

Of Interest to Women

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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"If you can't have what you want, make do with what you've got." That, surely, is a praiseworthy maxim but one which, I fear, is less practised now than it used to be. There are so many gadgets on the market these days that individual ingenuity is hardly called upon at all. Pens that require no filling; washing machines no oiling, waxes no rubbing; thermostats for furnaces; blowers for fueling; electric ranges automatically controlled and so on, ad infinitum. But when these time and mind savers go out of action, or when we can't get just what we need for repairs—what then? We think we are sunk don't we—our ingenuity has gone rusty from disuse, so we have to shop around until our wants are satisfied. It is very rarely we make do with what we've got or try some sort of substitute. As a result that God-given quality of ingenuity is called upon less and less.

I was reminded of this last week because of the original ideas displayed by a friend who had stayed here. We have not known him very long so naturally we are not fully acquainted with his various vices and virtues. Presently we discovered he enjoys playing the violin—by ear. Immediately I went upstairs to the hall closet—which is similar to that of Fibber McGee—and from it unearthed a violin. One string was missing, a peg was broken and there was no resin. "I'm afraid that's not much use to you," I exclaimed regretfully.

Our friend made no comment. Anyway, he is a man of action, not words. Instead of talking he tightened the strings, found one to replace the one that was broken and then

went to work on the wooden peg. He took a short round pencil, shaved it down smoothly until it fitted snugly into the hole. Then he made slits in the pencil to hold the string firmly. When he had tightened it the result was all that could be desired. For the rest of the afternoon we were treated to an intermittent program of Old Time music except one time when he disappeared and upon his return he announced he had made me a small hook like the ones I had seen hanging in his car. The "hook" was made of heavy wire and fitted over the top of the car window. You have probably seen them in the stores but this fellow made them for himself. He would be a useful man to have around. I was grumbling that same evening because the spool on my sewing machine was not working evenly. Our visitor had an idea the spring might be a little slack. He fixed it with about a quarter of an inch of match-wood! Now it works perfectly.

This fellow is a product of Western Canada—maybe that accounts for his ingenuity. From personal experience we know that the prairie breeds resourcefulness. When folk there are up against it, their inventive genius reaches its peak. Fuel in summer is dry "cow chips" picked up from the pasture. And it is good fuel, believe me. So good that one of our prairie neighbors in those far-off days built his house down with it. When funds are short, coffee was made by roasting barley or wheat and then using it in the ordinary way. But I must confess—needed an acquired taste to enjoy it. Milk was often in short supply and haberdasheries, sometimes, give fingers of fat salt pork to suck. And believe it or not the babies thrived.

Coming back home... I am going to need a little ingenuity myself. To make Partner two pairs of pyjamas I bought ten yards of pyjama cloth. I cut out both pairs and thought I had managed very well until I discovered I was short one pair of sleeves! There was no more material to be had at the store; none at the wholesale house and Partner in the meantime had fallen once again through the seat and back of the old pyjamas. Suddenly a thought struck me: the old and new are very similar in color and design so now I intend to cut the sleeves from the lower part of the pants where the material is hardly thin at all. There is truly more than one way of killing a cat than drowning it in cream.

Which reminds me, "Whisky" is coming along very nicely and has actually made friends with dog Tippy. The other day I left an empty paper bag on the couch. Presently I went to pick it up. By this time it was heavy. Whisky had crawled in and was fast asleep. Another time she got so tangled up with an unravelled spool of thread it was a wonder she wasn't choked to death. However a blood-curdling yowl brought speedy release and saved the first of her nine lives.

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Halton Holstein Breeders Win Top Honors at Championship Show

The sixth annual 'Black and White' Championship Show was held at Brantford on October 14th with approximately 160 head in competition from ten counties of central Ontario. The highlights from a Halton standpoint was first, the showing of Glenafon R. A. Monogram for Harold Bingham & Son of Georgetown. This animal won first in the class for three year old bulls, and later was declared senior and grand champion bull of the show, by Prof. Geo. E. Rathby who incidentally received high commendation for the able manner in which he made his decision. E. J. Meagher, of Oakville, was also in the limelight winning first on Graymar Anna Champion, his senior-half-calf, in a strong class which brought out 41 entries. She was later declared Junior Female Champion of the show. Anna is a daughter of Graymar Beale Pathfinder, Mr. Meagher's world famous daughter of Armac Sylvannus Pathfinder. In her latest lactation as a 5 year old, Beale rolled out 27,512 lbs. of milk and 1175 lbs. B.F. on three times milking. In her first three lactations Beale has produced 77,175 lbs. of milk and well over 2900 lbs. butterfat. This is definitely a Canadian record and thought to be a world's record for all breeds.

But to return to the show, R. C. Given & Son, of Georgetown, won first in the two year old bulls on Raymondale Salax. Gordon Sinclair of Freeman, got sixth on his junior yearling bull in a strong class, while F. Pelletterio & Sons of Milton, and E. F. Ford of Hornby were well up in the bull calf class. Hays Ltd. of Oakville, and John Pickett & Son of Hornby were fifth and sixth respectively in the mature cow class which brought out thirteen entries. Spruceleigh Annabelle, the grand champion female at Milton, was second in the four year old class for Ross Segsworth of Freeman. The same breeder was second in the senior yearling heifer class, and second on his progeny of Poplar Row Chieftain Maid. Hays Ltd. Oakville, were second in the two year old heifer class on Robros Dixie Piebe bred by W. H. Robinson of Hornby. This later breeder also bred the third prize junior yearling heifer, owned and exhibited by J. P. Trimble of Trafalgar Township. F. Pelletterio & Sons also won second in the Junior-Get-of-Sire class on their get of Oakville R. A. Dandy. The grand champion female of the show was Glenvue Noelle Inka for Hays Ltd. from their Peel County farm—she's a great cow and will take a lot of beating at the Royal.

As usual the keenest rivalry of the day was manifest in the inter-county herd class which brought out entries from all ten counties. Peel County managed to retain their laurels by winning first place but the Halton entry made up of six animals from the herds of Harold Bingham, Hays Ltd., Ross Segsworth, E. J. Meagher, and F. Pelletterio, gave them a real scare by being a strong second. The placing of the inter-county entries was as follows: 3rd, Waterloo; 4th, Wellington; 5th, Brant; 6th, Welland; 7th, Haldimand; 8th, Wentworth; 9th, Lincoln and Grey in 10th.

Halton Club Members Make An Excellent Showing at Erin Fair Alex. (Sandy) Buchanan of Moffat who had the winning calf in the Halton Baby Beef Club at Milton, had a real field day at Erin Fair on Thanksgiving Day. In the inter-county baby beef club, he again won first on his steer, and first for showmanship. He was also on top in the open class for Short-horn steers, and second in the class for steers under 1000 lbs. open to all breeds.

Three Halton Swine Club members namely Gordon McCreedy of Milton, and Geo. Burkholder and Harold Tyrell of Freeman, competed in the provincial inter-swine club competition at Erin. As a group they placed second to Middlesex County, with Peel in third. Nine county Clubs were in competition.

"This and That" Halton's fall or winter wheat acreage is up considerably over that of 1946. With the demand for wheat both for food and feed this would seem to be a definite step in the right direction. While some of the acreage was sown late and without adequate moisture, the crop in general looks good. Halton farmers have experienced ideal weather conditions for ensiling corn, harvesting buckwheat and rye, and picking apples. Corn for silage, buckwheat, and mangolds, have been taken care of but moisture is needed for the wheat and it is possible to get a good yield with the fall plowing. One of the biggest headaches for Halton farmers, aside from the difficulty in securing farm help, is the uncertainty first of a market for their hogs and livestock due to the packing strike, second the feed grain situation, little or no western grain being available and rumors of the ceiling being removed on coarse

grains. In this connection it would seem that farm leaders and farmers generally are justified in requesting an immediate clarification of the whole situation by our Ottawa authorities. Another point which Ottawa might well clarify is the egg contract with the British Food Ministry. The present contract terminates in January 1949. Egg and Poultry production cannot be slipped up or decreased by turning a tap and hence an early announcement regarding future contracts would be welcomed at once in order that poultrymen may plan accordingly.

Referring back to the labor situation, we do not feel it wise to make any comment on the packing house strike—no doubt much might be said on both sides of the question—but it does seem clear that as long as meat ceilings prevail, it is going to be the livestock producer who will pay any wage-increases which may be granted. If one reads history one can't help but realize that labor unions have done down through the years corrected many abuses. At the same time we can't help but feel that labor leaders would do well to remember that Great Britain, United States, and Canada, became great nations because they worked on a policy that increased reward. To-day the policy would seem to be "shorter hours, less work, with more pay". Is it any wonder farmers have difficulty securing satisfactory help—efficient farms are not operated on such basis.

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