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GEORGETOWN

Rev. C. C. Cochrane left for Montreal on Monday where he will take over the pastorate of Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount, next Sunday.

On Saturday, April 24th, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Schenke, Glen Williams, was the scene of the wedding of their daughter, Marjorie Evelyn to Lewis Raymond Crosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby of Kentville, Nova Scotia.

Plans for an intensive series of summer recreation including softball, hardball and lacrosse were reviewed at a meeting of the GRC last Tuesday in the Old Town Hall.

Gail Malcolm, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm, had a narrow escape from drowning on Sunday. Gail was playing with a group of children on the flats behind her home on Riverview Crescent and was reaching for a stick in the water from the Ewing Street bridge when she toppled in. A neighbour boy, Billy Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hancock promptly went to the rescue and pulled her to safety. —Georgetown Herald

Slum dwellers in Plymouth, England, will be trained in modern housekeeping under a housekeeping scheme.

Cross breeding between American and Chinese sweet chestnut trees is eliminating blight.

Chronicles of ..
Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
 The Acton Free Press
 GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

We are feeling so much better satisfied now than we were a few days ago because the men have actually been able to get on the land. The hum of the tractor has indeed been a welcome sound after such a cold, wet and backward spring. Now, although we have no grain sown, the ground is ready and we expect the drill will be doing its job to-morrow—that is if it doesn't rain again. Bob has been running the tractor all the time—with his leg still in a cast. It is amazing what can be done, once a person is fitted up with a "walking cast", though I am sure it must be a very heavy and tiring thing to carry around.

From what I hear little has been done in gardens anywhere—nothing at all right here—it has really been too cold and windy to work outside for very long. Our garden, this year, is full of disappointments. There are not nearly as many daffodils in bloom as usual and some of my shrubs are in a sorry plight. Two variegated elms that were so very decorative are just about done. The roots are still living but the long sweeping branches will have to be cut right down to the ground. Some of the other shrubs also look pretty sick, partly due to the winter nibbling of rabbits. Growing things on the south side of the house have been more fortunate. We had asparagus before it appeared in the stores and the rhubarb has been particularly sweet and tender.

The taste of asparagus and rhubarb, anyway Partner has been amblyously planning our vegetable garden. My, won't it be good to have home-grown vegetables again. After being without a garden last year we should be doubly appreciative of what we hope to get this summer. But I am afraid that will depend largely on Partner. When I look around the house and see the work ahead of me this year I can't see myself putting in much time on the end of a hoe.

I can see now it doesn't pay to let two years go by without doing some papering and painting around the house. Now it looks as if every room from attic to cellar needs attention—and all at the same time. But housecleaning has its good points. There were days this week when it was so cold and windy I wanted work to do that would keep me warm. (We don't like burning wood in a high wind and our coal supply is just about done so the house was really cold.) I looked around at the kitchen. Cleaning it was not on the agenda for that day but I couldn't think of a better job to keep me warm, so I went right at it. Believe me, by the time I had the ceiling, walls and woodwork thoroughly separated from their winter coating of grime and smoke, I was warm all right. It was also an opportune time for another reason—the men were as busy in the field they had no time to pay any attention to what I was doing—nor to interrupt me. So long as meals appeared on the table as per schedule I might turn the house upside-down or sleep all day, for all they would know about what I was doing. That night I said to Partner—"Do you think my kitchen looks any better?" He looked around. "Oh," he said casually, "have you been cleaning it?" Had I! My hands were proof of that even if the kitchen wasn't.

Now what do you think of this little episode? Last Monday Bob and I drove to the city. On my way out to the "pick-up" I stopped to pick a bunch of daffodils for Daughter. Some of them grow practically wild among the grass. Soon after arriving in the city I went to a washroom in one of the stores and upon looking in a mirror I was horrified to see, caught up in a net on top of my hat, a bunch of burrs, the kind that grow on those beastly burdocks. "Well," I thought, "there is nothing like advertising the fact that one comes from the country!" Bob said "Why worry? I don't suppose city folk would even know what it was in your hat." He by the way, hadn't so much as noticed them. What a man! But when I told Daughter—"Mother—how awful—didn't you even know they were there?" No, but I did afterwards. I sat in the waiting room for fifteen minutes picking burrs out of that bit of netting on my hat.

NEW STEEL RECORDS

Steel production in March again established a new record. An annual rate of 15,117,000 tons was produced despite a shorter working month due to the Easter holidays. In February, the rate was 15,049,000 tons.



THE MIXING BOWL

by ANNIE ALLAN
 Under Name Restricted

Hello Homemakers! At the time of writing the weather tempts one to wash all the Winter woollens and hang them out in the spring breeze. However, when one reads of places for washing clothes such as they have in New York, one wonders "There the homemaker can take her bundle down to the corner laundry where she is assigned a washing machine. She puts the clothes in the machine, a quarter in the slot and turns on the water, adding the required amount of soap, sets the dial, and then settles down to read any of their magazines. In fact there is a note at the top of each story as to reading time. Finally she takes her wet wash home and hangs it out in her own backyard."

Coming back home we made a brief survey of laundering costs. Whether to send the weekly wash to commercial laundries or to buy an automatic, non-automatic, or semi-automatic machine and do the job at home, is a problem for many women.

Laundry practices of city and farm families were compared and found to be similar. Few families soaked the wash and most homemakers used the same suds-water for all the clothes. A majority put the clothes through two rinse waters and used the same rinse water for the entire wash. Except for actual sudsing, very little hot water was used. Farm women do their wash at home but few have stationary tubs and ironers.

Laundering costs approximately twenty-five dollars a year with the non-automatic washer, minus rinsing facilities, and slightly more than twenty-five dollars with the automatic machine. These compare favourably to commercial laundries where a wet wash can be done for you.

Although there are not many repair jobs necessary for the carefully operated machine, costs are necessarily higher for automatics.

Major points in the automatic's favor are their energy saving qualities, no puddles to mop and a cleaner wash.

The homemaker must decide for herself which she can afford to save most—time, money or labor.

1. Hard water for laundry purposes prevents thorough cleansing. A zeolite tank is the most efficient way to soften water and it pays dividends in long saved and in longer life fabrics. For delicate fabrics (woollens and nylons) use one tsp. of borax per gallon of water; mix well, then add soap. Washing soda or other commercial softeners are fine for linens and cottons—but only if added before the soap.

2. To whiten cotton and linen fabrics (white or colorfast) you may bleach with chloride of lime solutions. It is most necessary to rinse in 3 waters afterwards, otherwise any remaining bleach will weaken the fabric. Bleuing will brighten delicate fabrics which cannot be bleached. To prevent streaking, it must be thoroughly mixed with the last rinse water.

3. Ironing is a time-consuming job and can be tiring. To reduce ironing, hang the wet clothes carefully. Shake out and hang bed linen, towels and face cloths, squares with the line. When they are dry, shake again, fold and put away. Fold towels and press them. Sitting on a stool to iron the straight things and a good firm ironing board at the proper level both make the job easier.

THE QUESTION BOX

Q—AC L. T. asks for best method to wash woollens.

- Answers:
1. Use lots of warm water (never boiling hot).
 2. Soften with borax (about 1/2 cup for average tub). Add soap dissolved in hot water first.
 3. Shake out free dust. Measure knitted garments.
 4. Never operate machine for knitted goods and others which require only 5 minute washing. Place in another suds if badly soiled.
 5. Squeeze, do not twist to remove water from light garments. Or place woollens through a wringer with light pressure. Hold the fabric up as it goes through wringers to keep its shape.
 6. Hang woollens in a warm breeze to dry. Never let garments freeze, nor place near direct heat.

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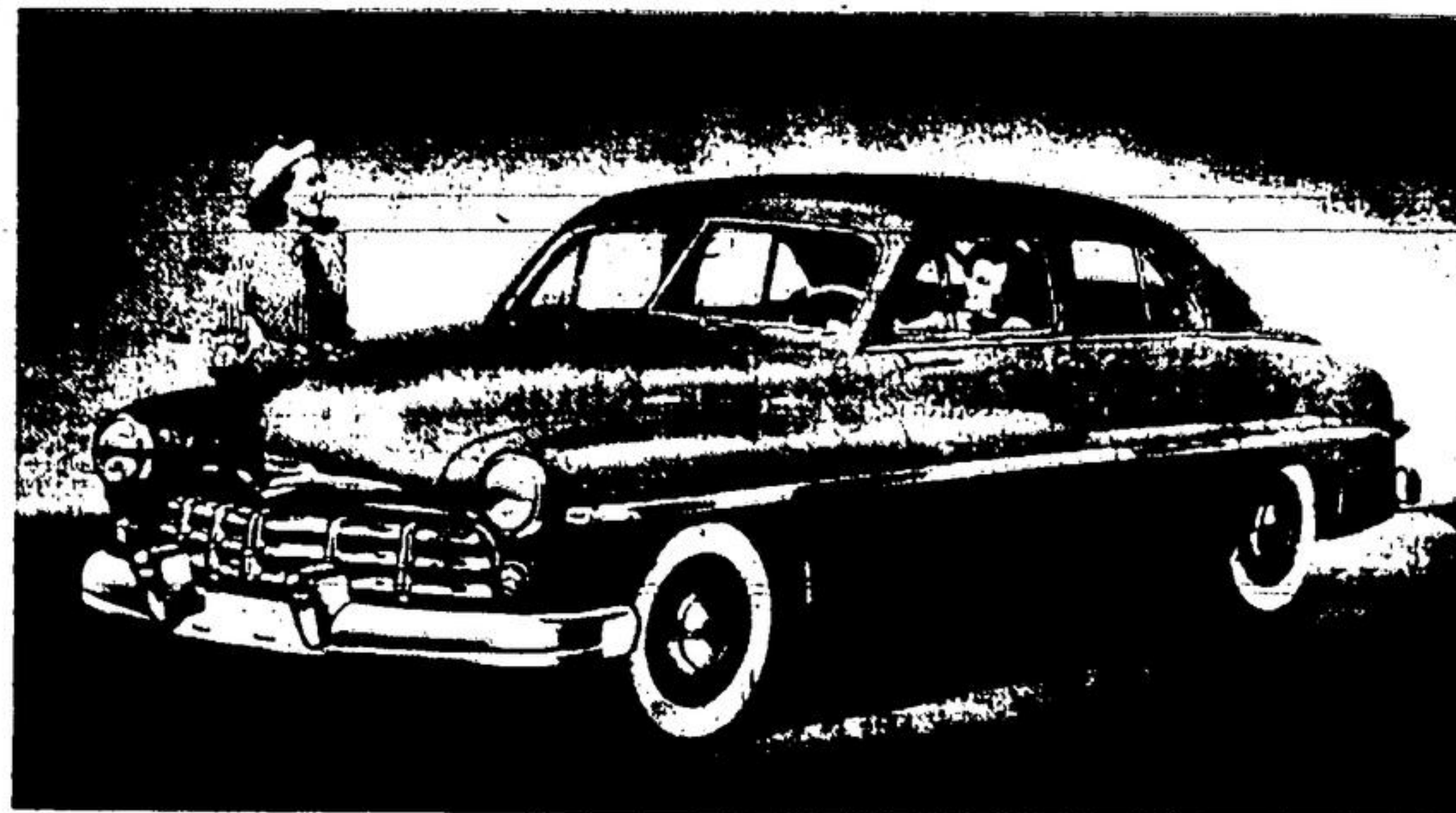
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Bodies of the new Monarch are markedly spacious. Three adults may ride in comfort on either front or rear seat, the latter being a full five feet in width. Hardware is rugged but gracefully cast and fabrics are refreshingly new. The car also introduces a specially designed ventilation system which carries a controlled flow of cool, clean air to all parts of the interior. When combined with a heater unit, it provides uniformly warm, fresh air in both front and rear seating compartments. All-round visibility is achieved without sacrifice of structural strength

and there is exceptionally large luggage space under the "bustle" back of both models:

The Monarch's engine has automatic choke and an automatic "fast-idle" feature to prevent stalling after a cold start. The engine itself is completely insulated from the frame by three rubber-bonded-steel mounting units.

The frame of the new car is described by the makers as one of the most rigid yet designed. Resilient coil springs are employed in the front end suspension with airplane-type shock absorbers installed within the springs. This enables them to work on the same plane as the springs for maximum effectiveness. The same type of shock absorbers are sea-leg mounted at the rear where they function with new, longitudinal springs. "Equalized Steering", another feature of the 1949 Monarch, is achieved by the use of turning arms of the same length.