Chronicles

Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Actor

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came into dinner one day last

"Oh, and what's the matter now? I was prepared for anything - a sick cow, as dead calf, contrary hens, bridge washed away or a

flooded stable). So I was quite surprised at the answer I got. "I'm worried," repeated Partner, "be-

cause I haven't heard the frogs yet and I can't remember a spring

"You're right. Come to think of it. I haven't heard them either---

not here anyway." So now we are wondering . . . is the absence of frogs peculiar to this district, or is it the same elsewhere? If so, what is the reason? Yes, I know it has been cold but we have had other cold springs and on sunny days we

Could it be the songsters of the swamp have succumbed to some kind of disease? I hope not.

Wouldn't it be strange on warm, summer evenings not to hear the

frogs? Perhaps they just got tired of waiting for the spring and decid-

Come to think of it, that isn't

such a bad idea. Wouldn't it be nice to sleep through the bad wea-

ther and wake up some morning to

find spring definitely here? But

since that isn't possible, we just

have to do the best we have with

what we've got. Like the sparrows. Did you know the sparrows recently held a council and decided

they couldn't wait until the shrubs.

were in leaf-they were going to

raise a family anyway. So now

they are building nests among the

bare branches and that is some-

Flowering bulbs have also dec-

ided to defy the weather and are

ure and I was quite sure they

would gobble up the green shoots

But they evidently didn't as there

are shoots coming up in exactly the

the calves will have daffodils and

narcissi to feed on. I was really

I am sure I spoke of it in this

column last year . . . about finding

a basket of forgotten bulbs in the

woodshed, matted and grown to-

gether just as if they were in the

ground. And I separated and plant-

ed them. And now here they are,

having survived pasturing calves

Speaking again of the unseason-

able weather, it just occurred to me

if we can't get on with the spring

work, we might as well prepare for

the fall. And I mean that quite

seriously. Yes, indeed, because do

you know, the advance fall fair

prize lists are already out includ-

ing that of the Canadian National

Now is the time to look them

During the months to come, there

will be many hours that could be

put to good advantage--by those

who have time to spare, and for

convalescents. Hours when it will

be too hot, or too strenuous an un-

dertaking, to do gardening or bak-

ing, but just right for working on

embroidered pillow cases or knit-

fair depends on the exhibitors.

country fair and passed the re-

mark, "Well, there wasn't much to

look at in the Hall this year!" So .

a dearth of exhibits in the hall. who is to blame? There are surely

classes enough to sult everyone-

for knitting, embroidery, sewing.

baking, rugs, quilts and all kinds of

It has been said that we all have

some special talent, that everyone

is good at doing something. So the person who can bake an extra

special cake, or has the artistic ability to do fine specimens or shell

work or is skilled in any other way, definitely thas something to contribute to her local fall fair-

Perhaps you will win a prize-

perhaps you won't-but in any case

you will have done your part and contributed something towards the success of the fair. It takes time.

hibit anything at all, what would

happen to our fall fairs? . If we

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for your own local fall fair and

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look at in the hall this year"

and possibly to the C.N.E.

whose fault was it? If there is

After all, the success of any fall

ting a baby set.

arts and crafts.

and the cold spring.

and root out my bulbs.

thing I haven't seen before.

without them."

could hear the frogs.

"I'm worried," said Partner as he

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Mrs. C. Kirkness

Knox church Heather club was of the recent Halton Civil Defence held at the home of Meryl Kirk- training course began in Milton ness, with the president, Audrey and Nelson village on Thursday Grischow, in the chair. The meet- evening. Conducted by, the St. reading by Dorothy Calder.

ducted by the president, following weeks which a social time was enjoyed. to be held at the home of Bea. Ben-

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PICTURESQUE CAMPBELLVILLE was the subject of a feature story in in this photo which made up part of the feature, the village, though recent evening's edition of the Toronto Telegram, and, as shown small, could some day be the scene of bustling industry.

by J. Rogers, assisted by Harvey

Swift, of the Norman Slater (Ham-

ilton) Division of the St. John's.

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division, the men were split into

two groups and an equally large

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tended the lectures in Nelson.

ed to try a period of hibernation.

45 Register to Take Volunteers Create Wooded Park Is Meeting Hostess CD First Aid Course At Hornby; Hold "Bee" Saturday

The little village of Hornby, some CAMPBELLVILLE five miles east of Milton, is soon to will encompass 12 acres of wooded, Armories to hear the first lecture

Residents have banded together to form volunteer groups of workers to prepare the land for the project. Work has been going on for the past few weeks now, with 20 men working one Saturday, and 34 men and boys last Saturday.

number of men and leaders at The course consists of five lectures, one night of review and the examination night. Those taking the course are only those who completed the civil defence 10-week training period in Milton just rec-At Thursday night's lectures,

outlined the course in a brief in-Of course, just a start has been troduction and started right in on gained on the park at this time. the first lecture, using two charts There are many things to be done of the human body-one a skeleton before the project is finished. More nicknamed "Oscar", the other his volunteer workers with tools like fleshy counterpart, who as yet has axes, saws and shovels are needed.

ity of the work finished before seeding time arrives. To date, a number of trees along the creekbank have been felled. trimmed and burned. Tractors, bulldozers, chain saws, and common,

ordinary hand labor, as well as fine community spirit, have been responsible for the work so far done.

The property upon which the park

Katherine were hostesses to the through the soil. That I was glad Women's Missionary Society on to see because last spring I planted Thursday afternoon. The presid- a number of bulbs among the trees ent, Miss Simpson, opened the bordering a nearby field. And then meeting with the call to worship. Partner let the calves out to past-The devotions were in charge of Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Halstead. Mrs. R. Elliiot read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. E. D. Mahon gave the financial report. Mrs. A. Moore reported 11 members right places. So maybe this year

Mrs. Menzies reported three letters for Welcome and Welfare, also anxious about those bulbs as they three cheer letters sent, and ex- were more or less of an experimtended appreciation received from ent. Fall bulbs planted in the which will eventually be set up to some of these friends. Mrs. A. spring! govern the park will have three re- Moore reported on the Easter presentatives from each township meeting of the Girls' Group at which Miss Geraldine Greer, missionary in Formosa, was speaker. Although the weather was not favorable, there was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed Miss Greer's message.

> Five ladies attended a meeting in Acton last week where Mrs. Ziedman of the Scott Mission was the guest speaker. Mrs. Greenlees gave a report of Mrs. Ziedman's address, which was a brief summary of the work of the Mission from its beginning. A short business period followed and suggestions were made about the 70th anniversary of this W.M.S. to be held this Exhibition.

Mrs. Crawford took charge of the over and decide on the various topic, The Christian Mission in a classes in which we can compete. Revolutionary World. Assisting were Miss J. McPhail, who spoke on conditions in the world. Mrs. W. Van Sickle spoke on British Guiana and Mrs. Elsley on Formosa. Mrs. Crawford asked the opinion of the members present to the question of women being ordained as ministers of the church. The topic was quite interesting.

The offering was received and dedicated. 19 ladies answered the roll call with the word, Rejoice. Haven't you sometimes attended a The meeting was closed with prayer by the president. A pleasant half hour was spent during the lunch period.

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and a very special effort to fix up W. H. DENNY a piece of work for the fair. But if we all followed the line of least resistance and didn't bother to ex-**State Farm Agent** don't do our part, what right have FIRST for all THREE! we to say. "There wasn't much to **AUTO** the Women's Division of the CNE. The rest is up to you and me.

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## ing opened with a prayer by Renee John's Ambulance Corps, the have one of the most picturesque Christian Mission Watson, followed by a scripture course is similar to that taken at parks in Halton County. Located on the recent Milton night school and the Base Line at the Sixth Line on A short business session was con- is expected to be finished in seven Trafalgar township side, the park In World is Topic Mrs. A. McPhedran and Miss bravely forcing their growth Thursday evening, 45 civil de- partly-rolling land with a small The May meeting of the club is fence men gathered in the Milton creek running along one side of it.

There is no rivalry between the Trafalgar and Esquesing township for the Home Helpers. residents over the park, either. The volunteers have come willingly from both sides of the fence to join in the community project, and a board

following registration, Mr. Rogers

Work will continue this Saturday, and the farmers among the volunteers are hoping to have the major-

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