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Chronicles of .. Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

The day is rough and chilly, with a high wind battering at the doors and windows. But it is warm, cheery and comfortable in the house because here we are, sitting in front of an open fire with big chunks of wood blazing and crackling in the fire basket. Partner is listening to a baseball game. I am just sitting and thinking ... and writing, and not listening at all. Maybe you think that is impossible—to sit in the same room as the radio and not listen when a ball game is going on. But I can, for the simple reason that I don't understand the first thing about baseball so the running commentary doesn't bother me at all. Now, if it were hockey I certainly wouldn't be sitting here writing.

Another thing I am doing is yawning—but definitely just trying to recover from a day in the city. And I think I am entitled to yawn because I took the early morning train and returned on what we call "the midnight". And that midnight train is nearly always late—last Friday being no exception, so that it was 2:30 a.m. before I reached home. And it rained the whole day long in the city. I paddled dumpy around from one place to another and every time I felt like getting mad I said to myself—"Now you can stop grouching—just think how good this rain will be for the wheat—to say nothing of the hydro." So I listened to my conscience with at least an assumption of stoicism. But I did feel cheated when I got home and found that there hadn't been one drop of rain all day! Next time I'll get as mad as I like.

But rain or no rain, I did have a good day in the city—the only reason I am tired is because I cram too much into one day.

What do you think of this for coincidence? I thought I had better let my sister know I was in town as we had a meeting planned for the evening. But the line was busy so I came out of the booth and was looking over some bargains in stockings. I was in a department store when a voice behind me said, "Now what are you buying?" I looked up and there was my sister. No wonder they say truth is stranger than fiction. It doesn't seem possible that among the thousands of shoppers in the city the two of us should meet without previous planning at the same time and place. Presently I went on with my shopping, and do you know I found that suits and dresses are now quite reasonable in price. And the dress goods—they were simply lovely. Generally speaking, I am not awfully fond of dress but there was something about the soft, colorful materials that I looked at that made me feel I would like a hatless purse and a good dressmaker to make up anything I felt like taking home. But believe it or not all I bought was shoes and stockings for myself and underwear for Partner. How's that for self-discipline?

After that I went to a show—"Luxury Linger"—that kept me away from temptation and out of the rain. I enjoyed the show. Jane Powell is a great little actress.

In the evening my sister and I went to a meeting of the Canadian Author's Association—the speaker was W. O. Mitchell. Maybe you have read his book—"Who Has Seen the Wind"—an intriguing title and a book to remember. Probably you also know that Mr. Mitchell is now fiction editor of Maclean's Magazine. Since I know that some of the readers of this column are interested in writing you might like to know that Mr. Mitchell assured us that while all manuscripts are read those by Canadians, sent in independently, that is, not through an agent, are given special consideration.

The question was asked "Who writes the better love stories—men or women?" Mr. Mitchell pondered over that one. At last he said—"I am not sure—but I know we publish more stories by men because women have no sense of shame when it comes to writing love stories." That was a little hard to take but I am afraid it is true. Haven't you read books and stories that have made you turr back to the title page because, from the subject matter, you could hardly believe they were written by a woman? Mr. Mitchell also said that a good artist uses restraint—leaves something to the imagination of the reader. When you think of it, how much does the modern writer leave to a reader's imagination in the so called realistic fiction of today. Very little, I would say—sometimes nothing at all.

For the first time, India has issued a stamp bearing the likeness of an Indian, the Ghandi memorial stamp in four denominations.

ERIN

Week by week, Erin seems to be rapidly expanding with numerous houses going up and many people planning to build.

Mrs. William Borovoy, 28, of St. James, returning from shopping was killed Saturday when the car she was driving collided with a truck on a county road about a mile north of Salem. Ruth Borovoy, 7, her niece, suffered abrasions when she was thrown from the back seat onto the road.

Missing a crash by a few feet, the plane of Dr. Maxwell Ruthven of Saskatchewan, made a forced landing last Friday night in a potato field on the farm of William Sanders, 10th line, Erin.

The aircraft stopped just a few feet from a large barn and haystack. The landing was made when the pilot became lost and fuel ran short. Both Dr. Ruthven and Mrs. Ruthven escaped unhurt. — Advocate.

OAKVILLE

Nearly all positions on the Legion's Intermediate A hockey team are now filled and it is expected that practice will soon be in full swing on Hamilton ice.

Howard Hines, manager of the new Century Theatre since its opening and former manager of the Gregory Theatre left this week for Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, where he will be in charge of the Strand Theatre.

Power shut-offs have started in Trafalgar Township. Users of electricity in the Township were without electric lights for an hour each evening starting on Monday, the power being shut off between the hours of nine and ten.

"Pete" Sutton, well-known Oakville and Trafalgar High School athlete, won the Intermediate Championship at the district COSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Association) track and field meet held at Saltfleet High School, Stoney Creek, on Friday.

Oakville's population rose another 341 people during the past year, and now totals 5,346 according to the annual report of Percy Spurgeon, town assessor, just completed. The total assessment for '48 is \$4,832,226 an increase of \$785,889 over last year. The increase in assessment or business and real estate on which taxes will be levied in 1949 was \$430,191. — Record Star.

VOTER HAS CHOICE OF LESSER EVILS

The folly of expecting perfection in governing bodies has been so well proven in democratic experience, that the continuing hope of taxpayers that representatives bearing their party labels will soon achieve political perfection is one of the wonders of the democratic world.

The best government men have ever elected have failed to perfect the common good because of the imperfection of both the representatives and the electors. No matter what it is called, no government will ever be any better than the people it governs.

Every democratic government is prevented from pursuing courses which its wisest members may think best. No democratic government can adhere strictly to its principles and policies because its own members disagree about how their political beliefs should be expressed in law. The present government of Great Britain illustrates this best because its members bring their differences and quarrels into the open. — The Scene.

GEORGETOWN

With the cooperation of local industrialists, who have agreed to each shut down one day weekly and domestic and commercial consumers the majority of whom are keeping a close check on power used, the local Hydro Commission is hopeful that interruptions in Georgetown may be avoided. At the same time, they warn that the quota which amounts to about two thirds of normal consumption must be rigidly adhered to and householders particularly are asked to save wherever possible. The commission has been ordered to pull switches at any time if this quota is exceeded.

Albert Simson will soon open a photography studio upstairs in the Higgins building on Main St.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at Knox Presbyterian Manse in Georgetown on Saturday, September 25th when Blanche Neilson Overland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Overland of Erin was united in marriage with John William Lawr, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lawr of Georgetown. Rev. Alex Calder officiated. — Herald.

ARGENTINE IDEAS

It has been announced by the Argentine Trade Promotion Institute that 2.1 million ideas in its possession had been sold for immediate delivery. Of the remainder, a further 600 thousand will be exchanged through barter agreements for essential products from abroad.

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