

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

A few weeks ago a friend of ours, getting up in years, and particularly fond of flowers, happened to mention that she had never seen the famous Rock Gardens in Hamilton. I could hardly believe it—it was almost incredible that there was a place with "green fingers" as my friend would miss seeing anything that would give her so much pleasure. But of course she had no way of making the trip unless someone took her. Right away I promised that if we ever had a better car than the Model A, she would certainly see the Gardens. So that was my first trip with "the Greening." That, by the way, is my name for our latest car; and for two reasons—one because it is green and the other because—at present—it is the apple of my eye.

So away we went last Thursday—two elderly ladies and myself—and we saw the Rock Gardens in all their spring glory. It was a lovely day (actually!) and we wandered around to our heart's content, following the winding paths among the rocks; climbing the stepping stones to higher levels; resting on the benches when we were tired; and watching the goldfish as they thrashed through the water, no matter which way we looked. There were so many of them—far more than I had seen before. Either more had been put into the pools or they must multiply very rapidly.

Of course we had to get into conversation with the gardeners and learned to our amazement that only two men are employed to look after the Gardens. How they ever keep them in such good condition I don't know. That day they were putting out bedding plants. A truck had just delivered them in flats—all kinds of annuals, and there must have been thousands of them. It just about gave me a headache to look at them!

As we walked with the men I noticed a few roots of poisonous plants among the rocks. I drew attention to them and the head gardener said, "Yes, and those few roots are all that are left—too many people take a fancy to them and first thing they know they are nearly all gone. Sure, there's a \$30 fine for stepping roots or flowers, but a man can't have his eyes everywhere at once—anyone's a lot of people go through the gardens from one day to another."

Doesn't that seem a crime? Why is it that some people give up to such despicable pilfering and petty thieving? It is hard to believe that people who love flowers would be guilty of such misdeeds. I have always thought one of the characteristics of a person who really loves flowers is a desire to share them with other folk, not to thrive and destroy for selfish pleasure.

Upon our arrival home my first job was to visit a little bird prisoner. In the forenoon I discovered a small bird sitting on the front step—I think it was a green linnet. It made no attempt to fly or run when I approached and greeted quite happily in my hand. So I put it in a large box covered with a window screen and supplied it with food and water. Evidently it had been stung in some way and recovered during my absence because when I opened the box it took to its wings in no uncertain fashion. Free, happy little bird! Well, I didn't think I could do it, but I have. I mean I have written this whole column without once mentioning the weather! Which perhaps is just as well because anything I might have said wouldn't be printed—and we had weekend guests and ten for tea on Sunday.

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Now being cultivated in the greenhouses of the New York Botanical Gardens, they may soon be available to the public.

A Bouncing Baby

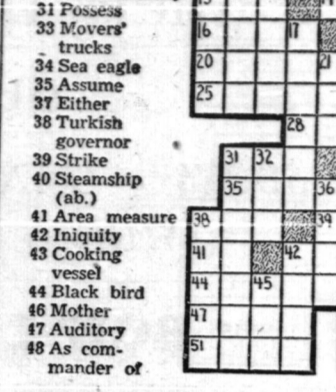
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—Windsor Daily Star

ATTACKED PALAU

HORIZONTAL:
1 Pictured
4 U. S. naval leader, Vice-Admiral Theobald M. Swanwick
9 Log float
13 Exist
14 Musical drama
15 Aunty
16 Rant
17 French article
18 Ohio city
19 Ohio city
20 Overlaid
21 Cubby
22 Symbol for erbium
23 Preclude
24 German river
28 That one
29 Mythical maid filled with curiosity
31 Possessives
33 Movers
34 Sea eagle
35 Assume
37 Ethical
38 Turkish governor
39 Stripes
40 Steamship (abbr.)
42 Iniquity
43 Cooking vessel
44 Black bird
46 Mother
47 Auditor
48 As commander of

VERTICAL:
1 Merchandise
2 Angry
3 Fry bar
4 Type of motor
5 Notary public
6 Vend
7 Native metal
8 Sodium
9 Bamboolee grass
10 Swiss river
11 One who smokes
12 Claws
13 Type of fur
17 Hoop
18 Foot
19 Negative word
20 Nobleman
21 Therefore
22 Denomination
23 Hawaiian
24 Precipitate
25 Make a mistake
26 Pulsate
27 Over (cont.)
29 Work



TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

A programme of questions and answers by Elizabeth Woodward for teenagers from Buffalo's WKBD-TV on 11, Saturday mornings, is worth hearing. We sat in the barber's chair last week when it was on and enjoyed every minute of it. Just before that, there is another teen-age programme with lots of live music coming in from Chicago—also on the same station. Mark it down.

There is a great deal of talk these days about safety and cutting down the death toll from motor accidents. Some teen-agers, when behind the wheel, seem to develop a case of heavy-foot and the posts and pedestals go flying by in a hurry. We can help by driving carefully, riding our bikes carefully and avoiding jay-walking. Some of the older folks help a lot if they would leave that BOTTLE at home where it belongs.

A number of teens who we have heard about are leaving for resorts to work during the summer. We understand that most of these places handed out to teens are three places don't pay a lot of money, but they do pay off in good food, a good time—and you meet some nice people. One fellow we know heads for Banff. There is a spot where most teen-agers could work with pleasure, especially when Paramount of Hollywood sends up a fellow like Bing Crosby to make a picture. The picture that Bing made at Banff last year is scheduled to be released.

Well, next week, we are heading for the north country for a week's holidays. Oh boy, will I lap that up! Swimming, fishing and hiking and I can get up when I feel like it. The editor thinks that I have a lot of nerve pleading for time off for a rest, but then editors sometimes get in those moods. We tried to get Billy Rose to do a guest column, but he refuses. And so did Roly Young and Jim Coleman. Well, anyway, Sue wanted to do a column for me so stand by. Don't let on that I asked those other people first—they may be annoyed and I can get into trouble easy enough. For now, and we'll be back with you the week after next.

Featherbedding

Union featherbedding has reached a new peak on the Japanese railroads, where there are 408 employees for each mile of track compared with six in the U.S., says Newsweek. Both the Government and the occupation officials accept the situation, vigorously defended by the unions, as a form of work relief.

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REGULAR FELLERS—Shock-Proof Service

BY GENE BYRNES

LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A HAND MOWER? WELL, I'VE SEEN ONE. I'VE SEEN ONE IN THE WAGON!

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... TABLE TALKS ...

Strawberries ...

According to facilities available and taking into account personal tastes, strawberries may be frozen, canned or made up into jam.

If it is a quick-freezing locker in your community, frozen strawberries will most probably be your choice since in freezing the color, flavour and shape are so well retained that it is a joy to have frozen berries to serve out of season.

Some varieties of strawberries freeze more successfully than others, so it is recommended to check with your provincial Department of Agriculture for the varieties suitable in your district. Based on their extensive experimental work on freezing strawberries, the home economists of the Consumer Section, Dominion Department of Agriculture, say that only fruit of a high quality should be ripe but firm, and at the ideal stage of maturity for immediate table use. Speed and care in preparing and handling the fruit are very important. To prevent the fruit from losing its original flavour, appearance and texture, a small quantity only should be prepared at one time for freezing.

The strawberries are washed and sorted before being hulled; then they are packed either whole or sliced in cold, medium syrup to cover or in dry sugar. A medium syrup is made with 1 cup of sugar and 1 cup water. For dry sugar use 4 lbs. of prepared fruit, about 12 cups to one pound of sugar (2 cups).

The packed containers should be frozen immediately after packing. If they are to be frozen and stored in a locker plant, each container, as it is packed, should be placed in a refrigerator or very cold place until all containers are ready and then taken to the locker plant without delay.

Homemakers who do not have freezing facilities are interested in the best recommended method for canning strawberries. The recommendations for preparing and handling the strawberries are the same for canning as for freezing.

There are two methods recommended for canning strawberries, the Cold Pack method and the Hot Pack method using the same strength of syrup, that is a medium one which is made using equal amounts of sugar and water.

The other day we read where the land-sailors were getting their yachts, dinghies, launches and what-nots ready to go down to the lake in ships. We were told that a boy and there they were. Men and boys and the odd woman all busy packing and caulking. It made us feel that summer was here. Out on the bay fishermen sat huddled in small punts, and the odd picnic basket and a few chairs. And a boy of about 8 years was varnishing a small boat with one sail on it. He stated it was a lady, who came home recently on the Queen Elizabeth, was very disappointed with the ship and didn't think it was nearly as nice as she had been told it was.

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Tubeless Tyres

James J. Newman, General president, has announced the development of tubeless tires on state police cruisers and private passenger cars.

Advantages of the new tires claimed by the company include: features of puncture resistance, bruise resistance and constant air pressure.

Shortage of Teapots Upsets Government

The Socialist regime in England has come to its crucial test. There is a shortage of teapots. There is a shortage of teapots. There is a shortage of teapots. There is a shortage of teapots.

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MURDER IN PLAIN SIGHT

by GERALD BROWN

CHAPTER XX

THE WIDOW WAS sitting at the table, waiting for her husband to come home. She was alone in the house. She was alone in the house. She was alone in the house.

Wife Disagrees With Anne Hirst

WELL, today I get my come-uppance again from a contented woman who 27 years ago married against her family's wishes and consequently believes that parents should allow their daughters to make their own choice, unless one or the other is not a desirable person.

My Handwriting and You

By Alex S. Arnott

Friendly people are revealed in handwriting by the spacious lover.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberts Lee

Q. How should the knife and fork be placed on the plate when not in use?

A. Place the knife midway between the outer edge and the center of the plate, cutting edge in. Lay the fork parallel to it, further toward the center.

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Recipe

Add 1 envelope Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar to 1/2 cup lukewarm water. Stir and let stand 10 minutes. Scald 1/2 cup milk, add 3 tablespoons shortening, 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add 1 cup sifted flour to make a batter. Add yeast mixture and 1 beaten egg. Beat well. Add 2 1/2 cups sifted flour, or enough to make a soft dough. Knead lightly; place in greased bowl. Cover, set in warm place, free from draft. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about 2 hours. Roll out dough to 1/4" thickness and brush with 1/4 cup milk. Prick top with fork and brush with 1/2 cup milk. Bake in warm place, free from draft, until light, about 1 1/2 hours. Prick top with fork and brush with 1/2 cup milk. Bake in warm place, free from draft, until light, about 1 1/2 hours.

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