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Hello Homemakers! If we had to order the ingredients for our Christmas cake direct from the source of supply we would find it rather difficult. While far away countries enjoy our Canadian maple sugar, we select their sweets and spices for festive fare. For the most part our pineapple comes from Cuba, candied cherries from France, dates from Iraq, currants and raisins from Australia, citrus peels from the United States, spices from India, walnuts from Turkey, cashews from China, molasses from the West Indies, sugar from Cuba, while shortening, eggs and flour come from our own bountiful province.

Today, our grocer has fresh supplies for the fruit cake we intend to make. The recipe for our favourite cake, the one we made last year, is being published as one of the best we have ever made.

**FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAKE**

- 2 1/2 lbs seeded raisins
- 2 1/2 lbs currants
- 1 lb candied cherries
- 1 lb dates
- 1/2 lb candied pineapple
- 1/2 lb minced peel
- 1/2 lb citron peel
- 1 lb blanched almonds
- 1 lb (2 cups) butter
- 1 lb (2 1/2 cups) sugar
- 10 eggs

- 1/2 cup cherry juice
- 1/2 cup currant jelly
- 3/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

Chop finely the peel, dates and pineapple. Split the blanched almonds in half. Mix 1/2 cup of the flour into the fruit to dredge it. Cream the butter and sugar, add one egg at a time, beating thoroughly. Sift remaining flour, spices and salt, adding it alternately with the liquid. Now add the fruit and nuts. Have the three fruit cake pans lined with heavy paper or aluminum foil and well greased with butter or margarine. Bake in a preheated oven at 275 degrees. Allow 2 1/2 hours for the 5 by 5 in cake, 2 1/2 hours for 7 by 7, and 3 1/2 hours for 9 by 9 inch.

When cake is done turn out of pans but do not remove the paper. After the cakes are cool, place them in a covered crock or lined tin and put an apple or an orange around it.

**CHOCOLATE FRUIT CAKE**

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup strong coffee
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 egg whites, beaten stiff
- 2 1/2 cup mixed candied fruits
- 1/2 cup seeded raisins, cut in pieces

Mix ingredients in order given. Bake in 2 pound bread pan in a moderate oven (350 degs F) for 50 minutes.

**DECORATIVE FROSTING**

- 1 lb (3 1/2 cups) icing sugar
  - 1/2 tsp cream of tartar
  - 3 egg whites
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Sift together sugar and cream of tartar, add egg whites and vanilla extract. Beat with rotary beater until frosting holds shape. Cover with damp cloth until ready to use. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

**ICE CREAM SAUCE**

Cream together until light and fluffy 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup of icing sugar. Mix 2 teaspoons granulated sugar with 2 tablespoons of cornstarch and 1/2 teaspoon salt, add 1 cup milk and cook till mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Continue cooking until there is no taste of raw starch. Add 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla and cool. Use 1/2 cup of cooled mixture to the creamed butter and sugar, one teaspoon at a time. Continue beating until all the cooled mixture is added.

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**Chronicles of... Ginger Farm**

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press  
**GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE**

Well, we have Book Week, Health Week, Fire Prevention Week, and plenty more that I can't recall at the moment, so to be really up-to-date, I thought we might as well have a special week at home. With that in mind I made last week "Window Week" at Ginger Farm. Yes, indeed—and did I know it! From Tuesday to Friday inclusive I was either cleaning windows inside and out, or painting storm windows and then scraping off the paint dabs and cleaning them afterwards. Let's see now, how many windows are there in this house? I never have counted them but there's no time like the present so here goes. We'll start at the cellar and work up. Down cellar there are five, not counting the two that are blocked up. Three of them have storm sash so that makes eight. On the first floor there are sixteen windows, storm windows on eight, so that makes another twenty-four. Upstairs five windows, storm windows on three, bringing the grand total to forty. That number about surely be enough to lighten our darkness—and it's no wonder my right arm ached. I'll bet you don't know any more than I did, how many windows you have in your house. But if you have more than we have I'd advise you not to have a Window Week or you might have a Rest Week right after it.

Maybe I wouldn't have been so enthusiastic if it hadn't been for our wonderful Indian Summer. I knew it could not last indefinitely and it always seems a good idea to me to make one's work fit the weather—not that I always do it but I think it is a splendid theory. I hate to think what those windows would have been like all winter—on the outside—had it turned cold all of a sudden! So far it hasn't been cold—just wet, rough and disagreeable, with an east wind blowing that reaches right to the marrow of your bones.

Yes, it is rotten weather to be out in but quite comfortable if you stay home and forget it. It would be better still if only we were back on standard time—but it won't be long now, thank goodness. I don't like getting up in the middle of the night and getting breakfast before daylight. Daylight saving time certainly does nothing to have hydro in the country—rather the reverse, I would say.

Oh dear, my nerves! Partner just about made me jump out of my chair. He swatted a fly just behind me without my knowing he was going to do it. Wouldn't you think a man would tell you each time he intended swatting a fly? We don't need to ask now, "where do the flies go in winter?" We know, because quite a few of them stay right here. They belong to the species that have built up a resistance to DDT. Every so often they disappear completely then when the rooms get nice and warm and comfortable out they come again and buzz around the lights until they just about drive us crazy.

Anyway, something is making my head spin. If it isn't the flies it must be the McGregor Report which I have just been reading in the Financial Post—you have probably heard about it—the report that accuses the milling industry of price fixing. I don't pretend to understand what it is all about but it reads as if there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere—and farmers who buy millfeed will be quite willing to believe that. One paragraph is particularly significant—it claims that the CNMA—I suppose that means the Millers' Association—kept a double set of minutes—official minutes and a separate record for "confidential memoranda." That sounds like quite a stunt.

By the way isn't it time we had some sort of dictionary to keep us up-to-date on present day abbreviations. We get groups of letters, or initials, representing this and that organization or special committee with which we are supposed to be conversant, but yet I venture to say that few of us know what half the letters really stand for. We just take a guess and go on reading. But wouldn't we be on the spot in a Quiz program? The worst losers are of Government origin. I wonder does the government have a special Department for inventing complicated headings for other special committees. That, you see, would be just another—the SDIC!! I am pretty sure of my ground when I read about the WCTU, WI, IO-DE, WMS, OCF and so on—but after that I have to do a lot of guessing. Here are a couple of samples picked at random from today's paper: NEPA and OPOS. All right, don't worry—I didn't know them either.

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**MILTON**

An early morning fire caused an estimated \$1500 damage destroying a quantity of wedding gifts and kitchen ware in the apartment residence of Dr. J. A. Palmer at the rear of Dr. C. K. Stevenson's home on Queen Street, Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Chapman, lecturer and women's editor of a farm magazine, was guest speaker at Milton Canadian Club last Friday afternoon.

Milton lost a respected citizen and successful Milton business man when death claimed Frederick Wm. "Fred" Armstrong at Toronto Western Hospital, Monday. Mr. Armstrong had been in ill health for some time.—Canadian Champion.

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**Voter's List, 1949**

MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF ACTON IN THE COUNTY OF HALTON

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with section 9 of the Voters' List Act, and that I have posted up at my office in Acton, Ontario, on the First Day of November, 1949, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said municipality for members of Parliament, for members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and for Municipal Elections; and that such list remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last day for appeal being the 22nd day of November, 1949.

J. McGeachie,  
173 Clerk of the Town of Acton