

Chronicles
of
Ginger Farm
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Now, at long last, it can be told. As of October 26, 1953, Partner and I became grandparents. Daughter being the mother of a baby boy. His name is David John and we are all happy and proud. The long time of waiting is over, anxiety almost dispelled, mother and son were discharged from the hospital yesterday—so now a new era in family life begins for us all.

Previous to his birth, there was the usual speculation as to the baby's sex. Dad and Arthur both wanted a son so much that every one was certain it would be a

daughter. But Partner if you please, was hoping it would be a little girl.

However, you know how it is, boy or girl, it doesn't really matter just so long as the mother and baby are all right. David weighed seven pounds at birth and is long in the body and not overly fat but that I imagine will soon be remedied if he gets along as well as most other babies do these days.

Of course, I had to pay a visit to the hospital as soon as it was permitted and I was allowed to see our grandson through the window of the nursery. There were plenty of other babies there too and as I watched them snugly sleeping in their little cots I thought how ridiculous it is for anyone to say that all babies look alike at birth. Having once seen him, I would be able to recognize David again from among fifty babies.

There was one little Chinese baby there as cute as a button, another was a little darker. Among them all there was only one that I would call pretty and that was our grandson.

The hospital was terribly busy and short of help, which meant that I had to wait 45 minutes past the regular visiting hours before I

was allowed on the floor—no one being permitted to visit even a private patient until all the babies were back in the nursery. As I was leaving, four nurses came down the corridor, obviously coming off duty and they looked awfully dead-beat. Every time I am in a hospital big or small I wonder how nurses keep going day in and day out, always on their feet always at the beck and call of their patients. It is certainly a very exacting service.

Nurses, of course, must show consideration for their patients, but I often think that patients, once past the critical stage, could often show a little more consideration towards their nurses. How much a little thoughtfulness is appreciated only a nurse can tell you.

Well, to get in my two-hour visit at the hospital, I had to catch an eight o'clock train in the morning, returning at 10 at night so I put in the rest of the day shopping, telephoning, riding on streetcars and roaming around in the Reference Library, which I had never visited before.

I came away green with envy in the opportunities my city friends have that are not available to me. Not but what we have an

excellent library in our home town, but naturally it can't compare with a big library. So often I am badly in need of information for a free-lance article but how to get it is my problem even though I am fully aware that all the information I want is in Toronto, free of charge, if I just had more opportunity to take advantage of it.

What irks me is the number of people who could visit such places as the Library, the Museum and the Archives, just don't bother to go at all.

However, not all the interesting places are in the city. Friday Partner and I were near Hespeler visiting on a farm. While the men were discussing cattle, crops and building improvements, the farmer's wife and I went to Hespeler and Preston to have a look-see at the woolen mills and blanket factory. I took five pounds of old woollens along with me, paid out \$4.40 in cash and received in exchange a full size all-wool blanket. Maybe not in the same class as one particular make of satin-bound blanket, very popular as a wedding gift but a very nice blanket just the same. I also had the satisfaction of knowing material was being utilized that would otherwise have gone into the rag bin. Last spring I had the misfortune to get a lot of moths in the house and they played havoc with things I had put on one side to make over. However, even moth-eaten goods are acceptable to the factory just so long as they are clean and all wool.

Coming home Partner and I cut across country instead of sticking to the highway. What a road! Hills and hollows and hoarpen turns all the way—15 miles of it. Was I glad when we struck the highway again. On that one point Partner and I never agree.

He likes the country roads; I prefer the highways. On a main road, you at least know where you are. On a cross-road, because there is so little traffic, you are apt to get careless, turn your head to look at something and that is the very minute a car comes out of a laneway or zooms over one of those treacherous little hills.

I consider an human soul with out education like marble in the quarry which shows none of its inherent beauties till the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, makes the surface shine and displays every ornamental cloud, spot and vein that runs through the body of it. Joseph Addison, 1711.

Reading Between The Lines

50 HOMES FOR ACTON? POSSIBLE IF ENOUGH HAVE DOWN PAYMENTS

by Jim Dilla

A more optimistic situation was outlined to council on Monday evening of this week when a home builder talked of the possibility of adding a number of houses to the town.

For those looking for just such an opportunity though there would still be a waiting period until next spring when Mr. Edward Irvine might be interested in a home building scheme involving at least 50 houses. PROVIDED the market is known to exist and Central Mortgage and Housing approves.

Mr. Irvine's firm is presently building over a hundred houses in neighboring Georgetown where he pointed out the market exists due to the proximity of Acton and Ford plants. Acton he suggested was just beyond the limit of influence of these plants.

The Industrial Committee has been working on finding a builder interested in putting up some houses in the hope that houses would lead to industry. The job of that committee and the council's next year will be to prove to the builder that the market for homes exists.

Mr. Irvine viewed the property surrounding Fairy Lake as part of the Jany farm and suggested

it would be an ideal site as far as beauty was concerned. This is evident from the improvements that are possible surrounding Fairy Lake as carried out by Sonny Jacques in his breezes recently.

House building in an effort to cut mounting construction costs has gone into the standardization of mass-produced bracket and builders do a remarkable job of keeping standards and yet varying outside design enough to eliminate rows of similar structures.

If the committee of council can find enough people with slightly over \$2,000 for a down payment on a home they will have a good selling point to interest a builder in construction in Acton next spring. Mr. Irvine is skeptical about the market. He will have to be shown.

Council must also keep a watchful eye to be sure the town will not be presided with an unseemable subdivision or an unpleasing group of houses. I would suggest to any potential home owners that they contact members of the Industrial Committee who are: E. Tyler, J. Green, F. G. Oakes and J. J. Stewart.

WEDDING CEREMONY SOLEMNIZED AT MANSE

In a setting of autumn flowers, a double ring wedding was solemnized in the United Church manse on Friday, October 23 at 7 p.m. Rev. E. A. Curvey united in matrimony Lillian Georgia Perryman, R.R. 1, Lamhouse and Robert Draymond Hepburn, Glen Williams. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Perryman of R.R. 1, Lamhouse and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hepburn of Glen Williams.

The bride wore a ballerina length gown of white net the bodice trimmed with seed pearls. A bolero of net topped the gown. She wore a pearl necklace and earrings, the gift of the groom. Her headdress was a band of red rose buds and her corsage of red roses.

Her only attendant was Mrs. Patrick O'Brian, R.R. 1, Acton, who wore a ballerina length gown of yellow net with pearl trim on the bodice and a stole of yellow net. Her headdress was of bronze rose buds and her corsage of bronze roses.

Groomsman was Patrick O'Brian, R.R. 1.

The immediate families attended a reception at the home of Mrs. F. W. Cleaves, Acton. A dress of mauve crepe with black accessories was worn by the mother of the bride while the groom's mother chose black crepe with white accessories. A three tiered wedding cake centred the table. Leaving on the wedding trip to Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo, the bride wore a suit of two toned wool with the slim skirt and trim of the jacket of curled wool. Over this she wore a red velvet coat with black accessories.

OBITUARY
Former Blacksmith D. Ferguson Dies

A lifelong resident of Ballinfad where with his brother he operated a blacksmith shop, Duncan Ferguson was buried in Elm Cemetery following a service in Ballinfad United Church.

Mr. Ferguson died at his home Monday of last week after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Neill, one son, Fred, his brother, Peter and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Hume of Lindsay and Mrs. J. Mays.



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Hallow'een Trick Swells W.I. Funds

Brimackham Women's Institute held a successful evening at the school on Hallow'een night.

There were 10 tables played and prizes went to ladies' high Mrs. C. Leshman, ladies' second, W. Storey, ladies' low Margaret Young, men's high R. L. David, son, men's second H. Allan and C. Thompson tied with H. Allen, winning the cut, men's low Calvin Sprawl.

Launch was served. Some Hallow'een pranksters turned out the lights at the main switch at the same time throwing a couple of chickens in the door. The chickens were auctioned off with proceeds going to the Institute fund.

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