

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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I wondered when we, in this corner of the globe, would start hearing about storms on the surface of the sun. Quite a while ago I read in an English magazine that our little planet was likely to experience a series of atmospheric disturbances because of these solar storms. Well, judging by last week's weather the series seems to have started all right — and we don't care how soon they quit.

Actually, the weather is fine just now. I have just come in after roaming around outside and the air was lovely, crisp and cold and birds were singing as if they were confident the storms were over and good weather on the way.

While she was with us our television got a rest — except for Press Conference and the late newscast which she seemed to enjoy. As for ourselves, we are still exploring the television field, finding much that is good and some that is bad. Like the little girl with the curl — when it's good it's very, very good, but when it's bad, it's horrid. And I do mean horrid. We thought the "Automobile" panel discussion with Dr. Fromm was splendid. There was certainly plenty for the mind in that discussion. "Country Calendar" has to be carried always — remembering that one man's meat is another man's poison, and that it is entirely up to ourselves whether or not we watch any particular program.

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THE next excitement was caused by Rusty, who ran into the house bringing with him an odor of skunk. Fortunately it wasn't very strong so that with fresh air and by rolling around in the snow, Rusty got rid of the smell. While all this activity was going on around with our various animals we had a visitor from Toronto for a couple of days — a visitor who lives in a well appointed apartment where cats and dogs are unknown. We managed to protect her from contamination.

Extra Girl Puts Oakville Police Above Efficient

Commenting on Police Chief Len Brown's annual report, Councilor Fred Tilley stated at last week's Oakville council meeting the department was operating at better than 100 per cent efficiency as he noted there had been 34 children reported lost and 35 found during 1955.

The reason for the discrepancy in the numbers was explained by Corporal Peter Devenish. Tuesday it seems he escorted a group of Oakville children on a tour of the Canadian National Exhibition last year. Returning to Oakville at the end of the day, he was amazed when he counted an extra child alighting from the bus.

Singling out the added youngster, the Corporal asked, "Where did you come from?" To which the child replied, "Oshawa." "How did you come to be on our bus?" queried the officer. "Oh, I've been with you all afternoon," was the reply.

The youngster was taken by Oakville police and returned to Toronto where she was turned over to Exhibition police. It is understood the little traveller arrived at her Oshawa home safely.

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Duke of Devonshire Chapter Here Reviews Year In Annual Report

The 39th annual report of the Acton Duke of Devonshire chapter, R.O.D.E., was recently submitted by the recording secretary, Mildred I. Long. The text of the report is reprinted here in full.

Just recently this year we were saddened by the passing of one of our most devoted and faithful members, Mrs. Peter Smith. She will be greatly missed.

To endeavor to make our new Canadians conscious and proud of their new citizenship, we are, in future, to present them with a citizenship oath. This year the chapter entertained the Basic English Class with lunch following its last session in the spring.

During the year, a representative from the chapter attended meetings in town of the new Parks Committee.

The chapter sponsored a Tag Day for the Blind with the senior girl pupils of the Public School doing the tagging.

Our assistant Standard Bearer, Mrs. Agar, was honored to carry the standard at the provincial annual meeting this year. The chapter had one delegate. The standard was also carried at the services and parade commemorating Armistice Day, November 11. It was also a part of the memorial service on Decoration Day in June. The chapter made a financial contribution to that memorial.

The chapter was pleased to assist two local families, one with general assistance, the other in school transportation because of injury.

Our convener of empire and world affairs, Mrs. Mowat, gave very interesting and informative talks during the year on the ratification of the Paris pact, apartheid in Africa, riots in Cyprus and the loss of freedom of Canadian citizens by not using their privileges. Mrs. Kenneth Knox informed us of current events in June and gave an interesting, thought-provoking paper on Palestine at Christmas.

To our national work, donations were made to Commonwealth Relations Fund, Wilhelmina Gordon Fund, Korean projects, Shipping Fund, the Peace Garden, the National Employees' Pension Fund and Seamen's Amenities.

Donations were made to the provincial workroom, the provincial special representative fund, caretakers' pension fund, the St. John's Ambulance Society and the Children's Aid Society Christmas fund.

Our educational work took the form of financial aid to Halton Music Festival, books to each class in the public school for Empire Day essays, an annual scholarship to the student, boy and girl, showing greatest progress in grade 8, an annual scholarship to the student receiving highest marks in grade 13, Acton, a donation to the Lucy Morrison fund, provincial film fund and national film fund.

Through the generosity of the Globe and Mail, we saw the film, Welcome the Queen. We were quite interestingly informed of

Kinsmen Bulb-Selling Campaign Is Success

The Kinsmen Club of Burlington has concluded a highly successful light bulb campaign. Winding up a two week door to door canvass of Burlington and district, the club's committee reported a net profit exceeding \$1,500 will be available to "Light up the future" for retarded children in this area.

"Results exceeded expectations," said chairman Bill Plumb. Nearly 2,000 bags of light bulbs were sold during the two weeks, representing a total of 17,000 bulbs.

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