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**Chronicles**



**Ginger Farm**

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by  
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I had been listening to the radio and heard that out in the west there was snow... at the end of May... impossible. It was 70 degrees around here. Then I looked out of the door. Scattered snowflakes were drifting by. At the edge of our gravelled drive, where green grass held it in check, there was definitely a thin bank of snow.

"This is ridiculous," I thought, as I stepped out to get the car. And then the mystery was explained. The ridge of snow on the ground was fluffy white down from the dandelions. The falling flakes were more down, driven by a stiff west wind. Seen from the house no one would have believed it wasn't snow. I have never seen anything like it before. I called Partner's attention to it—it was also his first experience with this type of "snow". I am quite sure it would have startled and deceived anyone who saw it as we saw it.

The dandelion crop has been extra heavy this year, or perhaps atmospheric conditions had something to do with the way the light down stayed. It is still there on the drive but not as noticeable as it was at first. In one way it has been quite a nuisance. As sure as I start working with green paint the wind gets up and before I know it my green paint is decorated with dandelion fluff. I am leaving the final coat until all the down has drifted away.

Well, the cows are out to pasture. Such bawling you never heard. We have a small piece of good pasture at the back of the house which Partner thought would suit our bawlers very nicely until their feet were used to outside conditions. But the cows thought otherwise. This wasn't their pasture field—not this poky little piece of ground! So every time they saw Partner cross the yard they started to bawl.

After two days of it Partner was somewhat annoyed. "Well," he said to the cows, "if you don't know good pasture when you see it, get up in the back field and stay there!" So he opened the back gate and let them go. Now the cows are happy but not so the one heifer that is with them.

Last year this heifer was running with the young cattle who graze on different pasture. A few weeks ago, after having her first calf, Dora was promoted to the company of the cows. But Dora doesn't want to be with the old cows—she wants to be with the youngsters and have fun. So she roams along the fence all by herself, grazes longing over towards the other pasture and bawls lustily to her old chow-mates. But they're not worrying—they still have plenty of company. So poor, lonely Dora bawls and bawls, and her bawling goes unheeded. So there, my friends, you have a sample of bovine psychology.

Well, Partner and I have just come home after making a cross-country tour of inspection. We can't watch our own crops grow this year since we haven't any, so we have to get out to see what the rest of the farmers are doing. We travelled the highways and byways in three townships. On one road we came across a young ring-necked cock pheasant and two pullets, as tame as could be—probably raised on a farm. We saw spring crops that were good and some that were not. Crops on low-lying land were yellow through excessive moisture. Hay crops were not too promising; wheat fair to average. But of course with country so green everything looked beautiful.

We both like to get around the country in this way. We like to watch the changes that different ownership has made to various farms. We passed the home-farm of a young fellow who is very much

**Rural Softball League Schedule**

Following is the Halton Rural Softball League schedule for 1952:

June 3rd—Tansley vs. Palermo; Hornby vs. Haltonville; Omagh vs. Zimmerman; Inter-Prov. Brick vs. Lowville.

June 6th—Haltonville vs. Tansley; Palermo vs. Hornby; Zimmerman vs. Inter-Prov. Brick; Lowville vs. Omagh.

June 10th—Tansley vs. Hornby; Haltonville vs. Palermo; Lowville vs. Zimmerman; Omagh vs. Inter-Prov. Brick.

June 13th—Zimmerman vs. Tansley; Omagh vs. Palermo; Inter-Prov. Brick vs. Hornby; Lowville vs. Haltonville.

June 17th—Palermo vs. Zimmerman; Tansley vs. Omagh; Hornby vs. Lowville; Haltonville vs. Inter-Prov. Brick.

June 20th—Zimmerman vs. Hornby; Inter-Prov. Brick vs. Omagh; Lowville vs. Palermo; Omagh vs. Haltonville.

June 24th—Haltonville vs. Zimmerman; Tansley vs. Lowville; Palermo vs. Inter-Prov. Brick; Hornby vs. Omagh.

June 27th—Palermo vs. Tansley; Halton vs. Hornby; Zimmerman vs. Omagh; Lowville vs. Inter-Prov. Brick.

July 1st—Tansley vs. Haltonville; Hornby vs. Palermo; Inter-Prov. Brick vs. Zimmerman; Omagh vs. Lowville.

July 4th—Hornby vs. Tansley; Palermo vs. Haltonville; Zimmerman vs. Lowville; Inter-Prov. Brick vs. Omagh.

Orval Peer is president and Herald C. Kerry, Sec. Treas., Palermo. Team Managers are Palermo, Dick Polk; Haltonville, Glen Britton; Tansley, Warren McIlven; Inter-Prov. Brick, W. McTrash; Zimmerman, Glenn Campbell; Lowville, Orval Peer; Hornby, Doug Leslie.

In the news these days and we noticed a group of young people looking over his cattle. We saw the old farmhouse where we lived for one summer when we first came to Ontario. It has been remodelled since then and all the old trees in the orchard have been cleared away. To us the house and its surroundings looked very bare. But now the place is less wooded the new owners probably won't find snakes in their bedrooms as we did occasionally.

Snakes in the bedroom didn't exactly appeal to me at any time but after all you have to sacrifice a few prejudices if you want a truly rustic, old-world setting. The creek was still there—different ownership hasn't changed it at all. Ever-flowing streams rarely change unless the hand of man diverts their course.

I watched the sparkling water gurgling over the stony creek-bed and I thought of Tennyson's "Brook"—"Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever." And so, apparently, does the Twelve Mile Creek.

**Stock Market Tip Given By Planets**

Napier Moore in The Financial Post reports a new way of figuring out the stock market. He tells of a man who always tries to get information as to the dates on which certain Canadian mining companies were incorporated—the year, the month, the day. He explained that he had long been a student of astrology—that he had compiled planetary charts to guide him in the matter of investments.

He mentioned that his chart on Quement had been quite successful, for he bought that stock at 18 cents and sold it at \$19. Two new charts deal with another mining company and an oil company, both in the penny category. The stars indicate that something big is going to happen in each case.

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**DOUBLE RING CEREMONY PERFORMED IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, ERIN**

In a double ring ceremony in All Saints Anglican Church, Erin, on Saturday, May 24th Helen May Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jackson, R.R. 2, Erin, was united in marriage to John David Aldrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Aldrie, R.R. 1, Acton. Archdeacon W. C. Thompson of Georgetown performed the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina-length gown of white nylon net over taffeta. The lace bodice featured a bolero, styled with three-quarter length sleeves. The fullness of the skirt was accentuated by a crinoline underskirt, and her finger-tip veil was caught by a seed pearl headpiece. Her cascade bouquet was of red roses and stephanotis.

Mrs. Lawrence Tallefer, R. R. 1, Acton, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, wearing a gown of green nylon net over taffeta, styled similarly to that of the bride. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Miss Verna Beatty of Georgetown gownned similarly in yellow, and carrying a bouquet of Tullman roses, and Miss Muriel Nudwell, of Georgetown, wearing an orchid colored gown and carrying a bouquet of yellow roses, were bridesmaids.

Miss Penny Perkins, of Acton, wearing a white nylon net over taffeta, and matching forget-me-not and sweet pea headpiece, was the flower girl.

Master Johnny Kentner, of Acton, was ring bearer. He wore white flannel trousers and a black velvet jacket.

Lawrence Tallefer, of Acton, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man, with William Jackson, of Erin, a brother of the bride, and Ronald Jackson, of Erin, a cousin of the bride, as ushers.

Mrs. Charles Hull, of Erin, sang "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register, accompanied by Mrs. William Cryderman.

A reception for 75 guests was held in the Parish Hall, decorated with sweet peas and tulips. The bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake.

To receive her guests, Mrs. Jackson wore a two piece egg-shell dress with black trimming, black accessories and a corsage of pink roses. Assisting her, the groom's mother wore a dress of navy sheer, pink and navy accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

For a wedding trip to the United States and Southern Ontario, the bride wore a suede melon jacket, figured silk dress, black accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Out-of-town guests attended from Niagara Falls, Welland, Cookstown, Georgetown, Guelph, Acton, Toronto, Orangeville, Buffalo, N.Y. and Hillsburgh.

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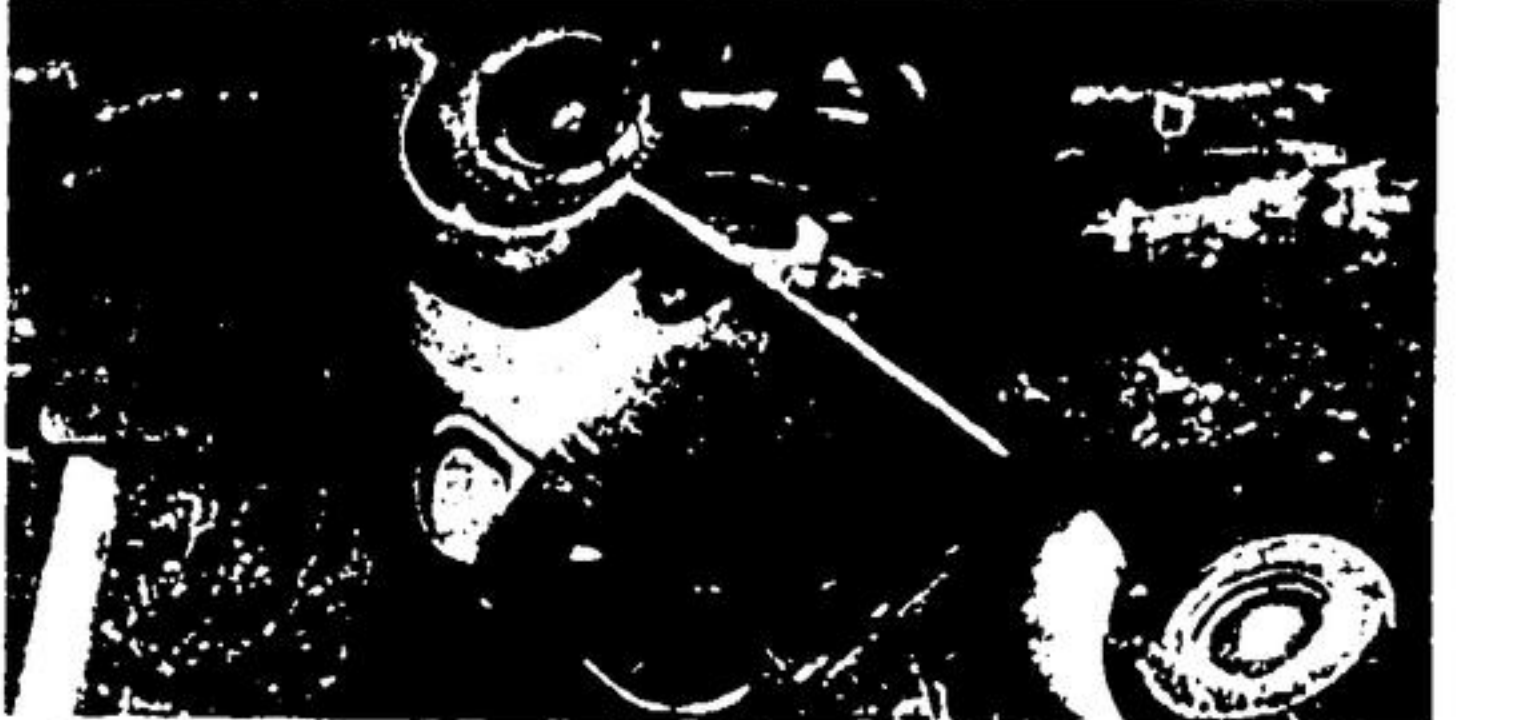


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