

**HELEN GLADSTONE,
JOHN A. MacPHERSON
MARRIED IN WINDSOR CHURCH**

Rev. George A. Wishart officiated in Ottawa United Church, Windsor on Saturday, December 20, at the marriage of Helen Jessie Gladstone the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.

A. Gladstone of Windsor, to John A. MacPherson, of Chatham, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. MacPherson of Arthur Street, Acton.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, R. A. Gladstone, and was attended by Miss Margaret L. MacDonald of Windsor. Wilbert R. Dorman of Chatham was groomsmen.

**Chronicles
of
Ginger Farm**
Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by
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By the time rural readers get the Acton Free Press it will be after Christmas, so I am making this my New Year column. It seems only a few months ago since I was writing New Year greetings for 1952 and here I am again wishing you another happy new year, but this time for 1953. . . and I hope it will be a Happy New Year for everyone, with all the good memories of 1952 carried over to '53, and all the unpleasant memories forgotten—that is far the better way, isn't it?

Perhaps last year was a hard year and yet, in spite of upset world conditions, and of our own personal problems, we have some pleasant memories that we can wrap around ourselves like warm, defensive garments against the chilly winds of life.

Some of my pleasant memories are connected with the Christmas greetings that come to me from many readers of this column, some of whom send their good wishes year after year as regularly as Christmas comes around. It gives me great encouragement and I am very grateful for the kindly interest that is taken in this column. And so, dear reader-friends, in case I do not get a chance to write to each one of you personally, will you please accept my thanks for all your kind thoughts—and I hope you will let me visit you in your home each week for yet another year.

I suppose most of you people either went away for Christmas and New Year's or had your family visiting you. We had Daughter and her husband, Bob, recently home from Alberta and two friends who are still staying with us. Just a nice little family gathering. But I will tell you more about our Christmas later on. It may be old news before you get it but it does not do any harm at all to stretch out Christmas memories for at least a few weeks into the new year. Christmas and New Year's are too good a time to be celebrated and then forgotten overnight. About a week before Christmas I spent the better part of two days in Toronto while the other Gwen who is staying with us kept house. When I got home almost the first thing I heard was this: "Next time you go away you had better take looking for you everywhere. He was all over the house, crying and looking for you everywhere. He just wouldn't settle down—we didn't have any peace at all!"

And yet some folks would have us believe that cats are incapable of showing affection for anyone. Of course, after being so lonesome, you would naturally suppose that Mitchie-White would be completely overjoyed when I returned. Not a bit of it, his feelings were too deeply hurt for that. I had gone away and left him so he took his own time to be friendly again.

He tolerated being stroked and petted but showed his displeasure by sulking and refusing to purr the way he generally does. It was not until the next day that he was really friendly again. The other Gwen says she had a cat who used to act the very same way. "Very different from a dog," says she, "no matter whether you are away a day or a month, a dog never sulks—he is always glad to see you back and gives you an effusive doggy welcome!"

That, I must admit, is true of our dogs also. Tippy and Honey are a funny pair. Tippy would leave a juicy bone rather than be left behind if any of us were going out. Honey, if she happened to be out, would forsake all her friends, if she so much as heard a dish rattle. She looks at you with her pleading spaniel eyes as if she had the most soulful thoughts and all the time you know very well all she is worrying about is her stomach. So, one only has to give her a few table scraps and she is your friend for life. But she has some interesting little habits too.

We generally have the evening paper delivered at night—just thrown out somewhere near the mailbox. We just saw to Honey. "Fetch the paper" and away she goes, down to the road, looks first this way and then that until she finds it. Then away she starts on the trot again, the paper held firmly in her mouth. She brings it proudly to the house and waits for her reward a little dog biscuit. We call these biscuits "cookie-ies" and if anyone mentions cookie-ies in her presence, her ears go up—as much as a spaniel's can—and her eyes take on such a bright, alert look—in fact, she does everything but speak in human language.

MOST FORUMS AGREE U.N. OFFERS ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE IN WORLD

"From the very beginning of its existence, the United Nations has recognized that hunger and poverty are basic causes of war. Through its Economic and Social Council and specialized agencies, the U. N. is making a special effort to help the underdeveloped countries of the world improve their agricultural methods and economic conditions. Help is given in many ways."

"Do you think that the United Nations offers hope for world peace?" This was the first question farm forum members discussed after listening to the weekly broadcast. It was agreed by 99 per cent. that the United Nations did offer to a certain extent the only hope for peace in the world, but until all the nations become really united, members cannot see how they can succeed in gaining world peace. One member only, stated in his opinion, United Nations is not able to prevent war, which threatens at any time.

The second question was, "How can we, as Canadian citizens, help bring peace to the world?" Answers stated as Canadian citizens, we should help feed the hungry people. This would help eliminate disease and bring contentment. It would help bring peace a step nearer. We waste what they would be glad of. All Canada's surplus could

surely be used as barter between these nations.

Also, by furthering the assistance of the Colombo plan and giving more assistance to needy countries, we, as Canadians, can help bring peace in the world by training ourselves and our youth to live cooperatively with themselves and those of other countries, helping one another by distribution of food. We should send more instructors to some countries to show a better way of agriculture so they can produce more for themselves and talk peace in place of war and by an effort, try to stamp out Communism and by faith in the power of prayer, try to remove discord among nations.

The third question was, "Some people think world government will be necessary before lasting peace is assured. What do you think?" Some agreed a world government growing out of the nations (united) organization could achieve world peace but we could see no possibility of organizing such a government in the present world conditions.

It would not be possible because all nations should belong and only 14 are in the United Nations. One forum stated, "World government would give smaller countries equal voice and spread the resources where needed."

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