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MR., MRS. G. ODER HONORED BY CHURCH
 The Men of Knox and their wives gathered in the Manse after Church on Sunday evening to honour Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Oder who leave for Amherstburg this week, where Mr. Oder will take over as Manager of the Bank of Montreal. Tribute was paid Mr. and Mrs. Oder for their keen interest in the Church in the three years that they have been in Acton. Mr. Oder was first president of the Men of Knox.
 John Davidson presented him with a desk set and Mrs. Oder with a bouquet of red and white carnations.
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Chronicles of Ginger Farm
 Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolene F. Clarke

Last week I was telling you about the Officers Conference at Guelph but I forgot to tell you that at these W.L. affairs I so often meet readers of this column—different ones from time to time. One reader I was talking with last week came from near Ottawa and I was so amused at this little story she told me. One day last fall a neighbor phoned her and said—"Well, it's come!" "What's come?" "The baby, of course. Haven't you read 'Ginger Farm' yet?" So David's arrival seems to have been quite an event to others besides his immediate family. And then I always get this—"Let's hear more about your grandson—you don't say half enough." Well... I never expected you folks to be so interested. But you asked for it, so here goes—sorry I couldn't work it in last week.

of Brownies is camping out for a week-end in July. They want her to go with them so would I like to have David for the week-end? Would I? I shall be able to answer that question better later on! It is a long time since I had sole charge of a baby but other grandmothers come through it all right so no doubt I shall too. Especially as Arthur will be along as moral support.

Well, the weather pattern for last week was as per usual—cold and wet—except the last two days of glorious sunshine. Now at last we can hear the hum of tractors and we know that on high land some fields have already been sown. That is fortunate as we had really been wondering in how many barns fertilizer had been sitting around and how many bags of treated spring grain was waiting to be sown. Fertilizer doesn't take kindly to a long spell of damp weather and treated grain is no use as feed for chickens if it should happen that it can't be used for seeding. And yet ever since January, by press radio, farmers have been urged to "order fertilizer now... treat your grain early and be ready for the spring seeding rush." What rush—can you tell me?

Now if the word "rush" were used in connection with subdivision construction work we could understand, even though a rush job seems as inadvisable in building as it does on the land. Basements are cranked out. A heavy downpour of rain invariably follows, and next thing we know cement is being poured in. Didn't there used to be an idea that the earth had to "settle" before cement was used? And isn't the term "solid brick house" a little misleading when the walls are only two bricks thick? We just wonder how "solid" a modern solid brick house can be. Many of the older houses, some of them past the century mark, are from four to six bricks thick. Not that I would suggest modern houses should be four bricks thick. At the present level of construction costs that would mean a five-room bungalow would run about \$40,000! And after all people seem to be quite happy with what they are getting—convenient, compact dwelling units. And don't think young couples need to worry too much. Times change so rapidly... people move around, so that a house very rarely becomes a permanent home. Something like the mad-datter's teaparty—if and when the diners wanted a clean plate, they moved on. So it is with houses and homeowners.

Speaking of moving around... isn't it wonderful our Queen and family has arrived home safe and sound? I am sure we are all very much relieved, especially after the threat at Gibraltar.



WHITE PINE LOGS being dumped into sawmill hot ponds at Flame Lake on the Chapleau-Gogama District border in Northern Ontario. An inventory of the Province's forest resources has been completed in 16 and parts of two other administrative districts covering 172,000 square miles and is being extended into southern Ontario.

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It was Mother's Day and Partner and I were just going to sit down to dinner alone—Bob and Joy, we knew, had gone to Niagara and we didn't expect the Toronto folks. Then a car drove in. Out of it came Dee, Arthur, David and two friends, Bill and June—plus part of the baby's buggy, bottles, baby food, diapers, nightie, shawls and blankets. Cigars for Partner, chocolates for me and cooked ham for supper!

After the excitement died down and David had been fussed over and admired then Daughter told Grandpa with great glee—"Look, Dad—David's got something you haven't got!" "All right," said Partner, "so what? He may have a couple of teeth but I've got more hair than he has anyway!" David has also put on a few pounds—twenty pounds at six and a half months... and yet he isn't fat. The poor mite was tired and fretful for awhile—much to his mother's disgust. But, rested and fed, he was soon laughing and cooing again chuckling with delight whenever one of the dogs came near him. They stayed until about eight o'clock, so we saw David in all his moods—good, bad and indifferent. Daughter also informed me that her troop

Prophets of Gloom Scored by Bishop
 "There has never been more interest in religion, more devotion to the Church of Christ, more full time workers for the Church, I doubt if attendances at public worship were ever larger than today," said the Rt. Rev. Walter E. Bagnall, Bishop of Niagara, in his charge to the 80th Session of the Synod of the Diocese meeting at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, which was held May 11 and 12.

A report of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada was given by Rev. S. A. Kirk, of St. George's Church, Guelph. It showed progress in the mission fields in India, Japan, and Canada.

The Diocesan Missionary Society reported that the Diocese of Niagara presented the largest single Diocesan offering in the Jubilee Thanksgiving for fifty years of Missionary Society work. The total was \$30,505.00. Niagara contributed \$6,000.00.

A resolution put by the Synod on record as being against any relaxation in the anti-gambling laws. It was noted that the diocese has

A committee on Industrial Relations which studies the relation of management and organized labour in industry, so that if the need arises they may be of help to both parties.

A committee on the Care of the Aged also reported the great need for facilities, and for the interest of Church people in older persons.

A resolution recommending low rental housing and housing for families with children should be undertaken by all levels of government was passed. The synod urged that all Church people owning rental housing give first priority to families with children.

Most of the report on Religious Education was presented by Rev. F. John Bartlett of Orangeville. Sunday school examinations, Vacation Schools and allied subjects were covered. However, most interest was shown in Boys and Girls work, Youth work, and adult education. Miss Virginia Cracknell is the full-time worker for Girls' work in the Diocese and a great upsurge in girls' work is apparent.

A great deal of discussion centered around adult education when the Rev. Michael Creal, Advisor in Religious Education gave his report. A resolution was passed setting up a committee (a sub-committee) to study the possibility of obtaining a conference and retreat centre within the diocese.

Once again it was urged that the Every Member Visitation and Canvass be used in every parish where at all possible, and that it be made, in time, an annual event in the parish life.

Rev. Norman Green of Milton, chairman, and the Rev. J. E. Maxwell of Norval, brought in the Town and Country Report. A Provincial and Diocese Conference had been held to discuss the question of the Church in rural areas. Both were very successful. The school for Rural Clergy at the O.A.C., Guelph, was recommended, also a special service to be used on Rogation Sunday or sometime in Rogationtide, to emphasize our dependence on God for the food we grow.

The session was closed with Arch-deacon W. G. O. Thompson, of Georgetown, thanking all those responsible for the arrangements for a successful Synod meeting.

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