

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Our three youngsters are lucky. They had a whole slew of grandparents, two grandmothers, three great grandmothers, and two grandfathers. There was Gord's mother, Granny Thomson; her mother, Granny Cardinell; my mother, Mama; her mother, Nana; my father, Papa; his parents, Grandma and Grandpa Weyman. With the different "tag" for each, it's quite easy to keep track of who you're talking about.

I don't know what my childhood would have been like without my own three grandmothers. Almost every time I think back at any particular incident, there's a "dearly loved grandmother sitting there."

Grandma Weyman was small, thin, she bustled, and kept after-dinner mints. The first things that come to mind on reminiscing are her scolding me for not eating my hard-boiled eggs when I was very small; me trying not to flinch when being lectured on The Cross Roads of Life; the sound of hymns being played on the piano while I sat entranced; and the very English voice saying "What a pretty frock!"

I don't remember ever sitting on her knee. I would have thought it would have been very uncomfortable, but Grandpa Weyman was equally small and thin, and I spent a fair bit of time perched on his knee (maybe granddaughters fit better on grandfathers' knees) singing to him—"Rumpelstiltskin, Rumpelstiltskin, How can he grow, How can he grow—" and I forget what comes next.

Grandpa had been, at one time a mate on a sailing schooner, and had marvelous tales to tell of his voyages, starting off "Well I remember—" in a voice that was somehow different from his usual one. All I can remember now are bits and pieces of two, one where the captain was drunk in a bad storm, and the other of the Rain Forests.

My mother's grandmother "Little Grandma", was alive then, too. She was small and wrinkled, I think. The one strong impression I have is that whenever we were at the beach, she dried us without ever shaking the sand out of the towels. What a way to be remembered!

My mother's mother, Grandma Coghill (or Big Grandma) was (and is) everything that grandmothers are supposed to be, round and soft and full of hugs and kisses. She kept humming, and didn't make me eat eggs, taught me to swim, baked all kinds of goodies, and spoilt all her grandchildren (and great grandchildren).

My 11 year old Beth visits with her now and then, and as I wave good-bye, I sometimes feel a little twinge of regret that I grew up so fast. Both come home with that well-fed-pussy

look that only grandmother-love can give.

There are so many things I hope-my three don't forget. David has almost forgotten my father, his Papa, but the older two remember. He taught them how to look at things and appreciate them, the colors and smells and such. He would turn over leaves to see the veins, and wet down stones to see the colors sparkle, blow grass between his thumbs, and roam endlessly with them.

My mother—I'm too close to her to see her from anything but a daughter's view point, but she's got a good start. She's round and soft, and keeps English toffee.

The spectacle here, last weekend, is one that will be talked about for years. Can you envision as sweet little lady (Gord's mother and a great grandmother, at that) being boosted up one side of the Daisy-pony and promptly sliding off the other? When the finally was balanced on top of the pony, and took the reins in trembling hands, one of Gord's neices rushed up and whacked Daisy's rump with a switch to make her run. And away they went, with my mother-in-law being jogged unmercifully, slipping from side to side both from the bouncing and also from laughing so hard. And that was some sight!

They say the younger generation are changing. Well, take a good look at the grandmothers!

There's not much you can do with strawberries or raspberries that can beat having them just with cream and sugar, but this come close to being almost as good.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TORTE

Cream 1/2 cup shortening. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar, the beat in 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 2 egg yolks. Sift 1/2 cup cake flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, and add to egg mixture alternately with 1/2 cup milk. Pour into well greased 8" square cake pan. Top with meringue.

Meringue: Beat 3 egg whites till stiff. Add 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar gradually. Spread on cake batter. Bake at 250 degrees for 25 minutes. Increase heat to 350 degrees and bake 20 minutes longer. Remove from oven, cool. Top with 1 cup heavy cream sliced strawberries, and 1/2 cup sugar. If you're not going to eat this all at once, just put a blob of topping on each serving and put the rest in the freezer till you need it again.



REPRESENTATIVES OF MEYRO TORONTO CONTRACTING FIRMS toured facilities at Indusmin quarries, Tuesday afternoon. Resident manager Don Murdy conducted the tour.—(Staff Photo)

## Metro contractors tour quarry facilities

Representatives of several metropolitan Toronto contracting firms toured facilities at Indusmin quarries, Tuesday.

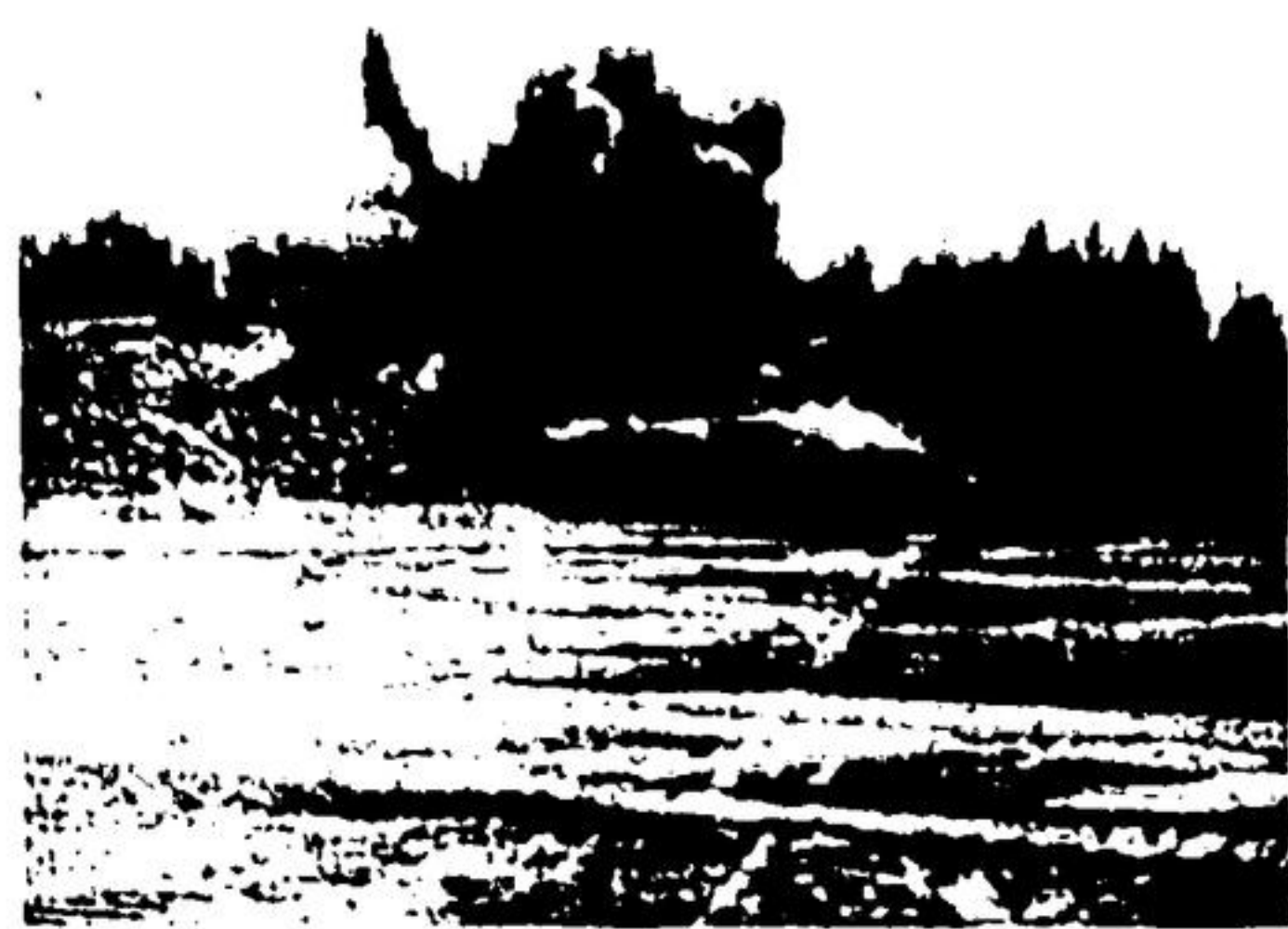
Don Murdy, resident manager at the quarries explained the various operations to the bullock of visitors.

The men first observed the electrically powered seven cubic yard shovel loading the 50 ton dump trucks, that carry the ore

to the primary crusher. Next stop was the primary crusher itself, where the men watched the ore being crushed by a monstrous 54 inch gyratory type crusher.

Stops at the secondary and tertiary crushers, the screening towers and wash plant followed.

As a finale to their tour, the men had the opportunity to view a blast, that produced about 21,000 tons of raw ore.



GUESTS FROM CONTRACTING FIRMS in metro Toronto watched this 21,000 ton blast, as a finale to their tour, Tuesday.—(Staff Photo)

## Sheridan housing registry set up

Sheridan College is setting up a new housing registry for students—and it's another milestone in student-administration co-operation.

A four-man committee, composed of two students and two staffers, has worked out a housing exchange registry that will list rooms available for students, whether in Brampton, Oakville, Mississauga, Malton or wherever; protect landlords from having droves of students knocking at his door at the same time; and instantly remove the landlord's listing once his room is rented, so he ceases to be bothered with would-be tenants.

A simple but ingenious card system devised by the college registrar, John E. Bromley, will go into operation August 11, in conjunction with evening phone service, being set up to help both tenants and landlords.

Cost of manning the 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. telephone service is being borne jointly between students and administration. Sheridan, like other community colleges, has no direct responsibility for housing. Each individual student must rustle up his own place, but the administration believes in helping where it can.

Last year the registrar's office provided telephone-answering service. This is being re-structured this year because of the difficulty of coping with housing enquiries and registration inquiries simultaneously.

The Sheridan College School of Design in Port Credit (Lorne Park) does offer limited residence facilities, but only because these were part of the school before the school became part of Sheridan.

Inquiries as to residence requirements for School of Design students should be made directly to that school, 274-3685, and not to Sheridan's Brampton Campus.

The new housing exchange registry will operate weekday evenings, Monday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. starting Aug. 11. Beginning August 18, searchers may use the student phone service.

## Snow reunion again success

The seventh annual Snow Reunion was held Sunday July 13, 1969 at Pineland Farm, home of Jim and Barbara Snow Hornby.

After registration of approximately 90 family members a bountiful and most delicious buffet style picnic dinner was enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting followed.

Twelve of the senior members were presented with silver 1969 Snow Reunion pins. The eldest lady present was Dorothea Huggins, Erin Township in her 91st year. The eldest gentleman

present was Albert Anderson, Milton in his 93rd year. The youngest child present was seven months old Robert son of Luxton and Ruby Barry, Markdale, Ont.

The door prize went to Grace Anderson, Milton.

The remainder of the day was spent in running and swimming races and games with Lloyd and Lola Marshall, Ballinafad in charge.

A perfect day came to a close all too soon for those who were reminiscing and those reluctant to leave the swimming pool.

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## Asks end to word 'accident' suggests 'collision' meaningful

In the interests of developing a common-sense attitude toward traffic safety, Hon. Irwin Haskett, Minister of Transport, has called for an end to the use of the word "accident".

"Collisions" is a more meaningful word, he said as he tabled a report in the Legislature on 1968 collisions in Ontario. It places the responsibility not on fate, but on the carelessness and irresponsibility of individual drivers.

The most common cause of the 1,586 deaths on Ontario roads last year, according to the report, was "speed too fast for road or traffic conditions", accounting for about 13 per cent of the total. Inattentive driving was the second major factor, causing 11 per cent of all deaths.

The 1968 figures illustrated the case against drinking and driving, as 23.7 per cent of 1,944 drivers involved in fatal collisions had been drinking or had impaired ability. This contrasts with the fact that of 259,822 drivers involved in all types of collisions, only 7.9 per cent had ability impaired or had been drinking.

In the report, the most significant decrease in fatal collisions was among motorcycle

drivers—down 16.7 per cent. Tighter licensing procedures, the use of crash helmets, are believed to have affected this accident rate.

Fatal collisions occurred most frequently on Saturdays and 48 per cent of all traffic fatalities occurred between 6 p.m. and Sunday midnight. November, December and January were the worst driving months, with the total collisions rising substantially over the same months of 1967. Pedestrian fatalities dropped by 14.5 per cent over last year.

## Services dear?

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of homes. He said it was not Acton's intention to make excessive demands on land developers but experience has taught us to be cautious.

Meanwhile the Commission is conducting an investigation into the costs of underground services and will supply the Reisman firm with the information when it is complete.

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## POET'S CORNER

A resident of Halton Manor lent us his copy of this favorite poem.

A VOICE FROM THE DEAD

I am a dead soldier, in Flanders I lie,  
Beneath where the bright poppies bloom;  
I'm free from all sorrow, I'm free from all care,  
These passed when I entered the tomb.

But thousands of comrades are living to-day,  
Who were shattered by shell, shot and gas;  
Still fighting, still suffering, still aching and pained,  
As the days of their weary lives pass.

You lavish rich praises upon my still head,  
Build costly, remembrances, too;  
You reverently class me the "Glorious Dead,"  
While live comrades suffer "monstrous you."

They dare not protest lest disloyal they seem,  
So suffer on all the year through;  
They beg not your charity, neither your dole,  
They plead, though, for something to do.

Your cenotaphs, towers, your cairns and wreaths,  
You place where the world may all see;  
But so long as one comrade is living who needs,  
THESE THINGS ARE A MOCKERY TO ME.

Ralph Gordon.

## DROP CONVERTIBLES

Convertible cars may become scarce—perhaps obsolete. American Motors has dropped all convertible models from its 1969 lineup, and other manufacturers are believed to be considering phasing out their convertible lines.

The main reason is the expectation that auto makers will be forced to install roll bars, to protect occupants in case the car overturns. Growing acceptance of air conditioning and growth in sales of two-door hardtops are other reasons given against retention of convertibles.

Scandal: Something that has to be bad to be good.

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