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THE MIXING BOWL
By Anne Allan
A CHECK LIST FOR THE HOME

Hello Homemakers! It's a wonderful feeling to have a dream become a reality — a brand new kitchen! We are very proud of ours because it is both attractive and efficient. It is not the new gadgets as much as the well-planned general working conditions which minimize time and energy. The compact, step-saving work unit combines a laundry and kitchen area where only 2 or 3 steps are required from one work centre to another. The size of the room is 8 feet, 9 inches by 15 feet, six inches.

Beginning at the back door we have the following installations: broom closet with cleaning equipment, refrigerator, clothes sorting space, washing machine, double sink, food preparation table, baking centre, electric range, door to the dining room and breakfast counter.

When we were planning the kitchen we made a list to evaluate our needs. Maybe these ideas will be helpful to you.

1. Well-lighted work areas.
2. Provision for adequate ventilation.
3. Comfortable kitchen temperatures — winter and summer.
4. Size and features of range, sink, and refrigerator to suit our particular requirements.
5. Other appliances needed.
6. Provision for three work surfaces — mixing centre near refrigerator, dish clearing at sink, and cooking-serving at the range.
7. Location of the refrigerator so that the door opens towards a clearing table.
8. The laundry equipment enclosed in the cabinet area if the machine is spin dry.
9. The laundry procedure arranged to allow space to sort, wash and dry if possible.
10. Storage facilities convenient as well as adequate: (a) cutlery drawer in divisions; (b) Lazy Susan shelves for corners; (c) step-up shelves for spices; (d) cup rack; (e) towel racks; (f) tray racks; (g) metal lined drawers for flour, sugar and bread; (h) ventilated container for vegetables.
11. A place to work sitting down — about 32 inches from the floor.
12. The bottom of the sink bowl

at least 32 inches from the floor.

13. All built-in working surfaces of the same height and width — about 36 inches high and 27 inches wide.

As this check list is used in planning a new kitchen or remodelling an old one, two things become apparent: First no one kitchen-laundry can have everything, since good planning requires elimination of the non-essential as well as inclusion of the essentials. Secondly, a kitchen laundry room is an individual problem — and one that is never solved for all time. Even a new home can be perfect for a family of a given size and way of life only until its size and way of life change inevitably with the passage of time.

TAKE A TIP

1. Do not scrape food from granite, as it chips. Soak enamel kettles well and boil to loosen clinging food. Scour stains with scouring powder.
2. Do not use soda or ammonia to clean aluminum. Rub scorched aluminum pans with steel wool. Boil an apple peeling in a solution of tomato juice to remove stains from aluminum.
3. Clean milk bottles and flower vases with a solution of ammonia.
4. Copper and brass are easily cleaned with a cloth dampened in vinegar and then in salt or whiting.
5. To prevent a new tin utensil from rusting grease it lightly and heat it slowly. After washing tinware in soapy water, dry thoroughly.
6. Always leave the oven door of the range partly open after baking period to ventilate and prevent any possible rusting.
7. Periodically, clean the sink drainpipe by pouring a solution of washing soda down the pipe (½ cup of washing soda to 2 quarts water). Rinse with plenty of hot water.
8. Wooden handles should not be soaked.
9. Do not put the eggs of the Dover egg beater in water.
10. Wipe out all greasy pans with paper before washing.
11. Line the garbage can with newspaper and a tablespoon of dry ammonia over this to keep it sweet.

**Chronicles of ..
Ginger Farm**
Written Specially for
The Acton Free Press
Gwendoline P. Clarke

When you come to the end of a perfect day—but a perfect week, then you are glad to sit alone for awhile, if only to rest your weary bones. At least that is the way I felt last week after spending day after day in the garden—pruning, clipping, weeding and transplanting. Never before have I done such a complete clean-up job in the fall. And I still need another two days to really finish the job.

One thing is certain it was good for me—and it was good for the garden, even though my hands are a sight to behold, and my knees! During the day a rubber kneeling mat was my only salvation and at night a good rubbing of liniment. Partner was always saying "Why don't you, let up a bit?" But how could I let up when we were having such wonderfully co-operative weather a high of 70, no less.

Incidentally Partner didn't show much sign of letting up himself. He was doing very much the same kind of work as I was, only heavier, and along the fences. Every day we had a glorious bonfire as a result of our combined efforts because whenever I had so much brush around me I could hardly move, Partner would come to the rescue, take away the brush and burn it.

While we were thus engaged Bob was chugging away in the front field at his fall ploughing. So altogether it was a typical picture of autumnal farm activities, complete with a casualty thrown in. Oh yes, we didn't get away without that.

One day at noon Partner walked into the kitchen, put out his hand and said "Do you think you can handle this, or is it one for the doctor?" "This" was a huge thorn that had gone in at one side of Partner's thumb and come out the other. Not just under the skin but through the fleshy part of the thumb. I looked at it dubiously and prepared to operate. But then I thought "What if it should break?" It could certainly be one for the doctor then. In which case Partner might as well go first as last and save trouble. No sense in taking chances with a thing like that. There have been too many fatalities resulting from blood poisoning from injuries even less serious.

So it was the doctor who removed the splinter. He also gave Partner a shot of something presumably anti-tetanus serum. Now the thumb is as good as new.

Well, by Saturday I thought it was time I reserved a few hours for giving the house a once-over, otherwise I was afraid when Daughter came home for the weekend she might think I had forgotten how to use a mop and duster.

But oh dear, the wind got up and it turned cold. It also rained, such a heavy rain. Doors banged, windows rattled, and the kitchen fire smoked. It was a grand day for cleaning house! So quickly our weather can change, one day working in the garden and too hot even in a house dress; the next day going down town and getting my fur coat out of storage. Now the weather has moderated again. The sun is shining brightly overhead although along the horizon there are banks of slow moving billowy white clouds — a sky to delight an artist. But why should I say an artist particularly? One doesn't have to be an artist to appreciate a lovely sky. It may take the brush of an artist to reproduce such beauty on canvas but ordinary folk like you and me are quite as well able to appreciate these pictures as Nature paints them.

A funny thing happened Saturday morning. I had been working away for some time when suddenly I noticed my watch had stopped. Watches have a way of doing that if one forgets to wind them. The bedroom clock was going but I knew it wasn't right, so I turned on the radio to get the time. I heard a newscast going on and the announcer wound up by saying "Our next newscast will be at eleven o'clock."

"That's fine — the morning is early yet," I said to myself. And then I stopped in my tracks. "But that's crazy — or the radio is. It must be later than ten o'clock." So I listened again, and presently

**Hydro Accounts
to Be Added on
the Tax Bills**
Erin Council Arranged For
Nominations To Be Held
Next Month

Erin Township Council met at Hillsburgh on October 5th, with the Reeve presiding.

A by-law was introduced and given the necessary readings for the purpose of holding the nomination and election for the Council and for Trustees for the School Area.

Nominations will be held in Hillsburgh Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 25th, 1949, from 1:00 o'clock to 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Election if necessary will be held on Monday, December 5th, 1949 from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following resolutions were made and passed:

Requesting the Reeve to attend a meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to be held in Georgetown on November 2nd at 1:30 p.m. Standard Time.

The Council donated \$50.00 to the Erin Township Plowing Match sponsored by the Erin Township Junior Farmers.

Authorizing the Clerk to add \$115.00 unpaid Hydro bills to the respective rate-payers tax bills liable for said arrears.

Instructing the Treasurer to make deductions for the Unemployment Insurance rates where necessary.

Approving the action of the Reeve in issuing Proclamations re the changing from Daylight to Standard Time.

Requesting the Reeve to inter-visit the Registrar of Deeds for South Wellington asking for a Report to the Township Clerk of all land transactions registered in the Township of Erin every three months.

Accounts were received and passed as follows: General, \$28.81; Sheep, \$370.00; Relief \$179.14; Road \$6,770.68.

Council adjourned to meet on Monday, November 7th at 10:00 o'clock a.m. for general business and at 2:00 o'clock p.m. as a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll for the year 1950.

The announcer said "This is station so-and-so" (I have forgotten what the call letters were). Presently I realized it was Niagara Falls I was listening to — and Niagara Falls is an standard time! Maybe I should start a few clocks going in this house again — and put some on the fast time and some on standard! I suppose there must be many a comedy of errors these days as a result of this two-time confusion. How nice it will be when we are back to normal and can hear our favorite programmes without staying up half the night to do so.

Now I am going out to get a last picking of tomatoes. Think of it — ripe tomatoes in the garden on the 21th of October.

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**OCTOBER MEETING OF
KNOX W.M.S. HAD
TORONTO GUEST SPEAKER**

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their October Thank-offering meeting in the class room on October 13th. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, in the absence of the president, Mrs. H. Malnprize, who was appointed a delegate to attend the Annual Council meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, which was held in Grace Church, Calgary, Alberta, from September 26th to September 30th.

Mrs. Buchanan opened the meeting with a Call to Worship, the theme being "The Miracle of Thanksgiving." All hymns used were chosen by Miss Laura Gray.

The devotional service was taken by Mrs. H. L. Bennie, who gave a very interesting and worthwhile talk on "Lasting Sweetness." The business period consisted of reports, correspondence and messages of welcome to all out of town guests, also to guests from sister churches in town. A message from Mrs. Malnprize was also read. The offering was taken and the Dedication Prayer was sung by Mrs. D. Mapleson. Mrs. Gowdy kindly favoured with a piano solo.

A very pleasing and much enjoyed part of the program was when Mrs. D. Vries and Mrs. Cromar accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Hazen Graham, favoured with two lovely duets. All the ladies were from Georgetown.

The guest speaker was Mrs. A. W. Pae, Toronto, President of the Women's Missionary Council. She gave a challenge to all Canadian women to meet the world turmoil. A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. T. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. A. Stalker and presented by Mrs. A. J. Buchanan. Then followed open session for guests from Acton (United, St. Albans, and Baptist Churches) and from out-of-town, Campbellville, Rockwood, Nasagawya and Elmhouse. A social hour was spent.

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