

107th ANNIVERSARY
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 ACTON - ONTARIO
Sunday, October 19th
 SERVICES 11.00 A.M. AND 7.00 P.M.
 Special Music
 Guest Minister—Rev. John C. Robson, M.A., of Huntsville

Turkey Supper and Concert
 Under the auspices of Knox Ladies' Aid
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th
 Supper served from 5.30 to 8.00 p.m.

VARIETY PROGRAM
 Mr. A. Tost, Baritone The Halton Sweethearts
 Other Musical Numbers An Elocutionist

Adults \$1.25 Children 12 years and under, 50c
 REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, Minister

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

Thanksgiving week - end - and what a perfect weather! The only nice holiday week-end we have had this year. It gave many people a chance to drive through the country and see the autumn coloring at its best. Red maples everywhere - but they show to much better advantage where there are also evergreens and maybe a background of limestone rock. In this district we have them all. Even from here the view is perfect so we don't have to travel the highways in search of beauty.

Well, while this was definitely a thanksgiving season at Ginger Farm, it wasn't exactly a holiday week-end. Our family from Toronto was here and we had been told to line up any jobs for which we needed help. We did not. Apples and pears were picked and the Daughter helped can pears to take home with her. Art helped Partner put up a fence and with various other jobs. And then we moved the hens. Yes, indeed - I stayed in the pen and caught them while the other three carried them away to new quarters - quite a distance.

One hen got away and then followed an argument as to who was responsible for its escape. Bliddy, naturally, didn't stop to listen. She went on her way rejoicing, hunting for late worms and savory grubs. Neither did we waste our energy chasing her but left places open where she could shelter for the night.

Of course we had callers while we were busy - I have no idea what they thought of our dishevelled appearance. Catching hens and climbing apple trees doesn't improve one's appearance. However, they only stopped long enough to say hello and goodbye, after leaving some perennial roots which they had promised for this fall.

These friends had an old lady with them - mother and grandmother too. They were taking her for a drive and then out for Thanksgiving dinner, away from her apartment where she lives alone. This old lady has five children and about 15 grandchildren. She visits among them during the summer and comes back to her apartment for the winter. She is loved and considered and yet says she is often lonely.

I looked at her and my thoughts went back once again to a home I visited last week. I saw many old people - our few opened home for the aged. It is a marvellous place, absolutely modern in every detail. Furnishings artistic and comfortable; beds restful; rooms airy and light; meals good; and the superintendent and his staff efficient, kind and considerate. Many of these aged residents seemed well content. But there were others whom I could not forget. They seemed like people without hope - just waiting.

Many of them had been transferred to this new home from a house of refuge where some of them had spent many years. And I wondered... had they any friends - any family? Had they been placed in the home and forgotten? Did they have visitors who were interested in them personally? What was the story behind their expressionless faces - what were their feelings?

In the men's lounge there were about a dozen men. Some smoking, others just sitting. There were papers and magazines but none of them was reading. They were not even talking.

In the women's quarters some were reading, writing letters or doing fancy work. A few were just sitting with that same hopeless expression, not even curious as to who the unknown person might be when I walked in. Many of them were in the same age group as the old lady who came here yesterday. Yet she is seldom idle, reads a lot and takes an active interest in church work. Wherein lies the difference?

I may be wrong but it seems to me our aged citizens may be housed in the most modern and comfortable homes that can be built yet they will never be happy unless there is someone who cares; someone belonging to them who can make them feel they are still necessary - still able to contribute in some way to the happiness of others, even by living, or, if they can, by knitting or making little things.

Grandpa, with time on his hands, can often make wonderful toys. Just by whittling. And Grandma should be encouraged to knit or sew; even if she makes nothing more than pot-holders.

A home for the aged may be the very best place for grandpa and grandma to receive proper care but they still need "folks" and a sense of belonging. No home can take the place of filial love and respect. And surely that is not too much to expect.

THE MIXING BOWL
 by Anne Allan

Hello Homemakers! Our big problem at this season is keeping a supply of fresh fruit on hand for fruit salads, sundae toppings, lunch boxes and such, meanwhile storing some of each before they spoil. As you know, a good place to keep raw fruit is on the lower shelf of the refrigerator, or spread out in a cool, well-ventilated place.

Summer apples, peaches and pears will be a treat if you vary the recipes. Here are versions of some old favorites:

Semi-Sweet Apple Dessert
 6 medium apples
 2 cups milk
 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
 1/4 tsp. salt
 2 1/2 tps. baking powder
 1/4 cup shortening
 1/2 cup water
 1 square semi-sweet chocolate

Wash, core, peel and quarter apples, arrange in a 8 by 8 greased casserole. Cover apples with batter made by blending shortening and sugar. Then mix in beaten egg. Add sugar and sifted flour alternately with water. Sprinkle grated chocolate over top of batter. Bake in preheated oven of 350 degs. for 45 to 50 minutes. Serve with lemon sauce.

Peach or Pear Conde
 6 peaches or pears
 1 cup cooked rice
 2 cups milk
 2 egg yolks
 1/4 cup sugar
 juice of 1/2 lemon
 1/4 tsp. salt

Cook prepared peaches or pears in thin syrup. Scald milk with rice. Beat egg yolk with sugar and add to hot mixture. Cook in double boiler until thick. Flavor with juice of 1/2 lemon and the salt. Serve rice on peach or pear halves. Sprinkle with bits of candied ginger.

Baked Peaches
 Peel, cut in halves and remove stones from peaches. Place in a shallow baking pan. Fill each cavity with 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. butter, few drops lemon juice and a dash of nutmeg. Bake at 350 degs. for 20 mins. Serve on circular pieces of buttered toast.

THE QUESTION BOX
 Mrs. H. K. asks: For a Blueberry Pie recipe?
Answer
Blueberry Pie
 2 1/2 cups blueberries
 cornstarch
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 tps. lemon juice

Line a deep plate with Plain Pastry, fill with berries slightly dredged with cornstarch; sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice, cover with pastry and bake at 425 degs. for 10 mins.; lower to 350 and bake 30 mins. longer.

Mrs. T. S. asks: For a charlotte dessert in which you can use blue grapes?
Answer
Grape Charlotte
 2 tps. granulated gelatine
 1 pint grape juice
 4 egg whites, beaten stiff

Add gelatine to grape juice. Heat in double boiler until gelatine dissolves. Strain into bowl, sweeten to taste, and set bowl in ice water. When beginning to thicken, beat until light and fold in egg whites. (Half fill individual molds (first dipped in cold water) with 1/2 of sponge. To remainder add 1/4 cup heavy cream, beaten until stiff. Fill molds with cream mixture and chill. Remove from molds to serving dish and garnish with whipped cream!

LIBERAL CONVENTION

A Convention to choose a Liberal Candidate for the next federal election will be held at the

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In a recent educational magazine too scholars point out that, contrary to popular belief, spelling among students has improved greatly in the past century. But they also point out that, "many great writers often misspell words" and that misspelling does not necessarily prevent understanding.

We agree: see the Chrishun Sense Monitor, ading:

The Fitzbeothians showed a fine sense of independance and individualism in their spelling. Later came the tyranny of the dikshonery. Artemus Ward and his fellow-humcrists rebelled in the 19th century and acted cute with the alphabet but got a bit tiresome. Bernard Shaw tried more seriously to make spelling funksional and left a lot of munny to promote simplifide Inglish.

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