

Of Interest to Women

BRITAIN'S HOUSING FIGURES CREATE NEW RECORD

The number of new, permanent houses built in Britain during March has set up a fresh record. 20,357 were completed, which is 2,500 more than the previous best monthly achievement in December last. This good news is disclosed in official returns published recently. Of these new homes 18,800 were constructed in England and Wales with 1,500 in Scotland. Figures include the rebuilding of houses destroyed during the war. In addition to this record number of permanent dwellings, more than 3,200 temporary houses were also finished in March.

Because a London, Ontario, man's method of annoying his in-laws was putting pest killer in their butter, the law annoyed him with a nine-month jail sentence.



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THE MIXING BOWL

By Anne Allan
HYDRO HOME ECONOMIST

Hello Homemakers. Shower gifts can bring pleasure to all concerned when they bespeak special thoughtfulness. One way to select a gift which is "just what the bride wanted" is to choose from the common-place necessities we use every day. You can add a surprise element to a clothespin bag by filling it with commercially prepared packages of quick cooking foods. A flower pot ceases to be just a flower pot when it dons an apron with garden necessities (gloves, trowel, seeds etc. stuck in the pockets). A pair of oven mitts will hold a few companion items such as tongs, big fork and mixing spoons. Then too, bottles of spices become a kitchen decoration when they are housed in a gaily coloured box or rack.

If the party is an informal one, the hostess may wish to decorate a place for the guest-of-honour by using some of the gifts. A clothespin bag for a bracelet and clothes horse festooned with crepe paper as a trollys makes a good imitative rose arbor.

After the presentation of gifts the gathering of the clan may wish to play cards, enjoy a singing, play records, make a bride's book or sew for the bride. This is the time for you to put the finishing touches on the refreshments. A fruit salad or a jello vegetable salad and a cheese tray with accompaniments of rye crisp, biscuits, cheese sticks and melba toast with small cakes and coffee are favourites.

PERFECTION SALAD

1 pkg. lemon-flavored jelly powder, 1 1/2 cups boiling water, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, 4 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 cup shredded cabbage, 1 pimento (chopped), 1/4 cup shredded raw carrots, lettuce, Watercress, Mayonnaise. Dissolve jelly powder in boiling water, or as directed on the package. Add salt, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and chill until slightly thickened. Add cabbage, pimento, and carrots. Chill in refrigerator until firm. Unmold on lettuce and serve with garnish of watercress and mayonnaise. Yield: 6 servings.

QUICK TOMATO ASPIC

1 can condensed tomato soup, water, 2 tps. onion juice, 1 1/2 tps. granulated gelatine, 1/4 cup cold water. Heat tomato soup with an equal amount of water. Add onion juice. Soak gelatine in cold water for 5 minutes. Add hot mixture to soaked gelatine and dissolve. Mix thoroughly and pour into oiled or moistened individual molds or one large mold. Chill in refrigerator until set. Yield: 6 servings.

SWEDISH PASTRY

1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1 egg yolk (lightly beaten), 1 cup sifted flour, 1 egg white (lightly beaten), chopped nuts, raspberry jam. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, creaming well. Add slightly beaten egg yolk and blend. Stir in flour and combine. Form into small balls, dip in egg white, then in chopped nuts. Make a small dent in the top of each ball. Place in a moderate oven of 350 degrees from oven, press into dent to make it deeper, using spoon or other blunt utensil. Return to oven and continue baking for 15 minutes longer. Remove from oven and immediately fill hollows with jam.

PINK COCOANUT MACAROONS

2 egg whites, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. vanilla, 1/2 cup dates, chopped, 1 cup finely shredded cocoanut. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Beat in sugar gradually. Add salt, vanilla and red coloring to tint. Fold in chopped dates and cocoanut. Drop by teaspoonfuls on to well-greased baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven of 275 degrees until dry on the surface, or from 20 to 30 minutes. To test macaroons, lift one from the sheet with spatula and let stand for a few minutes. If it holds its shape, the entire pan may be removed from the oven. Remove macaroons from the baking sheet with a spatula while still warm.

"The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all or cannot do so well for themselves in their separate and individual capacities. In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves the government ought not to interfere."—Abraham Lincoln.

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Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

My men folk have been very busy this week re-seeding our spring crop. One field had to be worked all over again and the entire field re-sown. Another field was re-seeded just where the showing of green shoots was thin and bare. Most farmers are doing the same thing. It is discouraging of course but then it is just an experience that farmers have to take every so often. And if the crops come along all right in the end I am sure there will be very little complaining. Of course some farmers, with lighter soil managed to get their grain in and growing fields are really looking splendid.

Another big change took place this week. Partner turned the cows out to pasture. The date was May 27. (CBC please note—the date might interest your dairy experts.) You would think cows would be gloriously content their first day out on the grass wouldn't you. But no! After the first hour, during which time they in turn chased each other around or ate voraciously at the fresh green grass, after that they began to bawl. Some of them remembered their offspring in the barn so they bawled to get back into the stable. Others bawled because they were thirsty. They didn't need to be thirsty; there is plenty of fresh running water in the creek but it isn't what they have been used to drinking to see if they could get what they wanted that way. But that kind of thing doesn't work with cows so well as it does with children—that is, some children. Still other cows were neither thirsty nor over-burdened with a mother complex—they just bawled because the others bawled—and usually the ones that have nothing to bawl about are the ones that bawl the loudest. Cows are not so very different from the human race after all, are they?

Hasn't it been grand to have a little warm weather? It has even been warm enough outside so I have at last managed to pull a few weeds out of the flower beds. While working I have also been bird watching. Last year I said how I wished I had a really good bird book and one of my readers wrote me telling me the book I should get. Acting upon his advice I bought "Birds of Canada" by P. A. Taverner and found it to be exactly what I needed. Given the opportunity for close observation, identification of the various birds is a simple matter with this book to guide you. Yesterday there were a pair of birds on the lawn—slate-grey, black cap and chestnut underparts. They were very interesting to watch and my book informed me they were 'cat-birds'. That same evening I heard a lovely little songster at the back of the house; every so often he seemed to say "Jerry-bob... Jerry-bob." I couldn't see him but I sat quietly and watched. Presently he flew down to the clothesline and to my delight I saw it was one of my little cat birds. His mate was answering from a distance so perhaps they are nesting not too far away.

How strange it is that weather conditions—bad for certain types of growth—is good for others. This cold, wet spring, for instance, so bad for crops, seems just exactly right for fruit trees. But perhaps I shouldn't generalize—I am judging only by our own Early Richmond cherries. The trees were loaded with blossom and it looks as if every blossom has "set." I have hopefully inspected the harvest apple; it too was a solid mass of bloom—but it is too early yet to speculate on results.

Well June 7 is getting very close and yet there seems to be very little excitement in the air. Personally anyone could have my vote who would tell me where I could get a good used electric refrigerator! Of course I am not serious; my vote could never be got by bribery. I vote as I please and am not influenced by election promises but by party records. Which party? Why, the right party of course—and you know when that is, don't you?

FOR THE CHILDREN—AN ISLAND BIRD SANCTUARY

The Island of Grassholm, off the coast of Pembroke, Wales, has been bought by Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Grassholm, which has an area of about 23 acres is the home of between six and seven thousand pairs of gannets which nest there each summer.

The trend is to film and edit the action before televising, rather than show it direct.

Farm Tractors Can Originate Fires

With the more general use on farms of tractors, trucks and gasoline driven machinery, care is needed to see that this type of equipment does not become a potential source of farm fires.

Speaking before the 1947 Convention of the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association of Ontario, the companies of which carry about 75 per cent. of all fire insurance on agricultural property in Ontario, Mr. C. W. Caskey, Solicitor to the Ontario Fire Marshall's office emphasized the possible fire danger from farm tractors and trucks. Pointing out that automotive engineers have designed trucks and tractors so that the least possible fire hazard exists, so long as the equipment is kept in good running order, Mr. Caskey said that most fires originating from gasoline-driven vehicles can be traced to one of the following:

Poor Maintenance—The important items are mufflers, gasoline lines, carburetors and the ignition system. Trouble rarely comes suddenly and there are usually warnings of defects which can be detected in advance.

Improper refueling and improper storage—Small quantities of gasoline if required should be carried in safety cans only, and motor should be stopped, manifold and muffler be reasonably cool and no smoking, while tank is being filled.

Accumulations of dust, oil and combustible material—A load of grain passing the muffler too close may take fire, straw or chaff may blow to accumulate on the engine, clog the radiator, pile up on the muffler build up around the tractor or truck to provide direct contact with heated parts or get close enough for sparks to ignite.


NEW PRINCIPLE IN TAXATION

It is reported that a Winnipeg taxi driver has been assessed ten percent more than his returned income by the Income Tax department on the grounds that he reported no income from tips, and that a Department investigation had determined that ten per cent represented a reasonable tip-total for the district in which he did business.

Apart from any question of whether or not the cabbie had in fact earned so much, the idea that the Income Tax department may thus arbitrarily decide how a person's income should be and then tax on that imaginary sum, is startling. This year, for "the purpose of gathering information," an Ottawa department has sent out questionnaires to be filled in by farm owners. The filling out of these forms is not compulsory and the information sought is such inconsequential stuff as the size of the barn and other sheds, the number of hens he keeps, the size of his herd of cows and so on.

In view of this Winnipeg cabbie's case, might not such questions be the forerunner of an arbitrary taxation scheme for farmers. With the precedent established that the Department may decide how much a citizen should be earning and then tax on that, who can tell where the story may end?

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The revised time-table FOR ALL CANDIDATES reads as follows:
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