

# MORE THAN FRUIT

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HOURS 9 - 6 DAILY

There are moments when we all long for the quiet of evening time. But not this day. Jacque just returned from retrieving Ben from a weekend flight to Chicago to visit a schoolmate. Adrienne is off to her first driving lesson. Bill rushes in to head out to one of his many meetings.

"Shoe" observed in the comics a couple days ago that "Life is what happens when you're making other plans." Jacque is immersed in completing her graduate school work this summer. Adrienne's 4-H and school activities have not taken second seat to coming of age on a tractor. Even though Ben completed the challenge of a year of Civil Engineering at Ohio Northern University, he wanted "one more summer on the farm." Bill continues to find joy in his work that is often hard for the family to understand.

Adrienne's and Ben's grandad commented many years ago that "Life is defined not by its drama, but by its routine." Somehow, this family can transform routine into drama.

Our local agricultural extension agent has pointed out that the farming community is an "endearing and enduring" lot. He articulated well that transition from routine to drama. Some Ohio fruit growers have experienced horrific weather this year. We have had a little hail, but not the devastation of others. For this we are thankful.

The season is two to three weeks ahead of last year, with the first few peaches being picked now. Here's what is in store:

June 15 - July 27	Peaches begin (cling type)
July 30 - Aug. 10	Redhavens begin (freestone)
Aug. 1 - 5	Nectarines begin
Aug. 10 - 15	Apples begin - Paula Red
Aug. 15	Gala apples
Aug. 10 - Sept. 1	Plums
Aug. 20 - Sept. 20	Pears
Sept. 10 - 15	Last of peaches
Sept. 5 - 15	Fall apples & pick your own begins

Hope to see you,

The Gammies

BETTER OR WORSE by LYNN JOHNSON



*Bill + Jacque*  
*Ben + Adrienne*