

Of Interest to Women

THAT YOUTHFUL SPIRIT

The spirit that wins was recently manifested by a small boy who was learning to roller-skate with a number of older playmates. The frequent mishaps of the little fellow awakened the pity of a tender-hearted woman. "Why sorry," she said, "you are getting all bumped up. I wouldn't stay on those roller-skates; you might hurt yourself badly."

The tears of the last fall were still roiling down the glowing cheeks of the youngster, but he looked from his advisor to the shining steel of his skates, and answered: "I didn't get those to give up with; I got 'em to learn how with."

Eramosa Council Holds First Meeting Passes By-Laws Etc.

Financial Report Shows Tax Arrears of \$6,740.85—Accounts Are Passed

A financial report showing a total tax arrears amounting to \$6,740.85 was presented by the treasurer at the first meeting of the year of the council-elect for the Township of Eramosa.

Four by-laws passed called for: the appointing of officials and fixing their salaries; requisitions for schools and police villages to be in the hands of council on or before March 1, 1947; authorizing borrowing from the Royal Bank up to a maximum of \$20,000 at four and a half per cent. interest; fixing a maximum expenditure of \$25,000 on roads, machinery and maintenance for 1947 (amount includes police villages).

Present at the meeting were Reeve D. D. Gray, Deputy-Reeve Ernest H. Benham, Councillors Jos. R. Rutherford, Thos. G. Hutchinson and Fred Cox.

All members subscribed to the Decanation of Office and took their seats as the council for 1947.

On motion of Messrs. Hutchinson and Cox the loan of \$2,000 from the Royal Bank was confirmed.

On motion of Messrs. Cox and Hutchinson the robbery and messenger insurance was renewed with the Canadian General Insurance Co. at a premium of \$10.50.

On motion of Messrs. Hutchinson and Rutherford the bond of the treasurer was accepted as satisfactory.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Cox the reeve and clerk were instructed to apply for the balance of road subsidy on 1946 road expenditures.

On motion of Messrs. Hutchinson and Cox the treasurer was authorized to issue cheques in payment of relief on the approval of the relief officer.

An account for equalization of school sections was left over until the next meeting.

The clerk presented a statement of railway tax distribution.

Correspondence from the Sick Children's Hospital, R. A. Daly Co., Planning and Development Dept., and Geo. Crothers Ltd. was filed.

Council discussed possible action in connection with Osborn Cemetery. No action was taken regarding correspondence from the department of labor in regard to vacations with pay.

On motion of Messrs. Benham and Rutherford, accounts amounting to \$416.23 were passed for payment and council adjourned to meet February 3, 1947 at 1.30 p.m.

The clerk was instructed to advertise in the newspapers for applications for assessor for 1947. Duties are to commence April 1st and roll to be returned Sept. 30. Applications are in the hands of the clerk by noon, February 3, 1947.

Eramosa Township's births and deaths usually take place in Guelph, C. F. Day, divisional registrar, asserted when he released the official list of vital statistics of that municipality for the year 1946. Only one birth and five deaths were recorded in Eramosa.

The statistics revealed that Eramosa young people do not go away to marry however. There were 19 marriage certificates issued in Eramosa during last year.

List of officers of Eramosa Township for the year 1947 also was released. It reads as follows:

Clerk, treasurer, tax collector, acting relief officer, George F. Day; auditor, Stanley B. Reid, C. A.; weed inspector, William Hamilton; member of Board of Health, Roy I. Leslie; medical officer of health, Dr. K. B. Waller; sanitary inspector and school attendance officer, William J. Pinkney; live stock valuers, George C. Bayne and Lorne Allan; road superintendent, Percy R. Peavoy; fence viewers, George C. Bayne, Thos. W. Cox, George Grieve, Milton Swanson, Jos. Oakes, Frank Ostrander; pound keepers, Robert Alexander, Kenneth Fair, Leonard Flewelling, Adam Weatherston, Harry Barden, Leonard Gardiner.

UP TO THE FISH

A Game Warden was checking fishing licenses along a river bank, when he came upon a middle-aged man fishing for catfish.

"Are you having any luck?" he asked. "Haven't had a bite," replied the fisherman.

"What kind of bait are you using?" asked the officer.

"Worms."

"You should try some other bait," suggested the Warden.

The fisherman directed a starry-eyed gaze at the Warden and replied, "Heck man, I ain't gunnin' no catfishes! They can eat worms or go hungry."

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Especially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

I am afraid my family has a joke against me that will take me a long, long time to live down! It all came about from an incident that, in itself, was anything but funny.

As everyone knows, there has been plenty of ice to worry us these last few weeks and the footing has been treacherous in the extreme. Partner got along very well for about a week at the stable door. How he got to the house I don't know, but presently there he was, inside the kitchen and, of course, very white and shaken, beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead. After getting him settled comfortably on the couch, it occurred to me that a spot of whiskey was probably just what he needed. For the last two years we have kept a small quantity in the house for just such emergencies but this was the first time the flask had seen the light of day.

"How much shall I give him?" That naturally was my first thought. I really hadn't the faintest notion but I did remember that liquor taken on an empty stomach was not too good. Naturally all I wanted was to relieve the shock condition from which Partner was obviously suffering and also to prevent him from taking a chill—I didn't want him drunk. So very carefully I measured out one teaspoonful of whiskey and added to it one teaspoonful of water. (Now you may laugh.)

Partner took it without question. But afterwards, when he was feeling somewhat better—as a result of the bracer, of course—he said: "How much whiskey did you give me?" I told him—and I haven't been allowed to forget it since. If he doesn't feel so well he says "another such good shot of whiskey might help him. If he is feeling better he says it must be because of that good dose I gave him."

Well, maybe that will be one for the record for our temperance friends.

So, that is the funny side of the picture. If only that were all. Unfortunately Partner still has plenty of aches and pains which are anything but funny. However, I am sure we should really be very thankful because, although Partner is just about as sore and stiff as he can be—having landed right on the small of his back—there are no bones broken. Bob, of course, has plenty of extra work to do at the barn as a result, and I am getting a kink in my shoulder from the unaccustomed massaging and rubbing. But all that doesn't mean Partner is in bed. Oh no not that man. He is out at the barn as usual, doing a little less and taking longer to do what he does, but on the job just the same.

And do you know what. I have actually found the bottom of my mending basket. It took some doing, believe me, but I stayed right with it, and now I feel as if I had won a terrific fight or something.

Isn't it a good thing that almost every day brings with it a variety of good and bad news; good fortune and misfortune. No day is ever all bad and seldom is one all good. Take today, for instance. The weather is depressing, to say the least—rain, ice under foot and fog. And then the official announcement over the radio of price increases in shoes, cars and restaurant meals which gives one the feeling of being in a runaway train without a driver. But then we get the mail—and there are two letters from England. Grandma received her flowers on Christmas Day; friend Cicely her cable and both were surprised and delighted with the parcels that arrived intact. In Grandma's parcel we included a can of mince-meat. They wondered how they could make mince pies without that. But the next day came a parcel from Partner's brother in Australia and in it a pound of lard. Cicely spoke of having received a parcel from an unknown friend in Vancouver and how pleased she and her family were to have it. I suppose it must have been sent by some organization sponsoring parcels for Britain. Anyway, the letters were so cheery and appreciative for the little that we on this side of the Atlantic do for our friends over there, that they completely dispelled my sense of gloom occasioned by bad weather and rising prices. Partner says: "Well, no matter how badly we feel at times, it doesn't look as if we are likely to drown our sorrows in drink."

SEARCH FOR RUBBER

Out of the 3,500 plants of Russian dandelion analysed by the Botany and Plant Pathology Division, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture 376 were retained because of their high rubber content—12 per cent. or more.



Hello Homemakers! Objection to the unexpected in food is a common occurrence in most families. The habit of anticipating with pleasure the unknown in flavor and texture can be encouraged if new foods are introduced in a casual way, and slight changes to old favorites may be tried without too much risk. Here are some ideas which may be new to you:

- Three Different Apple Pies**
- (1) Use chopped dates combined with cubed apples and thus cut down on the amount of sugar required.
 - (2) Add color and flavor, and save on sugar too by using strawberry or raspberry jam with sliced apples.
 - (3) Sprinkle grated cheese over the minced apples just before fitting the top pastry.

Huntsman's Potatoes

Peel potatoes and shred on coarse grater. Pour boiling water through them and pat dry with a towel. Spread potatoes over bottom of heavy frying pan in heated dripping. Fry until crisp, turning several times. Serve immediately.

Baked Citrus Dessert

Prepare halves of grapefruit by clipping out the centre with scissors and running a knife down each side of sections. Sprinkle with brown sugar and place under heated broiling element for 10-15 minutes. Top with a maraschino cherry.

Luncheon Eggs

Beat 6 eggs with a fork until well blended, then add 1/2 cup thick sour cream, 1/2 tsp. prepared mustard, salt, pepper and a pinch of chili powder. Melt about 2 tbsps. bacon fat, add egg mixture and cook slowly stirring constantly until eggs are creamy. Sprinkle with paprika and serve.

Recreation Potatoes

Left-over mashed potatoes can be revived to their original state if they are placed in the top of the double boiler, along with a small amount of milk. Vigorous boiling with a sturdy heater will make them light and fluffy as they heat.

Mocha Gravy

After panbroiling ham, add a small amount of strong coffee to the skillet and let boil well, stirring to blend in all the ham juices and drippings. Pour the hot liquid over the ham before serving.

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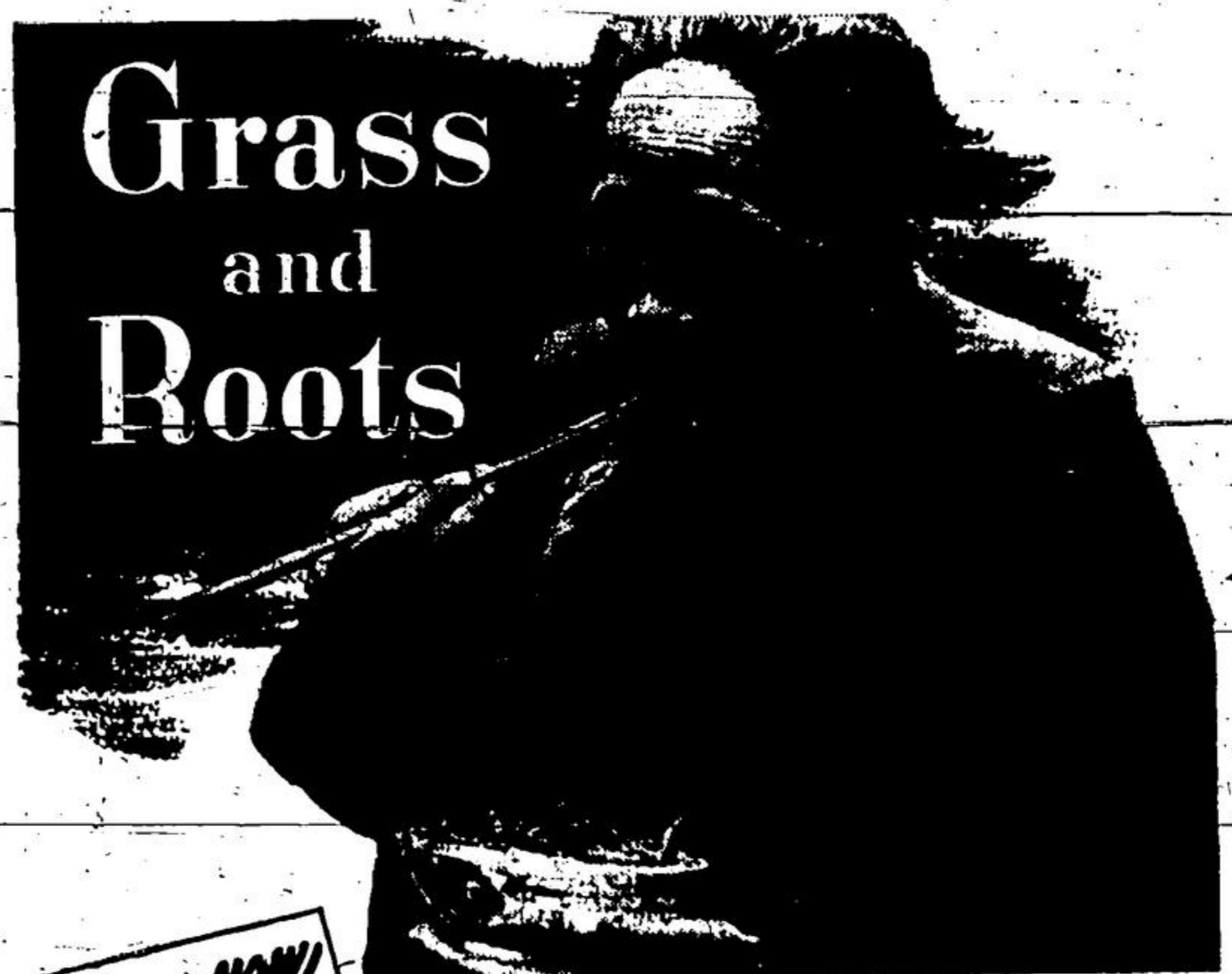
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