

### W.I. Hears Story Of Edna Jacques

The November meeting of Dublin W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Blythe, with Mrs. Thompson, the president, in the chair. The Institute Ode and the Lord's Prayer opened the meeting. Roll call was answer-

ed by "a lesson we have learned." A paper on education was given by Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. Moffat read the story of Edna Jacques. A successful auction sale was conducted by Mrs. Near. The meeting was closed with "God Save the Queen." The committee in charge served lunch and a pleasant half hour was spent over the tea cups.



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### Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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

Isn't it awful the way Christmas sneaks up on us? We have no sooner lifted geraniums from the garden than we have to start thinking about a Christmas tree. Sometimes I look at the calendar and wonder what has happened to all the weeks and months since this time last year. Wasn't it Shakespeare who wrote of "the creeping hours of time"? Creeping! That description would be sadly out of character now. Time these days is jet-propelled. There are many other sage expressions and maxims

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that are also out of date. Take time by the forelock for instance. By the forelock we are lucky if we can grab hold of time by the tail as it goes hurtling by.

Oh well, there isn't much we can do about it anyway, except if we can take things in our stride. What a pretty sight! Through the window in front of me I see a half-plowed field and hundreds of seagulls have just swooped down upon it, presumably in search of grubs. I called Partner to look and he said with a laugh that gulls over plowed land are an indication of good, fertile soil. It should be true in this case as the field in question hasn't been plowed for about ten years.

It is also one of the fields on which the surveyors are working, so here and there little wooden stakes are sticking out of the ground—just a reminder that the fate of our farm still hangs in the balance. However, I expect before the department makes up its mind about the survey we shall have plenty of time to sow and harvest a field of oats. "Ernie, mecumina mo, keep our farm or watch it go." That is about the size of it around the fields every day now for about ten days. It looks like a cold, uninteresting job, and so very exacting but no doubt it is more interesting than it looks at least to those who know what they are doing.

One thing is certain, if and when the road goes through, we shall have plenty to look at for a few years. And then when the four lane highway is completed, we shall be able to watch the cars go by. Not only that but we shall then be on the same road as Partner's brother in Toronto who recently bought a house near the Toronto bypass. I have been wondering by how many miles it will shorten the distance between us, because at present Edward's house seems a very unhandy place to get at. Bob says it should cut off about ten miles.

You know deciding on a location in which to live is quite a problem these days. Plenty of people who wanted to get away from city environments have bought or built a house in a nice quiet spot in the country, only to find that same quietness vanish like a dream. Sad to say there is no guarantee that any place will remain quiet for very long.

Some folk have already discovered to their sorrow that their "home in the country" has now become a home amid modern industrial plants. Picture windows formerly with a view of "the Mountain" now look out upon brick walls and structural steel. Worse still when the day shift knocks off work, a steady stream of cars goes speeding by the front of the house. Quiet? You can imagine how quiet it is. It is really a sixty-four dollar question where can anyone go, in what district can we live to feel reasonably sure that industry will not destroy our dream of rural life? But of course we are terribly inconsistent. We want the amenities of life without the noise and confusion. And when conveniences fail well, you can guess the rest.

Last Friday night, for instance, without any warning we found ourselves in the middle of a power failure. Partner was just coming through the shed with six trays of eggs when everything blacked out. Fortunately Partner was able to reach the kitchen table without an accident. But if he hadn't I think of those 15 dozen eggs! I was away to our W.I. anniversary party. There were 90 of us enjoying a turkey supper when suddenly the hall was plunged in darkness. It happened twice, for just a few minutes each time. Later, just as everyone had settled down to a game of euchre, darkness enshrouded us again for 15 or 20 minutes. But nobody minded talking in the light in the dark as in the light. In fact, I believe it is sometimes preferred.

Earlier in the week we had other trouble. Something high travelling along the road yanked out a telephone wire. Of course there were calls I had to make that morning so a trip down town was an absolute necessity. It didn't please me at all. Just another instance of our dependence upon modern conveniences.

### CAMPBELLVILLE W.M.S. Has Cake For Mrs. T. Allan

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford was hostess to the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. H. Elton opened the meeting with a call to worship, followed by a hymn. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Win. Roberts and Mrs. W. King read the scripture lesson. Mrs. King read the minutes of two preceding meetings. Mrs. E. D. Mahon gave the financial report. The Cheer secretary not being present, the president gave the Cheer report.

Mrs. E. Cairns, Mrs. Gordon McPhail and Mrs. L. Sharpe were appointed a nominating committee to bring in a slate of officers for 1954. Mrs. Sharpe gave the topic based on the last two chapters in the study book "Education in Africa, Old and New and the Christian Church in Africa and what is Doing There." The challenge is how can the church in North America help the church in Africa? The president gave a brief report of the executive meeting held in Guelph. The offering was dedicated by singing one verse of hymn 570. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

The hostess, assisted by the social committee, served refreshments which were supplemented with a birthday cake in honor of Mrs. T. Allan's birthday. The birthday song was sung, also several birthday cards were given to this highly esteemed lady who was a former member of the W.M.S. and always a welcome guest.

### Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

**Women's Travel Authority**  
It only costs a few cents, but it's helped me out many a time. That's why I always carry a roll of cellulose tape in the glove compartment of my car as well as in my overnight bag. Here's how you can use it.

- (1) Put tape over the lock of your car door to keep it from freezing in sleazy weather.
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