



By Wendy Thomson

More bits and pieces:
Visits from our friends have fallen off greatly over the past few months, ever since our youngest probed into why God doesn't smoke any more. David has taken everyone's health to heart and is proceeding to do his bit to stamp out smoking. A visitor will get all settled down in a big easy chair, with a great sigh of comfort, and grope for a cigarette. Immediately, David will appear with an ashtray and hover until the match is lit and he has a chance to huff it out, and then he'll strike. Our guest will have taken his first draw and sink a little deeper in the chair, when a small voice will come from his elbow. "You shouldn't smoke, you know." The friend agrees and tries to ignore the unblinking blue eyes. "You'll get sick," comes the voice again.

By this time, someone in the family figures that, in the interests of friendship, it's about time David read a good book, and removes him. Conversation is easy, once the gad-fly's gone, and we can usually have a good visit, unless the friend chances to cough. Immediately, the blue eyes are back. "If you didn't smoke, you wouldn't have to cough." I guess our friends find it's easier to give us up, than to give up smoking.

They joke about sending old horses to the glue factory; after tasting the glue on some stamps envelopes, I can well believe it. Why do so many models on T.V. in ads for toothpaste, lipstick, gum, and such, give a chomp with their teeth half-way through? They swim, walk, run, and stand around, until someone of the opposite sex comes closer for a better look. They give a brilliant smile, all teeth bared, then CHONK!! To me it doesn't look as much seductive as it does their plates are slipping!

Whenever I have to go to the laundromat, the first thing I head for once the clothes are in, is the notice board. I'm a fairly diligent notice-reader, but sales of maternity clothes and V-8 car parts become a bit of a bore, after a while. I think it would be a good idea to have a "Personal" section—Sammy, please come home, The baby won't bite you any more. "Room to rent, preferably to someone with bongo-drums, interested in all night sessions." "I will no longer be responsible for bills run up by my wife, with door-to-door salesmen." That type of thing is food for thought.

Exchange

The Rev. Harry Dawson and the Rev. R. P. E. Jeffares of Nassagaweya and Lowville will be exchanging pulpits this Sunday. This is the first of three exchanges planned for St. Alban's in February, March and April.

HONEY FRUIT BREAD

Sift 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking soda. Add 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour, Beat 2 eggs, 1 cup honey, 2/3 cup sugar, 1/2 cup corn oil, 1 cup sour milk, until light. Pour all at once over dry ingredients. Fold in 1 cup chopped walnuts and 1 cup raisins. Stir just enough to blend ingredients. Turn into 2 greased loaf pans which have been lined with waxed paper (makes one 9" x 5" x 3" plus one smaller). Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 80 minutes.

Free Press Personals

Captain S. R. M. Sinclair, husband of the former Helen Landsborough of Acton, has been promoted to the rank of Major, in an announcement by Canadian Forces Headquarters in Ottawa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Sinclair of R. R. 4, Guelph. Major Sinclair and his family now reside in Kingston where he is an assistant professor in mechanical engineering at the Royal Military College.

The Y's Men's club held a very successful dance Saturday evening in Acton Music Centre with a larger crowd than they'd expected. There were quite a few from out of town among the dancers, including former Acton clerk Jack McGeachie and Mrs. McGeachie, back from Milton.

Mr. Robert Darby is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Six members of the Acton Golden Age Club returned Friday from a most enjoyable bus trip to Florida. They went on a chartered bus, joining other citizens from many towns. Away two weeks, less two days, were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Alex Near, Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Mrs. C. Mason and Mrs. Stephens. They stopped each evening at different places, travelling by day. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, showing their usual enthusiasm and verve, just nicely got home when they left again - to attend Acton W. I. euehre. They had won a trophy for walking during the holiday trip.



ALIENATION of youth from parents and society is chief concern of Miss Shelley Fimon with her work as counsellor at Northeastern Y.W.C.A. in Toronto. As guest of the H.I. O's, she was in dialogue with minister of Yrindly United Church, Rev. G. B. Turner, on Parent-Teen Relationship Sunday morning. She saw the role of the church as conciliatory. Many took the opportunity to continue dialogue with her at Talk-Back following the morning service. She is a United Church deaconess, graduate of Covenant College, Toronto, working at the House V, salary being covered by four churches in the area. (Photo by A. Long)

Free Press Women's Page

W.I. penny sale

The Acton W.I. held a Valentine Euchre Penny Sale on Feb. 14 in the Lupton Parish Hall. Winners from the 19 tables were: Ladies, Mrs. M. Osborne; Mrs. E. Allen; Men—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fellows. Penny sale prizes: tea towels, Mrs. Juan Taylor; towels, Mrs. Jean Little; shopping bag, Mrs. Greise; pillow protectors, Mrs. Harold Denny, Mrs. I. Little; pillow cases, Mrs. M. Matthews; men's socks, Mrs. J. Greer; Yardley's and cards, Mrs. Sam Holmes; tea towels, Vera Tatton; cup and saucer, Mrs. Sam Holmes; jewellery, Albert Ford; ladies slippers, Ella McHattie; cufflinks, Mrs. M. Fountain; towels, Cindy Brouillard; nylons, Murray Stamp; socks, Mrs. G. Collins; scarf and apron, Betty Phillips; pillow cases Audrey Anderson; pillow cases, Mrs. R. Lindsay; tea towels, Mrs. Nellie Lane; pictures, Mrs. Jack Greer; stationery, Mrs. Stan Norton; towels, Mrs. Kit Dowd; pillow cases, Susan Dewar; towels, Betty Phillips. Door prize: Mrs. Wilson, groceries.

World Day of Prayer

Fifty years ago women in Canada and United States decided to have a special day of prayer on the first Friday in Lent. This has spread to 150 countries, including many different denominations and languages and is now held on the first Friday in March. From Newfoundland to Yukon, 3,500 Canadian communities joined in prayer last year in various languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Cree, Eskimo, Braille, English and French. It is marvellous to think of people of different tongues and denominations having this spiritual unity—a glorious glimpse of the church as it ought to be.

If you are unable to attend the special church service on March 7, why not hold a prayer meeting in your own home? Perhaps you know a shut-in or someone else who would be uplifted and willing to join in our common purpose. If you are wondering what to say in your prayer, you might try reading a newspaper with the eyes of Christ and then praying for the things in it that He would have prayed for.

Tennyson claimed that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." If each person of goodwill prays for peace and the relief of suffering, what miracles may be brought about.

Free Press Personals

Mr. Frank Gibbons is a patient in St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mabel Symon is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, following a fall.

Miss Mary Beth Elliott, Windsor, spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott, Church St.

Mrs. R. Alge and Miss Robena Clark are home again after enjoying several weeks in Florida.

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Reading of letters enjoyed at Auxiliary

The regular meeting of the Acton Auxiliary, Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church met in the Mary Ellen Anderson room, on Thursday, February 13, with Mrs. G. Sprowl as hostess. The president, Miss I. Anderson presided, calling the meeting to worship with an inspiring poem, prayer, and hymn, "Come let us sing of a wonderful love." The committee convened by Mrs. W. McIntyre, took charge of the worship and study period. Devotions were led by Mrs. H. Allison, reading the scripture from Isaiah 58 and Mrs. Hassard leading in prayer. Mrs. W. McIntyre introduced the Study Chapter on the new approach of presenting the Gospel to all people. The use of new methods, drama, singing, coffee houses to various centres and art and dramatics were discussed by Mrs. W. McLeod and Mrs. G. Sprowl.

Greenock W.I. Call roll with handicrafts

Mrs. Calvin Atken opened her home for the Greenock Women's Institute meeting on Tues. February 11. The president called the meeting to order and all repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Gordon Leslie gave the meditation, the Japanese version of the 23rd psalm followed by the Lord's prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and treasurer's report given. The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Margaret Zeller of Kitchener the newly elected president of the F. W. I. O. It was decided we would send a delegate as well as a donation to the Officer's Conference of the F. W. I. O. of the University of Guelph April 29 to May 1st. Twelve members and two visitors answered the roll call by displaying a piece of handicraft which included paintings, ceramics, needlework, and carvings, each one told the secretary's report and the treasurer's report were accepted as read. The roll call was answered by a favorite verse of Scripture. Mrs. R. M. McDonald, assistant treasurer, received the offering which was dedicated by the president. The meeting closed by the singing of hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus", and prayer by Miss I. Anderson.

HORNBY CHURCH, recently purchased by Oakville Recreation Dept., is now in use as a northern Oakville recreation centre. **REV. JAMES RIDD**, missionary home on furlough from India is speaking in Guelph this Sunday.

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