

Of Interest to Women



Merry Christmas friends! Christmas morning brings to mind a dozen Christmas: the fragrance of pine boughs, the excitement of parcelled gifts and the wonderful, wonderful aroma of roasting turkey! To help fill your kitchen and your Christmas day with the sweetest scents of all the year, here are festive ideas.

ROAST TURKEY
Wash turkey after. It has been drawn, rinsed and dry well. Rub inside of bird with salt before adding dressing. Allow about three quarters cup dressing for each pound of turkey. Pack dressing loosely into body and neck of turkey. Sew up openings. Truss bird by turning tops of wings under back and pressing legs close against the body. Hold in place by inserting skewer under the wings and another under the legs. Then tie turkey in shape with cord, fastening it with skewers. Place turkey breast side down on rack or crossed skewers in roasting pan. Bake in an electric oven, 300 degs. allowing 30 minutes per pound dressed weight; for turkeys under 10 lbs. allow 25 minutes per pound. Baste occasionally during roasting. Turn turkey on back for last hour of roasting to uniformly brown the bird.

CELERY STUFFING
3 cups finely chopped celery, 1 cup diced potatoes, 4 cups boiling water, 1/2 cup fat, 1 onion (chopped), 4 qts. bread crumbs, 2 tbsps. poultry dressing, 1 tbsps. salt, 1 tbsps. pepper.

Simmer celery and potatoes in boiling water until tender. Drain. Heat fat and add onion. Cook and stir until tender. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Stuff turkey.

GIBLET GRAVY
Summer the giblets (liver, gizzard and heart) and the neck in a quart of water for about an hour, or until tender. Drain and chop the meat finely. Leave about 1 cup fat in pan after removing roasted chicken or turkey. Stir in two thirds cup flour. Gradually add the cool broth in which the giblets were cooked and enough cold water to make a smooth, thin gravy. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add chopped giblets. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

CRANBERRY ORANGE RELISH
4 cups cooked cranberries, 2 oranges, 1/2 cups of sugar or 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup honey.

Put the cranberries through a food chopper. Quarter whole oranges, remove seeds and put through chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Chill in refrigerator a few hours before serving. Makes 1 quart of relish. This relish will keep well in the refrigerator for several weeks.

And here are a few different ways in which you can use the relish:

1. Mould the Cranberry-Orange relish in prepared gelatin for a quick and delicious salad.
2. For an unusual sandwich, butter bread and cover with a thin slice of chicken, turkey or ham; spread with a tablespoon of Cranberry-Orange sauce; cover with another slice of buttered bread.
3. For an unusual salad dressing, drain 1/2 cup Cranberry-Orange relish, blend 1 cup of mayonnaise or beated dressing. Delicious on fruit salads.
4. Mix Cranberry-Orange relish and cream cheese to make a super stuffing for celery. Serve on lettuce as a salad, too.
5. Add 2 cups diced raw apples as a relish.

CHRISTMAS JELLY ROLL
If you have a little icing sugar tucked away, a simple jelly roll may be transformed to resemble a real knotted yule log.

Before icing cut a slice 1/4 inch thick from the end of the roll. Holding the knife in a slanting position, cut the slice into four wedge shaped pieces. Place these wedges on the roll as knots. Cover the roll with a thin layer of mocha icing, marking with a fork to resemble bark.

TAKE A TIP
An oiled tin bowl cover makes an attractive, useful container and wrapper if you are giving the feminine folk aprons, towels or such presents for Christmas.

2. Fruit baskets are easily converted into killing boxes for Christmas gifts. Paint the outside, and line the inside with heavy tar paper and tack in place.

3. An orange crate papered with waterproof paper makes an ideal receptacle for the children's toys.

THE QUESTION BOX
Mrs. L. D. asks: for Gingersnap Ice Cream recipe.

Answer: 1 cup heavy cream, 2 tbsps. fine sugar, 3 bananas (mashed), 2 tbsps. lemon juice, 1 cup rolled gingersnap crumbs.

Add 1/2 tsp. lemon juice to cream and whip until stiff. Add sugar and few grains of salt. Combine bananas and lemon juice and fold into cream. Stir in rolled gingersnap crumbs. Freeze stirring once during freezing.

Mrs. G. R. asks: if cottage cheese can be made of skim milk.

Answer: Yes, and it is very good if milk is soured using 1 tap vinegar for 1 pint milk. Heat slowly in a pan over hot water until it separates into curds and whey. Strain through cheese cloth. Chill and mash with a fork.

Christmas Concert Of Boys' Band Was Fine Musical Night

The Community Christmas Concert in the Town Hall last week by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, deserved a much larger audience than was present. But what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm by those attending. The band numbers were splendid and continued to show the improvement in the group that has characterized each succeeding appearance.

The selections were varied and had such Christmas flavor as "Christmas Festival" and "Christmastide, 'Old Lang Syne", etc. Perhaps the number which showed the band at its best was the waltz selection "Bower of Beauty", but they were all good.

Mr. H. W. Baxter led in the singing of Christmas carols and got fine co-operation from the audience. Mrs. Wm. Gowdy was at the piano. Chairman for the occasion was Mr. Monty Rote. Bandmaster Chas. Mason was in charge of the band.

MODERN FARM HELP PAYS DIVIDENDS

How many times have you thumbed through farm equipment catalogues, or read advertisements describing the modern farm aids now available? How many times have you wished that you were in a position to buy such equipment? How many times have you felt that such improvements would help you make your farm more productive and profitable?

It costs money, you say. Yes, but amazingly enough, that can be the least of your worries. A visit to William Clayton, manager of the Bank of Montreal, will show you why. He will tell you how the B of M's farm improvement loan plan can assist you to buy the modern farm equipment you need. This equipment and other labor-saving devices, can help you develop a "go-ahead" farm that will bring you increased profits. Mr. Clayton will be glad to discuss your particular needs at any time.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by OWEN DOLINE P. CLARKE

It was Sunday afternoon and I was very busy. First of all I washed the sitting-room floor and when I took to washing a dress "My goodness... whatever next washing floors and doing laundry on a Sunday!" I can just hear you saying it but then, you don't know the whole story.

I didn't start out with the idea of doing such jobs that is hardly my idea of Sabbath rest. No, what I started doing was writing letters. It was there I met my Waterloo. I reached over for another sheet of paper from my desk, my sleeve caught the handle of the pen, which was sticking out from one of these desk set combination inkbottle and pen-and-away went the whole contraption. The ink spilt all over the front of my dress before it hit the floor, where it spread itself out into a nice little pool. So I ask you, what else could I do but speed the rest of the afternoon cleaning up the mess. And believe me, the ink was no blacker than my thoughts were for the space of a half-hour or so. Fortunately the floor had a linoleum covering and the only trace left of the disaster is a slight stain. The dress shows no sign of it at all, but to get it out I rinsed it through at least ten or twelve washes.

The next morning we almost met up with disaster again, but of a different nature. It was not quite daylight when Partner called me to the window. "Now if that isn't as pretty a picture as you would want to come and look at it," he said.

So I came, and there, just as busy and contented as you please, was the biggest skunk I ever saw. And believe me, it was pretty. It seemed to be very busy nibbling away at something it had found on the ground. I remembered afterwards it was a relic that Tippy had left behind.

"What do you think I had better do?" asked Partner. "Shall I shoot it?"

It was really quite a problem. For one thing Partner was still in pyjamas and another thing, the pretty little creature had not yet announced its presence so it was quite possible that if we left it alone, it might amble off without leaving a calling card. However, there was always the chance it might come back when there were chickens around, so Partner went after the gun. Very softly and no doubt in fear and trembling, Partner stepped outside. By this time the little animal had moved over towards the big tree we have in front of the house. Partner skirted the tree and so did the skunk. Partner couldn't see where it went, but I was watching from the window with nothing to block my view. Whether it heard Partner or not, or whether it just sensed that someone was around, I don't know, but that skunk moved faster than any animal of that species I ever saw before. In no time it was away over the field and without leaving any trail behind it. Pyjamas and bedroom slippers not being the ideal attire for hunting or shooting Partner returned to the house, and I believe we were both glad the incident turned out the way it did, because the little creature was really doing no harm and it did seem a shame to shoot it down in cold blood.

Funnily enough, just a few days before that happened Partner and I had been to see "The Courage of Lassie" and if you have seen it, you will remember that in one of those nature shots, the little lost puppy meets up with a skunk. In due time the skunk goes his way and I said to Partner at the time "That is hardly true to life. I certainly never saw a skunk that big nor one that moved so fast." But now I take it all back. Our little pet the other morning was every bit as big and swift—and just as pretty.

Our next excitement that week was a couple of cows. It had rained the night before so we had to improvise a loading chute. There was only Partner and the trucker so I was called in to give assistance. It was little I could do except keep an eye on one cow while the men brought the other. And that, believe me, was very necessary. Those cows certainly didn't intend leaving a warm stable for the Stockyards without giving us a run for our money. There was a little calf to go too, and even it, at three days old, was quite ready to run wild if it were given the least opportunity.

CITY TRANSPORTATION

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—City Council here has approved entering into a six-year agreement with the New Brunswick Power Company for operation of an adequate and satisfactory transportation system in the city and adjoining parishes of Lancaster and Simonds.

BRANCH 197 NEWS

(Intended for Last Week)

Last Wednesday night, a team representing Acton Legionnaires went to Georgetown and mixed it up, cribbage fashion with the challenging players of Branch 120. It was an enjoyable evening but the Georgetown fellows were quite justified in asking "Where are the rest of the fans. Only 4 players from a membership of almost 300?"

The following is a report of Poppy Fund receipts:
Collections from sale of puppets — Acton \$192.43; Brockville \$37.78; Edson Mills \$27.82; Yorkwood \$22.25; total \$280.28.

Donations to Poppy Fund — Brantford Twp. Council \$15.00; Duke of Devonshire Lodge \$2.00; Dublin W. I. \$5.00; Ladies Auxiliary (Canadian Legion) \$25.00; total \$47.00. Net total \$233.28.

And this last item is not the least, Monday is Election Day. As loyal and far seeing citizens it is our duty to vote.

There is a current saying that people get the kind of government they deserve. Let's merit the best—and get it by using our franchise with intelligence and honesty.

The next general meeting is Monday, Dec. 16. How about a record attendance, so that every Legionnaire may have a part in making sound plans for the busy year ahead.

Let's We Forget
Branch Editor

WAGE AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR THE WOOL COMBING PLANT

A new contract has been signed between Wool Combing Corp. of Canada, Ltd., Acton and the Textile Workers Union of America Local 721 (C.I.O.). It was announced here today. The contract, following recent extension of an 18-month-old agreement and covering a period of one year, provides for wage increases and holidays with pay.

Two months ago, when the old agreement was extended, wage increases of from 3 to 13 cents an hour were provided, retroactive to July 1. The new agreement, according to today's company-union announcement, continues this provision and also includes a bonus of five cents an hour for night shift workers, an increase of 2 cents an hour. The wage question is subject to re-negotiation should the official cost-of-living index change six points or more from the July 1 figure during the lifetime of the new contract.

FORMER NAVAL OFFICERS ESTABLISH CLUB ON WEST COAST

A recent issue of the Cowichan Leader published at Duncan, B.C. gives an interesting story of the establishment of a new tourist venture known as "Trouhalem Club." It has been established by three ex-naval officers, one of whom is E. C. (Ted) Russell, formerly of Acton, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce.

There will be 21 cottages as part of the proposed club on the 26-acre estate with a main lodge. It is situated on Genoa Bay with 400 acres of water in front and the sheer bluffs of Mount Trouhalem rise steeply on the west. The approach to the club is by land and sea.

LETTER FROM GREECE GIVES THANKS FOR CLOTHING SENT

The clothing and other material sent to war torn countries has established a connection with those who received it and those who sent it that is very interesting. Below is a letter from Greece sent to Nell Moffat, R.R. 1, Campbellville. His mother, Mrs. Duncan Moffat, had attached his name to some clothing forwarded.

8 Allerton Street,
18-10-46 Drama, Greece.
My dear little Nell,
I was very much pleased to find your address which was in the lovely dress you sent. I thank you very much for it.

We are very grateful indeed to kind pupils and children such as you, who think of us that have suffered. Now that the war is over we still have had conditions and difficulties. Especially clothing is very dear and it is hard to obtain. During this terrible war we lost our properties and now we are financially depressed.

It is about one and half year that I am studying the English language which I like very much. When you receive my letter, you will not be able to answer me, I guess, because at the top of your address it was written your age, 4 years old. I hope your mother will be kind enough to answer my letter for which I shall be looking forward very much.

I am a girl about 18 years old. I have parents, two elder sisters and one brother. I am the youngest. I will be very happy if you give me information about your family and send me also your picture.

With lots of love,
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2. Could you, without borrowing, pay the expenses of an accident which could easily cost three or four hundred dollars?
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