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WOLF CUBS WIN TROPHY
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Pictures can be taken of mirages.

**Chronicles of ..
Ginger Farm**

Written Specially for
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It looks as if the pattern for spring is much the same as that of 1949. Looking back over last year's chronicles I find that on May 24th we were "halfway through seeding" so it must have been the latter part of April before we really started. And the chances are this year will be about the same... as I write the date is April 25. Of course locality makes a difference. Last Friday we saw men out on the land down near the front, and our own land is drying fast, but in the Guelph district fields are still soggy and impossible to work that is, according to friends who came to visit yesterday. They were decidedly worried. The farmer said it had been a tough winter... thirty-five head of cattle to feed, and they had been buying hay, grain concentrate and even bedding for the stock, and now heavy expenditures were in the offing for spring seeding.

But that's the way it goes. There's money in farming in good years, but comes the time when there are poor crops, poor pasture and a poor catch of grass seed, then it is that farmers really get worried. That is also the time when poor farm management takes a beating and thrifty farmers win out. But let me hasten to add that unforeseen circumstances may arise so that even the good farmer may also lose out. Richness in the family... hospital bills... fire... loss of a valuable cow or a litter of pigs... any of these can spell the difference between a hard year and a prosperous one. The farmer needs to be a philosopher so that he can resign himself to take things as they come, the good with the bad, one year with another.

Sorting out some papers the other day this caption caught my eye: "Farmers too thrifty for their own good." Are they? What do you think? What is thrift anyway? How do we differentiate between thrift and meanness? So often one is taken for the other. It seems to me that when times are good there is less thrift and apparently more generosity because it is only natural for people to be generous when no personal sacrifice is involved. But when money is hard to come by it is then that you find the difference between thrift and meanness. At such times the thrifty person is still generous but the mean person is meaner than ever. But we don't hear so much about thrift these days. At one time it was looked upon as an admirable quality but now it has become more or less old-fashioned. People don't bother to "make do" as they used to... this thing and that thing isn't worth fixing... throw it out... get a new one. Why waste half a day to save a dollar... spend that dollar and save yourself time and trouble. It sounds logical, doesn't it—but the point is, is the time saved put to good advantage? And then again, we all have our pet economies and, I suppose, foolish ways of spending money.

Just recently I have been very busy with my pet economy scheme—balding rugs! For the kitchen I used old overalls and a worn out piece of ticking which resulted in a strong, firm doormat, saving the cost of a coon-fibre mat. Maybe I put more than \$2 worth of time into my mat, but then I was making use of something that would otherwise have been thrown away. Actually, that is my idea of thrift, making the best use of what you've got, using everything for some good purpose if at all possible; taking care of things so they last longer, but not to the point of meanness—there is no thrift in being penny wise and pound foolish. There is a time to save and a time to spend, or as an old Italian proverb says very neatly "Saving is getting".

Isn't that true? Saving in small things is our way of getting the big things. Generally we have to choose between the two.

Well, I wish Old Sol would be more generous with his sunrays and the north-west wind a little more niggardly with its breezes. It is colder in the house than it is outside very often. Put an ordinary fire in the furnace and the house is too hot, check the furnace right off and the fire goes out. However, warmer weather must be on the way as I have killed two flies and one mosquito! And we have also heard the swamp frogs singing. Twice they have been "shut up"—one more time and we can be sure that spring is here. You know what the old timers say: "You can't have spring until the swamp frogs have been shut up three times." Some of

these old legends and superstitions sound strange to our ears but a lot of them come very close to the truth. After all, how else did the Indians know what to expect, except by watching the birds and the beasts? There was no weather bureau years ago to forecast changes in wind and weather.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL

PROCLAMATION

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Whereas a number of municipalities in the district about Acton are adopting a uniform time for the adoption of Daylight Saving Time, and in order to avoid confusion in travel and business, the Council of the Corporation of Acton has passed a by-law establishing the period for the observance of Daylight Saving Time in Acton, from

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 1950
AT 12.01 A.M. TO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1950
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A. MASON, Mayor

Dated at Acton, April 3rd, 1950

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