

# Of Interest to Women

## ADOLESCENT WORLD

The tendency of nature to copy art was pointed out many years ago by Wilde, in one of his witty and paradoxical essays. His particular reference was to painting, but the remark holds true of other arts as well.

In physics and chemistry our scientists are slowly drawing abreast of the imaginations of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells. The antics of the Hitler crew during their rise and fall were similar to conceptions of E. Phillips Oppenheim, and Stalin and his associates seem to imitate the behaviour of characters in a third rate dime novel.

On a lower level, the dreams of some social planners for controlling the world and society may be inspired by the comic strips. The hidden hand, the secret society that rules the world, the veiled prophet and the like are legitimate fantasies for adolescent boys. When they are taken seriously and imitated by adults, they can cause all sorts of trouble—The Printed Word.



**THE MIXING BOWL**  
By Ann Allan

Hello Homemakers! Food stored in the freezing locker gives one a great feeling of security. About this time of year you have probably used most of your frozen fruits and vegetables and consequently find yourself paying for empty space. Since meat is a good buy at this season, it would be wise to buy a quarter of beef, a rack of lamb or a side of pork for your locker space. The meat should be cut by experienced meat cutters at the locker plant or the operator could direct you to one. Boring meat has become popular during the past few years because less storage space is required and the danger of bones puncturing the wrapping is eliminated.

The quality of frozen meat is determined by the selection of wrapping for meat and the method of wrapping. It is not wise to attempt to economize on wrapping paper. Regular butcher paper, ordinary waxed paper or grocery store type paper bags will not do satisfactorily as meat will dry out and "freezer-burn" results. We suggest that you wrap meat in heavy cellophane, seal it, then wrap with aluminum foil or heavy oil butcher paper and seal it with strong sized tape. Tape should be strong to resist handling and moisture, also capable of receiving china pencil marks for labeling and inexpensive. Acetate locker tape is the best, if available. One piece of laminated paper or a piece of aluminum foil placed between chops, steaks or patties to be wrapped together, will permit separation when ready to use without thawing the entire package.

In general, each bundle should contain only enough for one meal, but if the portions are separated as described, one or more chops can be removed and the package resealed and placed back in the freezer. Ground meat must be cooked immediately after thawing. Thawed meat should never be refrozen therefore ground meat for meat loaf should be packaged in the right amount needed for the recipe if waste is to be avoided. Be sure to label the package according to the recipe for which meat was prepared.

## Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press  
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Today I heard a robin sing—in fact not only did I hear one, I saw him too. A big, fat fellow with a tawny red breast perched on the lowest branch of an elm tree near the house.

As I passed by he said to me "Do you know it's nearly spring?" "Why sure," I said, "it's bound to be. Now I've heard a robin sing."

And then I looked upon the ground. And up above the wintered earth Green shoots of daffodil I found. New life, new hope, new birth.

Yes, that's the way it goes—the last of the snow has not sooner vanished under the influence of warm rain and strong winds than we see Mother Nature ready to start her cycle of growth all over again—and we, perforce, must co-operate. Most of us are willing to do just that. Of course there are times when you can't be too sure about the Old Dame—sometimes she holds a few tricks up her sleeve. She has been known to send a blinding blizzard in April before now. For instance, from my Ginger Farm diary I discovered that on April 15th, 1943, I wrote—"We have just had an ice-storm, then fog and slippery roads, followed by a strong east wind and freezing rain." On June 10 of that same year I typed this—"Another week has passed and still no seed in the ground!" Apparently we got our oats sown about June 15, just a week before the wheat started coming into head. And yet we got a crop of sorts that year in spite of the late spring seeding.

Today there was quite a bit of thunder rumbling around and Partner remarked—"Thunder in March, empty barn in the fall." But don't think me pessimistic. Quite the reverse is true. It is just meant as a reminder that if we should have a dawdling spring we need not be too worried about it. Just imagine—in that season of '43 we had the cows out on pasture before the spring seeding was even started!

My little robin is hopping around on the lawn now—quite happy, in spite of the high wind. That same wind should dry the ground up a bit. We certainly hope so as we are expecting a truck to come along for some calves. That means two of our calves will be gone. We need to get some of them away as we have had two more calves within the last twelve hours—and they were not twins either.

Now here is something that may start an argument among the women-folk—at least where there is electricity. Three years ago I bought a vacuum cleaner. Since I had never used one of any kind I had no idea which was the better type to buy—tank or upright. I sought advice from my friends. One said—"Oh, the upright is so much better—it is a lot easier to push along the floor." Another said—"Don't get anything but the tank type." Another advised—"Tank or upright, I don't think it makes much difference. Any new vacuum will do a good job." That sounded logical to me—so when the upright was offered to me, I took it. You remember one didn't have much choice at that time. For awhile I was satisfied. It was so much better than a broom that I was thrilled with it.

The attachments seemed quite satisfactory, too, and because of the novelty of working with them I did not realize what a chore it actually was changing from sweeper to attachments. But after the novelty wore off I found myself going back to mop and duster rather than bother with them. I also found that using the sweeper created a certain amount of dust and made me cough.

It wasn't long before I decided that when I got a chance I was going to trade in my upright for a tank type. I did not mention it to Partner because I can't see the point of grumbling about anything unless you can see a way to change it. But last week when the agent called for the fourth time I told Partner what I wanted to do. Then the agent gave a pretty good demonstration—and that finished it. Now I have a tank-type vacuum—and I wouldn't change it for any-

thing. There is no dust, less noise, and you can get under anything and everything without moving it if you so desire.

I thought this little experience of mine might be some help to others who might be just as undecided as I was when I bought my first vacuum cleaner.

And now, before I close this column I feel I must explain last week's "printer's error." I know mistakes are bound to occur but why, oh why, must a whole line be left out entirely changing the meaning of what has been written?

I write—referring to the possibility of any farmer's wife liking to fix up a room for herself—"It is nice to have a corner you can call your own—just so LONG AS YOU HAVE A COMFORTABLE CHAIR FOR FATIHER!"

The words in capitals were left out. As if I would forget father!

## Canadian Garden-Service --- 1949

By Gordon Lindsay Smith  
It is usually impossible and in any case most inadvisable to attempt any outside planting or digging in the garden until the soil is well over the "muddy" stage. However, there are some active jobs that can be carried out weeks before that.

One of these will be planting seeds indoors or in a hot bed. The latter is simply a wooden frame over which is a sawflow ash and the whole thing mounted over a foot of fresh horse manure or some other material which will add artificial heat. Full construction and operation details are available in Government bulletins and these could be consulted. With a hot bed one can start large quantities of vegetable and flower plants, things like tomatoes, cabbages, petunias, asters, etc. which will be ready for transplanting outdoors after soil and air have warmed up.

If only a smaller quantity of plants is wanted the seed can be sown in flat boxes placed on a warm window sill. Soil used in these flats, as in pots for any indoor planting, should be rich and also contain a fair proportion of sand vegetable material. For a while after seeds are sown in the soil the flat should be shaded with a cloth or blotting paper and it must not be allowed to dry out. Only a few dozen bedding plants are needed, and it is possible to buy the same later from local professional sources, the amateur is well advised not to bother either with hot-bed or window box. Under the best of circumstances these are rather messy, and they do require close attention.

## PRUNING

Another early job in the average garden will be pruning. This can be done anytime from February to June with most shrubs, trees, etc. The general purpose is to remove dead growth, shape the bush, or shrub and let in air and sunshine. Shrubs that bloom first thing in the Spring like the Forsythia, Spirea, etc., should not be pruned until after blooming so that flowering this season will not be spoiled. Grapes, also, need special mention. These must be pruned very early otherwise they are liable to "bleed" profusely.

In planning layouts of flowers, shrubs and other things about the house an important point to keep in mind is the time of blooming, and also in a lesser extent the color. One does not want to have everything in flower at the same time, and then nothing later. Also one should try to avoid any clashing of colors, though this is not so liable to happen with flowers as with, say, women's dresses.

The seed catalogue will help materially in this planning. It will list all colors, of course, and also the approximate time each plant comes into flower. With that information it is comparatively easy to have a succession of bloom from Spring until freeze-up. In shrubbery for instance, the succession can start where it is hardy enough with the Forsythia, which flowers almost as soon as the snow goes, and end with the Buddleia or Butterfly Fly bush, which blooms in September and October. With flowers the Fall planted bulbs will be the first to brighten the garden and the Spring planted bulbs—chrysanthemums, and other annuals and perennials, the last.

## CAPITAL FLOWN IN

Canada is again attracting "very large amounts" of risk capital for direct investment in factories, mines, oil wells, etc. according to new official figures, published in The Financial Post.

Total U. S. investment in Canadian "branch plants" is now put officially at \$2,544 millions at the end of 1947. This is an all-time high and an increase of about \$250 million dollars since the end of the war.

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**THE QUESTION BOX**  
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If we buy a half or a side of pig, how much would we get and what pieces could be put in the freezer?  
Answer:  
An average side of hog will weigh 70 lbs. dressed. If you take it to a locker plant where there is a butcher, the following may be obtained.  
From the head (8 lbs.) you can make 5 or 6 lbs. headcheese. From shoulder (17 lbs.) you may ask for two (5 lb. roasts) and 8 or 10 chops. From loin (15 lbs.) two (4 lb. roasts) and 20 to 25 loin chops. From the side (12 lbs.) you will have 2 strips of spare ribs and ten lbs. of bacon which cut about 30 slices per lb. on machine. From the ham (15 lbs.) you may request 2 roasts, fresh, cured or smoke-cured. From the hocks and tail you will have servings for four. From the trimmings (12 to 14 lbs.) you may request out 7 or 8 lbs. lard. Pieces from shoulder, loin, side and hams could be put into locker, also prepared headcheese and parboiled hocks.

**Have Equipment Ready to Go**  
Spring is just around the corner, and now is the time to check farm machinery and equipment and obtain any necessary replacements. There is probably no more forlorn figure than the farmer who has just gone to the field to seed, hay or harvest only to find that his machine has broken down. Next in line for disappointment, says W. T. Burns, superintendent, Dominion Experimental Substation, Smithers, B.C., is the farmer who starts his repairs on the day he should have started his field work.  
In checking over machines all dirt, grease and oils should be thoroughly washed away using kerosene or gasoline where necessary. All bearings and other moving parts should be carefully examined and those showing signs of excessive wear should be renewed. All bolts and set screws used in adjustments, should be checked to be sure they are operative. Machine should also be checked for broken castings. These are often indicated by the presence of wire. While it may be true that the machines were running fine the last time they were used, it is equally true that time spent checking them over during the off-season will eventually save time during the busy summer season.  
Objections are frequently raised that during the winter it is too cold to work on machines. However, it is surprising how much can be done in a modest sized machine shop if fitted with a small stove, particularly if the coldest days are avoided.

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