CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

on the early morning news as usual. The reporter gave his news clearly, concisely and in a tone of voice that made one want to listen to him. The newscast was followed by a short, snappy commentary of some kind. By that time I was getting hurried out forgetting to turn off the radio before I went. I wasn't away very king but as I came up back steps I heard a slow mournful voice coming from the kitchen. "Mercy", I thought, "what a voice! Why in the world should the air . . . and what is he saying

And then suddenly realization came. It was a religious broadcast. I shut it off in a hurry. Now please nothing against religious broadthe air, and I quite often like to do so many ministers feel that a in tones so mournful as to create the impression that the fate of man is eternal damnation rather than Divine salvation. That sort of mor-, bidness is surely on a par with what I imagine were the fire and brimstone sermons of a generation

To my way of thinking the Gospel of Christ is a joyous thing and so why cannot religious commenta-tors pitch their voices in bright cheerful tones thus conveying the impression that what they have to say is really worth listening to Dear knows our ordinary everyday earthly news is depressing enough but we do feel a little more chees ful if we can listen to a forceful voice, vibrant with enthusiasm, reminding us that a better world awaits us in the hereafter where . . . only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame; And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame, But each for the joy of working . .

"The joy of working" ... I wonder how many people know what that is? People work from so many different motives—to get rich; to attain distinction and publicity; to make a decent living or merely just to keep body and soul alive. There wouldn't be such a hue and cry for a forty-hour week, would there, if the majority of us were content to work for the joy of working? And there wouldn't be as much need for socalled recreation if we took real pleasure from the satisfaction of a job well done.

Referring again to the forty-hour week. This I suppose is meant to be a main line defence against un employment on the theory that i will absorb the slack among employable persons and thus prevent a depression. But will it? A woman was telling me the other day that her son was looking for a part tim iob because he was through working by 3 p.m.; had too much time or his hands and not enough money It is easy to see what that means Doesn't it appear fairly obviou that the willing worker will neve be satisfied with a six-hour day and so there will be men and wo men taking on two jobs a day in order to keep themselves occupie and to earn enough to live on. Figure two jobs to one person by the thousands and pretty soon the misfits and the persons not too fond of work would be back on

But I bet that will never apply to farmers or farm workers. Right now the ratio is about one man to four jobs. At least that is what thought the other day when I spent nearly two hours trying to find a man to go to a threshing for us. Bob being already away Partner had to go himself.

Well, I have just said "good-bye" hundred times—but I didn't say it with flowers-I said it with chick ens. A whole pen full of them and I was never more thankful to speed a parting guest, or rather guests. they were boarders!

7,400 Eskimos In Arctic Canada

The Eskimos in Canada inhabit the Arctic mainland coast from the Yukon - Alaska boundary to the coast of Labrador, the southern islands of the Arctic Archipelago some of the islands in Hudson and James Bays, and part of the interior west of Hudson Bay, says Forest and Outdoors. The Canadian Eskimo population is approximately 7,400. About 5,400 Estimos are found in the Northwest Territories where the greater part live in the districts of Franklin and Keewatin. There are also about 2,000 Eskimos in Northern Quebec, the former Ungava district of the Northwest Territories.

RARE PHOTO OF MYSTERIOUS LOLO FIGHTERS



Seldom seen by white men and even more rarely photographed, are the Lolos, fierce tribesmen of one of the world's wildest regions, in western China. They were recently reported to have captured and enslaved downed American flyers, but Army investgiation failed to substantiate this. The typical group of fighters pictured above is armed with rifles bought or captured from the Chinese, whose villages they frequently raid.

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How The Spider **Builds A Bridge** Engineer of Insect World First Builds Draglines, Foundation Of Web

C. D. K., of Oakland, Calif. writes to the Christian Science

"I have often wondered how the large brown spider anchors his the central web in position. The gard is the more remarkable because of the apparent inaccessibility of some of these anchorages. I have seen such a web suspended between two homes whose outer walls were fifteen feet apart."

This matter is touched upon by John Henry Comstock in "The Spider Book." Between accessible points, the foundation strands of the web consist of draglines. A dragline is a strand consisting of two or more comparatively large threads which are emitted from the spinning tubes as the spider crawls

from point to point. In bridging gaps between trees, shrubs or houses, the spider climbs to a high point on the support located on the windward side of the gap and, lifting its spinnerets, emits a thread which the air currents carry off as fast as it is spun. When this line touches a point on

the objective it sticks fast. The spider then pulls the line tight and fastens the other end to the spot from which the air-borne line was sent out. This frail preliminary bridge is

supplemented and strengthened by passing back and forth over it adding a dragline to it each trip.

Mr. Comstock further points out: "If it is desired to spin a second bridge below the one already made, the spider has only to fasten
a line to a point below one end of first bridge and then walking up the supporting object, and across the bridge, and down the other support to the right point spinning a dragline as it goes; this is then pulled tight and fastened; and second bridge is formed; between these bridges the orb (web) can be

Berlin's Horses To Take Rest Cure

Compulsory vacations for the horses of Berlin, which have been appallingly overworked because of the lack of transport in the capital. have been ordered by the municipal authorities, who have agreed to find space for a rest-cure for them in outlying country districts.

The authorities recognized that the horses would be unable to work in the coming winter unless they, like humans, had an opportunity to relax in the sun and contemplate.

Newest Agricultural Industry

CHATHAM, Ont. - Ontario' agricultural industry, the production of white hybrid corn for breakfast cereal, is scheduled to get into full stride in this area next month when upwards of 1800 farmers begin harvesting a 750,000 bushel crop valued at more than \$1,000,000. To handle the crop, workmen are

ushing to completion here one of the largest corn driers in the country. Built by the Kellogg Company at a cost of \$50,000, it will husk 4,000 bushels of corn a day and prepare it for use in the manufac ture of corn flakes by cutting in half the normal moisture content of between 25 and 30 percent. The reduction will be accomplished by subjecting the corn to a continuous draught of hot air, heated by oil and forced through the 150' long structure by large fans. A second building going up alongside the drier will shell the dried corn as it noves into storage bins.

White hybrid corn is a very re cent development and the crop raised in this area is the first ever grown on a commercial scale in Canada. Its production has been sponsored by Kellogg's which has been importing white corn from South Africa and the United States growing the open pollinated varieties several years ago. To free itself from dependence on these imports and develop a source of supply close to its London factory, the company contracted last spring to buy from Ontario farmers a mini mum of one million bushels of white hybrid corn annually.

Following the announcement of the history of Ontario's corn belt, 1875 farmers, using seed provided by the company, planted upwards of 20,000 acres in Blenheim, Merlin, Tilbury, Forest and neighbouring districts. Virtually the entire crop has been grown within a 50-mile radius of the London plant which,

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Alaska Highway Open to Tourists

Road To North Forms Great Link to Continental High-way System

The Alaska Highway - hewn through a wilderness known only to trappers and sourdough prospectors-was one of the war's greatest construction jobs, says the New York Times. By agreement with Canada the road was pushed through by the United States Army in the perilous months after Pearl Harbor to aid Alaskan defense. The work involved building twenty-four-foot roadbed across 1,600 miles of sub-Arctic terrainmuskeg swamps, glacial gorges and mountain ranges where temperatures of 90 below zero are known. The route lay from railhead in Canada's Peace River country to Fairbanks near the Arctic Circle All through the war the road, which cost \$138,000,000, was es sentially a military proect. Open All Winter

Last week the Alaska Highway was open to tourists. The Domin of Canada, which had taken back the Canadian portion last April, was preparing to operate it as a gateway to the scenic northwest. A gravel surface has been laid over the entire length of the route, some portions have been widened to thirty-six feet, and grades have been levelled to a maximum of 4 per cent. Royal Canadian Engineers are prepared to keep it open all winter, with eighteen maintenance camps at intervals of ninety miles. New gas stations are being built and tourist camps and hotels for fishermen and big game hunters are springing up in the hitherto silent fastnesses of the Yukon. The step added a big link to the continental highway system which will soon extend from Arctic Bering Strait to tropical Panama.

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SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS ("A Six Bit Critic")

EGGS TO H. G. BUTT writers, quite a few hockey cus-tomers have started beefing regard-ing the procedure of calling it a day, and splitting the points, in games where the score happens to 348 Scarborough Road, Toronto. Highest prices. Write for quota-tions. WANTED TO BUY—SIAMESE CAT or kitten. Also Chihanhan puppy or young dog. Apply Box 120, 73 Ade-laide W Toronto. be tied at the end of the regulation hour's play. Personally, it makes little or no difference whether they play an extra ten mir utes or not, we having come to look on big-time hockey pretty much as any other performance, where you pay your money-or, preferably, get in on the cuff-to see so many reels, so many acts, or so many periods; ioney's worth depends, not on the

length of the show, but on its

Tacking on an extra reel at the end never yet changed a movie that was essentially crumby into a thriller; and we have all seen plenty of hockey games where they could have rung down the curtain at the finish of the second period -or even the first-for all the difference it would have made, either to the spectators or, it seemed, to the players. And a ten minutes overtime stretch, where everybody concerned seems well satisfied to settle for a draw, is just piling on extra boredom to all except those enthusiasts who take their hockey—the, 'regulation' season, that is—

more seriously than most of us. . . . Of course the 'points' system of figuring league standings had a great deal to do with the fact that most overtime sessions, of recent years, seemed to be played in a spirit of making sure of not losing the game, rather than trying to win it. For those single points you get for a draw can total up into a very handy asset during a Fall and Winter; indeed, as we may have remarked before, it is quite within the bounds of possibility for a team to go through the regular schedule without winning a game, and still get into the playoffs-

Let them award nothing at all, n case of a tie, to either team; or let them make every game a finish affair, with sudden-death overtime that would end as soon as either side had scored, and not before; and you would notice considerably less of this business of teams stalling with one eye on the clock, not to protect a lead it had earned which is a perfectly legitimate procedure-but rather to make sure the other fellow doesn't get one. But that would doubtless be a rearward

perhaps even go on from there to

step, taking hockey back into the dark days when it was more or

less of a sport, instead of a highly successful business playing to sellout crowds. We know as well as you do, of course, that congested wartime tra-vel conditions were responsible for the stoppage of overtime hockey sessions. Still, we did hear vague rumors somewhere that the war was over, and that baseball teams —and even racehorses—sometimes manage to travel by air to fill dates they couldn't make by railway. But what's the sense of bringing that up? For every customer who feels that he's been slightly gypped when a game ends in a deadlock there are hundreds who are perfectly satisfied with things the way they are and if you don't happen to like it, brother, there are plenty ready

and willing to grab your seat if

you choose to honor us with your

And to those who are making the present squawk—just a tiny word of advice. Don't make your complaints too strident, or the powers-that-be might just possibly take you at your word. They'll play the overtime you're requesting — Phone EL 1971 and soak you extra for it. Why shouldn't they? Business is busi-ness—and when the butcher cuts

off a pound and a half steak in stead of the pound you ordered you don't expect him to toss in those extra eight ounces for noth-ing, do you? We wonder that the sports magnates haven't thought of something like this before. Maybe we should charge them something for such a valuable suggestion. Alhear those announcements coming over the loudspeaker system: "YOU HAVE NOW WIT-NESSED THE REGULATION SIXTY MINUTES OF PLAY YOUR TICKETS CALLED FOR, AND THERE WILL BE A BRIEF INTERMISSION

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