

### Chronicles of Ginger Farm

(Intended for last week)

At long last the countryside is looking very green and very beautiful. And there is blossom everywhere—cherries and apricots, flowering almond and japonica, all in full bloom. This in spite of several anxious nights when frost threatened to blacken flowers, fruit blossoms and vegetables. From present indications lilacs and lilies of the valley should soon be out in bloom, shedding their fragrance into the air. About a month late, of course, but better late than never, don't you think?

And now that we can get around in the garden without rubber boots, isn't it fun finding out what plants have survived the winter? I was delighted to find pansies in bloom and ever so many seedlings of the Siberian wallflower, one of my readers gave me last year. Also new shoots of iris and a few perennials. All my geraniums are now outside—but still in their pots—it has been far too wet to set them out in the garden. But, dear, I was really afraid I was going to lose them all!

It was that very hot day that I carried all the plants out to the garden. And what happened? You remember, don't you—the temperature suddenly dropped—and we had frost for two nights—I took a chance and did not cover the geraniums. Next morning I was almost afraid to look at them. Finally I plucked up courage—and they were all right! But, dear, I had plants all winter, wouldn't it have been awful to lose them in June?

Another thing we did on that first hot day last week was take the furnace pipes down and clean them. At least Partner did. I also thought summer had come and put my coat in storage. Two days later... well, I didn't get my coat home but we were only too glad to have the furnace going again. Parper says we shall soon have to make plans each year for getting in our "summer" coal supply. Was there ever such a chilly first week in June? However, it is nice weather for housecleaning.

Among other things I managed to get all our windows cleaned last week—at least on the inside. Until then we were looking at the world "through a glass darkly." The outside I couldn't clean as most of the windows still have the storm on. Guess we hadn't better take them off yet. Just as well not to get too rash all at once. Maybe I was even a little premature in getting an oil change in the car the other day.

Incidentally, while the little job was being done, the garage lent me a car to come home with. When I got into it I wondered if it would fall apart before I got home. Then I noticed it carried a "safety check" sticker and that the motor seemed to be running well. I felt reassured—which confirms an opinion expressed by someone a few days ago that safety stickers may build up a false sense of security.

Anyway, at the red traffic light, the car stalled and I couldn't start it. I fussed around with the ignition, turning it on and off, but nothing happened. A truck driver came to my assistance, pressed the button, and away she went. I had forgotten that some cars have push button starters! Even my little Morris was automatic. I'll be more observant next time I drive a strange car—which isn't likely to be often because under ordinary circumstances I refuse to drive any car other than my own.

Well, I imagine the first few days of June, 1956, will be remembered for other things besides the cool weather. There was at least one hot spot—the House of Commons at Ottawa. If and when the gas gets moving, one can imagine it might be almost hot enough to warp the pipes. It is to be hoped there are not too many heart attacks before the affair is settled.

Such terrific projects as there are taking place from time to time. I wonder how many people saw "The St. Lawrence Seaway Story"—an television? It gave a very clear picture of what is happening, but yet, the overall picture is so immense and with such far-reaching results, that it staggers the imagination.

What a marvellous age we are living in! Don't you hate to miss one single detail of all the developments that are in progress, many of which are beyond our understanding? We know some folk like to be a big fish in a little puddle but I think it is far more exciting to be a little fish in a great, big puddle.

There are exceptions, of course. For instance, here comes an extra big fish... our new grandson is just arriving for his first visit to Ginger Farm. He doesn't know it but at the moment he is a very, very big fish. And the rest of us splash around very happily in the little puddle which we have created around him. Well, there you are, that contradicts my previous statement, of course—but then, life is full of paradoxes, isn't it? Including the weather. For instance, "What is so rare as a day in June?" I wouldn't know, for it's raining again.

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### No Farm News

Due to the illness of the agricultural representative, J. E. Whitehead, the popular Farm News column which generally appears on this page will not be published this week.

### Residents Hear Sunday Sermons

Sunday afternoon, June 3 and June 10, inspiring church services were held in the chapel of the Manor.  
On Sunday, June 3, Rev. D. A. Powell, rector of Grace Anglican church, Milton, came to conduct the service. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ray Waters, whose faithfulness in coming to the Manor to play the accompaniments for the hymns is greatly appreciated.

After reading the scripture lesson, Mr. Powell preached an eloquent sermon on the story of Christ's meeting with Nicodemus. Mr. Powell explained that although many sinners came to Jesus for help, Nicodemus could not be included in this group, for he was a good man and a Master of Israel. He came to Jesus because he recognized Him as a great leader. He was heart-hungry for religious consolation for although he knew the "what" of religion, he did not know the "how." Christ told him that he must be born again and the same thing applies to us in our own day. A person is "born again" when he becomes conscious that God must be the centre of his life. In this way we become followers of Christ just as Nicodemus became a follower of Christ centuries ago.

Service Last Sunday  
On Sunday, June 10, the church service was conducted by Rev. E. Orsborn, minister of Knox Presbyterian church, Milton. Mr. Orsborn brought with him Mrs. Stewart Lockie, who is a fine vocalist as well as an accomplished pianist.

Mr. Orsborn preached a very fine sermon on the 118th Psalm of Mercy. Mr. Orsborn pointed out that the message contained in this Psalm is as true for our own lives and in our own day and age as it was in the Psalmist's own time. The Psalmist begins his description of God's mercies with the very significant words "Who forgiveth thine iniquities." Following this, he thanks God for the material things of life such as food and drink. Going further, the Psalmist speaks of God's pity for His children and describes His mercy as everlasting.

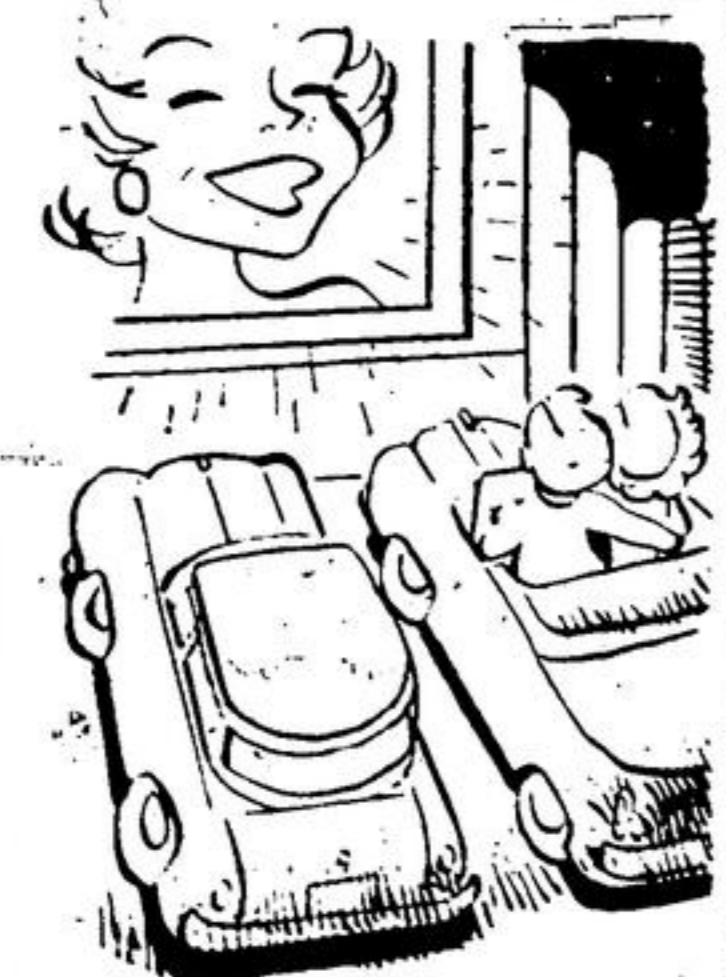
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Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were guests at the Taylor-Lawton wedding in Woodbine United church, and the reception afterwards in Wait's Restaurant, the Golden Mile, a week ago.

David Roughley celebrated his 12th birthday with a theatre party on Saturday.  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald, fourth line, who are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born in Guelph on Thursday. They have a little daughter, Sharon, as well.

Teddy Brown celebrated his fifth birthday on Monday.  
Communion services will be held in Lincroft Presbyterian church on June 17.  
A Thornton motored to Teeswater during the week-end, in company with the Wallace Gordons, to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thornton.

With the Patterson's recently were Lawrence Sinclair, Geraldton; Mrs. C. Lillie, Miss Lorna Sinclair and Mr. Allan Graham, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Patterson and family, Rockwood; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair, Donna and Carol, of Welland; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, R.R. 1, Glen Williams.

Dorothy Kirkpatrick spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Calvin McDonald near Durham. Since going to their new home at Elmwood, near Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McDonald, recent newly-weds, were guests at a presentation from neighbors, when they were given a chesterfield and chair.

NEW PARISH  
JONQUIERE, Que. (CP)—A new Roman Catholic parish will be founded in this newspaper centre in the Lake St. John district. Bishop Georges Melancon of Chicoutimi said the parish will be named for St. Raphael.

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### Reports, Catering, Events are Discussed By St. Alban's Guild

The June meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the Parish Hall with 30 members present. The meeting opened with a hymn. The members repeated the Guild prayer and a portion of scripture was read by Lil Cook. The secretary's report was given by A. Taylor and the treasurer's report by Mary Townsend.

A letter from the Bishop was read by Doris Taylor. It was decided to hold Corporate Communion on June 17, with the members meeting in the Parish Hall at 10.45. Arrangements for two weddings in July were made with Grace Nelles as convener. Grace Nelles gave a report on the flowers used for the altar.

Arrangements for the Sunday school picnic were made. It was decided to hold a strawberry social and have a Smorgasbord.  
The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and lunch was served by the committee in charge.

### Saint John Drive To Promote Milk

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—This city is the focal point of an experiment sponsored by milk producers and distributors and New Brunswick's agriculture department to promote the sale and consumption of fluid milk.  
O. J. W. Shugg of Toronto, public relations officer of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, said the sea-port city was chosen for the experimental milk festival after the annual meeting of the group.  
It is the first time any Canadian city has interested itself in promoting use of milk and the festival is the first endeavor given the blessing of distributors, producers and a provincial government.

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### Many School Friends Honor Joyce Lambert

An enjoyable time was spent at the home of Mrs. O. Lamb Saturday when Miss Chris Lamb was hostess to a number of school chums and other friends at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Joyce Lambert.

After Miss Lamb pinned a corsage on the guest of honor, she opened her gifts, assisted by her sister, Betty-May.  
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