ring later, or it may be someone in urgent need of eggs, or again it may be "long distance" with someone at the other end telling you that he or she will be out on the evening train.

Well, we all have just such interruptions which we learn to accept with good grace but what really burns me up is when I interrupt my work to answer the phone and then find it wasn't my ring after all! Not

only is such a hindrance unnecessary, but one has the added embarrassment of having butted in on someone else's ring.

Of course you know by the foregoing remarks just what I have been doing. Canning? Yes, that's right. Canning those Lombard plums all day AND answering the telephone about forty seven times—twice when it wasn't my ring at all. But that is one of the joys of a party line. Another is trying to get the line when one is in a hurry, or trying to rouse the operator when the line hasn't been disconnected. Another of my pet peevs is when people don't ring off. Of course every subscriber to the telephone has equal rights in using the phone, but how I wish the habit of ringing off when through, were more commonly observed. It is just one of those little courtesies that sometimes means such a lot, but which alas, is "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

This has been our first day alone for weeks and weeks. We expected to be really lonesome, but as a matter of fact, we haven't had time just the same, the house has been strangely quiet—why wouldn't it be when over the week-end we were a family of eight, including one little boy, just at the age to toddle around and get into mischief—which didn't worry me at all. During that time the men—and Tippy—saged a hunting party. Or should I say a shooting party? Anyway, they had guns and I am not sure whether they themselves knew whether they were hunting or not, until Tippy started digging frantically at a hole in the ground, then they had hopes of a groundhog. Tippy, according to the men just about went wild with excitement. But presently she gave a mighty yelp and immediately after started ploughing the ground with her nose. Yes, Tippy wasn't a groundhog. Gunshots finished also got her and the animal got the animal all right but the animal got the job and poor Tippy was tied up for the rest of the day. Her mournful expression was truly pathetic.

### FREE HERDS OF DISEASE

LONDON (CP)—Suggestions for a national plan to clear tuberculosis from Britain's milking herds have gone to farm organizations from the agriculture ministry.

Already there is a fair proportion of attested herds in such areas as Wales and Southwest Scotland and it is thought likely those places will be the first districts marked out as T.B.-free districts. Compulsory testing is expected to be introduced, as has been done in many Canadian municipalities.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF ACTON

### BACK IN 1896

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 23rd, 1896

The three granite pillars erected at the new park entrance by Mr. Walter Lamb, mason, are a work of art and very attractive.

Dr. F. G. Gollop has purchased a practice in Ottawa and will be removing there in October.

Acton Fall Fair scored another success this year. There was a fine hall exhibit and animal and poultry display.

The induction services at Eden Mills last Friday afternoon of Rev. Mr. Goslin into the pastorate of Rockwood and Eden Mills was largely attended.

**BORN**  
STUBBLEY At the Women's College Hospital, Toronto on Tuesday, September 14, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Storey of Toronto, a son.

**MARRIED**  
GORDON-GRAFF At "Echo Lodge," the home of the bride's parents, Lot 1, Erin on Wednesday, September 15, 1926, by Rev. Henry Caldwell, S.T.L., Thomas Edward Gordon to Mary Elva Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graff.

**DIED**  
WILLIAMSON At his late residence, Toronto on Sunday, September 19, 1926, Rev. Dr. J. S. Williamson, in his 85th year.

### Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, Thursday, September 23rd, 1926

The directors of the Halton Agricultural Society are busy preparing for the fair. The main building has received needed repairs and has been otherwise improved. Features of the fair will be the speeding contests, the championship school fair and a big parade of school children.

David Clark of Victoria Street has grown celeris on a big scale successfully for years. This season his whole crop is spoiled for market by going to seed. His theory is that this has been caused by excessive rainfall. Mr. Clark estimates his loss at \$1000.

The Milton Citizens Band has been made the regimental band of the Halton Rifles with Fred Dewar as bandmaster when it plays as a military organization. Bandmaster Gollins retains his position for other engagements.

At a largely attended meeting of softball fans held in the town hall last Friday the Milton softball club was reorganized for the coming season. An eight team league was formed and the schedule of games, all of which are to be played in the Milton arena this fall.

**DIED**  
WATSON At the home of his nephew, Smiley Watson, Esquesna Twp., on Friday, September 10th, 1926, Henry Watson in his 80th year.

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### USE MOTORCYCLE FOR HONEYMOON

PORTLAND, Me. (CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Hancock are back home after a 1330-mile wedding trip on an ex-army motorcycle built for two.

Hancock, who served two years with the Army Medical Corps overseas, bought the vehicle in Florida and repainted it a brilliant green.

Although Mrs. Hancock had never ridden a motorcycle and her husband's motorcycle experience was limited to one ride, they averaged 200 miles daily on their six-day tour.

### FOOT CARE

Good shoes and care of the feet are recommended by the Department of National Health and Welfare, for both health and comfort. Feet, they say, should be washed, or given a brisk rub, daily, in cold water. Socks should be washed frequently to keep them soft. A change of stockings after work is also recommended, and authorities warn health seekers that wet shoes and stockings should be changed as soon as possible.

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