

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

My spring cleaning is an all year job because I'm so slow at it. I keep unearthing things that must be looked over and mused over, and this takes a considerable amount of time.

Take last week for example, when I was "spring" cleaning our bedroom. I got as far as the desk, then gradually slowed down to a standstill. The stamp album and score of unsorted stamps didn't hold me for any longer than it took to dust them off. Neither did the photo album and the bill box, (a collection of warranties and receipts that MIGHT come in handy some time). Then I came to a shirt box that rolled and rattled and was heavy in one end. And there, in the middle of the usual Christmas rush to buy cards, was ink, roller, lino-block knives, uncut lino, a finished bloc cut with a Christmas card design, and a dozen printed cards, as well. No, I didn't get down on my hands and knees and start running another pile off, but I sat down with pencil and paper to see what I could do with the uncut blocs, and that took up a good hour.

It was noon before I finished dusting all the books, as I had to read the last few pages of each one to see how they all ended.

The top of the desk—it's one of those old ones with books down one side and a let down flap with pigeon holes on the other—looked like a nest to dust. First there was the bird's nest to be inspected. Bath found it last year, a little fragile thing, made of the usual grass and twigs then lined with insulation from the barn, hairs from Earl Grey's mane and tail that were probably caught on fences, and finally big hank of my own hair from the last time I cut it. I don't know where the little bird found it, but it was put to good use.

Minister's wife Auxiliary visitor

The annual meeting of the Alert Evening Auxiliary, Knox Presbyterian church was held in the Ellen Anderson room with 17 members and one visitor present.

Keeping to the theme "Remembrance" the devotional period was convened by Mrs. Mel McCullough. Gladys Davidson read the scripture portion followed by Mrs. Bob Adams with prayer. Mrs. Alex Mann gave some readings regarding the theme.

The roll call was answered to by "Someone who Paid the Price."

Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. Mann favored with a piano duet.

Mrs. McCullough introduced her aunt Mrs. R. Brown of Calgary, a former Actonite who with her husband a United Church minister spent over 40 years in Alberta establishing a number of churches in small centres. Her informal talk brought back memories of the hardships and sacrifices made by the pioneer ministers.

One of the hymns sung during the meeting was used in a Calgary church at the time of the first moon landing. This was most appropriate for the Wednesday meeting as two more men at that time were rendezvousing on the moon. The name of the song "They Blaze a Pathway to the Moon."

After the regular business had been disposed of by the president Mrs. McLennan, the election of officers was held conducted by Mrs. Young.

Many items of business were discussed regarding the Christmas meeting on Dec. 10 when the shut-ins will be remembered.

Mrs. Kathleen Dodds side was winner in the copper contest, Miss Emma Cole's side coming very close. The committee in charge served a very tasty lunch bringing an interesting meeting to a close.



HOPING FOR LUCK, Joy Muselle purchases a penny sale ticket at Lakeside I.O.D.E. bazaar Saturday. Working at the booth are Mrs. Helen Jocke and Mrs. Marg Wallis, assisted by their daughters Shirley and Kathy.—(Staff Photo)

Free Press Women's Page

Send out for bread

Lakeside bazaar Saturday draws throngs to legion

An unusually large crowd thronged into the Legion Hall Saturday afternoon for the annual Christmas bazaar held by Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. Although the tea table conveners had more goodies prepared than last year, they had to send out a rush order for bread and custle up more sandwiches in the

kitchen to feed the crowds. All the tables were crowded with shoppers, and although some articles were left, the bazaar was considered the most successful in some years.

The miscellaneous table, specializing in Christmas decorations and gifts, was convened by Mrs. C. Nelles. Mrs. June McHugh convened the candy table and Mrs. Bessie Muselle the baking. Mrs. Velma West was in charge of knitting and Mrs. Hazel Orr in charge of aprons. Convening the penny sale were Mrs. Marg Wallis and Mrs. Helen Jocke, and Mrs. Harriet Helwig directed the hard-working crew at the tea tables and in the kitchen. General conveners were regent Mrs. Mary Hinton and treasurer Mrs. Alice Waddie.

The big draw, for a money tree spangled with \$25 one dollar bills, was won by Mrs. Roy Butler, R. R. 3. Mrs. Alice Coles won the Christmas cake, Vera Inglis the centrepiece of roses and mums, and Mrs. Mary Marks the big box of candy.

Penny sale winners: groceries, Dorothy Van Wyck, June McHugh, Alice Rumley, Shirley Turkosz, Betty Hansen, Helen Jocke; cook book Charlene Higgins; cloth and towels Lucy Walters; jewellery Mrs. Neil Bowles; clutch purse Kathy Wallis (who delightedly drew her

own number); insulated bag Dot DeForest; coral jewellery Mrs. J. Vander Hayden; willow cases Jamie Elberby; lotion Helen Otterbein; old-fashioned glasses Debbie Thornhill; monkey June McHugh; men's socks Stan Matthews; pottery dish Tracy Tyler; six bows Ruby Clark; Ekkiemo doll R. J. McFerron; tablecloth and crumb tray Janice Thornhill; candle Oral Norton; perfume and cosmetic bag Ted Dubois, Newmarket; jewellery Nora Tuck, Georgetown; gun game Mrs. R. Vaughan, carafe Mrs. Lil Wagner, plant in pot Anne McCarron R. R. 4.

Acton rink places second

A delighted Acton foursome placed second last Wednesday at the Bonnie Young bonspiel at the Guelph Country Club. They had their choice of prizes.

Just one Acton rink entered this annual bonspiel, Shirley Hunter, Jackie Blow, Phyllis Patrick and Rene Watson. They played two games, taking the first handily and then coming from behind to take the second. Total points counted.

An Elmira team placed first.

125 enjoy luncheon

"Luncheon is Served", a promotion which introduces new products, was sponsored Monday noon at Knox church by the Ladies Aid. There were 125 at the special fund-raising lunch, just two of them gentlemen.

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Auction highlights Dublin W.I.

The members of Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Clark Armstrong, Lake Avenue, on Thursday evening for their monthly meeting. A good turnout of members and two guests were present.

Mrs. M. McCullough presided over the singing of the Institute Ode, and the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lords Prayer.

Roll call was called by Mrs. C. McIntyre, the secretary, and was responded to by "How to be a good neighbor". Many words were given by the ladies how one can be a useful and kind friend in the neighborhood.

Achievement Day for the 4-H Girls in North Halton will be held in the Ballinacrae Hall on December 13 with registration at 9:30 a.m. Meat in the Menu is the theme of the day.

The usual donation was approved for the TB Association.

Correspondence regarding the continuation of the Halton Musical Festival was discussed, and the letter was ordered filed.

A short report of the meeting held at Acton Library recently by the Lady Directors of Acton Fall Fair Board was given by Mrs. M. Hunter. The purpose of the meeting was to receive new ideas in planning the advanced prize list.

The social committee consisting of Mrs. E. W. Pierce, Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. M. McCullough assisted the hostess, Mrs. Armstrong, in serving a delicious lunch.

Mrs. E. Norton was courtesy convener.

A beautiful quilt top was exhibited by one of the members. Work will be done on it in the future.

The report of the second day of the Area Convention held at the University of Guelph was well given by Mrs. Duncan Moffat.

Members look forward to the annual auction sale always held in November, and again there was a splendid assortment of articles, including baking, pickles, jams, candy, Christmas decorations, etc. With the genial

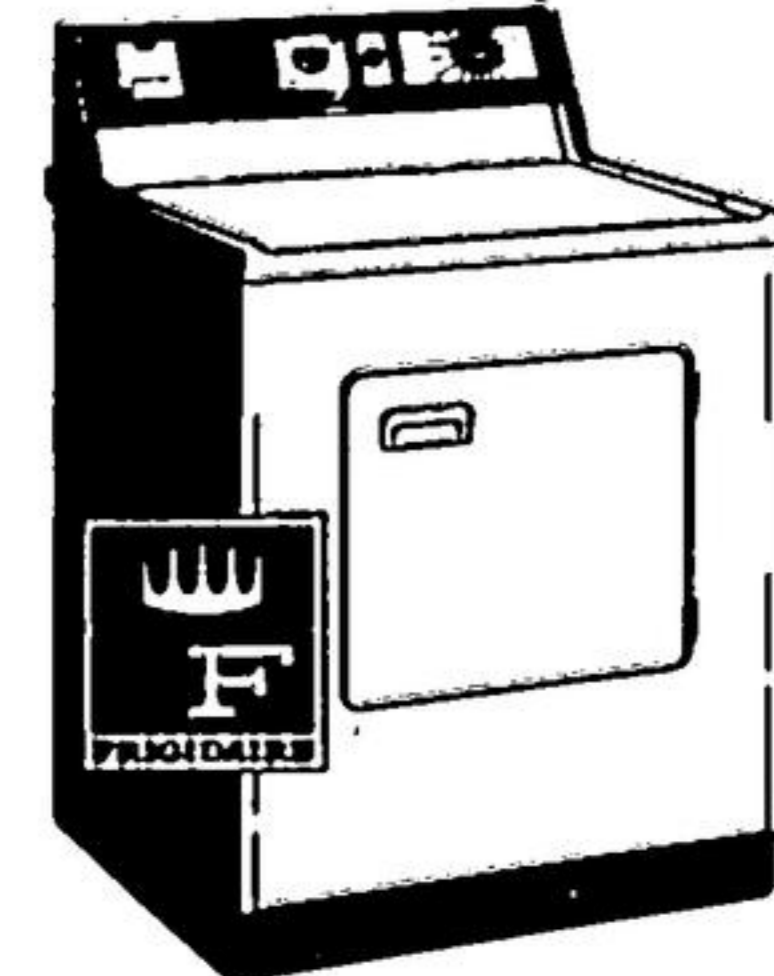
auctioneer, Mrs. Bert Rennick, wielding the hammer, good prices were realized, and when all was tallied up, a nice sum was turned over to the treasury.

Mrs. McCullough reported that several members of the Branch had attended the reception for Dr. Ethel Chapman in St. David's Church, Campbellville, late in October. A very enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

As Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Alex Near gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the meaning of the words "Public Relations", and our duties as members of the

Women's Institute organization, as well as of citizens. She said it is being tacitful, the things you do to get along with other people, and it is the communication, which is the vital chain between ourselves and our neighbors. Words spoken or written are golden links in the chain. It is what we make with our enthusiasm, imagination, information and attitude to our organization, and to other people. It is not a policy or plan controlled by a given set of directions but our efforts to make for a better organization and a better neighborhood.

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