

Poet's Corner
MY NEIGHBOR

Say not "I love the Lord," unless
you find
within you welling up day and
night
A love, strong, full and deep, for
humankind;
To show the weary one a resting
place,
To show the doubting one Faith's
shining way,
To show the erring one the door of
"Grace,"
To show the sorrowing where they
may lay
Their broken hearts, the heaviness,
the care,
The grief, the agony, too sharp to
bear,
When each man is the neighbor
whom we love,
According to the gracious measure
of his Lord—
Then may we lift our eyes to
Heaven above,
And say with rapture sweet, "We
love the Lord."
—Jean Blewett

A majority of votes means more
than half, while a plurality is
more votes than any other candi-
date received but less than half the
total.

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**They Take Politics
Seriously in the U.S.**

"Write about anything except
religion and politics. People do not
think rationally on these subjects."
That was one of the rules laid
down for us as we started our edi-
torial career. And we have found
it to be true. But that is another
subject.

Politics is serious business for
many people. How serious it is in-
dicated in this collection of stories
by W. E. Farstein in the New York
Times:

In Dallas an 80-year-old man suf-
fered a heart attack and was rushed
to a hospital. "Keep me alive until
the November election," he pleaded
with the doctors.

In St. Louis a candidate for Alder-
man who did not receive one vote in
his own ward insisted on a re-
count by the election board.

In Elgin, Minn., a man had a fine
monument erected on his family
burial plot, and ordered this pro-
nouncement chisled on its base:
"None of us ever voted for Roose-
velt or Truman."

In Elizabeth, N.J., a woman who
attained her 100th birthday, when
asked what it was that she most
earnestly wished for replied, "A
change in the national government."

In Truman, Tex., a group of citi-
zens, unsuccessful in an attempt to
change the town's name to MacAr-
thur, forthwith petitioned the ad-
jacent town of Mesquite to annex
them.

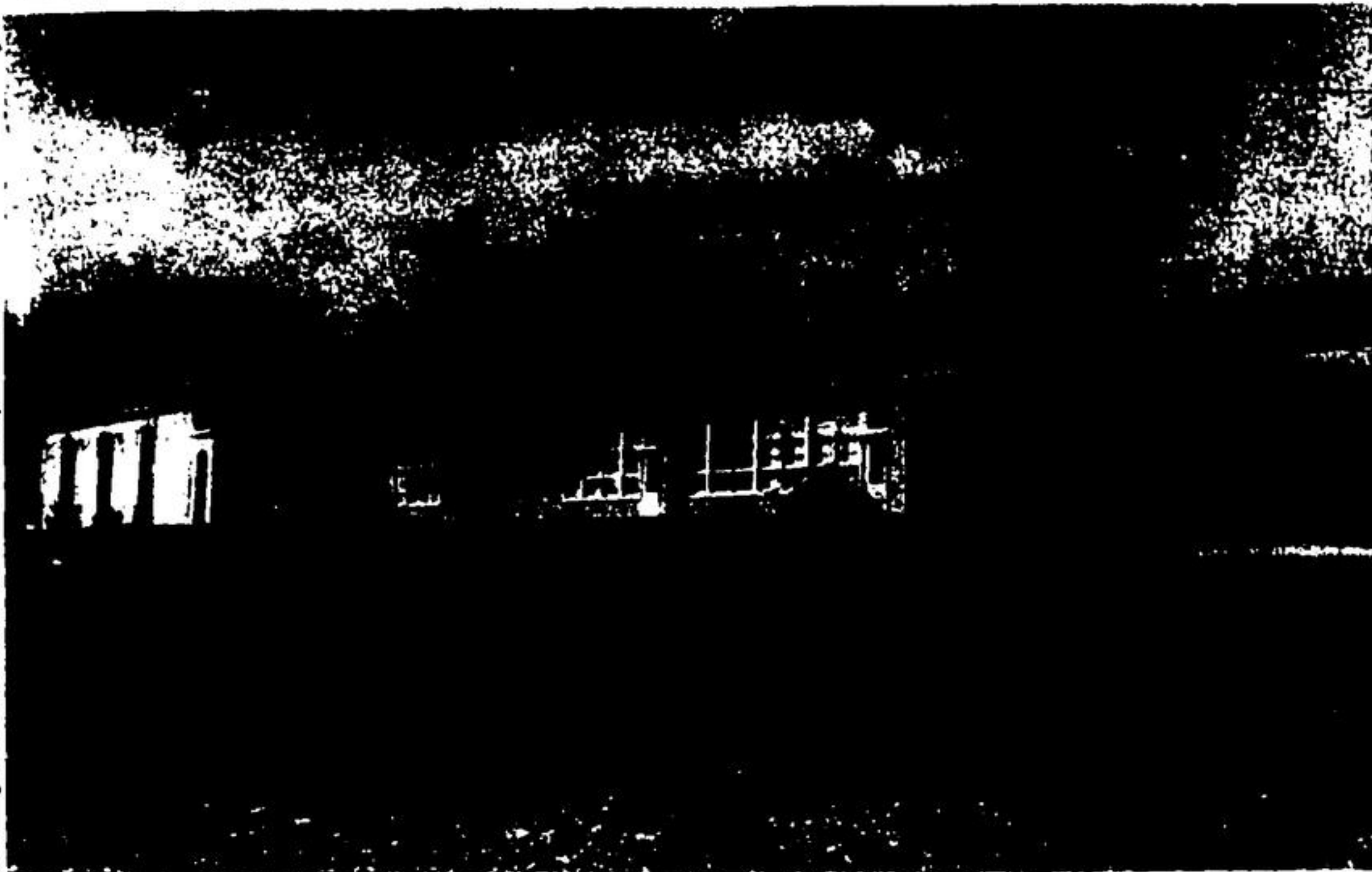
In Cincinnati a psychiatrist pro-
posed that no man should be allowed
to run for public office until he
passed a psychiatric test for mental
normality.

In Palmyra, Neb., a grocer painted
"Democrat" on the one and "Re-
publican" on the other of the two
benches in front of his store, in or-
der to minimize political arguments
and fights.

In Chicago a Congressman pro-
posed that people should be encour-
aged to vote by being rewarded
with a substantial income tax re-
duction.

In New Britain, Conn., a 78-year-
old man requested that his name be
stricken from the list of voters as a
protest against women being per-
mitted to "run the country."

Stephen Foster, who wrote songs
about the south, was a northerner.



COMPLETELY MODERN is the new addition to the Acton public school. Pictured here, it is almost L-shaped, of solid brick with large, attractive windows. Each classroom has a separate exit door. In the addition are a double kindergarten, four additional classrooms, a multi-purpose room used as an assembly hall and gymnasium, washrooms, kitchen, supply room, staff room, principal's office, nurse's room, lobby and boiler room. Seen over the modernistically low addition at the right is the bell steeple of the older public school.

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

Last Monday we had to call a
"vet" to one of our cows. She was
not exactly sick but so full anything
could have happened. Partner asked
if the cow could be given an in-
jection of some kind — something
that would work fast and do away
with "drenching." "I can't handle
the critters like I used to," he said.
Doc shook his head. "Can't treat a
cow that way on account of her
having four stomachs." (What a
mercy—people are not like cows—
some folk have enough trouble
with one stomach!)

So we were given powder to be
dissolved every six hours and given
as a drench; and tablets, crushed
and dissolved every four hours, also
as a drench. "Start with the pow-
der right away," said Doc. With
what I thought was a flash of near-
genius, I interrupted—"Wait, Doc—
I'll fix up a dose and you can give
it to the cow before you go."

I don't suppose the vet noticed the
gleam of mischief in my eye, but
Partner did. So here was our ex-
perienced vet, used to handling all
kinds of animals and probably
thinking he would show us how
simple it is to drench a cow—if you
go at it the right way—even with a
big fat Durham.

Twisting Drowsey's head around
he proceeded to drench her—a few
swallows at a time. Apparently the
dose was pretty pungent. Drowsey
snuffed—and snorted—and finally
gave a mighty cough. As a result
it was Doc and not the cow that
got drenched that time. Partner
and I stood by and chuckled, re-
membering how often through the
years the same thing had happened
to us. But, of course, our time came
again—but definitely.

To make things a little easier we
invested in a "humbug." Farmers
will know what I mean but I im-
agine that name will keep other folk
guessing. Between us we have been
drenching Drowsey all week—and
the end of this nice little job is not
yet in sight. Other work has had
to be arranged in between doses.
Before I could help with a W.I. ban-
quet the cow had to be dosed. And
I had to come home early for the
same reason.

Tomorrow I am supposed to go
to Toronto on business but it looks
as if bossie will keep me at home.
Partner says if Drowsey doesn't
come back to her milk when she is
better, then we shall have to ship
her out. And then we shall have
reason to know what has been hap-
pening to the cattle market.

Another worry just now is a
threatened shortage of water. Wells
are very low. Unless we get rain
quite soon we may have to buy
water. Some of our neighbors are
already doing so—at \$10 a tank.
And believe me a thousand gallons
of water doesn't last very long
among a herd of cattle. The land
also needs rain very badly, espe-
cially after the warm drying winds
we have had for over a week. But,
oh dear, how hard it is to explain
one's attitude about the weather to
non-farmers. Go down town and
someone says—"Isn't this a lovely
day—haven't we had a wonder-
ful week?" You agree—to disagree
would mean someone would say—
or at least think—"Oh, you farmers
—always grumbling." So you smile
and say—"Yes, it is lovely weather"
and you feel like a traitor, remem-
bering the thirsty land and the low
water level in the wells.

But still, come good weather or
bad, sick cows or poor markets,
something always seems to come up
to make you realize that you have
nothing to complain about after all.
Not really! It was a letter that
shook me out of a slight session of
doldrums last week. A letter from
a reader of this column so full of
courage and humour, and so uncon-

sciously pathetic, that I could quite
easily have laughed and wept at
the same time.

Apparently the writer lives on a
farm where hard manual work is
not relieved in any way.

We speak of modern methods of
farming; of conveniences at the
house and at the barn to lighten the
work, forgetting that not every
farm is so blessed. When I get a
letter from someone where farming
is still done the hard way it makes
me feel ashamed—as if, in my col-
umn I had been guilty of being
"smug." I hope no one ever does,
or ever will, think that.

It's not so very long since we had
very few conveniences ourselves—
not so long but what I can still re-
member filling coal-oil lamps and
trimming wicks that never would
burn straight. Far from being smug

I never cease to marvel that we
have managed to acquire so many
things in our time to make farm life
more convenient and comfortable.
For those at present less fortunate
my feeling is not pity but confid-
ence that with the passing years
they too, will know greater com-
fort and convenience in their
homes.

EVERTON
Visit With Friends
Within Community

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Spence, Tor-
onto were week-end visitors with
Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCutcheon.

Miss Lois Campbell, Guelph, vis-
ited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs.
Roy Hindley.

Mr. Robert McCutcheon, Kitch-
ener, visited on Friday at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jestin and
Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bye and
Larry, Mona Road were Sunday
evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs.
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