

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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I am quite sure most of the farmers in almost every district across Ontario are feeling very cheerful today. How could they be otherwise after the grand rain we had last Saturday, which, from all accounts was not just a local rain. Even within 24 hours every kind of vegetation seemed to grow a couple of inches. It will make a wonderful difference to the pastures—and the gardens, and the strawberries. Strawberries... are you not hungry just for a taste of good, homegrown Ontario strawberries? Imagine being allergic to strawberries as some people are... mustn't it be awful? What queer creatures we are—some of us can't stand this or that while it makes no difference at all to our neighbor across the road. Take poison ivy for instance—few people are immune to its effects and yet none of our family has ever been allergic to it. Which is fortunate because I walked right through a patch of it the other day.

But just let me meet up with a bee, a wasp or a mosquito and it is a different story. That is particularly annoying to me because I love to tramp through the woods but if I do, even though I smother myself with citronella, I certainly pay for my pleasure. Why inclination and result should be so diametrically opposed, I'll never know.

Our little hummingbird stayed with us most of last week but now it has gone—probably because the chestnut blossom is withered and brown. But the lovely little canaries, the chickadees and wrens are with us yet. Also a few flies—but not too many, so far. I keep a fly-bomb handy and that discourages them quite a bit the way I use it.

No doubt most of you have discovered that flies no longer succumb to the effect of DDT. But I have found a way of getting around that little problem. If, for instance, flies become troublesome in the kitchen it is a good idea to close the doors and go to work with the fly-bomb. Just a light spraying—not enough to kill the flies but sufficient to make them stupid. Then before they have recovered from the temporary effects of the DDT you can go fly-hunting with a blue net over your head. This method is considerably cheaper than spraying to kill and it also does away with the nauseating necessity of living in a fly poison atmosphere for an undecidable length of time. For outside use there is that foul smelling glass jar fly-trap that really does a job. If any contraption ever lived up to its name, that one does.

And while we are on the subject of hot weather devices, have you ever discovered the many uses to which insulating material can be used, especially for families lacking a refrigerator or ice box. I mean that kind of insulating material that comes in batts. If you have any odd pieces around the house don't throw it away. If you haven't any it might pay you to buy some. Here is what you do.

Get an empty carton—the kind the grocer uses to pack up your weekly order. Line it with several layers of newspaper. Now take pieces for your insulating batt, lay them flat inside brown paper bags. You will need six or more of these pads, one for each side of the box, and one or two for the top and bottom—the more you use the better the job. Now you have a home made refrigerator in which you can put your butter, preferably on a brick, quart of milk, ice cream bricks, or anything else that needs to be kept cold—and that has been PREVIOUSLY chilled, otherwise it is useless.

While you are at it you might as well make two of these contraptions—a smaller one to take to town to take care of that ice cream brick you intend bringing home for supper and a larger one for permanent use at home, or for taking on a picnic, as the insulation is just as good for keeping things hot as for keeping them cold. No need to have luke-warm tea or half melted ice cream at your picnic if you have a couple of these insulated containers along with you. But don't forget, insulating batts are dirty things to handle. If you care to take the time it would be far better to do a good job while you are at it and use old pieces of cotton to cover the batting. That way your pads will last indefinitely.

So now we have the family looked after, how about the dogs? Short haired dogs are easily looked after by ordinary grooming. But a long haired dog... surely nothing could please him better than to have some of his fur coat clipped away. Honey, our little cocker spaniel is of the breed that has lots of feathers around his feet and legs—which is exactly right for a show dog. But we consider comfort before looks for Honey as yesterday I went to work with the scissors and gave her a real brush cut appearance. I am sure she is much happier as a result. Tippy has to be satisfied with grooming, which is about all she needs anyway—except for her bushy tail.

Favorite June Walk Is Down the Church Aisle

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Presentations, Tea, Showers For Bride

A trousseau tea was held at the home of bride-to-be Miss Shirley Paul on Monday, May 31. Miss Paul, who was married on June 5 to Donald Leonard White, received the guests with her mother, Mrs. G. Paul and the groom's sister, Mrs. E. Stigger of Georgetown.

The bride-elect wore a dress of grey striped taffeta; Mrs. Paul wore a navy blue redingote over printed crepe.

Miss Sheila Paul was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Mickey Holmes showed the linens; Miss Carol Tyler showed the trousseau and wedding gifts, while Miss Joanne Alexander showed shower gifts.

Pouring tea were Mrs. Wilfred Mino, Georgetown and Mrs. L. H. Fountain, Fergus. Mrs. G. Barr, Fergus, assisted in looking after the guests.

Miss Paul was entertained at several showers and presentations prior to her marriage.

A miscellaneous shower was given in Georgetown by the groom's sisters, Mrs. Edward Stigger and Mrs. Fred Johnson. The group gathered at Mrs. Stigger's home.

A pantry shelf shower was held in Acton at the home of Mrs. D. C. Price.

Miss Maureen Kinross and Miss Carol Tyler were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower held at Miss Tyler's home.

The staff of J. B. McKenzie and Son presented the bride-to-be, who was employed there, with a tray.

A trilliant lamp was presented to the groom in Georgetown by fellow employees at Smith and Stone Ltd.

Trip to Muskoka Follows Marriage

Chalmers United church, Guelph, was decorated with lighted tapers, white snapdragons, daisy chrysanthemums and evergreen when the Rev. D. G. Paton officiated at the recent marriage of Miss Audrey Jean Soper and Alvin Alexander Blacklock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Melvin Soper, Guelph, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Blacklock of Rockwood.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white brocade satin fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and a standing collar and long lily point sleeves. The floor length skirt was styled with a train and her fingertip veil was caught to a pearl tiara. She carried a cascade of red sweetheart roses.

Mrs. William Bard was the matron of honor wearing a strapless gown of pale green nylon net over taffeta topped by a matching bolero and mittens. She wore a flower tiara and carried a Colonial bouquet of yellow roses.

Russell Blacklock, brother of the groom, was the best man. George Soper, Guelph, brother of the bride and Frederick Rinehart, R. I. Campbellville, were the ushers.

Miss Betty Ashbridge presided at the console of the organ and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. D. A. Barnum, as she sang "Wedding Prayer" before the ceremony and "Through the Years" during the signing of the register.

A reception for 50 guests was held in the church in the evening where the room was suitably arranged with baskets of spring flowers. The bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake flanked on either side by lighted tapers and bouquets of lily-of-the-valley and forget-me-nots.

Mrs. Soper received the guests wearing a dress of grey Ripolide crepe with navy accessories and a corsage of red roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother who wore a mauve figured crepe dress with a matching hat and a yellow rose corsage.

For a honeymoon trip to the Muskoka district and Peterborough, the bride donned a navy taffeta two-piece dress with white and navy accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Blacklock plan to reside in Hamilton.

Out-of-town guests attended from Leduc, Alberta, Campbellville, Fergus, Hamilton, Toronto, Rockwood, Eden Mills and Clarkson.

Mr., Mrs. M. Miller To Live In Indiana

Joan Patricia Colling and Murray Henry Miller, daughter and son respectively of Mr. and Mrs. George Colling, Campbellville, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Stouffville, were married on Saturday, June 5 in Lowville, United church. The double ring ceremony, taking place in a setting of spring flowers, was conducted by the Rev. E. G. McDolls of Thorold, assisted by C. F. Waite of Lowville.

James Whitcher, Toronto, was soloist, and Mrs. Jack Davey provided the wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white embroidered nylon over satin, with full tiered floor length skirt. Her fingertip veil of illusion net was held in place by a tiara of lace and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Miss Shirley Colling, attending her sister as maid of honor, wore an ankle length gown of turquoise crystalite, princess styled with empire waistline. Her flowers were pink roses and mums.

Mrs. David Finley was bridesmaid, wearing a similar dress of pink with roses and turquoise mums. Miss Fairlie Hadfield, in pale pink crystalite, was flower girl. She carried a small basket of flowers.

The best man was Bruce Stone of Guelph and the ushers were the bride's cousins, Tom Foster and Garfield Colling and Don Miller, brother of the groom.

At the reception at the home of the bride's parents, 100 guests were received by the bride's mother, wearing rose with navy accessories and white corsage. She was assisted by the groom's mother wearing blue with white accessories and pink corsage.

For her going away costume, the bride chose a beige suit with bronze colored accessories and white corsage.

After a honeymoon in Muskoka the couple will make their home in West Lafayette, Indiana, until the groom completes his post-graduate work at Purdue University.

Marshall-Munroe Nuptials In City

Jane Marie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Munroe, Little Dover, Nova Scotia, became the bride of Corporal William Roy Marshall, the son of Mr. Earl Marshall and the late Mrs. Marshall of Acton in an afternoon ceremony in St. John's chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. Rev. T. Cullen officiated and the choir boys of the church sang.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Fred Ryan, the bride wore a gown of brocade white satin with a full length skirt which extended into a train. Her fingertip veil was caught to a Juliet cap edged with seed pearls. She carried a cascade of red roses.

Her only attendant, her sister, Mrs. Fred Ryan, wore a full length gown of rose iridescent taffeta and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and blue cornflowers.

Charles (Mick) Holmes of Acton was groomsmen. Usher was Lawrence O'Brien.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Fantasy Farms, after which the couple left for a short motor trip to the United States and several Ontario centres.

Guests from Acton, Hamilton, London and Georgetown were among those who attended the wedding.

White-Paul Vows Said in St. Alban's

Bouquets of white snapdragons were placed on the altar and baskets of snapdragons on the chancel steps of St. Alban's Anglican church, Acton, for the marriage of Shirley Marie Paul and Donald Leonard White on Saturday, June 5. Rev. Ralph Price officiated at the mid-afternoon wedding. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Paul of Acton and the groom, a resident of Georgetown, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard White of Milton.

The bride, wearing a traditional full length gown of white, was given in marriage by her father. The gown was of Chantilly lace over satin with a front panel of pleated nylon. The full skirt extended into a chapel train. A coronet of seed pearls and lace held her fingertip veil. On a white prayer book, she carried a mauve orchid with streamers.

The maid of honor, the bride's only sister, Miss Sheila Paul, wore a strapless gown of blue net over taffeta with a bolero jacket of old-fashioned nosegay of pink rosebuds and her headdress was a wreath of matching flowers.

The senior bridesmaids were Miss Carol Tyler of Acton and Miss Joanne Alexander of Listowel. Miss Tyler wore mauve net over taffeta with a matching stole and floral headdress. Miss Alexander wore a gown of green lace and net with a bolero jacket and matching headdress. Both carried nosegays of yellow rosebuds.

The two junior bridesmaids were nieces of the groom, Miss Betty Sue Johnson and Miss Gail Stigger of Georgetown. They wore floor length gowns of rose and yellow respectively with matching Dutch caps. Their nosegays were also of yellow rosebuds.

Groomsmen were George Hoare Jr. of Georgetown; ushering were Elmer Hill of Georgetown and Charles (Mick) Holmes of Acton.

Miss Bessie Jobb of Listowel presided at the organ during the ceremony. The aunt of the bride, Mrs. William Beard of Peterborough, sang the Lord's Prayer before the ceremony and O Perfect Love during the signing of the register.

St. Alban's Parish Hall was the setting for the wedding reception, when about 75 guests from Harrison, Listowel, London, Georgetown, Barrie, Peterborough and Acton were received by the mother of the bride and the groom's sister, Mrs. Paul chose for the occasion a dress of navy crepe with white accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses.

Mrs. Fred Johnson of Georgetown wore printed nylon taffeta with white accessories and a corsage of crimson roses.

Bouquets of pink and white carnations were placed on the head table, which was centred with the four-tiered wedding cake. Topping the cake were decorations from the bride's parents' wedding cake.

The couple left on a trip to Montreal and points east. For travelling the bride wore a pink tweed suit with navy accessories and a mauve orchid. They will make their home in Georgetown.

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Georgetown Church Wedding Setting

Given in marriage by her father, Audrey Marie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harold Mitchell, Limehouse, became the bride James Hamilton Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne A. Stone, Toronto. Rev. A. J. Calder officiated in Knox Presbyterian church, Georgetown.

The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace and tulle over taffeta, featuring a scalloped neckline trimmed with sequins and seed pearl embroidery. The full skirt ended in a chapel train. Her fingertip illusion veil was caught to a matching headdress of appliqued lace and she carried a bouquet of white flowers.

The maid of honor was Ruby Mitchell, sister of the bride and the bridesmaids were Anne Luke and Joanne Hamilton, Ramore. They wore net and lace over taffeta with matching jackets and headdresses and carried gardenias, stephanotis and ivy.

The groomsmen were William Stone, brother of the groom and the ushers were John Michie, Milton and Alec Sutherland, Toronto.

Receiving the bride's mother wore a tan and white taffeta dress with a corsage of brown spray orchids. The groom's mother assisted in a pink Italian shantung dress with a corsage of pink spray orchids.

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