

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

The week that my horoscope said would be a little choppy, I spent concentrating on noticing the happiness around me, out of sheer obstinacy. There were many kinds - contentment is a happiness, as is sheer joy.

Sometimes it's a kind of relief, like finding that the egg white holding all the eggs stuck to the carton must have come from somebody else's eggs. Or finding that I didn't burn the motor out when I jammed the washing machine wringer; I just blew the fuse. Or finding that the cap that I was unable to screw back onto the tube of shampoo due to an inexplicable clumsiness, lack of co-ordination, and perhaps start of a complete physical breakdown, was actually the cap to the toothpaste.

Sometimes happiness is a brief momentary delight in seeing something - a goose standing on one foot with one leg and wing stretched straight out behind in an oddball arabesque; a cardinal in the cedar outside the kitchen window first thing in the morning; or a chipmunk industriously cleaning up the bit of chop the geese missed.

The happiness I see in Gord is small everyday contentments - at having a hot mug of tea when he comes home from work; at seeing his own blue eyes blinking back at him from the serious face of the last-born and hearing of the days' discoveries. "You know, Dad, a mole has a kissing long nose like an elephant." It's having 15 minutes before supper and finding the couch empty of dogs; and finishing the barn chores early and finding a new western beside a bed with the electric blanket already turned on.

For son Jim, happiness is my getting a second hand vacuum cleaner. A new one would mean hands off, a used one he can take apart.

For Beth, it's a book on horses, the prospects of a trip to the Royal Winter Fair, or a girl friend to visit, a closed bedroom door, and much giggling.

It doesn't take too much to make David happy. He's enjoyed when he can spout off "David Thomson, Townline Acton eight-fifteen-two-four two eight" (Gasp, gasp). That means his kindergarten teacher can list his name as knowing where he lives. Unfortunately, he never remembers long enough to get it to school.

Happiness is all around me in the house and I can't help but see it. For the cats, it's finding an open lingerie drawer, a paper bag on the floor, or a basket of clean wash. For the hound, it's having Ivan McLeod's Black-and-Tan female come to stay for a week.



I've started on my Christmas baking, and Sweetnuts were the first thing on the list. They make a lovely gift.

### SWEETNUTS

Beat together 1 egg white, 2 tbsp. cold water, 1/4 tsp. allspice until soft peak forms. Beat in 1/4 cup sugar, beating until mixture gets as stiff as it will go. Throw in 2 cups whole filbert nuts. Stir gently to coat, then place one 7-minute on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 275 degrees for 40 minutes, cool thoroughly, store in tightly covered container.

## Dippel-Stewart wedding at Evangel Tabernacle

Candelabra and mums decorated Evangel Tabernacle, Acton, on October 25 for the marriage of Dianne Elizabeth Stewart and Raymond John Dippel.

Rev. S. Thoman officiated at the double-ring ceremony at three o'clock and Mrs. Gordon Christley played the organ. Candelabras were placed on either side of the platform and Earle Snow, Milton, was candlelighter.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, R. R. 2, Acton and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Dippel, R. R. 2, Ayrton.

The bride wore an A-line gown of tulle trimmed with lace at the neckline, waist and sleeves, with a train. Her short veil was attached to a tiara and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Gail Stewart, and the bridesmaids were Lynn Stewart, a sister, and Linda Ganton, a cousin from Georgetown. The attendants and the candle-lighter wore A-line gowns of green corded silk and carried bouquets of yellow and bronze mums.

Melody Rhude, Exeter, was flower girl wearing white.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The groom's brother, Elmer Dippel, Hamilton, was best man; the ushers were Larry Edt and Murray Edt, cousins of the groom from Hanover.

The soloist, Mrs. Eric Newell, sang O Perfect Love and The Wedding Prayer.

The reception was held in the basement of Bethel Christian Reformed church, and guests were received from Kirkland Lake, Hanover, Owen Sound, Hamilton, Chatham, Oakville,



Georgetown, Rockwood, Brampton, Toronto, Milton, Exeter, Mount Forest and Acton district. The bride's mother wore beige with brown accessories and a yellow corsage; the groom's mother wore plum with silver and black brocade and white flowers. The men in the wedding party wore yellow shirts and ties with their dark suits. The couple took a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and on to Washington, the bride wearing a navy suit with yellow corsage. They have returned to the groom's farm in the Ayrton area. Miscellaneous showers for the bride were given by Betty McPhee in Guelph; by Mrs. Ganton in Georgetown; by Gail Stewart at her home; by the Acton church and Young People and by neighbors Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Coles.

## Free Press Women's Page

### Talk on Newfoundland highlight of U.C.W.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11 Group 2 of the U.C.W. met in the church parlors with Mrs. Force presiding for Mrs. Eaton. After a prayer of remembrance and the pledge Mrs. Reid had charge of the devotions with scripture, hymns, a reading on divine promises and prayer.

Mrs. Pickett told of the trip to the School of the Deaf in Milton which was very interesting.

A letter of thanks for the bale was read and the mission has enlarged their gifts to families as well as individuals. The Anglican church ladies have been helping with this work in the city and find it very worthwhile.

The entertainment of elderly men by the Trinity congregation was a happy experience for these people.

The treasurer's reports showed a healthy bank balance.

During the month 34 home calls and 12 hospital calls were made.

Miss Simmons gave her report on cards sent out. In her report Mrs. Shoemaker expressed a sad feeling for the elderly who have fallen, and Mrs. Lantz who has since passed away.

The annual pot luck supper is to be Dec. 10.

The purchase of candle holders to replace the old ones was approved.

Members learned Mr. and Mrs. David Lindsay are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary quietly on Nov. 15.

Mrs. Long gave a very interesting talk on Newfoundland. The Dr. Wilfred Grenfell mission takes in territory for 300 miles around. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Brook, a native of that province.

Slides were to have been shown but due to poor transportation they did not arrive in time, however the ladies were very interesting to listen to. Twenty-seven ladies answered the roll call. Mrs. Annie Lambert and her group served a very delicious lunch and a social half hour was spent.

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### Life membership given at Afternoon W.M.S.

The November meeting of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S. of Knox Church was held, Nov. 13 at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize, with Miss Isabel Anderson presiding and Mrs. Douglas Kennedy as convener.

Miss Anderson opened the meeting by paying tribute to the memory of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice in war and a period of silence was observed. Later the members responded to the roll call by naming one who had served during the war.

The service of worship was led by Miss Annie Stalker, Mrs. G. Sprowl and Mrs. Jean Graham. Presentation of a Life Membership certificate and pin was made to Mrs. E. Miller by Mrs. Kennedy, assisted by Miss Anderson and Mrs. F. McCutcheon.

The study topic on Alienation and Reconciliation was taken by Mrs. Mainprize.

Gratifying annual reports were received and plans made for the Christmas meeting.

### 400 books

Saturday morning 400 books changed hands at the Y's Menette's unusual sale - books only. It was held in the Y, with books going as low as a thin dime each. \$45 was raised.

"I'm going to see a doctor about my wife. I don't like the way she looks." "I'll go with you. I don't like the looks of mine, either."

## Free Press Personals

Mrs. M. McAuley is spending a few days with her family in Toronto.

Mrs. John Donaldson has been spending a holiday with her son and family in Wingham.

Mrs. Dwight Engel of Orillia was visiting friends in town this week.

Some from Acton attended the Rose Croix Lodge of Perfection dance at the Cuten Club, Guelph, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Allan of Birmingham, Mich. were visitors last week for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Macpherson.

Mrs. Jessie Kentner is convalescing at home following surgery in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allan, of Toronto, were week-end guests of Miss Elva Pearen, First Line, Erin.

Mrs. Ada Kingsbury, of Vancouver, B.C. has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. McIntyre and family and Miss Lucy Denny, and other friends in the district.

Mrs. Ralston Brown of Calgary has been visiting friends and relatives here in Toronto. Her brother, Victor Coleman, is in hospital in Toronto following a fall.

Member of Parliament Rud Whiting is in New York this week and next week as a Parliamentary Observer with the Canadian delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mrs. Oliver Moran, of Arthur St., is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. Her many friends here hope for an improvement in health for her soon.

Mrs. Alex Ross, of Brampton, attended the 124th anniversary services of Knox Church on Sunday, and was the guest of Miss Emma Cole for the day.

Mrs. E. J. Hassard was able to return home Monday following eye surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harvey Hassard, of London, is with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loewen, Cobble Hill Rd., just arrived home from a fascinating seven week trip to the western provinces. They went to Regina, Herbert, Saskatchewan where they used to live; visited relatives in Alberta and also in B.C.; through the Roger Pass in the Rockies; and then south into Oregon, and then into Kansas to visit a sister.

Many friends in this district and Nassagaweya Township attended the Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Van Goozen in Guelph on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Van Goozen. Mr. and Mrs. Van Goozen farmed on Blue Springs Road, Nassagaweya, for many years, and removed to Guelph upon selling their farm about 15 years ago.

The Acton Minor Soccer League held a fund-raising dance at the Legion last Friday. There was a pleasant crowd who enjoyed the music of Johnny Tocher's band, with door prizes and numerous spot dances.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Elliott, of Arthur, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Britton on Sunday. Mr. Elliott was guest soloist at Knox Church anniversary services.

Mrs. Mervin Yabsley, of Ottawa, spent a few days during the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W. J. McLeod and also with her father, Mr. McLeod in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. Neil Bowles has been a patient of Guelph General Hospital where he underwent surgery a week ago. Many friends hope for him an improvement in health soon.

Mrs. J. H. Price, Willow St., is a patient in Chedoke Hospital, Hamilton, where she has undergone two operations on her hip joints. Many friends will hope for a return to health for her.

Mrs. Alex Near attended the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Near in Kitchener recently. She also was a guest at the marriage of her grandnephew in First United Church, Waterloo, last Friday evening.

## Free Press News Briefs

DRAWS AND dances - coming up in quantity.

SOME PEOPLE have already put up their Christmas decorations.

NIELSEN'S STORE has its jovial moving Santa in the window already.

BE SURE TO fill out your Santarama coupons wherever you shop in town.

IT'S YOUNG Canada Book Week, and the library will soon be announcing who won their essay contest.

ONE OF the new homes on Churchill Rd. N. is occupied this week. One family car was sunk deep in mud Tuesday in the new driveway.

CHRISTMAS SEALS are beginning to appear on letters. Did you recognize the all-over pattern of the northern lights over an igloo on the whole sheet?

### Kirkwoods best Bannockburn 4-H

The eighth meeting of the Bannockburn Meteors was held at the home of Thelma, Linda and Ruth Kirkwood. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge, then Jeanette Cox read the minutes, with the collection following.

The role call for the meeting was "our record books". Every girl answered with most being up to date. All of the members, later on, were busy working on the covers for their record books.

On November 25 everyone meets at the Linhams to go to Al's Meat Market to watch a demonstration of the cutting of a side of beef. The skit for Achievement Day has been composed so everyone was busy practicing their parts. At the end of the meeting, a delicious luncheon was prepared by Mrs. Kirkwood.

NEWLY MOUNTED on the main streets, the town's Christmas decorations are getting a good pre-Christmas wash off with rain. The glowing balls of colored lights were enthusiastically called sputniks when they first went up, after the Soviet space craft. Shows how time has flown.

THE FREE PRESS printers were pleased this week when, for the first time, a four color picture was printed on the big newspaper press. The illustration is on the front page of the 28-page Coin, Stamp and Antique News, and shows a first day cover designed for the issue commemorating Sir Isaac Brock. All four colors - red, blue, yellow and black - ran at once on different units of the press. Even Wil Duval, inviolable home in a leg cast, came over to see the experimental run which proved very successful. Copies of the paper, by the way, are sold at the counter of the Free Press business office. It's printed here every two weeks.

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