

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

All through our holiday trip to Geraldton, I kept telling myself I should be methodical and jot down a paragraph or two on anything that left an impression. However, when I tried to do it in the truck I got vigorously carried, and when I left it till we stopped, all I wanted to do was sleep. All in all, Gord and I had a marvellous trip on our own.

We had planned to leave Acton on Wednesday morning (at 31), drive to Tobemory, and take the 7 o'clock ferry across to South Bay Mouth. But Gord didn't like the idea of having to get up so early in the morning and decided to leave Tuesday night (11 p.m.), drive awhile, stop, then sleep.

Parry Sound seemed far enough for a start, and we thought we'd go to the first motel north of it. Unfortunately, that was full, so we went to the next and the next. We arrived in Sudbury at 3:30 and staggered into a hotel.

Four hours of sleep wasn't quite enough, but it was impossible to get more. Though the rooms were fairly sound-proofed from each other, an error in construction (it MUST have been an error) made the doors a sounding board for footsteps down the hall. Whenever anyone walked by, it sounded as though someone was pounding on the door. We were away by 9.

I had never been further north than Sault Saint Marie, and didn't mind giving up my turn at driving, so I could sit and gawk. The country is awe-inspiring. The endless mounds of solid rock are almost unbelievable. We proudly call the little bump to the south of us "Hamilton Mountain", and these towering giants are nameless.

Some are fairly bare, and others are covered so thickly with trees that you'd wonder where they would find enough earth to exist. From a distance, these huge mounds look much like natural sea sponges, only green.

We made fairly good time, for the truck. A lot of roads were new, but it seemed as though we hit every construction project in the north. Distances look fairly short on a road map, but sometimes stretches of road, both good and bad, seemed to go on without end. In White River, a man pointed out a road that would cut 150 miles off our planned route. "Just go north on the Manitowadge (pronounced 'Mantwadge') Road. It's paved a fair bit of the way, then there's a short stretch of gravel road, then paved from Caramat ('Carnet') to the 11".

There was no difficulty till we hit the gravel. It was a pretty good industrial road, but the rain had washed deep gouges out of the sides. To land in one of these would be instant disaster. We drove and it got dark. We drove further and it started to rain. Almost every turn we made seemed to be a right hand turn which gave the impression of going in circles.

An hour passed, and we were still driving on gravel. There were no cars and no houses on the road, at all. The only evidence that people occasionally were there was "Keep Right" and "Max. Speed 40" signs, every now and then. After an hour and a half, we began to get the strong feeling that someone was playing the practical joker. However, when we were almost at the point of stopping and shouting for help in desperation, Caramat appeared, disappeared, and we

thankfully reached the pavement. The "short stretch" of gravel had been over 56 miles. Geraldton had been our goal for that night, but by the time we got to Longlac we were limping on a half flat spare, (one tire had gone flat before the Soo), and Gord was too disgusted to drive further.

The only motel was full (of course), but one of the old hotels had a room, complete with a rope tied to a ring by the window, to throw out and climb down in case of fire. I think I would have slept right through that, anyhow.

More next week. When we left on the trip, I meant to have taken two thermos' of tea-hot for Gord, and food for me—but I forgot. I used to make terrible iced tea. I tried recipe after recipe, but it always tasted like cold left-over tea. Then I found a new way of making it at Poques' Stables, and have kept a jug in the frig, since.

ICED TEA

In a teapot, put 5 whole cloves and 3 tea bags. Add 4 cups boiling water. When the water is well steeped, pour it into a jug. Add 1 or 2 more tea bags to the pot, and add another 4 cups of boiling water. Pour into jug when steeped. Dissolve 6 tsp. sugar in it. Add a 6 oz. can frozen lemonade and a 6 oz. can frozen orange juice. Mix well and chill.

Police investigate four collisions

Acton O.P.P. investigated four smashups on town streets over the past week.

First crash on the I.G.A. parking lot on Friday, August 22 was a triangle involving three vehicles belonging to Robert Snyder, 26 Brock Ave., John Vlietstra, R. 3, Acton, and a third car driven by Albert Oakley of Hillsburg.

The Snyder car received \$25 damages, the Vlietstra vehicle \$150 and the Oakley car \$25.

Saturday, August 23 two accidents were reported. Cars driven by John Foley, Main St. and John Okuh, Longfield Rd., were in collision on Queen St. at Longfield Road. The Foley car received \$75 in damages, the other vehicle \$40.

Damages amounted to \$210 when cars driven by Denise Sargent, Churchill Rd. and Leslie Schonnop, Churchill Rd. collided. The Sargent car's damages were estimated at \$150, the Schonnop vehicle \$60.

A collision on Queen St. near the Red and White store Monday resulted in \$400 in damages to cars driven by Stewart Ritchie, 31 Kenwood, Guelph, and Zenith Armstrong, R. 4, Acton. The Armstrong car received \$250 of the damages.

Constables Farion and McArthur investigated.

WIND HAZARD

Small boats and canoes are warned to stay close to shore in Ontario's provincial parks as suddenly rising winds can capsize small craft within a few minutes.



MR. AND MRS. Richard William Coe sign the register in the vestry at St. Joseph's Church following their recent marriage. The couple are both teachers at the Robert Little School.

Fiddle Queen plays at Storey reunion

The 43rd annual Storey reunion was held at Brookville hall on Saturday, August 23.

After renewing acquaintances and a program of sports for the children, all went into the hall for a program arranged by Mrs. George Brownlee.

Special guests this year were Mrs. Eleanor Cook from Kinderley, Saskatchewan, a grand-daughter of Mrs. Arthur Stewart, and Mrs. Jessie Taylor, daughter of Belle MacDonald, Redino Beach, California. Karen O'Rourke played the

first movement of Handel's Sonata in D. Major on the violin and her grandfather's favorite old time waltz. She also played the numbers which won her the Fiddle Queen crown at Shelburne. Mrs. George Brownlee, a talented violinist, presented Karen to the Storey reunion dressed in her cape and coronet presented at Shelburne.

Three minutes' silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Belle MacDonald who had passed away this year.

Three of the oldest members there this year were Dave Storey, Guelph, Mrs. Yish Brownlee, Toronto, and Jim Wilson of Toronto.

The evening concluded with dancing and music supplied by the McLeod players.

Are you hoping for an easy, restful vacation this year? The Ontario Safety League hopes you will give your gas and brake pedals an easy time too during those long hours of holiday driving.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay celebrate golden wedding

Friends and relatives gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay at the century-old 7th line family homestead on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, Sunday, August 17.

The well-known couple were married by Rev. I. F. Cameron at Knox College Chapel, Toronto, on August 18, 1919.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay were born in Esqueving. Mrs. Lindsay on the 4th line and K. C. as he's popularly known, in the family homestead which is run now by son Donald and his wife.

The former Isabel Leslie, Mrs. Lindsay is the daughter of John and Mary Leslie and a brother to George Leslie, a former reeve of Esqueving. Three other brothers, Blake, Edward and Dean are dead.

Kenneth Cowan Lindsay farmed the old homestead until he became township treasurer 28 years ago. He later took over the post of clerk-treasurer, a position he still holds.

He is one of a family of seven, which has located far from the family farm. A sister, Mrs. Alvin McDonald, lives in Georgetown, and another, Mrs. Hyatt Dobbie in Grimby. Brothers are Bert of Grimby, Jack of Hamilton, Jim of Milburn, New Jersey, and Hugh of Galt.

The popular couple has seven children and 18 grandchildren. Friends and relatives took the

opportunity to wish Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay many more years of married life. The celebration was arranged by the family and included a dinner in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Saturday. The Free Press joins in honoring the couple on a happy occasion.

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SATURDAY 8.00 p.m. - Paul Riddell's Imperial Hall Drivers.

MONDAY 8.30 p.m. - Country & Western Music Show Featuring the Grand-daddy of Country Music - Wilf Carter and The Chaperals (Capital Recording stars); Also Dianne and the Country Cavaliers. Dance to follow program.

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