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MILTON
At a meeting of Milton Council last week a motion was passed, sponsored by Higgins and Ford, hiring C. G. Riddell to plow the streets at \$6.00 per hour. It was to use his own judgment when the plowing was needed.

Mrs. A. Dickenson, King Street, was hostess to the members of St. Paul's Evening Auxiliary at their Christmas meeting on Tuesday evening, December 2nd, Mrs. E. W. Foster presiding. The officers for the coming year were elected: Mrs. C. Wood is the new president; 1st vice president, Mrs. C. Ward; 2nd vice president, Mrs. E. Prentiss; recording secretary, Mrs. S. Featherstone; treasurer, Mrs. G. Gortor.

Not since the war's end has anyone so clearly and convincingly described conditions in the war-devastated countries of Europe, as Dr. Lotta Hiltchmannova, speaking to the Women's Canadian Club on Friday afternoon last.

For a third time ratepayers of Milton went to the polls and gave an almost two to one mandate for the construction and installation of sewers in the municipality of Milton, at the annual elections held on Monday.

Voting was held for the offices of Mayor, council, Hydro commissioner, and 3 questions on the construction of sewers. Dr. C. H. Heslop, former reeve for six years defeated the present mayor, Gordon C. Gowland, who was a member of the council for 10 years, by a majority of 151.—Canadian Champion.

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ERIN
Messrs. Robert and Jerome Hunter have sold their property at Whitby and have returned to Erin.
The Erin Continuation School Commencement was a decided success again this year.

Earl Moore, local Holstein Breeder recently sold three heifer calves, to a buyer from Uruguay, South America. The heifers were part of a shipment which were flown to their new home. Local milk producers, while negotiating with the Milk Board for more money for their product, have not so far gained their objective. However if and when they do, the price of milk will go up in Erin and community. In the meantime there is no change in the price to consumers.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN
Deputy District Governor "Muzzy" Lunau of Oakville paid his official visit to the Lions Club at the Monday night dinner at the McGibbon House.

Among 200 guests attending the diamond wedding anniversary at Waterdown last week of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson were seventy-three grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs. Alex. McKinnon, Hillsburgh and Mrs. Lawrence Burt, Georgetown, are sisters and Mr. D. F. Sovereign of Burlington a brother of Mrs. Robinson.

Only three nominations were received on Monday night to fill three vacancies left at the nomination meeting a week ago. All candidates qualified and were declared elected by acclamation. New councillor in Ward 1 is Vern McCumber, while new Public School Trustee are Garfield McGilvray in Ward 1 and Walter Blehn in Ward 3. Mr. McCumber's nomination was made by Joseph Gibbons and Arthur Herbert, Mr. McGilvray's by Arthur Herbert and W. P. Thompson and Mr. Blehn's by Thos. L. Lyon's and Joseph Gibbons.—Herald.

Over \$48 Million Bet at Race Tracks In Canada in 1947
During the 329 days' horse racing in Canada at 36 meetings in 1947, a total of \$48,519,909 was wagered, a decrease of \$147,835 from the amount wagered at 305 days' racing at 22 meetings in 1946. Prize money paid in 1947 totalled \$2,323,675, an increase of \$508,585 over 1946.
Of the total of \$48,519,909 wagered in 1947 Ontario accounted for \$29,034,232, with 126 days' racing. British Columbia was second with \$8,895,929 wagered during 70 days' racing; Manitoba was third with \$4,134,418 wagered at 28 days' racing; Alberta was fourth, with \$3,220,272 over 40 days' racing; Quebec fifth with \$2,491,268 and 50 days' racing; Saskatchewan sixth with \$743,760 wagered during 15 days' racing.
There is no pari-mutuel betting at race tracks in the Maritime provinces under the supervision of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.
The statistics for cities show that Toronto was the leader in the amount wagered by a big margin, with \$18,841,284. Vancouver was second with \$7,858,610; Fort Erie, third with \$4,611,062, followed by Winnipeg with \$4,134,448; Hamilton, \$3,274,154; Niagara Falls, \$2,307,534; Edmonton, \$1,725,584; Montreal, \$1,689,444; Calgary, \$1,494,688; Victoria, \$1,037,310; Ottawa, \$861,824; Regina, \$399,309; Saskatoon, \$340,197; Moose Jaw, \$4,254; Seaford, Ont., \$130 and Mitchell, Ont., \$68, the last two each having had one day's racing.
From every dollar wagered at race meetings the Dominion Government takes five per cent the tax deducted by the provinces ranges from five to ten per cent, and each racing association is allowed a percentage ranging from seven down to three per cent, according to the total amount wagered. All betting at race meetings in Canada for what is known as running horses must be under the pari-mutuel system. It is carried out under the direction of J. D. Higginson, Supervisor of race track betting for the Dominion Department of Agriculture.
Radar, which records the impressions of echoes, is not affected by fog, but rain limits its range.

Chronicles of . . . Ginger-Farm
Written Specially for The Acton Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

What a difference it makes when no big plans are underway in preparation for Christmas. This time last year we were expecting seven extra for the holidays. This year we may not even have our own family around. Now that we have got used to the idea, Partner and I don't really mind at all. I don't think we shall even be lonesome because we never have any trouble in keeping ourselves occupied—and there is always plenty going on at Christmas with letters, cards, phone calls and the radio. We are certainly not going to feel sorry for ourselves anyway. After all as long as Partner and I are together neither of us is alone. There is only one thing that bothers me—there doesn't seem to be anything to work for, and that is something I can't get used to.

However, not having to make preparations for Christmas has given me a breathing spell. Actually I have come to the end of my meeting—that is, for the moment. My own is never finished—it just gets done when I can't put it off any longer.

Now I've got to start in on our half-worn sheets. If only some kind of material could be invented to make sheets that boys couldn't kick their feet through! I should have kept track of the number of spoons of thread I have used turning sheets sides to middle—and then stitching the middle. But that's not a very Christmas subject—let's talk about presents.

Thinking back over the last few years I was trying to figure out which of the different presents I had been given that has been the most useful. One of them is a card table. I think it has been in use every day since I got it—but not often for playing cards. At this minute I am using it as a writing table in the living room. That is what I like about it—it can always be just where you want it.

Then there was a desk-pen set—the type that has a pen sitting in it all the time. I had been told they were not much good—that they soon went out of order. I find they don't if one looks after them. When mine gets clogged I take the nib to pieces, soak it, the inkpot and the container. Then I clean out every bit of sediment, put everything together again—and presto! It's all as good as new.

Another bit of comfort has been a chenille housecoat that Daughter gave me two years ago—and it's still going strong. I scoffed at the idea when she first suggested that I should have one. "What good are they to a farm woman," I asked, "they are for city folk who don't dress until after Daddy and the kids have gone to the office and school." But Daughter knew better—and was she right! Mothers—trust your daughters, they know pretty well what you should have. Some of the things are probably what you would have liked years ago but felt you couldn't afford them. Your thoughts then were on what the children needed. Now the tables are turned—it's the children now who are figuring out what mother needs.

As the years go by parents don't have to worry so much about what the children need—only what they need MOST! And as you know that is often a difficult decision to make. I think their needs increase with the years. For instance, just when I've made up my mind that our son really should have a club bag I suddenly realize how badly he needs a set of wrenches. And for Daughter I practically decide that a sewing cabinet would be the very thing until I remember how much a complete set of undies would help her budget. Sometimes I am glad there are only two of them.

Then there is young John who makes his home with us. Shirts, ties and socks are always a safe bet, but what's the good of giving a shirt to a boy who would rather have a set of horns for his car?

Oh well—Christmas comes but once a year. In a couple of weeks we won't have to worry about it any more for another twelve months. 'Bye for now—see you again next week, I hope.

MEMORY FOR FACES
—There are some who say that they can remember people's names fairly well, but that their memory for faces is not so good. They may say that they often have to meet someone quite a number of times before they can be sure of recognizing him. Or that if they do not see a person for a number of years, they may forget how he looks, and fail to recognize him when they meet him. The question may be asked as to how such people can develop a better memory for faces.

It is such an important thing to recognize people when one meets them, that this ability to remember faces should be cultivated if it is possible to do so. It might help, when people meet someone whom they have not known before, if afterward they would make several efforts to recall just how that person looked, and to remember his facial characteristics.


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