

## CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

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

And then suddenly realization came. It was a religious broadcast. I shut it off in a hurry. Now please don't misunderstand me. I have nothing against religious broadcasts—they certainly should be on the air, and I quite often like to listen to them. But why, oh why, do so many ministers feel that a religious broadcast should be given in tones so mournful as to create the impression that the fate of man is eternal damnation rather than joy? I am sure that the broadcast is surely on a par with what I imagine were the fire and brimstone sermons of a generation ago.

To my way of thinking the Gospel of Christ is a joyous thing and so why should religious commentators 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 cheerful if we can listen to a cheerful 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. They 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 so-called 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 unemployment on the theory that it 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 time job because he was through working by 2 p.m.; had too much time on his hands and not enough money. It is easy to see what that means. Doesn't it appear fairly obvious that the willing worker will never be satisfied with a six-hour day and so there will be men and women taking on two jobs a day in order to keep themselves occupied and to earn enough to live on. Figure two jobs to one person by the thousands and pretty soon the migrants and the persons not too fond of work would be back on relief.

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 I 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" a hundred times—but I didn't say it with flowers—I said it with chickens. A whole pen full of them and I was never more thankful to speed a parting guest, or rather guests. Except these were not 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 Eskimos are found in the Northwest Territories where the greater part live in the districts of Franklin and Kewarwin. There are also about 2,000 Eskimos in Northern Quebec, the former Unava 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 the world's wilder regions, in western China. They were recently reported to have captured and enslaved of downed American flyers, but Army investigation 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.

## Former President

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## How The Spider Builds A Bridge

Engineer o' Insect World 'First Builds Draglines, Foundation Of Web

C. D. K., of Oakland, Calif., writes to the Christian Science Monitor: "I have often wondered how the large brown spider anchors his main supporting strands which hold the central web in position. The spider's accomplishment in this regard is the more remarkable because of the apparent impossibility of the case of these anchorages. I have seen such a web suspended between two houses 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. Mr. Comstock further points out: "If it is desired to spin a second web, the spider will first pull the old web tight and fasten it to the old web. The spider's accomplishment in this regard is the more remarkable because of the apparent impossibility of the case of these anchorages. I have seen such a web suspended between two houses whose outer walls were fifteen feet apart."

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## Newest Agricultural Industry

CHATHAM, Ont.—Ontario's 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 1000 farmers begin harvesting a 750,000 bushel crop valued at more than \$1,000,000. To handle the crop, numerous trucks are being used to transport the grain to the largest corn driers in the country. Built by the Kellogg Company at a cost of \$50,000, it will bank 4,000 bushels of corn a day and prepare it for use in the manufacture 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 moves into storage bins.

White hybrid corn is a very recent 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 since Canadian farmers ceased 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 minimum of one million bushels of white hybrid corn annually.

Following the announcement of the contract, one of the largest in the history of Ontario's corn belt, 1875 farmers, using seed provided by the company, planted upwards of 20,000 acres in Blenheim, Meriville, Tilbury, Forest and neighbouring districts. Virtually the entire crop has been grown within a 50-mile radius of the London plant which, will use it, during 1947.

## GUESS WHO!



You have to look close to recognize Rita Hayworth with her once-dyed blonde and cut eight inches shorter. Hair-do is special for "The Lady From Shanghai."

## Alaska Highway Open to Tourists

Road to North Forms Great Link to Continental Highway System

The Alaska Highway—hewn through a wilderness known only to trappers and sordid 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 a twenty-four-foot roadbed across a 1,600 miles of sub-arctic terrain—muskeg swamps, glacial gorges and mountain ranges where temperatures of 90 below zero are known. The route lay from railroad in Canada's Peace River country, Fairbanks near the Arctic Circle. All through the war the road, which cost \$138,000,000, was essentially a military project.

Open All Winter Last week the Alaska Highway was open to tourists. The Dominion 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 full stride in this area next month when upwards of 1000 farmers begin harvesting a 750,000 bushel crop valued at more than \$1,000,000.

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Takes a Week "Does the giraffe get a sore throat if he gets wet?" "Yes; but not until the next week."

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