CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM By Gwendoline P. Clarke

There is an oldish lady in town whose birthday I try to remember It falls on April 10. Before that day came around this year, instead of of daffodils and narcissi, which had picked from our own garden This year-what a difference! With the first green shoots only now jus about a couple of inches above the ground it will be sometime yet before we can pick a bouquet of spring flowers. "But the flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-lahave nothing to do with the case"it is clearly a matter for the weatherman.

After all, it is not only the flowers that are backward. It was actually April 11 before we heard the swamp frogs singing-and according to the old saying, the frogs must be shut up three times before we can really look for spring. But it will get here-you'll see-tha is if we wait long enough. The robins think so anyway. There are two of them making a nest somewhere near the house-I am not quite sure where yet - but every time I look out I see one and sometimes two cheery little redbreasts hopping around or calling back and torth to each other from adjacen tree tops. Yes, the birds and the beasts are surely getting their own varies of spring fever. One day last week as I set out for town three blue heron flew up from the creek near the road. I watched them as they winged their way over towards the bush and then, to my surprise, one of them landed while the other two half circled and flew on towards town. I wondered why they parted company. Could it be that one of them was a hen-bird and was being escorted to a place her two gentlemen friends or was the one just a young bird and not considered old enough for distant hunting grounds. Again it may have been she had a few chores to do at home and went back to get on with them. One thing I did discover - watching herons isn't exactly a good policy when one is driving and the road is full of bumps and pot-holes. dropped into one hole so hard i was a wonder the springs survived . . .

And here is yet another sign of spring. It is the time of annual meetings. Last week was our Women's Institute Annual. Oh blessed event - how we look for ward to it! Sounds rather as if I were referring to an expected birth the neighbourhood, doesn't it? Maybe I am not too far out at that ertainly both can sometimes be described as painful long drawn out affairs! However, from now on i is our annual meeting to which I am referring. For some unknown reason I was put in as chairman for the election of officers. "Good grief," I thought to myself, "how am I going to make these women say 'yes'!" You know how it is someone says "Oh no, I couldn't possibly do that!"-and then that negative attitude spreads like a prairie fire, and, like a prairie fire re is nothing left in its wake. However, on this occasion, except for a few bad moments at the beginning we got along all rght. One officer told me afterwards that I just rail-roaded the ladies into their jobs. Which of course was just a lot of nonsense-they were just good sports, that was all. After all, you can't railroad a woman into doing anything if she isn't so inclined. Of course the women eventually turned the tables on me so that I ended up with a convenorship myself-which the W.I. may yet live to regret. What do you

* * * At this point I paused to go down for the mail-and to look for more signs of spring. I found our daily paper, a magazine and a receipted account . That was allno fan mail this morning, much to my disappointment. I like my fan mail. By the way, "M. J. H.," thanks very much for the papers. It was nice of you to send them and I was also glad to get your letter. "Mrs. N. P.," you may be interested to know that I received a letter from a friend of mine last week whom I have always encouraged to write and now is meeting with some success. In fact one magazine to which she sent a short story suggested that she try her hand at writing a book. So that is just what she is doing, "W. G." please don't think I have forgotten to answer your letter or that it in any way offended me The fact is It contained so much food for thought I wanted to take my time n answering it-and I still look forward to that pleasure.

By the way I didn't find any more signs of spring on my way for the mail—in fact when I got back to the house my first though was to put another chunk of wood

TABLE TALKS

.. The Lunch Box ...

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The spotlight has been turned or the school lunch box. Too often it has been found unattractive, unappetizing, and above all to be lack ing in those foods, recommended by Canada's Food rules which are ecessary to build healthy, virile

ed the necessity of packing lunches, which are good to look at, good to eat and "good for her child" Through this medium, the child has also acquired proper eating habits. To pack really good lunches day after day is a big task for the homemaker. It requires plenty of plan-ning, particularly at this time of the year to give that needed variety. The home economists, Consumer Section, Dominion Department o Agriculture, have a few suggestions though which will simplify your

cool place. Several fillings may be made from one base—such as with a cheese base vary the flavour with relishes, jellies or hard-cooked

Wrap in waxed paper all foods not packed in covered containers. Desserts such as baked custard

Put salads, creamed or scalloped dishes in a screw top jar.

To give added interest and variety slip in a few tid bits from ime to time-such as candies, nuts, raisins, dates, or a wedge of chees Be sure to serve raw, either a ruit or vegetable each day to pro

1 cup coarsely ground cooked pork or veal 1/2 cup chopped or shredded ray carrotts
cup chopped celery

8 teaspoon pepper Combine all ingredients and minoroughly. Yield: 134 cups. Baked Bean Salad 2 cups baked beans 1/2 cup diced cooked beets

2 tablespoons chopped swee 1 tablespoon catsup Boiled salad dressing to mois

well chilled in lettuce cups. Serve Sour Milk Gingerbread 1/2 cup mild-flavored fat 2 eggs

1/2 cup molasses 2 1/4 cups sifted pastry flour 2 teaspoons baking soda 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon allspice 1 teaspoon ginger

1 cup sour milk Cream fat until fluffy; gradually cream in sugar. Add beaten eggs and molasses and beat well. Mix and sift dry ingredients and add alternately with sour milk, combining lightly. Bake in moderately slow oven, 325 deg. F. 50 to 55 minutes. Makes gingerbread 8 x 8 x 21/2 inches.

School Days

"Well," declared he, "I don't know how to read and write and they won't let me talk, so what's the use in going?"

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many communities have inaugurated school lunch projects, with great success. The homemaker has learn-

. . . Plan a lunch box preparation centre in your kitchen. Store all canned and staple foods, also ent required at this point Plan lunches for the next day when planning and preparing the day's meals. This makes possible the preparation of lunch foods while cooking other meals. Sandwich fillings should be mixed the night before and stored in

Use fillings that will not soak the bread and do not allow them to run over the edge.

A variety of breads or quick

and fruit gelatine may be packed in the custard cup in which they ire baked or molded.

Mock Chicken Spread

2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish 3 tablespoons mayonnaise teaspoon salt

Mix lightly together and serve

Junior came home from school after the third day thoroughly disgusted and declared that he wouldn't go back. Mother, troubled. questioned him about the cause of

on the log." Susie stepped gingerly across not making a sound. When she reached the other side I tossed the light across. Grabbing our equip-

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TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

ment, I stepped out on the log.

ed a deep voice from behind me.

Jeepers," I yelled, slipped and

ll into five feet of ice cold water.

My heavy boots pulled me com-

pletely under for a moment.

. . .

up. In a few moments, my clothes

Susie was stuffing warm sand

wiches in my mouth. We trudged

home, tired, without our equip-

To make the night complete, pop

had gone off to bed and locked the

door. As Susie turned and head-

ed for her house, she called out:

again. You get in the way and you

I don't think I'll take you fishing

"Huh," I grunted, "some people

"What happened to you?" asked

pop as he opened the door, letting

"Fishing, bah! Women, bah!

Game Wardens, bah." I growled

and headed for bed without ans-

Giveaway

"Dogs are a terrible nuisance,

"Oh, you don't have any either,

How to Combat

the light fall on a drowned rat. As

f he didn't know.

wering him.

Mrs. Biggs."

ment and our seven fish.

we're steaming from the heat and

-Game Warden.

chattering.

I think it was George Bernard tears are the Salt of the Earth. How true, how true. He might have added that when woman pulls the act of the flushed eyeballs, it sends most men, even the tough ones scurrying under the veranada And this little introduction takes us into another story. "What are you doing tomorrow night?" asked Susie over the phone.

"Going fishing." "Can I come?" asked the voice "No, you'll fall in and anyway women are only in the way." The sound of soft sobbing, trickled over the line. I weakened fast "Do you really want to go?" "Yes, Barry, and I won't be in the way, honest. I'll bring some

"Okay, I'll pick you up at seven." . . . It was getting dark the next evening as we started down through the bush, following a small stream. Susie carried the lunch and played the flashlight on the water. It was quiet and long lines of moonlight played through the openings in the branches over our heads. Suddenly I jabbed into the water. There was a splash.

sandwiches and some cokes.'

"Missed him," I groaned. We noved along a little farther. Susie walked behind, not saying a word. An hour later we had seven fish n the basket. "Gosh I'm hungry," said Susle. "let's stop and have lunch." "Just wait until we get up a little

ther and then we'll quit," "What's that?" asked Susie. pointing to a tiny light, playing back and forth through the trees up ahead. "Yipe'," I gulped. "Game war-

dens, let's make dust." We scrambled along the edge of the stream. "Don't fall in now, whatever you do," I called over my shoulder. We fell over logs and crawled

through underbrush. There was a steep bank on our left and the stream on our right. "There's a log up here somewhere," I whispered, "we can cross there and cut through the bush on the other side of them." The light was coming closer and the voices of two men carried through the cool night air. "Here it is, you cross over first. Give me the light and I'll shine it

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Oh, To Be

"Sorry, sir. None 'till Thurs-Oh, to be in England, now that "A friend of my husband's just got a new car-and we'll be on

waiting list for at least two

"You have to be an American

to get anything in this country.

In England ...

"Oh, to be in England, now "Will you leave me the Daily Bugle hereafter, please, instead of the Daily Clarion?" "Sorry sir, if you discontinue the Bugle we can't serve you at all. We're not allowing any changes because of the staff shortage."

"Package from America for you iss. With the duty and purchase tax, that'll be two pounds ten (10 Oh, to be in England, now

Oh, to be in . .

"I know it's chilly darling, bu there's no use fiddling with that electric fire. The power doesn't come on until four o'clock." Oh, to be in England . . .

"Yes. I can renew your ratio book - but you have lost three months' clothing coupons by coming in late for your renewal." "Oh, to be . . .
"Let's see, I'll have the soup, the past beef-" "Beef's gone. I'll see if there's

Britons Must Stay at Home

portion of fish left."

Oh, to . . .

About a million British people reached up through the water and felt a hand. It pulled and I came would like to take a sea voyage. with it. Opening my eyes, I looked but they won't be able to for a into the face of a man wearing a indefinite period, writes J. F. hat with a badge that plainly said Frost in the London Daily Telegraph. The reason: ships requisitioned by the Government during "This way you dope," shrieked the war haven't been all turned susie. I turned and lunged back back to owners: those that have across the stream, stumbled up the been returned aren't ready for serbank and we headed through the vice yet or are being held up by oush as hard as we could go. A fuel shortages. Britons will stay crashing of broken twigs and underbrush followed us a short dis-

An editorial approves the order allowing British and American firms now to import German goods Up at the far end of the bush It says such a lifting of restrictions we fell on the ground, panting and is good because any increase in German exports, which will help exhausted. Soon my teeth were to pay for imports of goods, will "I'll get a fire going," offered reduce the burden on the British Susie and try to get you warmed taxpayer.

CANADA CORN STARCE

Carrier Pigeons Replace Teles

Mr. Ackers make the six-m "I can tell my wife, M I'll be home, what to he per-things like that man told a reporter.

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along on trips out of to A concert was being b Sandy's turn to give I solo. When he had

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"What!" asked Sa

McCale's calcula-Says Rheumatic vas a long way ahead of me. Runs in her Famil the Hill Road that meets

But Safeguards Healt he was on at the gate by With Kruschen e sure of that, Miss Lynn? you may be making a accusation." Many people seem to think, ben complaint runs in the tamus, as is little they can do about it a contrary, all the more reason far steps to avoid it. Especially it complaint is rheumatic pain. Rail one woman keeps free from it:-

CHAPTER XIV

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not sure of saying the

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followed him?"

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ourt at that gate had on

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The whole count of Krusche' the My general health is very god in 57 and can do a day's work withing I would not be without Krusche' (Mrs.) A.B.S. The whole secret of Kruscheith action upon the organs of elimina Kruschen helps these organs to be the body the acid deposit at the property of the property o arms, faced him. that she had on a green saw it. But I was a long ell you. You're not getthis just because I'm is green thing. I wouldn't urt. God, I loved him.

> eft Shari Lynn siumped e of any help, so he left

> > McCale's outer office a late caller. Rocky irred his huge bulk air by the sputtering hand of my psychic

ale said, reaching autocabinet for a bottle and soda siphon which part and parcel of visit by Barton Donlevy. nan who towered in the

threw his hat and coat

y chest, and settled himoly in a big red leather really sore," he began. ndered why you took a hen you and Adelaide practically the only es to this ghastly busied on me very soon

you'd gone to Vallainent to steal a march s that nice?" He raised ctiously. but necessary from your squad has ce — and there's hairpin left for us

ue. The place was as Beyond getting a what the lad who like, there wasn't r my trouble." he had was quite re-Pure Holly wood if Dorothy Drap-. Is that all you

ratched the quick intercross Donlevy's eyes

"Well?" he questioned "Shari Lynn, the chanteuse at

by GERALD BROWN

The Quality Tea

ORANGE PEKOE

present of the Latin Quarter and The Abbey." "Umm-I've heard of her." McCale went on, then, to teil of is encounter with the night club "You think, then," the lieutenan

queried, "that there was an old affair between them? Somethin in your telling it makes me feel you are convinced that it was not too recent-something flaring up again after a long time."

McCale nodded. "I'm sure of it," he said. "I'm sure you'll find that

they may even have been man and wife at one time-that they have never been out of touch with each other for long." . . .

Donlevy digested this. "Then?" "Oh sure. Lynn was back there after any letters of hers that Vallaincourt may have kept. I don't think there were any there, however. There wasn't even a stray phone number chalked on the bath "It was exactly as if the place

had been cleaned of everything by the boy himself. Kind of disappointing, what?' "There is the possibility of a safe deposit box at some bank." "That's been checked. He had a

mall balance at a downtown bank, but no box of any kind." McCale hunched himself over his glass for a minute, musing. "It becomes very confusing, then For he must have got rid of every thing last night or today. Before' -he stared unwinkingty at the rim of his glass-"just before he wen

the big man, Donlevy. The grayhaired police inspector looked up turn for your information you want "That's only fair." McCale smiled.

Donlevy had never once let him down in a matter of this kind, though he covered it always with an air of assumed ill grace. "Here it is, then, for what it's worth," he said. "There was, in the Bigelow house at the time of the murder, besides Adelaide Bigelow and yourself, the cook, an upstairs maid, and the Butler, King. The cook was preparing dinner. The maid, Kitty Shane, was hangsneaking out on me this Donlevy's smile belied out, obviously. No motive, no opportunty. King was fixing a tray of hors d'oeuvres for the usual cocktail hour. He's out for the same reason. None of them saw or

heard a thing until the prolonged

. . .

ringing of the bell."

"About five minutes after the cruising car got there, I arrived. It was then about twenty minutes since Vallaincourt had been shot. Shortly after that, the family began to wander in and I questioned und no keys on the them in the order of their appearance. Sybil and Stephen, the son, came in together. She said she had walked from the church across the Gardens, stopping at Shackley's drugstore for cigarettes. She had chatted a few minutes with the clerk, whom she knew. She met Stephen as she came out of the store. He had been wandering along Charles street, just killing time, he said. Likes to walk in the rain-

that sort of thing."

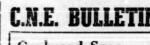
"There's a jangled lad for you," McCale waggled a finger. "Neurotic. Worried about his wife. Was probably out hunting her up, wherever she was." "Sybil is no caim, strong pioneer woman either. Collapsed like a bal-

loon at the news. You'd think Vallaincourt was her own chee-ild to

COSY AS MOTHER'S POUCH_ALMOST



"Chickie" eight-month-old kangaroo is a pretty lonely little fellow since he lost his mother and Bronx, N.Y., zoo attendants are doing their best to cheer him up. For their first step they placed him inside an old sweat shirt—with only the animal's head sticking out-making it feel as warm and soft as the mother's pouch (top-photo). Then, Jim Coder, the kangaroo's personal attendant, was assigned to give "Chickie" ample saucers of milk (lower photo). At last reports the youngster was coming around to a happy frame of mind again.



Cupboard Space Makes A Home

Open the cupboard, Hub-bard! That's what happened five or six years ago when a housing shortage began to grip Canada. And ever since then, people have cried out for more cupboards as they doubled up with the in-laws and strangers Manual training classes in Ontario Technical schools are devising new ways of making more cupboard space in the home as their contribution to the Home exhibits at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, it is reported. The students are concocting ideas for new-type cupboards and experimenting with ways of concealing storage space to provide more comfort and tidiness in cramped housing quarters.

Kate Aitken, in charge Home exhibits, says that students from the manual training classes will be Johnny-on-the spot at the C.N.E., demonstrat ing their accomplishments. This may talk over their individua storage problems with the students and pick up dozens of nev ideas for their own homes.

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No Excuse For **Hunting Accidents** With one suggestion made b

Ontario hunters to the fish and Game Committee of the Legisla ture, there is bound to be fairly general agreement, says the Wind-sor Star. From the Kawartha district comes a recommendation that anyone causing a fatal accident license for life. If this seems to be a harsh penalty, consider the fact that there is

not one of these mishaps in which

negligence does not figure to

simply no excuse for shooting

man in mistake for an animal, or for the unintentional discharge of a

shotgun or rifle. Anyone guilty of

such carelessness is not a fit per

son to carry arms in the woods.

greater or less extent. There

mended by the medical profession for "Spring Fever." The tonic is simply compounded of lots of vege-tables and fruits, plenty of water, and milk, adequate sleep and as much fresh air as one can get. This, say the authorities, is much to be preferred to the old-fashioned Spring tonic of sulphur and mo-

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

ANNE HIRST Who presents kindly and intelligent solutions for

Sunday School Lesson

The Glory and Decay of a Nation

Kings 3:5-9; 4:29-30, 34; 5:15-17; 11:6-8, 11. Golden Text.-Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding Proverbs 3:5.

The national glory and decay of Israel were associated with the glory and decay of one man—King mon, man of wisdom, temple builder, consolidator of the king-dom. At the height of his glory

decay began to set in.

In almost every field in which strength and character count one will find innumerable instances where some man who died was really indispensable, and failure and decay ensued because no one arose to take his place.

The sort of strength and charac ter that Solomon represented in his early career was indispensable to a strong and stable kingdom. The outward glory lasted while Solomon lived, but decay began when Israel departed from the principles of his early reign.

The way was already laid for the

rebellion and division that quickly came in Israel following his death. The story of the rise and fall of the Kingdom of Israel is instructive and full of guidance and warning for our own tim The opening chapters of the First

Youth Training

The wise approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency is based on the assumption that boys who get into trouble are boys who have nothing else to do. It is a wise parent who encourages his sons to put their hands to useful things, comments the Detroit News. He will go to some trouble to provide whatever they need to pursue the instinct of self-expression in the making of things. Countless men, o encouraged in youth, find that skills then acquired become sources gratification through life, Needless to say, young builders are not conspicuous for the delinquents in

their ranks.

Book of Kings tell of bitter comities and violent deaths perpetrated in feuds, rivalries, and hatreds. It euds, rivalries, and hatreds are not found in the modern world.

In fact, we have been familiar with "purges" in some countries but in democracies of the British and American type the reign of law and the function of law in main-taining the freedom of the individual have become well established. Rival leaders of groups and parties no longer resort to violence and

the weapon of assassination.

If we can learn from ancient Israel ancient Israel might have learned some things from us in our progress toward tolerance and free-



TIRED MUSCLES JUST PAT IT ON!



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BACKACHE The Plague of Outdoor Men

The outdoor man, whether he be farmer, truck driver, or railway operator, is often subject to backache. This may be the result of exposure to cold and dampness or the result of strain from the jolting and bumping of the vehicle he rides.

To many people, women as well as men, it would be great to be free of backache—one of the most common and annoying of aliments. And here is how you may be relieved of backache and other symptoms of poisons in the blood.

The treatment suggested is Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills. By chase 's Kidney Liver Pills. By chase's Kidney Liver Pills. By chase 's Kidney Liver Pills. By cha

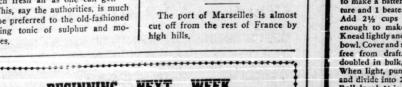
Dr. Chase's Kidney Pills

DETIZING APPLE CAKE

RECIPE

Add 1 envelope Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar to ½ cup lukewarm water, and le-stand 10 minutes. Then stir well Scald ½ cup milk, add 3 tablespoons shortening, ¼ cup sugand ½ teaspoon salt and cool t lukewarm. Add 1 cup sifted flow to make a batter. Add yeast mix-ture and I beaten egg. Beat well.
Add 2½ cups sifted flour, or enough to make a soft dough.
Knead lightly and place in greased bowl. Cover and set in warm place, free from draft. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 2 hours. When light, punch dough down and divide into 2 equal portions. Roll dough ½ inch thick; place in well. Greased pans (8½ x 11½. to make a batter. Add yeast mi 2 well-greased pans (8½ x 11½ x 2" deep). Brush tops with melted core 12 apples; cut into eighther press into dough, sharp edge downward; close together. Mi





NEW FEATURE

many of Life's Personal Problems

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