

Poet's Corner
MY NATIVE LAND

Breathes there, the man with Soul
Who never in himself hath said,
"This is my Own, My native Land,
Whose heart hath never within
Him burned
As home" his footsteps He hath
turned
From wandering on a foreign
strand—
If such there breathe, go mark Him
well—
For Him no minstrel raptures swell
High though His titles, proud His
name,
Boundless His wealth as wish can
claim,
Despite His titles, power and
pelf,
The wretch concentred all in self,
Living shall forfeit fair renown
To the vile dust from whence He
sprang—
And doubly dying, shall go down
Unwept, unhonoured and unsung.
—Sir Walter Scott,
"The Song of the Last Minstrel"
—Contributed

In 1930 one sixth of the average
Canadian's total personal outlay
was for rent and lodgings; by 1950
this had dropped to one-ninth.

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Purest Sapphires
Are Factory Made

Alchemists have never yet suc-
ceeded in turning lead into gold
but modern science can make sap-
phires artificially, as the BBC's
industrial correspondent, Bertram
Mycock, saw recently. The making
of sapphires was well known to
European watch-makers long be-
fore the last war and the way in
which this technique was introduc-
ed into Britain around the time of
Dunkirk is one of the romances of
wartime industry.

One small piece of equipment and
a few jars of aluminium oxide
powder, which is the raw material
of the job, were brought to Eng-
land just before the British fall-
and cut off from Europe by the
German invasion and from this
tiny beginning a new British in-
dustry was built up in a big re-
search laboratory at Wembley.

Mycock described the simple pro-
cess by which sapphires are made.
Aluminium oxide powder is very
finely fed through an oxy-hydro-
gen flame, which causes the powder
to fuse and become solid. It then
builds up very slowly, like a stalag-
mite, until it has made a single
crystal about the shape and size
of a thumb. The pure sapphire
which is then cut into thousands of
tiny bearings which are used in
large numbers in the instruments of
aircraft and fighting vehicles and
in many highly technical processes.
They are used, for instance, to
make sapphire needles to play re-
corded programs.

Slicing up the thumb-sized crys-
tal is a wasteful and difficult pro-
cess and a time-saving method has
now been found. This is a new
process of making the sapphire in
a long thin rod, which needs far
fewer slicing and chopping pro-
cesses before it is made into the
small industrial sapphires that are
needed. It is a paradox that this
perfect and pure artificially-made
sapphire, while less valuable than
the imperfect natural jewel, is in-
finitely better for industrial pur-
poses because of its purity. Re-
search technicians have also amused
themselves by producing various
red and blue stones which, expert-
ly cut, would deceive most people
into believing them to be real gems

**Chronicles
of
Ginger Farm**
Written Specially for the Acton
Free Press by
Gwendoline F. Clarke

For the first time in... I don't
know how many years... I did not
put in an appearance at the Cana-
dian National Exhibition. Daugh-
ter phoned that she had grandstand
tickets for us for the last night's
performance and that Bob was on
his way home to pick us up. Even
so I could not still trying to catch up
after my week in Ottawa. But we
did talk Partner into going... and
my staying at home made it easier
for him to get away—the bailing
machine was here and I had such
trouble in finding a week ago.

It is unusual for me to be in the
farm alone and when I am there
I would never notice if Partner
were here. Saturday night Tippy
barked about every ten minutes as
if someone were around. And the
cows bawled... until I wondered
if any of them had knocked down
a fence. Only a prowler around a
yard with a flashlight could satis-
fy me on that score.

When came a rattling noise in the
house like the chains of Marley's
ghost. It turned out to be coal
slithering down from the top of the
pile. But what a racket! I wonder
why houses break at night—and
why do mice choose a time when
one is alone for chewing out a
new hole. Not that I am nervous
about such things but any slight,
persistent noise is irritating and
distracting. However, I managed
to bake a cake and a couple of pies
in spite of interruptions.

My menfolk returned from the
Ex all right. Partner said he en-
joyed the show—all except the fire-
works which he thought were very
poor—that he had seen better
plays as a boy. And speaking of
the Ex. I heard a bit of criticism
while I was away which started
me considerably. A young ex-G.I.
happened to call one night where
I was visiting and I asked him
what he thought of the C.N.E. This
was his answer, "I don't think much
of it at all—we have a much better
Midway at the Chicago Fair!"

"Maybe so," I answered, "but the
Midway isn't the whole Exhibi-
tion, you know."

"Well, what else is there to see?"
he asked. I was so taken aback
that I did not even bother to an-
swer. What was the good of ex-
plaining to anyone who measured
an exhibition by the size of its
midway?

Apparently the weatherman has
been waiting for the Ex to end
before bringing us our first taste of
fall weather. The last two nights
have been decidedly chilly—in fact
just a little while ago I lit a fire in
the livingroom. It looks so cheery
and comfortable... gay little
tongues of flame shooting upwards
from around the chunks of wood
in the open grate. Most people
like a fire on an open hearth—it
is one of the compensations of early
fall. One... what are the others?
Well, perhaps I am wrong but I
think fall has many compensations.
It is a satisfying period. Satisfy-
ing because spring and summer
work has culminated—my ex-G.I.s
—in completed preparations for
winter. Hay for winter-feeding the
cattle is stowed away in the barn;
wheat and spring crop harvested;
the worries of the growing season
behind us—all helping to give us a
sense of achievement. And then
with fall comes a settled
working period. The schools are open
once again and no more do we see
business notices, "We are closed for
one week to give our staff its sum-
mer vacation."

Of course we don't begrudge
people their holidays but so often
we forget, and it nearly always
happens that we need to do busi-
ness with whatever store or office
has its staff on vacation. But after
the end of August, entire business
places do not close. That would be
a good time for farmers to take a
holiday—if the cows and poultry
would just stop producing for a
week!

Imagine Mrs. Housewife phoning
the dairy some morning asking
why no milk had been left. And
then imagine her reaction if she
should be told, "Oh, there won't be
any milk delivered this week—the
farm people are on vacation." Fan-
tastic, yes, but it would be no
more inconvenient to the housewife
than stores closing is to the farmer.

Of course we know so much is
taken for granted these days
through lack of understanding. For
instance, a recent editorial in a lo-
cal paper raised our eyebrows con-
siderably. It was on the subject
of mail delivery and ended thus:
"Only city and rural dwellers enjoy
"mail delivery to their homes."
City, yes—rural, no. There won't be
Rural mail is delivered to road-
side mailboxes—not to the homes.
People living in crossroads often
have to walk or drive half a mile
to their mailboxes. Even for
those on a highway, there is often
a long lane between their home
and the mail.

In summertime going down for
the mail can be good exercise for
the less active members of the
family. But in winter, fighting
one's way through a snow-filled
lane, against a biting wind, is
something to remember. More
than one person has suffered a
heart attack through going for the
mail which is daily delivered to
their mailbox. We cannot yet be

FASHION HINT



This week we'll feature a back-
to-school outfit; one that, like all
good school-goers, can combine fun
with studies and go lots of other
places too. Smart mothers could
make this fall jumper and smart
school girls—give first class honora-
ries for them—could even sew it them-
selves. The pattern would not be
hard to follow.

As well as blouses, sweaters can
be worn beneath the jumper—one
with three-quarter sleeves would
look smart, or one of the turtle-
neck variety.

A turtle-neck is what those smart
girls could be knitting on, too, for
fashion this fall.

Butter Fondant is a versatile
cream that forms the basis of many
kinds of candy. It can be rolled
into balls and dipped in melted
chocolate, flavored with coffee,
peppermint or maple, or rolled in
chopped nuts, or desiccated cocon-
ut, while its smooth creaminess
makes it an ideal stuffing for dates,
prunes and nut halves.

FAIR DATES ANNOUNCED
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Table listing fair dates for various Ontario locations from Acton to Streetsville.

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gone to live at Hutton Centennial
Manor.

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Brook Miller and Little Diane on
the arrival of Sandra Lee at Peel
Memorial Hospital.
School reopened at S. S. No.
9 with Mrs. Jack Lawson in charge
and an enrollment of twenty-one.
Mrs. Archie McDonald is home
following a tonsillectomy in St. Joseph's
Hospital, Guelph.
Freddie McDonald, infant son of
Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald, is
home after a week in Sick Child-
ren's Hospital.

Those from this district enrolled
at Acton High School include David
McVey, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Neil
and Bert Barton, Anna Marie Spit-
ner and George Cook, Ruth Mc-
Friede, Anna Splizer and Olga Berig
go to Georgetown High School.
Recent visitors:
Mrs. Schones, Toronto, with
Mrs. Smethurst,
Mr. and Mrs. Van Gordon and
Mrs. Giddings, LaPeere, Mich., with
the S. M. Wright's.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schones and
Mrs. Wm. H. Jones, of Willowdale
with the C. A. Foster's and Miss
Reamsbottom.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Karm and
children of London with the Karm's
here.
Don Evans of Humber Summit
with the Chas. Jones.
Mr. Frank Miller, Mr. Howard
Scott and son of Port Colborne,
Mr. Gerald Warren on the eve of
his departure for England, Mr.
Murray Warren returning to Hard-
ing College, Arkansas for study,
and Brock's grandmother, Mrs.
Scott of Erin, all with the Brock
Miller's.
Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Toronto
with the Mitchell's.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Hamilton
with the Walter Linham's.

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