

Girl Blacksmith Mighty Man is She

One thing the local smithy never thought of was to raise a family of girls in the hope of getting assistance in his shop, like one in the story that comes from Niagara Falls. Stouffville is reduced to a one-man blacksmith shop, and with no apprentice the day is not far



off when we will be like many another town with no boot store, for the horses.

Down Niagara way the situation has been saved for one smithy shop, at least, since the smithy's daughter has donned the overalls, is doing a great job so the story goes but we hope that she will not get too much of a "kick" out of it.

Mrs. Gladys Crawford swings a heavy sledge hammer with all the power of a hefty male as she plies the trade of blacksmith. She has been at the business of making horseshoes, forging thick spring steel into springs for heavy trucks, or making fancy steel rails for house verandas, for the last five years.

Only, five feet tall and weighing a mere 106 pounds, Mrs. Crawford has worked with her father every day at his busy blacksmith shop since early in 1942. She is believed to be the only woman blacksmith in Ontario and one of the few in Canada. Her father, Neil McLean, a veteran "smithy" of more than 41 years in the trade, stoutly declares his tiny daughter is one of the best blacksmiths in the business.

"She's as good as any man. Gladys works eight to ten hours a

day with me, and is going just as hard at the end of the day as at the start. That girl is a regular little human dynamo," proudly claimed Mr. McLean.

Youngest of three daughters, Gladys is the only one who showed any desire to learn her father's trade. Ever since she was a 'teen-age girl, she has been around the shop, and gradually picked up the art of a "smithy." Another daughter, Mrs. Carl Crogveek, who now lives in McCluskey, N.D., was put through college by the hard-working father and became a high school teacher before marrying. The second, Mrs. Thomas Christon, of Morris, Man., became a nurse.

The attractive young woman declared she really started working regularly in the blacksmith trade because she found she "had time on her hands." She still has sufficient time to do her regular housework, care for her six-year-old son and prepare meals for her husband, who works as a clerk at a local factory.

The father and daughter make a unique team in many ways. They have become a familiar sight to Niagara Falls and Stamford township residents in recent weeks since starting a curbside blacksmith service in addition to their regular shop work. Together they rush to the scene in their motor car whenever a delivery man phones his horse has shed a shoe. Providing the same service as garage operators do for cars or trucks, the pair can replace a horse's shoe in 15 minutes flat. The young woman does most of the work, while her father quiets the horse and holds it steady.

LIBERAL RANKS ARE SPLIT OVER PENSIONS PLAN

The government at Ottawa found itself facing one of the strongest blocs of House of Commons criticism of the entire session on the issue of its old age pension legislation last week, criticism that split government party ranks and was aimed, not at what the legislation would do, but what it wouldn't do.

Demands for a contributory old age pension plan for Canada were heard in the Commons yesterday while members on all sides of the House fired criticism at the government's bill aimed at increasing from \$25 to \$30 the basic rate for old age blind pensions.

This paper has long contended that a contributory clause should be enacted. Thousands of pensioners would have welcomed the opportunity to contribute in their more balmy days, and others who will need the pensions in years to come would gladly contribute a small amount.

Another thing about the contributory idea is that it removes any stigma that might be felt by some people toward receiving a pension. Further, it encourages people to save, a thing that is sadly lacking in our present day thrift.

FIVE SETS OF TWINS

Within a recent week five sets of Shorthorn twins arrived in the farming district of Amherst, N.S., according to the agricultural department of the Canadian National Railways.

PINE ORCHARD

(June 26, 1947)

Miss Marion Bergen and friend called at the Harper home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lundy called on Mr. and Mrs. Edwards Sunday night.

Mr. R. Chapman visited his brother in Brantford on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Sheridan were supper guests with his parents Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ridley of Snowball, also Mr. and Mrs. Crone and family spent an enjoyable evening Friday with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Harper, the occasion being Mrs. Harper's birthday.

Jack Sproxton is sporting a motorcycle.

Miss Leta Hawtin is visiting her sister Mrs. Milan for a few days.

Last Wednesday morning eighteen ladies gathered at the service station to await the chartered Hollinger bus that took them along with 16 of Boggartown members to Guelph to attend the 50th anniversary of Women's Institute. They all report a marvellous time, enjoying both trip and meeting. Among their passengers was one member who will celebrate her 90th birthday in a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae McClure and Myrna spent Sunday at Minesing, Ontario.

W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—My neighbour and I rent a double house. Our landlady asked us not to sublet any housekeeping rooms but told us we could take all the boarders or roomers we wanted. Is she allowed to instruct us about renting these rooms?

A.—Frankly no.....if you rent the entire house you may sublet whatever rooms you do not require. These rooms can either be sublet as housekeeping rooms or just as sleeping rooms. However, if it is going to make trouble between you and the landlady perhaps it would be just as well to rent out the rooms as sleeping rooms only, or serve meals to the roomers in your own dining room. As we said before the decision, of course, is entirely up to you.

Q.—We were at an amusement park over the weekend and were charged 10c for a package of popcorn. I wondered if this price was in order as most places charge 8c?

A.—The owner of the refreshment stand at the park is permitted to set his own price on popcorn and candy. As you say most places charge 8c the only suggestion is that you buy at one of these places. There is nothing we can do about the place charging 10c as there is no ceiling on popcorn.

Q.—Must I use all my canning sugar coupons now? I do not require the sugar until later in the summer but my grocer says the coupons will not be valid

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Fiction
"Wind Without Rain," Dewdney; "Mrs. Mike," Freedman; "The Chequer Board," Shute; "Table in the Wilderness," Parker; "The Practicing of Christopher," Eckert; "Mary Hallman," Ertz; "The Magnificent Barb," Faralla; "Mrs. Tim Gets a Job," Stevenson; "The Ring in the Grass," Beaton; "Gentleman's Agreement," Hobson; "Consider Her Ways," Grove; "Who Has Seen the Wind," Mitchell; "Animal Farm," Orwell; "The Tin Flute," Roy; "Black Fountains," Wynd.

Non Fictions
"The Pageant of the Years," Gibbs.

at that time.
A.—We do not know where the grocer received his information.....it is quite wrong. The canning sugar coupons will remain valid for some time to come. In other years they have been good for the purchase of sugar until the end of the year and as far as we know the same regulation will remain in effect this year.

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