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Every farmer knows that real profits are usually the outcome of real planning. An accurate knowledge of his costs and yields helps him make his farm pay better. The Bank of Montreal has available a Farm Account Book which gives him just this information. It reduces the complicated financial operations of a modern farm into

simple, easily-kept-up records. "I can heartily recommend this book to every farmer in the district," says Gordon Oder, Acton B of M manager. "It was prepared for farmers by the Federal Department of Agriculture. By spending a few minutes each day or so with these records, a farmer will soon know exactly where he stands in every aspect of his farming operations. He will know where he is making money, how much it is, and where he should cut his losses."

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Ground Observers Name Acton Chief

A. C. Gray, of Acton has been appointed a Chief Observer for the RCAF Ground Observer Corps and will be responsible for the organization of a Corps in the Acton area as well as selecting a suitable site for the establishment of a Ground Observer Post. J. A. Spence, Regional Supervisor, has announced. The newly formed Ground Corps is basically a network of volunteers who will report the movement of all aircraft in their area during an air exercise or in the event of a national emergency. To man the Acton post effectively during an "alert" period at least 15 to 20 volunteers are required and those citizens interested in offering their services may do so by contacting Mr. Gray.

The Observation post, in an alert, will report the number, type, altitude and direction of the aircraft spotted to the London Filter Centre, using a high priority message system called "AIRCRAFT FLASH." In London the report is plotted on a large map table. From here the information is passed to radar units. The combination of radar and civilian observers gives a complete picture of the movement of aircraft to those responsible for the aerial defence of Canada.

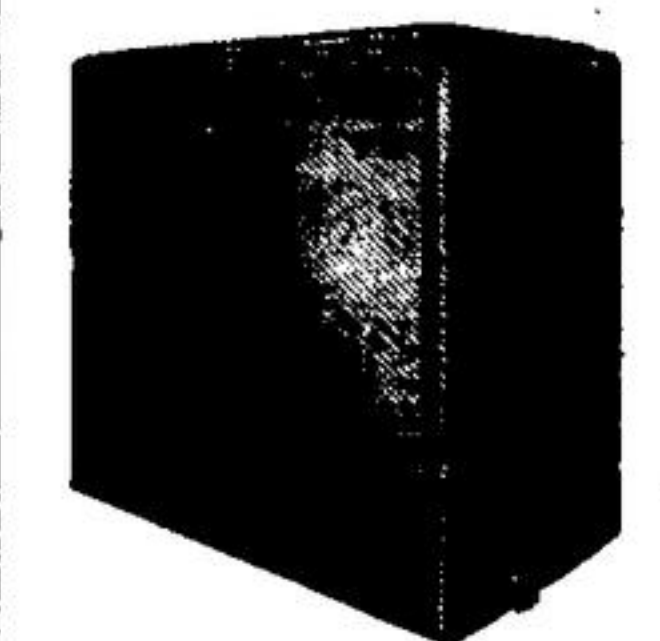
West's 'Eagle Man' Hoists Into Nests

Charles Lavelle Broley, of Winnipeg, retired from his job of bank manager in 1939, at the age of 66, and took up a career of climbing into eagles' nests and banding the young eagles. To date he has hoisted himself into hundreds of nests, some of them more than 100 feet above ground. He has banded some 1,200 eaglets, and his activities have added substantially to the knowledge of eagle migration. After his retirement in 1939, Broley headed for Florida. A confirmed birdwatcher, he asked the Audubon Society in New York whether his new leisure might be useful to the Society. Richard Pough, now chief of conservation for the American Museum of Natural History, gave Broley a few aluminum tags and suggested he try banding eagles. Only 166 of the birds had been banded, for their cries were perched dizzily in tall trees and other inaccessible places. "Naturally," Pough said, "you won't be able to do any climbing. Get a boy for that."

Most of his banding trips have been lonely affairs, but recently some have become public events, with as many as 1,000 spectators.

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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolene F. Clarke

For the first time in—I don't know how many days—we have a lovely, bright, sunny day. No wind no rain, no fog. Marvelous! It just makes you feel like singing—"Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day. I have a wonderful feeling every-thing's coming my way." Maybe it isn't but hope never hurt anyone yet.

The rain-soaked earth probably has that feeling too and its way of showing its gladness is by helping the flowers to bloom in joyous abandon. Yesterday we wandered part way through a bush where we found mayflowers, hepaticas, blood-roots, early trilliums and a few species of wild flowers we did not recognize.

The purpose of our visit to the woods was really to settle an argument. Arthur insisted that mayflowers and hepaticas were one and the same flower. Daughter said they were not, and I wasn't sure. So we all piled into the car, including Partner, a visitor and even Honey, and we headed for the nearest bush on high ground... no swampy bushes after that rain.

There the argument was settled by finding both mayflowers and hepaticas, exactly fitting the description we had already looked up in the encyclopedia. Actually, we could have taken Daughter's word for it because she certainly knows her wild flowers. But it was fun to find proof by seeing.

Dee and Art dug up a few roots of this and that to take home for their garden—but not trilliums. Apart from flowers we are always amused at the stuff city folk like to take back with them from the country. Yesterday it was wild flowers and garden flowers; roots and slips, rhubarb, cream and eggs paid for. After all they provide part of our income—and we do have to live.

Too often farm produce is looked upon as nature's bounty by visitors to the country who often think it strange if Mrs. Farmer doesn't give them a parting gift of something that has been grown or raised on the farm. Where there is a surplus that is just fine and it is generally gladly shared. But if a salable product is in question then city cousins should at least be prepared to pay for what they get at a wholesale level. After all, why should a farmer, any more than a grocer or a dry goods merchant, be expected to give away his livelihood? Maybe I am wrong—or meaner than most—but that is the way I look at it—except, of course, where there is a case of need; where we know the folk in question are having quite a time making ends meet; or where there is, actually, been sickness in the family. Then we are only too glad to give whatever we feel is acceptable, whether it be salable or not.

Daughter and I also have another way of doing things. We have a sort of barter system. When she is shopping if she sees something she knows we want put on as a week-end special, she buys it, brings it home and takes back its value in eggs! And a certain amount of exchanging also takes place periodically.

In families there is often something that one person doesn't want that another person can use. One's needs change with the passing years. Back in the days when every farmer's wife had to think of thrashing and corn-cutting meals it was necessary to keep a good supply of dishes on hand. Now, in many districts, thrashing gangs are a thing of the past—a combine eats only gas and oil. So, unless they are given away, surplus dishes are stacked up, doing nothing better than gathering dust.

Yes, it is easy to find new homes for old things—in limited numbers—but not on a wholesale scale. And so it is that when a person has passed away we often come across that saddest of all domestic problems—what to do with the unwanted furnishings of a home. Perhaps the late owner was a widower, or a widener, living alone. The children are married and have homes of their own. They have no room for additional furniture. Few modern homes have an attic, some don't even have a basement, there is only one solution to the problem—an auction sale. And all the dear, intimate things that have been treasured through the years must go to the highest bidder. If only more people would enjoy their possessions in their own lifetime instead of putting them away in mothballs. Think of the silver, crystal and beautiful quilts that are carefully put away in case they might get broken or spoilt.

Last week I got word that my one remaining brother had passed away in England, following a severe stroke. He was recently widowed and had a beautiful home. I hate to think of all the lovely things he and his wife had worked so hard to acquire, and to save, now at the mercy of the auctioneer's hammer. Let us make the best of what we have—if they break or wear out we shall at least have had the enjoyment of using them as long as they lasted.

Chickens don't stand high temperatures well, poultry specialists warn. Make sure your chicken house is well ventilated.

Flies From Malton For Tour of Ottawa

The third annual Adventure in Citizenship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa in co-operation with clubs throughout the Dominion brought to the Capital on Monday, May 4, over 160 selected High School students representing all ten provinces for four days of sight-seeing.

Joyce Farmer of Acton High School is among the students having the opportunity of touring the country's capital this week. She left for Ottawa from Malton airport on Monday.

The young voters of to-morrow will visit and observe the Houses of Parliament in session, and later will receive Certificates of Canadian Citizenship at the hands of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Louis St. Laurent. They also will pay a call on His Excellency the Governor General the Hon. Vincent Massey, at Rideau Hall.

A Know-Your-Capital program will include visits to the National War Memorial, the Memorial Chamber in the clock tower of the Parliament Buildings, the National Art Gallery and Museum, the Royal Mint, the Central Experimental Farm, and other places of national and historical interest. As guests of the Federal District Commission the young visitors will be shown the driveways and other beautification developments in the city and environs. They will visit "Moor-side", the Kingsmere home of the late Hon. Mackenzie King, now a feature of Gatineau Park's 39,000 acres in the Laurentian Mills of Quebec.

At one of the several luncheons Members of Parliament will have the opportunity of meeting and sitting with their young constituents. The series of luncheons and dinners will conclude with a banquet at which students representing each province will address a gathering of Rotarians and their wives, and prominent figures in national and municipal affairs and the Capital's business and professional life.

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