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Chronicles

of
Ginger Farm
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to speak of Monday as "blue Monday"—or would it be better to rename it "mourning Monday?"

I was in Toronto last Thursday and as I drove along the Dundas in rather heavy traffic, I began thinking of accidents and why they happen. I thought to myself, now here am I, driving along at a reasonable speed—45 to 50 m.p.h.—taking no chances, and yet I could quite easily be the victim of a fatal accident through no fault of my own. Drivers with more experience than I have told me to watch the fellow ahead, never mind the traffic behind—unless it is necessary to brake suddenly or to make a left-hand turn.

But as I drove along I realized to watch the driver ahead was not enough, it was also vitally necessary to keep a wary eye on the oncoming traffic. It is the driver in the other traffic lane who may cause a head-on collision.

I began to take note of hazardous conditions. This was danger signal no. 1. If a long line of vehicles is approaching, headed by a truck or tractor-trailer, watch out. You can be absolutely sure one of the trailing cars is looking for an opportunity to pull out and overtake the truck or tractor. If he

is too impatient, or misjudges the speed of other vehicles on the road, the chances are good for a head-on collision even though the other party concerned may be the most careful driver on the road—unless he is on the alert for just such an eventuality. Three times in a 10-mile stretch I saw a driver following a truck edge out to get by and each time he thought better of it and got back in line—otherwise I might not be writing this now.

Danger signal no. 2 was slow moving farm tractors. Their number is definitely on the increase, so I was naturally interested in hearing over the air that the time may be coming when farm tractors will be licensed. Farmers won't welcome that day but yet such a measure seems to me perfectly logical. Quite a few tractors are used in the place of cars or trucks. During the winter, a farmer will use his tractor to get chop from the field. Or he will hitch up the tractor to bring home the week's groceries. Market gardeners are frequently on the road with their produce. During the growing season, tractors are used to draw machinery from one farm to another or one farmer may buy hay from another and take home a load of bales behind the tractor. Farmers have even been known to use a tractor for getting to church!

Not so many years ago, farm tractors were in steel wheels. They were noisy, cumbersome things to handle and their use, because of the steel lugs, was prohibited on the highways. Now nearly all tractors have rubber tires and are almost as mobile as a car.

Taking all these things into consideration—the mobility of tractors; increase in number and use and the fact that their presence on the road is an additional hazard to the motoring public, isn't it therefore logical that tractors should be licensed? Nor is that all. If tractors are licensed, then liability insurance would surely follow—as a protection for the farmer and the public. It will be tough on the farmer who never puts his tractor on the road, but then, wouldn't that be one more instance of the high cost of modern farming?

Now I can imagine a good many farmers will see "red" because of my remarks. But remember, we have a tractor too; we don't want to pay a licence either, but there is such a thing as moving with the

OSPRINGE
Mrs. Vair's Home Opened to Group

The Ladies' Aid held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Vair in Erin on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pfann of Buffalo spent the week-end with the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Craig and Joan of Georgetown spent the week-end with Messrs. R. and J. Hunter.

Mrs. Norman McKenzie and baby Linda returned home last week from Hillsburgh where they had been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glassford, since leaving the hospital.

Mr. A. McKinney is on a business trip to Ottawa.

Mrs. Mary Cooke moved last week into her new home, which was built this summer close to the farm home but nearer the village.

Mr. D. G. Robertson spent a few days fishing up north.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Griffin visited on Sunday with Mrs. W. Griffin, Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. Murd McCutcheon and Muriel spent a day recently with Mr. T. S. McCutcheon and Miss Myrtle Orr at Galt.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Murd McCutcheon.

Television has been installed at the homes of Jerome Hunter and Gordon Robertson.

WEDDING AT ELMIRA OF LOCAL INTEREST

A wedding of local interest was solemnized in Elmira Pentecostal Tabernacle recently when Saloma Bowman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi B. Bowman of Elmira and Robert J. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Brown, R.R. 5, Milton, were united in marriage.

Performing the ceremony against a background of assorted fall flowers and ferns was Rev. F. G. Potter, Guelph, assisted by Rev. Edwin Adams, Elmira.

Pianist was Miss Ethel Franklin of Acton and Mrs. Gordon McKillop of Palmerston was soloist.

The bride's gown featured a nylon bodice with rhinestone trimmed Peter Pan collar and lily point sleeves. The skirt was satin with panels of lace curving around to a slight train. She wore a beaded crown headdress which held a long illusion veil. The bridal bouquet was pink delight roses with white poms.

Sister of the bride, Mrs. Alfred Kitchener, Kitchener, was matron of honor. She wore a green gown with the bodice and skirt of net over taffeta accented with a lace stand-up collar and lace panels in the skirt of the gown. She wore a sweetheart headdress and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations.

Miss Thelma Brown, R.R. 5, Milton, sister of the bridegroom, was gowned in a coral strapless dress which featured a nylon lace bodice, p-pium and jacket with a skirt of net over taffeta. She carried yellow carnations.

Best man was James W. Brown and ushers were Orvie Bowman and Harold Brown, R.R. 4, Acton.

For the reception at Hullerest Inn, Bridgeport, the bride's mother wore a navy lace and crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The mother of the bridegroom wore a black sliver dress with matching accessories. Her corsage was rose carnations.

For a wedding trip to Detroit and other points in Michigan, the bride donned a navy dress topped with a beige shortie coat and light blue velvet hat and gloves.

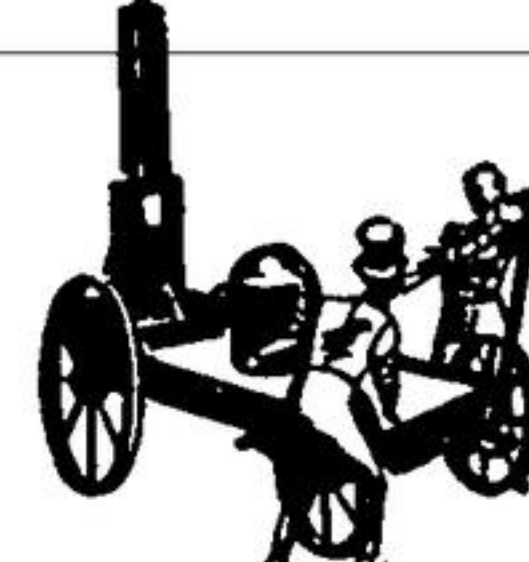
On their return the couple will reside at R.R. 4, Acton.

Poet's Corner
THREE GATES


If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of
gold.
These narrow gates. First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your
mind
Give truthful answer And the
next
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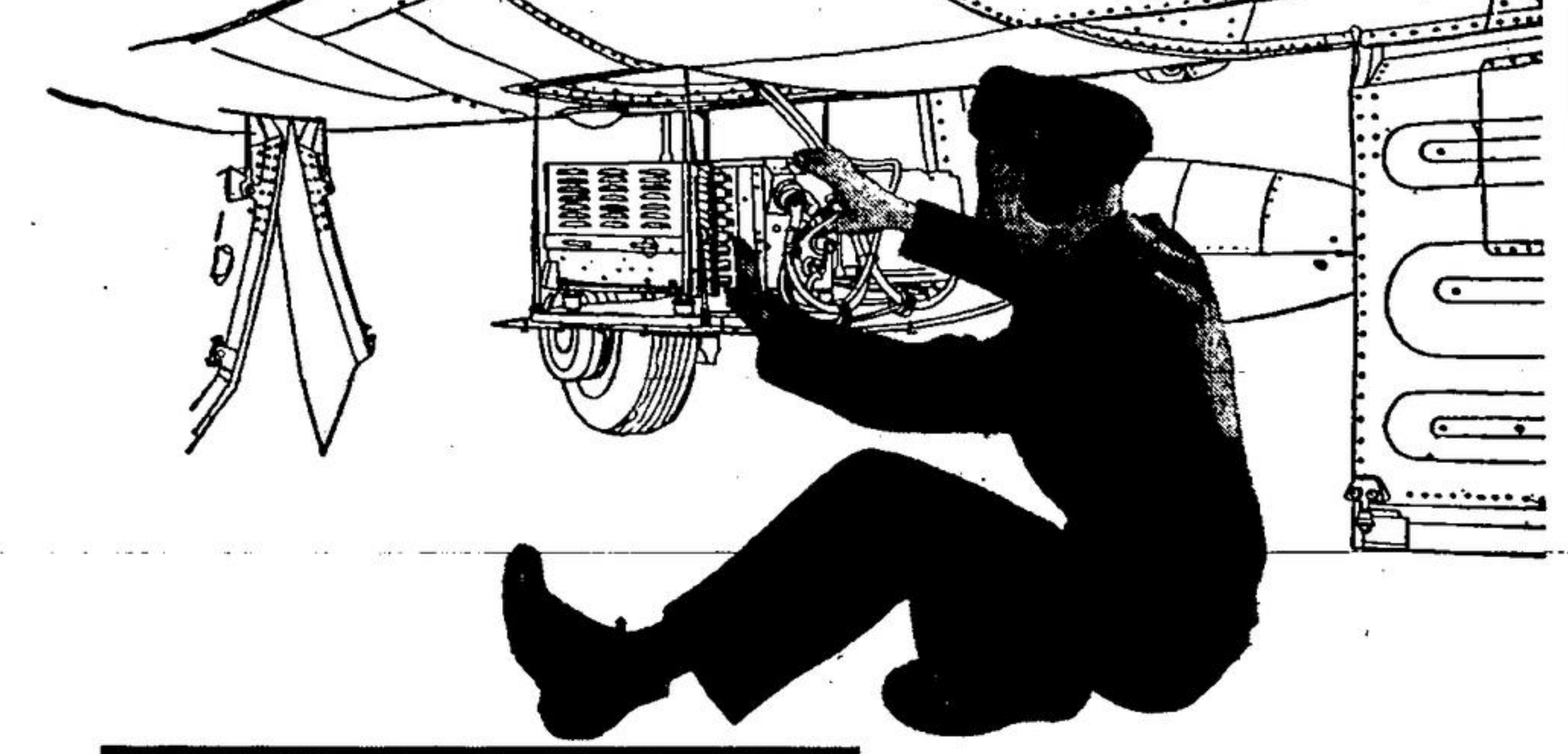
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