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**Dairy Farmers Urge Butter Supports**

Stressing the importance of a stable dairy industry, directors of Dairy Farmers of Canada recently impressed upon the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. James G. Gardiner, the necessity for a 58 cent a pound floor price under butter at least until May 1st, 1956. It was the opinion of the Dairy Farmers organization that Canada's ably administered price supports for butter had worked out satisfactorily since they maintained stable prices to all producers and assured consumers of an adequate supply of butter. Butter stocks built up over the last three year period amounted to just over 3 percent of the total production for the period. Butter support under Agricultural Prices Support Act had cost the Canadian taxpayer a fraction of a cent a pound per capita. The Dairy Farmers brief concluded that a support price under butter at a reasonable level would lend a measure of strength to the market for all dairy products.

**Bad-Type**  
"Is your wife a club woman?"  
"No, mine's strictly a dish thrower."

**Good Fellowship, Knowledge Cited Important in Ottawa Trip**

Miss Janice Baker, who last month was chosen from among Acton high school students to take a Rotary club sponsored trip to Ottawa, here tells of her experiences in the country's capital. **MY TRIP TO OTTAWA**  
By Janice Baker  
I left Malton airport Sunday afternoon, May 16, and arrived in Ottawa approximately one and one-half hours later. My first plane trip was a great experience, especially on the way home as we were flying above the skyline. I believe I had reached the very height of sublimity. During my four days in Ottawa, I stayed at the home of Mr. George Murray, one of the Ottawa Rotarians. He and his family treated me very kindly and showed me every consideration. Ottawa is a city outstanding not only because it is the national capital of Canada, but also because of its natural beauty. While I was there, Ottawa was celebrating its annual tulip festival. The abundance and coloring of the tulips along the winding highways was indeed a pretty sight to see. Altogether there were 175 students, each being sent by the Rotary club of his home town. Each day we went to Carleton College

sponsored for us a tour of Ottawa and district. We visited the Dominion Experimental Farms. The grounds are immaculate. Practically every tree that could thrive in Canada is grown there.

**Meals Elaborate**  
As for meals, they were most elaborate. On Monday we had lunch with the Ottawa Rotarians. Often at luncheon or dinner we would hear a special speaker. The Hon. George Drew, Mr. M. J. Coldwell and Mr. Solon Low each addressed us. The Hon. W. E. Harris spoke to us on the topic of citizenship. Mr. McClintic, editor of Leader Post, reviewed for us the past history of Ottawa.

We had no lack of evening entertainment. On Monday night, we were the guests of Fisher Park high school. We enjoyed an auditorium program of many varied numbers presented by the students of Fisher Park. Following that we went to the gym for square dancing and games. On Tuesday night we saw a ball game between Ottawa and Havana. Havana finally won after 12 innings of play. We received free tickets to a show on Wednesday night.

**Trip of Much Value**  
At our final luncheon on Thursday afternoon, one student from each province spoke on a topic related to the visit.

I was even reluctant to leave Ottawa when the time came I had met so many people worth knowing and the bond of citizenship could not be easily broken.

What is written here is but a brief outline of my trip but the essential parts have been mentioned. Not so important are the places I visited as the knowledge I gained and the great good fellowship I had with other students the same as I. Also I came to fully realize the worthwhile work of the Rotary clubs of Canada. It is tremendous and admirable. Efforts of pupils in future years to gain the privilege of being sent to Ottawa by our Rotary club cannot be stressed too much.

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**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**

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

An unusual visitor has been coming to our kitchen window quite persistently for the last few days. It was raining and a cold wind blowing the first time I saw the barely perceptible flutter of tiny wings. I just couldn't believe my eyes for what would entice a hummingbird out in such awful weather? Time and time again it came back to the window. Had it been possible I would have let it in as I thought perhaps it was looking for shelter. But what would I have done with a hummingbird in the house? So I worked on another idea. I mixed up some brown sugar and water in a little flat dish and put it on the outside of the kitchen window-sill. Whether this most fascinating of little birds has partaken of my homemade nectar I don't know but at least it still flutters around the window several times a day. At the back of the house we have a chestnut tree in bloom so probably that is what attracted our little bird.

Some birds have black marks against their characters for such things as eating small fruits, grass and garden weeds. The little hummer is one bird that does only good. As we all know it loves to suck nectar from sweet-scented flowers but it also likes to feed on small gnats, underexposed bees and wasps and other insects that hover in and around the flower beds that bigger birds might not bother with at all.

You know, some people say you can't hope to have birds around the house if you keep cats. I have said before and I say again—that just isn't so. At least, not on a farm. You couldn't have better hunters than our Mitchie-White and Black Joe. They spend half their time in the fields watching

for mice and young rabbits, and in winter time they hunt mice and pigeons in the barn—rats, too, if there are any—but they never bother the birds in the garden, not even the starlings and robins. The other day Mitchie was sitting on the front step; from the other side of the door I watched to see what he would do as I knew there were fledglings in and around the shrubbery trying their wings. Inside of ten minutes I saw several little canaries, two wee chickadees, a perky little wren, one robin—and of course a scattering of sparrows and starlings, all hopping and scratching around on the grass, but Mitchie never even bothered to look at them. Presently he jumped off the step, stalked across the backyard and on towards the hayfield.

On dear I'm slipping! Mr. X has been at it again and I forgot to mention it. Yes, another mysterious parcel containing two pretty little fruit juice glasses decorated with a band of gold in a grape design. One glass had "Dee" etched on it, the other "Art" and tobacco was stuffed inside the glasses as protective packing material! I unpacked this latest anonymous gift, put the glasses away but I didn't get a chance to do much with the tobacco—not with Partner around!

Yesterday our Toronto family was here, the glasses were brought out, admired, with plenty of conjecturing as to the who, why and where of their origin, then they finished their journey to Toronto packed away among David's baby paraphernalia.

Our David is certainly growing... seven and a half months 22½ pounds, two teeth, makes no attempt at either crawling or ereping but loves to be held up so he can feel his feet. We took him visiting in the neighbourhood. As we came away Mrs. M. thanked Daughter for bringing the baby to see them. To which Dee replied—"You don't need to thank me—showing him off was Grandma's idea!"

We had another experience last week that wasn't such a happy event. They say there has to be a first time for everything and this was one of those occasions. Partner was going to a meeting at a nearby village while I did a little visiting. The location of the hall where the meeting was to be held was between two steep hills right in the centre of the valley. Going down towards the valley my brakes ceased to function. I put the car into second, shut off the ignition and went the rest of the way hopping for the best and knowing the steep climb on the other side would stop the car anyway. Which it did, so we are still alive to tell the tale.

Investigating at a garage revealed the fact that the master cylinder was leaking and all the fluid had drained out of the brakes. Ever since I have been driving sudden brake failure has been one thing I have always been afraid might happen as one hears of it often. Now it has happened and I certainly hope it doesn't occur again. The helpless feeling it gives you isn't a happy experience.



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