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## Another Springtime Pest

It seems that the Railway Association of Canada is making its annual enquiry of municipal councils regarding the duration of daylight saving time. According to this association the majority of the communities in Ontario and Quebec are in favor of extending the period of daylight saving. The proposal now is October 27 instead of the present September date.

We don't know who appoints the Railway Association of Canada or who they represent. About the only time we hear of them is in reference to daylight saving time. If they are associated with the railways they have a job to do in convincing those organizations to co-operate and schedule trains with the present hours generally accepted for daylight saving. The biggest confusion right now in daylight saving time is the refusal of the railways to make their schedule conform and to continue to operate on standard time from late April to the last of September.

Until this is done municipalities might well tell the Railway Association to mind its own business. We've been over the arguments for and against daylight saving so many times that repetition is senseless. The April to September hours are now fairly well established. Let's leave them alone and abolish the Railway Association of Canada.

Please don't write to this editor asking who this association is. We don't know but we are again them anyway and again this new proposal for extension of time, too. There are so many things of greater importance these days and already so much confusion from Egypt and elsewhere.

## Did You Write to CBC?

Apparently you might be asked this question any day. It all started when Mr. St. Laurent wrote the broadcasting company and it seems that Mr. Frost has also been giving them his opinions too. We have felt like doing it lots of times and it's just sheer indolence on our part that we haven't. Most of the opinions we write are published for everyone to read each week and every so often people take exception to them or write and tell us they approve or disagree.

Ours, of course, is a private business. We get no subsidy from any government at any level. We pay taxes at all levels and if something we do irritates or upsets our readers very violently we have known them to cancel their subscriptions and we just have to carry on without that revenue. We've never had a letter of criticism from any head of government in all the years we have been expressing opinions or purveying news.

But since the CBC is subsidized by the government and largely paid for by the public purse, just why shouldn't they get letters from everyone who contributes to its upkeep? Just why shouldn't Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Frost write in and give praise or commendation of their actions? How else will the CBC and its officials judge their programs and public opinion if they do not hear from their public?

CBC should get more letters and there should be no curbs on who sends them. Every citizen contributes to the upkeep of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and if those who are elected leaders do not have the right to correspond with a publicly owned concern, democracy is sure slipping in Canada. You own them; why shouldn't you tell them? Just keep your language on a purely cultural basis.

## Brief Comment

Mill rates for municipal taxes vary from 50 to nearly 100. The tax bill, however, that really is important and the amount of money required.

We are going to have daylight saving for an extra month this year. Pretty nearly, have to do as the neighbors do, especially when your neighbor is a big city.

## Just One Day to be Heard

It has been finally settled that on June 10th the electors will go to the polls in Canada to choose a government for the next four years. The weeks ahead will find plenty of platforms and promises presented. It is your privilege to sift not only from the campaign material but from performance over years previous who can best serve Canada in the years immediately ahead. It will not be a task for a snap decision on your part.

The big thing to remember is the size of the task before those whom you send to represent you. The billions in the last budget should still be fresh in your minds. Running Canada from a business standpoint is a task that requires the best ability and experience you can find in Canada. It might well be kept in mind, too, that any government is only as strong as the men you send to Ottawa to form that government.

The date has been set. The machinery is now in operation to properly record your choice. In most cases the candidates have been chosen. You the electors will have ample opportunity to examine their claims for the next few weeks. The choice of the majority will govern for four years.

June 10th is the day and the only day for your voice to be heard.

## First Things First

The Easter season means many different things to many people. To all it means a renewal of new hope, new life and maybe only new clothes. Like Christmas it may become a bit confused, or it may in some measure become over-commercialized. If such latter instance is the case in your individual thinking you are undoubtedly missing the real significance of Easter. If Santa Claus is the central figure in your Christmas it quite likely follows that the new Easter toggery is more predominant in your Easter program than the message of suffering, sacrifice for others and the glorious resurrection and the hope of new life.

Actually it is not necessary to sacrifice the pleasure of one phase to get the great message of the other. The important thing is the order in which you place them. If new clothes crowd out the great message of Easter and obliterate the significance of the sacrifice of Christ and the glory of the resurrection then yours is a hollow Easter. If Easter bunnies, eggs and the holiday spirit crowds out of your Easter all thought of the sacrifice given for you to lead up to the joy and hope of new life and the resurrection from the grave, then Easter is just another selfish holiday.

The Easter parade of finery is not the big thing in this season. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." There is joy in the Easter-tide but if the trinkets and symbols are in prominence and the true meaning is made subservient in your minds and thoughts, the real meaning of Easter is being lost and the sacrifice made for you is nothing.

May yours be a truly joyous Easter-tide.

## Help Needed for the Right

Under the name of the Retail Merchants Association a campaign is currently in operation to establish sale of beer in the retail stores in Ontario. The government of Ontario is being pressed to change its liquor control policy. Fortunately, Premier Frost has very strong convictions on the matter and is not swayed, but those who have the interests of Ontario and our young people at heart might well write him and give backing at this time.

Everyone knows full well that the more sale outlets for any commodity mean greater sales. Everyone knows that the more handling the greater the difficulty to retain control. We already now have more alcoholics in Ontario than we can properly control. Put beer in the stores and we give opportunity to more minors to get started on the road that leads to alcoholism. Records show that in this province alcoholism is on the increase. Everyone knows the difficulty of control of sale of intoxicating beverages is greater and wider as restrictions are removed. Put liquor in retail stores and watch after it is too late—the increase in teen-age problems.

The move is one in the interests of the brewing industry alone. The motive is for more profits and greater sale. We are dubious that the retail grocers as a whole are in favor of becoming bartenders for the families to whom they sell other family commodities.

We admire Premier Frost for his resistance to this pressure group that so often besets him in Ontario from so many angles. If you, too, are concerned at their latest move to get more beer sold write to Mr. Frost and tell him so. Let him and his colleagues know that there are groups and individuals in this province that put the welfare of the province as a whole above the profits and degradation of our youth. Tell him, too, that you approve of his stand against liquor advertising in Ontario. We know that he's getting plenty of opinions from the other side for wider sale. In these days silence is not always golden. The liquor interests have the gold on their side and are not hesitant to use it to acquire more.



Easter Service

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

# Ginger Farm Bows to Progress

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Well I may as well come out in the open and tell you what you have already guessed. We are on the move! At least we shall be in less than two weeks. This old homestead, that has been farmed almost continuously since 1822, now belongs to the Department of Highways. What will happen to it now is anyone's guess. Of course, we know to a certain extent. We know where the stakes are, where the church will be and how close the house will be to the road. We could have kept the house and part of the land, but we would have been only 125 feet from the highway. Too close.

In fact, it was our closeness to the road that was the deciding factor last September when we came to terms with the Department. And let me say this. There are many complaints about the Department—they don't pay enough; they take your land whether or not you want to sell; they cut down trees, break fences, walk through your farm when they feel like it. We haven't any complaint on any of those scores. All we objected to was the dangerously hidden iron stakes. The surveyors have always been most courteous even if they do come in when they feel like it. The amount of destruction has been kept to a minimum. As for the financial settlement we have been well satisfied. We were paid according to land values in this immediate vicinity, and what more could anyone ask. Payment to start with was a little slow in coming but an inquiry directed to the Property Office very soon brought satisfactory results. So no

complaints and very few regrets. People expect us to feel badly at leaving the farm. They look surprised when they find we are not. If we were selling to another farmer that would be a different matter. If it were still a farm we would want to be here ourselves. But someone else planning out fields, some other farmer's cows in our barn, some other family in our house. We wouldn't like it at all. But the way things are now, it would be no pleasure to stay in the house and watch bulldozers rooting out trees and dirt movers rooting up the fields. It would be like watching a slow death—watching living, productive, fields slowly turned into concrete and then eventually see hundreds of cars every hour speeding by where once cows had peacefully grazed.

There is yet another way of looking at it. For 24 years Ginger Farm has provided us with a living. We've had our ups and downs, struggled through the depression, had good crops and poor—but mostly good; we raised two children and now they are married with children of their own.

Not only that, my husband and I started out as partners and now, in the twilight of our years, we are partners still. We should indeed be ungrateful to a merciful Providence if we uttered one word of complaint—especially as neither of us is physically able to keep up with the hard work necessary in farming.

And now, if you are interested at all, you will be curious about where we are going. Believe me, that has been quite a problem for years we had our eye on one particular corner of the farm where we intended to build when the time came to retire. Highway is quite prominently featured in the idea.

So we started house hunting east, west, north and south. From Guelph to Oakville and across country. We knew what we wanted—a wash house, not too small, near a bus route, with a large lot. But definitely not in a subdivision. No sounds easy, doesn't it? It wasn't. We looked at plenty of nice houses, but the houses we liked were always in the wrong places. Big houses on small lots or small houses on big lots. With expensive tools and too small for a tractor and couldn't be sold because of zoning restrictions.

We found the ideal house the man built it for his family and then his wife wouldn't live there. I didn't blame her, the nearest neighbor was almost a mile away. Another place, just as nice, was quite close to a barn. We never had an idea from our barn that was equal to what met us on that trip. Too bad the view was out of this world.

We were very taken with another house, good location, wonderful landscaping, but the house needed a new heating system, storms and screens and new flooring in the kitchen. None of these things was taken into consideration on the price. So we passed that one up. We were almost in despair AND THEN WE FOUND IT!

Roomy house a year old, in a small village, on an acre of land—plenty of room for the grandchildren to run—five minutes walk to the highway and a good bus route. Five minutes in either way and we'll be right in the country. We might have hunted a lot farther and not found anything that so nearly met our requirements as a rural setting, halfway between town and country, halfway between our two children and their children, halfway between Toronto and our old home. In fact, Partner is already calling it "Halfway House."

So there you have it. I thought making a move would write "finis" to these Chronicles but your editor says no. So, in a few weeks you will be reading what might well be called "Sequel to Ginger Farm."

Wish us luck, will you, folks. We may need your good wishes.

Editor's Note—Readers will be pleased that arrangements have been made to continue the column for a few months. For over 20 years it has been a feature that readers have enjoyed. Only once in this long period have the Chronicles of Ginger Farm been omitted from the Free Press and that was no fault of Mrs. Clarke's, but rather a slip in the delivery of the copy. The feature from the new location is bound to have a different viewpoint but readers will be able to follow with interest the change from life at Ginger Farm to the new suburban home in Erin-dale.

Church on Wheels—Kirkland Lake, Ont.—CP—Anglican church officials are considering starting a fund to provide a church on wheels and make it ready for serving isolated parts of its Noosnee district.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 22, 1937.

Last week Mr. George Wilder renewed his Free Press subscription for the 58th time and we believe he ranks as the oldest subscriber to the Free Press.

At the annual meeting of the Acton Hockey Club on Tuesday evening, H. H. Elliott was elected president.

The engagement is announced of Violet Marston, elder daughter of Archie C. Currie and the late Mrs. Currie of Acton, Ont., to Mr. Frederick Clarence Dawkins of Toronto, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dawkins of Acton. Marriage to take place quietly the latter part of May.

The garage of Norton Motors is being erected and its new trim appears attractive. Several new cars rolled from the lot, H. L. Lovell, driver.

The Blue Springs property recently purchased from the late Wm. Murray will be known as "Blue Springs Resort Hotel."

The Knox Y.P.A. held their closing meeting of the season.

At a baseball league meeting held in Milton it was decided to form a team from this season to compete in Acton, Burlington, Campbellville, Milton, Georgetown and Brantford.

Plans for Acton's celebration of Confederation Day on May 12 are well under way. Following the meeting of citizens' council and representatives of organizations in the town of chandeliers last night.

Acton school children who are to compete in the Musical Festival at the United Church on Tuesday night at the Young People's meeting.

Last evening the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.O.F. honored Mrs. F. Hilton, wife of Miss Viola Hunsbrow, a recent bride, when they gathered at her home and tendered her a beautiful gift.

Improvements to the grounds at the new funeral property of Johnstone and Hunsbrow are now being made and the appearance of the building being renovated.

The May 18th Masses for the dead of Knox church, held at the home of Mrs. Donald McPhail last evening.

A week from Saturday is the opening of the trout season.

Don't neglect to change the clock on Saturday night.

## BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 18, 1907.

Messrs. Boardman and Co. have the largest stock of hardware back now stored in their former yards ever stacked in Acton. Every shed is filled and outside stacks are being built.

The markets this week are not especially attractive, wheat 70c, oats 37c, peas 77c, barley 46c, hay 41c.

The Merchants Bank is notifying its customers that hereafter interest will be credited on Savings Bank accounts four times a year.

The few plank walks left in town are in very dangerous condition owing to ice loads. They should be replaced by permanent pavements as soon as the season opens.

The Victoria Mission Band of Knox church, Acton, will give their annual entertainment on Tuesday evening, 24th of April.

Mr. H. P. McLean who removed from Acton to London several years ago to take a position in the G.T.R. shops there was in town on Monday and completed the purchase of the blacksmithing business and property of Mr. J. H. Anderson. The last man of the county will enjoy a life with the late owner's Commodore at Milton on Saturday.

Dr. Bell has had the store in the Royal Canada transferred to his reception and operating room. He will take possession of the store premises this week.

Matheson's new book of photos of J. H. Denison's new book of photos.

The spring equinox will occur at Milton next Tuesday at noon.

A resident of Milton, who is in the habit of making a regular visit for the purpose of celebrating, was taken in charge by the Guelph police last Monday night and held off in the cells. He was dismissed on Tuesday morning.

The builders here will have a busy season. Many are building or contemplating.

Mr. R. Sinclair will build a new house next to the property occupied by Mr. Spencer. He had this summer.

While looking into the stock and book of Hunsbrow's shop, on Monday evening, I read David Foster's "The First Year" and of Mr. Thomas Fraser, Agassiz, St. John's, and his hand in the book and the fact was noted upon the page that it was written by one of the first of the great men of the world.

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# THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

<p><b>BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON</b> Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206</p> <p>Friday, April 19 — Annual Good Friday B.Y.P.U. Rally, commencing 2 p.m., Georgetown. SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. Tuesday, 4 p.m.—B.Y.P.U. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario</b> Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D., Minister Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60 Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader 78 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6</p> <p>Good Friday, 11 a.m.—Morning Worship SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School. 11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.</p>
<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON</b> Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.</p> <p>April 19, 10 a.m.—Good Friday service. SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Easter Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.</p> <p><b>ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY</b> Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid. 81 Cook St., Telephone 640w.</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Wednesday 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.</p>	<p><b>THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA</b> St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector</p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 10:00 a.m.—The Story of the Cross. Cantata by the Senior Choir.</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 1957 EASTER DAY 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 9:45 a.m.—Children's Service. 11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 4:45 p.m.—Choral Baptism. 7:00 p.m.—Festival Evensong.</p>