

Mary Jane Force Wins Club Award

Miss Mary Jane Force, the winner of the Acton Music Study group's annual award, accepted her cheque, spoke briefly and played a piano selection for the group at their meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Jany. Miss Force and her mother, Mrs. E. S. Force, were guests at the meeting. Listening music built on dance designs was the topic, illustrated with recordings and papers read by members of the group in charge. Typical French dances are the farandole, minuet and gavotte; records of Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 and a cserdas revealed Hungarian country dance was played on the piano by Mrs. C. Heller. Polish mazurkas and polonaises and Bohemian polkas were also dealt with.

Mrs. M. McCullough was in charge of the meeting, which concluded with the serving of sandwiches, relishes and tea.

More money was spent in men's clothing stores in Canada in 1952 than in women's clothing stores—\$204 million in the former, \$202 million in the latter.



AT
Watson's
DAIRY BAR

Local Postmaster Has Executive Post

George Day of Rockwood was elected to the executive committee of the Canadian Postmasters' Association at the annual conference of the Ontario branch held at the Empress Hotel, Peterborough, on September 21, 22 and 23. Had Miss Fern Brown of Acton been able to present, she would have received one of the long-service badges presented during the conference.

About 250 postmasters from all over Ontario attended. They were welcomed by Mayor Hugh Waddell of Peterborough, J. M. Ferris, acting president of the association, presided over the sessions.

Eleven postmasters were presented with long service badges, symbolic of 25 years' service.

Campbellford's postmaster, J. M. Ferris, was elected president at the closing session of the conference. He is also Dominion secretary-treasurer of the association.

J. A. Slickie, Betawa postmaster, was elected vice-president. The executive elected is George Day, Rockwood; W. J. Barlow, Bonarlaw; A. D. Smith, Bluevale; L. A. Bromley, Grimsby and postmistress K. Mathewson, Clifford.

Postmasters George Day and L. A. Bromley, who had been nominees for president and vice-president respectively, moved the election by a unanimous vote. A. M. Church, Sundridge, presided for the election and scrutineers were Inspectors W. E. Johnston, Toronto and J. A. Flaherty, London.

Round table discussions were another feature.

Although Canada has one of the world's lowest rates of density of population (less than 4 persons per square mile), this country ranks seventh in the world as a producer of steel and second in the world in per capita consumption of steel.



Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendoline P. Clarke

We have reached the time of fall fairs; of standard time; of the first touch of autumn colors in the maples and sumachs; of white frost in the morning; warm sun at noon; cumulus clouds drifting across a background of azure blue sky and finally the miraculously beautiful sunsets that are so frequent at this time of the year—sunsets which do not always bring "the end of a perfect day" but yet, if our day has been anything but perfect the breath-taking beauty of an autumn sunset can do much to quieten ruffled nerves—if we will only take time, even a few minutes of our time, "to stand and stare." Come to think of it, the words, to stand and stare, as the poet W. H. Davis puts it, have a harsh sound when taken out of their context. I like better the restful words of Browning—

"Where the quiet-colored end of evening smiles
Miles and miles . . ."

However, a beautiful sunset is a joy to see no matter how, or by whom, it is described. The thing is to have eyes to see it because, as we know, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, or it may be that more mundane things get between our vision and the sunset. The same applies to the sunrise, only, as someone once said, poets rarely write about the sunrise because they are not around to see it! But the farmer sees the sunrise—as does his wife if she is out to feed the chickens. The trouble is a great percentage of farm wives these days don't go out to feed the chickens, they are busy in the house preparing breakfast and getting the children ready for school.

Milking machines and coolers have lessened the time required for early morning chores so many farmers have time to look after the chickens, too—and so Mrs. Farmer misses the lift that used to come to her with the invigorating fresh morning air. You know how it is—if you have to go out you go—and enjoy it. But if it isn't necessary for you to go farther than the back kitchen door you just don't go—and that's all there is to it.

Well, it was our local fair last Saturday and the weatherman was kind and blessed us with a warm, sunny day. Rain the night before and rain the night after the event, but never so much as a drop dampened the spirits of the large crowd that was scattered over the roomy fair grounds. There were the usual

harness races but it seems to me that each succeeding year less interest is being taken in the races and more and greater interest in the livestock exhibits. Even those who have no personal interest in cattle, pigs and sheep like to get around the show ring—and, of course, it is a main attraction for the youngsters—once they have been wooed away from the midway.

Dairy cattle claimed the greatest number of entries—Holsteins, Guernseys and Jerseys—but there were some Red Polls and a few Short-horns. A good show of beef cattle is more to my liking but of course in a milk-shipping district dairy cattle naturally predominate.

There was a wonderful line-up of farm machinery and as Partner and I looked it over we wondered how much capital would be necessary if a farmer were to invest in every type of high-powered equipment that was on display—and now considered practically essential to good farming. The trouble is fashions in farm machinery vary just as much as women's hats. For instance, we bought a mower three years ago with the newest kind of power take-off. Now that mower is out of date. And so it goes.

However, in the women's section we did not find too much change—except for the fact there was more baking and less fancy work than usual.

Men may like modern machinery but when it comes to satisfying the inner man they are still old-fashioned enough to like home-cooking. How else can one explain the trouble that women go to in cultivating the culinary art—even though it increases the need for bicarbonate of soda? The non-competitive display of the various branches of the W.I. was also very good, featuring some of the items of a Hope Chest—rug, quilt, pillow cases and so on—necessary today, as they were yesterday and will be tomorrow.

Then we looked at the baby section, and here again there was no evidence that "the old order changeth." Babies, apparently, still need knitted things and smocked dresses. The only change that I noticed was the use of green or yellow, instead of the traditional pink or blue. Which is rather a good idea, when you think of the mothers-to-be who in the past have insisted on having everything blue, and then found it should have been pink! With green or yellow you're safe because no one has yet labelled either color as belonging to any one sex.

Highest waterfall in Canada is Takkakaw Falls, B.C., where water from the Daly Glacier falls free for more than 1,000 feet.

FASHION HINT



Good winter wear for work or classroom is a skirt and weskit, which can be varied in so many ways. Usually a second skirt to match the weskit and light colored blouse and dark colored blouse, all complementing shades, are added.

The weskit pictured above also illustrates our definition for the day—piping.

Piping is a thin strip of material or covered cord for trimming meant to define a line. Piping may be curved or slanted on the bodice, shoulder or into the skirt. It may bind the edges of a blazer. Some skirts have gores edged with piping.

Often piping is used for color contrast, such as bright red on a grey suit, or black satin on a black wool dress.

Sometimes its contrast is in design—an edging of plaid on plain as in blazers, or of plain on stripes.

HITCHHIKING HONEYMOONERS

Driving south one day, we picked up a young hitchhiker carrying a worn valise and all slicked up to a shine. We were surprised to learn that his destination was New York City.

"You see," he confided, "I just got married today. I always promised Sue we'd go to New York for our honeymoon—but there wasn't enough money for both of us to ride the bus. So here I am. I sure hope I get there before Sue does."—The Reader's Digest.

GEORGETOWN FAIR

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Fire Prevention Week

October 4th to 10th

<h3>Matches and Careless Smoking Habits</h3> <p>Careless discarding of lighted matches and smoking materials was responsible for nearly 30 per cent. of all fires from known causes over a ten-year period. A burning match or tobacco debris recklessly tossed aside may start a disastrous fire taking heavy toll of lives and property.</p> <p>This hazard will remain enormous until caution as a national habit replaces carelessness. Remember, one little thoughtless act may take your home—even your life!</p> <p>Here are a few common sense precautions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep all matches out of the reach of small children. Matches with easily inflammable heads should be kept in non-combustible containers. 2. Have plenty of ash trays conveniently placed—and keep them clean. 3. Anywhere — be sure your lighted matches or smokes are completely snuffed out before you discard them. 4. Don't smoke in bed or where No Smoking Signs are posted. 5. Don't strike matches in closets, garages or other places where inflammable materials, dust or vapors may be ignited. 	<h3>Faulty Electrical Wiring and Apparatus</h3> <p>One in ten fires of known causes is of electrical origin. Circuits are designed to carry certain loads. The blowing of a fuse is a danger signal that the circuit is overloaded or defective.</p> <p>The use of a fuse of larger amperage than that for which the circuit was designed destroys this protective feature. An overload of current may heat the wire to the point of starting a fire. Be sure your fuses are of correct amperage for your circuits—15 amperes usually are right, and don't tamper with this "safety valve."</p> <p>A few common sense precautions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employ a skilled electrician to repair or extend wiring when this is necessary. 2. Buy electric appliances and cords bearing the seal or label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. 3. Don't string wires under rugs, over hooks, or in any exposed places. Wear may make them dangerous. 	<h3>Heating and Cooking Stoves, Etc.</h3> <p>One out of every four or five fires is caused by faulty chimneys, flues, cooking or heating stoves, furnaces, carelessness with fireplaces or hot ashes, or sparks on roofs, etc. Most frequent causes of destructive fires in heating plants or appliances are: sub-standard equipment, incorrect installation and construction, lack of care in maintenance and unsafe operation.</p> <p>All heating plans, pipes or appliances should be at least 18 inches away from any wall or burnable material. Heaters, including stoves, should be on insulated metal, cement or other incombustible bases. Walls and ceilings near stoves should be protected by asbestos sheeting or other insulating material listed by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Consult your local fire ordinance or building code, your fire chief or insurance agent for advice, if needed.</p> <p>Clean chimneys every year, and repair promptly when cracks or loose mortar appear. Never "force" a furnace to get more heat. Consult your heating man about increasing its efficiency safely. Empty hot ashes into metal containers—never into wooden boxes.</p>
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Kerosene and Carelessness

One in ten fires is caused by incautious use of kerosene, gasoline or other inflammable fluids, and by carelessness in handling candles, open lights, lamps, open gas jets, torches, etc. Sloshing or pouring kerosene on wood or coal fires is an example of recklessness.

Using gasoline, benzine, naphtha and other inflammable liquids in the house for cleaning or similar purposes causes many tragedies each year. They vaporize when exposed to air and may quickly produce an explosive mixture that is readily ignited by a match, pilot light, sparking motor or even a static spark developed from rubbing textiles together. Or the quickly spreading vapor may be exploded by a smoker or a fire in another room.

You can never be safe using inflammable, explosive fluids in your house or in filling kerosene or gasoline stoves or lamps while they are lighted.

If your clothing catches fire do not run. Running fans the flames and increases them. Lie down on the floor and roll, in a rug if you can.

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