

Fair board ladies review exhibits, plan social tea

Mrs. W. Linham was hostess Thursday evening, Oct. 2, for the regular monthly meeting of Acton ladies fair board. Mrs. Linham, president, was in the chair and Mrs. D. Matthews, secretary, read the minutes of

the last meeting and gave the financial report. Nine members were present.

Reports by the conveners of the different classes were given of the ladies' work, and although some classes were down, others

were up. The W.I.'s class was outstanding both in number and display. The 4-H girls are to be commended too. Mrs. Elmer Smith gave a very good report of the school work which is of great interest to parents as well as the children.

The baby show is showing marked interest as there were 64 entries. Mrs. D. Matthews deserves great credit as M.C. for this class, along with some of the lady directors.

Discussions of raising money for fair prizes were made and the ladies are holding a tea in the library October 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for exhibitors in the ladies' division. Several thank-you notes were read and the president thanked all who had contributed to the success of the fair and a special thank you to the judges.

At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the hostess and committee Mrs. E. Archibald, Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. R. MacNaughton. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. McCullough, lunch committee Mrs. W. Linham and Mrs. Elmer Smith.

Auction sale highlight of Acton W.I. meeting

Acton Women's Institute held their October meeting in the board room of the library. The president, Miss Dorothy Simmons, opened with two poems, the Miracle of Friendship and the Garden of Love, followed by prayer and everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer.

The Mary Stewart Collect and the Institute Ode were repeated by 19 members and one visitor. The secretary and treasurer's reports were adopted, and correspondence dealt with.

The president is to attend a Music Festival meeting at the Robert Little School October 15. The amount of \$5. is to be sent to the district secretary Mrs. Alexander, for the bursary. Mrs. Wilderspin asked to be relieved of her task as secretary owing to poor health. Mrs. Grace Nelles agreed to take the office.

Something new on the pantry shelf, the roll call, told of many new items in packages on the shelves of supermarkets, which may be a great help to the homemaker.

Miss Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Lindsay offered to help with the bake sale at Simpsons-Seas on

October 10 from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

The two minute reports of the standing committees were given. Mrs. Lindsay gave a report of the district meeting, held in Milton. She told of the oncoming area convention to be held Oct. 8 and 9 at the University of Guelph. Mrs. Nelles and Mrs. Lindsay plan to attend, if possible.

It was found to be almost impossible to attend the party held in Campbellville church Oct. 28 in honor of Dr. Ethel Chapman who recently wrote a book, and formerly edited "Home and Country".

Mrs. R. L. Davidson gave a resume of a bus trip several Acton people took to California, displaying cards and telling of the interesting places they had visited.

A lively auction sale was conducted by auctioneer Miss Nora Kenney, who kept the bidding brisk and amusing.

Articles such as homemade rolls, tea biscuits, date loaf, muffins, cookies, pickles, jams, jellies, homegrown vegetables, as well as handkerchiefs, dishes, shopping bags and jewellery were sold.

A tasty lunch of sandwiches, date loaf and squares was served by the committee.

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

This is a rather special day for me. It was exactly a year ago that I finally mustered enough courage to take the first copy of "The Painted Box" into the Acton Free Press. I had worked on that piece of writing for so long that I just about had it worried to pieces.

I was half-afraid that the editor would glance at it, mumble a bit, and say he'd phone me later. However, as I danced from foot to foot, treading on my own toes from impatience, the editor read it, mumbled a bit, raised his eyebrows, and said "Good. Good! We'll run it next week." I was launched!

This was originally a recipe column. (The "Box" being my recipe box,) padded out with tales of our family and animals. Before too long people were wanting to know more about the animals, so the padding grew longer and the recipes shorter. I suppose "The Painted Box" now refers to my typewriter. It's like Pandora's box—when I sit down and open it, I never know what's going to come out.

Even though I don't look much like the smiling person at the head of this column when I go shopping in town, some people do recognize me (bless them) and come over to compliment and enquire, "Whatever happened to such and such?" To satisfy everybody's curiosity, I'll tell the end of some of my tales, or at least bring them up to date.

Rip and the cats are

Former missionaries guests at Thankoffering

The Rev. John Murray and Mrs. Murray of Caledon East visited Acton as guests of the

Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church October 9. Having recently visited Britain they showed beautifully colored slides of familiar places and points of general interest.

produce litter of mostly miniature Toms.

This time, (as I say each time), a long overdue visit to Dr. Oakes is in the offing, but it seems that each time I go to round them up, they're sitting purring contentedly, blossoming happily, mentally knitting kittens' mittens. Too late again.

That old black '55 DeSoto that I kid around in is now up on blocks, waiting for someone to drive down the Town Line, see if, what they want and need. It has been tooting around quite happily for four years. It was reliable, comfortable and I loved driving it.

Then this spring while I was trying to decide whether I could afford licence plates or not, Gord had a flat on the truck and borrowed a tire off the DeSoto. Three more times that happened, and I was wheel-less. I suppose that's one way of keeping me home.

Two of my story-subjects have come and gone. Andy, our friendly ferret, after getting loose, twice and being found again, was lost completely when the youngsters left the back door open and he indulged his curiosity by going exploring. That was a real heart-ache. I sorely miss the patter of his feet coming up the hall and the sight of his inquisitive little face peering short-sightedly in the doorway until he found somebody to play with.

Papa-goose was, and is, a people-goose, and now he is driving a friend in Eden Mills to distraction. He is the "true-friend" of Sid, who has a small farm. He not only dogs his footsteps where-ever Sid goes, but has discovered how to knock on the door when Sid has been in the house for any length of time, in such a manner that it sounds like the church elders calling.

Outside he is always up to his old tricks. Can you imagine what it would be like trying to repair a car, lying on your back with your head under, out of sight, and having a 15 pound goose sitting on your chest nibbling away at the bare space between T-shirt and belt line?

Out the back, our own horse and ponies have been joined by a visiting mare and filly. I sometimes spend an hour back in the pasture just watching all the friendships, foibles, and jealousies, going on. By the look of my own mare, she's either getting fat or she's in foal, but whenever I try to have a good look she figures I'm getting too personal and stalks off in a huff. Still, I'm hoping—

So one year is done, I've not missed a week, and I've not been "let go". In the contrary, the column is now being run in The Warton Echo and The Alliston Free Press, as well as in Acton—Much to my delight, needless to say.

And us? As always, life is hectic but happy.

Two cancer films for "short" evening

Paging Acton's women! With this reminder: the two films on cancer detection and prevention are being shown next Wednesday evening, October 22, in the high school auditorium.

All local groups have received information, but as well as the many women who belong to these groups, all the women who have not received a direct invitation will be especially welcome next Wednesday.

The organizers of the evening promise it will be a short one. You could plan to be away only an hour—and you might just save your own life.

After the short films, there will be discussion, if desired, with the nurses on hand. There'll be light refreshments as well.

The films are entitled Time and Two Women, and Breast

Self-Examination. They deal with early detection of cancer of the breast and uterus.

Mincemeat sale planned

The monthly meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held in the Miss Ellen Anderson room on Monday evening, Oct. 6. The president, Mrs. Tom Watson opened the meeting with "Living For Jesus" in unison and repeating the motto, Mrs. Brian Moore read the secretary's report and the roll call was answered by 16 members paying their membership fees.

Committees were named for the fall projects of making mincemeat and taking orders for the church calendars. Mrs. Tom Watson, Mrs. Brian Moore and Mrs. William Spielvogel were named for the nominating committee. The floor covering has been ordered for the new nursery in the basement and the movable gates have been finished.

Mrs. William Spielvogel and her group took over the remainder of the meeting with the study book and worship. The group led in a discussion on "alienation", closing with prayer by Mrs. William Nelles. Hymn Standing by a Purpose True and the Mizpah Benediction closed the meeting.

Lunch was served by the group in charge.



PAULINE MCGILLOWAY, (left) and Cathy Toth (right) spent part of Sunday afternoon frolicking in leaves that have fallen from the many trees in town recently.—(Staff Photo)

Linhams host 4-H meeting

Bannockburn 4-H group held their second and third meeting at Linda and Velma Linham's on Saturday, October 4. The group decided to combine two meetings with a luncheon afterwards of braised ribs and vegetables with bacon.

The meeting was opened by the 4-H pledge and Jeanette Cox read the minutes of the last meeting followed by the

collection. A discussion was held on meat inspection, meat grades, and how to cook meat. Afterwards a demonstration was shown on how to cook meat with moist and dry heat.

Next meeting will be held at Jeanette Cox's.

SIGN OF THE times—groups are planning their Christmas bazaars already.

OBITUARY

David Drysdale Guelph resident

David Drysdale of 44 Emma St., Apt. 104, Guelph, died in St. Joseph's Chronic Hospital, Guelph, on October 9 after an illness of eight months.

Mr. Drysdale was a former employee of Baxter Laboratories in Acton and Alliston and moved to Guelph four years ago on retirement. He had lived 10 years in Alliston.

He was born May 3, 1891, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Drysdale, and was married April 21, 1919, in Uren, Saskatchewan. His wife, the former Elizabeth Higgins, survives him, as well as daughter and sons, Sarah, Hamilton; John, Acton; Dave, Guelph and William, Kitchener. He also leaves a brother Lawrence in Chaplin, Saskatchewan.

Funeral service was held in the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home Saturday, October 11, conducted by the Rev. Witzel. Pallbearers were A. M. Donnelly, Harold Kinread, and nephews John, Hugh, Victor and Douglas McCallum. Flower bearers were Gary Drysdale, Galt and Larry Drysdale, Acton.

Words and music

On Laymen's Sunday at the United church next Sunday, the organist and choir leader, Dr. George Elliott, will be the speaker.

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