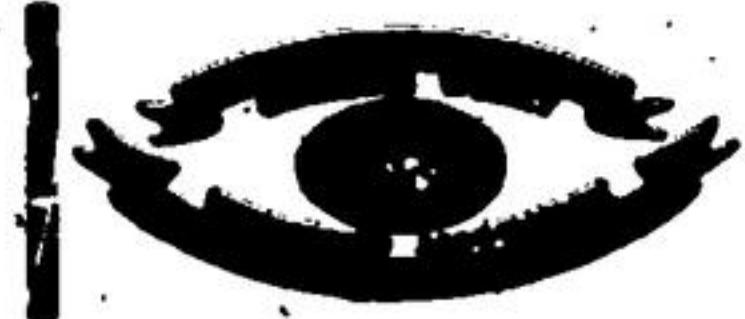


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## Important in Your Life

Next Sunday mothers will be honored. For some years such has been the custom on this North American continent and none will question the advisability of maintaining the custom. It need not be an elaborate or expensive observance. Even the wearing of a flower in her honor may be just as significant as giving an expensive gift. The important thing is that you remembered.

Customs change with the years. The mother whose memory we cherish wouldn't have been honored by the gift of an elaborate lipstick or a cigarette case or lighter. She liked us to wear a flower, go to church with her, or perhaps have dinner with her, and most of all to spend a part of the day with her and just visit. She liked the fact that we still considered her important enough in our lives that she had a place. She liked gifts, too, but we can recall yet her admonishment when she said, "You shouldn't have done that, it wasn't necessary."

Of course it wasn't necessary but perhaps it conveyed the fact that it required some sacrifice on our part to present the tribute. That's the important part to convey to mother on Mother's Day next Sunday. Do it as you wish. You know her as your closest friend and companion. She understands you as no one else in the world. Even if she is gone from you, you recall her visions and ambitions for you. Her spirit lives on.

Mother's Day is important in her life but even more important in your life.

## Not all Imports

Baby carriages block the sidewalks in Montreal, according to a recent visitor to Canada's largest city. Other communities may not be quite as congested but all of them report plenty of brand new Canadians, says The Financial Post.

In the first few years of the war, births started to jump, with over 250,000 in 1940 and almost 300,000 in 1945. And since the war we have been doing still better with over 477,000 or almost half a million babies born in Canada last year.

It is this rapidly expanding birth rate which is the main reason for Canada's recent spectacular growth and the main hope for its continuing. Immigration has helped, but the biggest gain by far in population will come from our new production.

## Check on Your Driving Habits

These fine warm days of early spring point to the fact that the open road, especially on week-ends is not open anymore. Twenty or 30 years ago you could enter a road with scarcely a thought of oncoming traffic. Driving today calls for more care on the part of driver and pedestrian. Experience that has been long needs to be kept up to date as well as, inculcated in the beginners.

Years ago when we got behind the wheel of our first car the garage owner gave us a brief bit of advice which was applicable then and is more applicable today. It was this: "Drive as if the other fellow was a fool."

It's up to the experienced driver to drive defensively. As the British Road Services put it: "A defensive driver is one who is careful to commit no driving errors himself; who makes allowance for the lack of skill or improper attitude on the part of the other fellow; and who does not allow hazards of weather and road conditions, or the actions of pedestrians and other drivers, to involve him in an accident. He keeps continually on the alert, recognizes an accident-producing situation far enough in advance to apply the necessary preventive actions, and concedes the right of way when necessary to prevent an accident."

"Defensive driving can be summed up in these three words: Control, Courtesy and Concentration, whereas the defensive driver can be described in one word: he anticipates."

## Both Parties Can be Sued

One of the few newspapers which can claim to have successfully sued a municipal body for libel must be Le Progress of Chambly (P.Q.). Following a series of critical articles on the town's mayor, Chambly Council ordered the paper "to explain itself to the satisfaction of the Council" and warned that, if such an explanation were not given, the Council would order all groups and individuals with which it was associated to stop advertising in the paper.

Such an order, besides being out of the province of a municipal council, was a flagrant attempt to control comment in Le Progress. It is heartening that such an attempt was not successful and that the court upheld not only Le Progress' right to comment freely, but that newspapers, while pursuing an honest function of criticism and comment, can be protected from defamation under the cloak of municipal privilege.

The importance of a press, free to report and comment, cannot possibly be underrated. -Peterborough Examiner.

## This Might Apply Elsewhere

Over in Britain, people are excited by the new kind of prize offered by a London newspaper. Instead of the contest's prize being a trip around the world, or a furnished home with an obedient wife and sound-proofed children, the paper is offering to pay the winning contestant's income tax for life. Of course, as income tax will have to be paid on the winnings, nobody is going to get clear away, but the enthusiasm for the contest suggests that, among the deepest yearnings of the British people, psychologists had better start listing the yearning to avoid paying income tax. An investigation might show that the earnings are something like this: (1) Desire to be loved, (2) Desire to Avoid Paying Income Tax, (3) Desire to Eat. It may be only a matter of time before love is running well back, along with food.

Besides the fine work of this newspaper in scaring the British government, television is also getting in some good licks elsewhere. Almost any 10-year-old in the U.S. or Canada who has any decent ambition to get ahead is ready with an opinion on whether contestants in celebrated quiz shows should try for the next question. Rapidly calculating the undertow of income tax, children and even muddle-headed adults are able to pass judgment on whether the risk and effort of dealing with a further question are going to be worth while. As for the contestants who actually have to make the decisions, it becomes apparent that the only ones who keep on, against the politicians' law that all returns for extra effort will diminish, are the glassy-eyed gamblers and those who care more about accomplishment than about money. -The Printed Word.

## Small Fry Win a Point

Generations of small boys have persistently advised their parents that it is desirable to begin a meal by eating the dessert first. But to no avail. The response has always been the same: If the soup is not eaten, if every bit of carrot and spinach is not carefully masticated, no dessert at all. From time immemorial, children have submitted to this threat. Now they have adult allies.

An American dentist asserts that by all means dessert should be eaten first and vegetables last. This procedure, he claims, reduces tooth decay. The vegetables help to remove sugar from the teeth which otherwise carry particles of sugar, when dessert is eaten last.

Before small boys lay down the law and demand an introductory serving of ice cream or apple pie, they should know that opinion on this question is divided. While one Toronto dentist agrees that there may be substance to this theory, the head of the Faculty of Dentistry in the University of Toronto has little faith in it.

At any rate it would seem from the point of view of small fry, that the position of parents has been somewhat undermined and that the customary routine which has seen dessert appear last on the table may be challenged on the ground that there is nothing so good for the teeth than to fill up with cake first.

But every advance in human affairs brings new problems. If a small boy fills up on cake first, how can he be made to keep some space for the spinach that is still to come?—Toronto Telegram.

## Brief Comment

If Diesel locomotives without a fire need a fireman to help the engineer drive more safely; then who helps the bus driver drive his bus?—Financial Post.

This election, thinks the Lethbridge Herald, "constitutes as great a challenge as the opposition parties have faced in a long time. The campaign may be bitter and fraught with emotional appeals. We voters will do well to keep our heads amid the turmoil, for it is we who must make the decisions."



## Flowers for Mothers' Day

From Ginger Farm to Halfway House

## Transition Period Difficult

By Gwendolyn P. Clarke  
For the past week, Partner and I have been making daily trips from Halfway House to Ginger Farm, gathering up more of our belongings each day, still sorting, discarding and burning. Even at that, I know we are keeping far more stuff than we should. I know, too, that it won't be very long before we shall want something or other that has been destroyed. It always happens that way, doesn't it?

To our sorrow, the poor old farm is beginning to look neglected already. The grass needs cutting and sweet rocket has practically taken over the flower beds. Sweet rocket, a favorite with humming birds, is a lovely sweet-scented perennial but I suppose it should be classed as a weed because of the way it spreads. Cutting it down doesn't do any good. The only way to keep it under control is pull it up by the roots — and if there is no one around to pull it, what then?

Every day Partner and I take the electric kettle and a lunch along with us when we go to the farm and then about four o'clock we sit down to a most incongruous afternoon tea. Tea made in an old silver teapot, cups without handles and our table is a small homemade affair that was formerly used, first as a stand to wash the cream separator and later the milking machine.

We little thought its final purpose would be to set as a table for afternoon tea during the last days of our occupancy of the farm. Tea over, we work until after five and then we head for home. But all is not well at home either. The television has gone temperamental. Sometimes a picture comes on the screen and sometimes it doesn't. My watch is also protesting against the

even tenure of its life being disturbed and so refuses to function. But our major problem has been Rusty. We thought we could keep him but that doesn't seem possible. There seems to be a dog on every lot. Dogs that have been well trained from puppyhood to stay within bounds. On the farm, Rusty stayed within bounds too, but his boundary was a hundred acres.

Here, if we let him loose, he runs like a deer, so he is tied up more than he should be. Our neighbor tells us that he hawks most of the time when we are away at the farm. Under such conditions, to keep Rusty would be a pleasure neither to us nor to him. And so, this afternoon we are taking Rusty to a new home—a very lovely home where he will have not one but two hundred acres to run around in and a Dalmatian puppy to play with.

Well, I suppose most people have been worrying about the cool weather. For several days, it looked as if we were going to have an early spring. Frosty nights soon dispelled that idea. I hope no one had geraniums or summer annuals planted out. Apparently the old adage still holds true — wait until after the 24th of May.

That can be done with boxed plants but what about fruit blossoms over which we have no control. The warm sun encouraged buds to swell and now if Jack Frost has done any permanent damage, we can expect a light fruit crop — and that will be just too bad for growers and consumers alike. But at the moment I am more concerned about the low price of eggs. For about ten weeks the price has remained static—35 cents to shippers for Grade A Large.

This time last year, the price was 42 cents — and that is as low as it should be if there is to be any margin of profit for the poultry farmer. Since we shall soon be buying eggs, I suppose we should be glad. But we are not leaving the farm. Rusty mean losing sight of the farmer's viewpoint. We raised chickens, sold eggs, kept cows and shipped milk for too many years for us ever to forget. Probably it is a case of once a farmer, always a farmer. Perhaps that is why I find it hard to remember to put the milk bottles out at night. And if I forget, I can't say to Partner, "You might bring me a can of milk from the barn tonight." And I wouldn't have to put tokens in the can either.

Ah, well, this transition period is bound to be a little difficult. We can't expect anything else. No doubt as the weeks go by, we shall probably get a better perspective of the advantages and disadvantages resulting from the move we have made. Already we have found out that we have very nice neighbors.

On one side of us is a young Scottish couple who are expecting their first baby in three weeks. On the other side is a Polish ex-farmer, his wife and little girl. They spend every spare minute in their garden. They are very friendly and helpful.

Right opposite, there is a doctor and his family. He has an office at the house. Quite a comforting thought to know there is a doctor so handy. Back of us is an amateur gardener, so we shall have the joy of seeing beautiful flowers without looking after them.

Which is just as well for this year as our garden land doesn't look too promising. But there are plenty of young ash trees plus elms and blackthorn along the fence, so we shall at least have a little shade and greenery, especially as just beyond the trees there is a golf course with the greenest grass I ever saw.

## Hold Shower for Recent Bride

Miss Beth McEnery entertained at a miscellaneous shower for her cousin's bride, Mrs. William J. Sinclair, for whom she had been bridesmaid. About 25 attended including aunts, great aunts and cousins of the groom, as well as some friends.

During the afternoon, the hostess conducted some quizzes and contests, assisted by Elizabeth Gibson. The bride received many beautiful and useful gifts, among them a snapshot album containing snapshots of her husband's childhood. She was assisted in opening her gifts by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Stanley Sinclair.

A lovely lunch was served, by Miss Beth McEnery and Miss Elizabeth Gibson, assisted by Miss McEnery's mother, Mrs. Jesse McEnery and her aunt, Mrs. Norman Sinclair.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 13, 1937.

On Sunday morning, the Mother's Day service was observed in the United Church, the Sunday school and church combining on this occasion.

During the past few days, approximately 3,500 trees have been distributed to all rural schools in the county. With the co-operation of the teachers, each pupil will receive two trees to plant around their homes. These trees are being designated as Coronation Trees.

On Sunday morning, the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion paraded to Knox church led by Acton Citizens' Band, where a special Coronation Day service was held. Rev. Mr. Bennis is also the Chaplain of the legion.

The family yellow buses through Acton have nearly all been replaced by the Gray Coaches who operate now on the route.

An Acton merchant received a very brief but significant letter in the mail one morning this week. It enclosed \$3 and the brief message "request of dog's money."

The choir of the United church announced a recital on the new organ by Ernest H. Bowles, organist of Danforth United church. Mr. Bowles is well known as one of Toronto's most popular organists.

There were many early risers on Wednesday morning to hear the Coronation broadcast. It was a privilege that none ever had before.

The individuals who tore down flags and Coronation decorations about town have a low sense of decent conduct. Needless to say, they were so ashamed of their own actions that they were concealed under the cover of darkness.

Born in Acton on Sunday, May 9, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arthur, a son.

The big steam shovel completed its work of filling in an unused section yard last week at Beardmore lannery and the ground is all levelled off. The last of the old bark sheds is being torn down and a clearing away of all old scrap has been going on for some weeks. The grounds about the buildings are being improved.

A quartette of young youths from Guelph attempted to give Acton a fireworks celebration on Tuesday evening. It was badly planned and interrupted by chief McPherson, who relieved the young men of their ceremonial wafers and has preferred charges against them. The way in which they threw the firecrackers about Mill St. was a menace to buildings and cars.

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8:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun and Holy.)  
1:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m.  
10:08 p.m. 5:08 p.m. 6:32 p.m. 8:32 p.m. 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Holy.)  
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10:37 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 2:57 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m.  
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The notorious pirate, Captain Kidd was supposed to have buried a treasure on Oak Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia.

## BACK IN 1907

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It is currently rumored that the Grand Trunk will add the extra trains east and west asked for by the councils and businessmen of this division some time ago. One will likely go east about 2:30 p.m. and one west, leaving Toronto about 11 p.m.

Mr. A. J. Lehman has given the contractor the plan and specifications for the enlargement and improvement of the Dominion Hotel. Work will be commenced next week.

Acton, which played junior lacrosse last year, has notified secretary H. Hall that it will go up a step and play intermediate this summer, thus adding one more to a series that was damaged by increasing the age limit of the junction.

A meeting of the management committee of the lacrosse club was held last Thursday evening. Blue and white were selected as the colors for the team this coming season.

Asaewer Brown has succeeded in getting a dog's foot.  
Mr. James Henderson, Nasagawera, who has decided to retire from farming, has purchased the residence of Mr. James Don, Main St., for \$300. He will move to Acton shortly.

The rite of adult baptism was administered to three candidates in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. 20 new members were received and the right hand of fellowship extended.

Complaints are made almost daily of the increasing use of profanity on the streets. This sinful, needless habit should be properly punished. The cars of right-thinking people are grievously offended, the laws of God and man are violated. If a few examples of such reprehensible offence were made, we would have less of the habit.

The council chamber was well filled with citizens on Monday evening. The session was brief and quiet. There was no fire flying and no playing in the galleries. Just a sensible keeping down to business and an apparent effort to get through with good natured feeling all round.

Acton property is soaring in price. Prices in some cases are surely unwarranted.

Contractor Forbes is making good progress with the stone work of the new Johnstone block foundations. Arbor Day was observed at the school here last Friday and, as a result, the school grounds present a much improved appearance.

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