

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

As far as I'm concerned, children are most acceptable when they're asleep. No matter how I try, I can't take the wholehearted joy in youngsters that some people do. Oh, I get a kick out of them now and then, because they can be darned funny at times, but mostly I'm too intolerant for either of us to have fun.

So when David's kindergarten teacher phoned and explained that when her group went to the Winter Wonderland in Toronto, they would need a few mothers to lead a hand—I panicked! I desperately groped around for some good excuse, but was caught out and couldn't even think up a good lie! I stalled a bit, but was not match for a teacher who was used to maneuvering 4 and 5 year olds into voluntarily doing what she thought best.

Friday morning found me standing inside the school door watching all these little gremlins file past—it's surprising how human they can look when they want to—each one saying "Excuse me, Mrs. Thomson," finally went back outside, as I was getting hoarse saying "You're welcome" and silence on my part was met with a very reproachful look.

Back to my relief, there wasn't room on the bus for the mother, and we all went in Miss Gilbert's car. While we otherwise might have tumbled off the bus looking harried, harassed, and generally in need of respite, instead we stepped out of the car, calm, collected, and ready to do battle in one form or another. Unfortunately, we were early, and the better cold soon reduced our little group of young, well-dressed women to a huddle of knee-knocking, teeth-chattering souls. When the youngsters bounced off the bus, they were received with open arms, almost, as they at least broke the wind around our knees.

My little brood consisted of my own David, a Doyle, a Jimmy, a Vera, and a Connie. Miss Gilbert had said that they were all kids who could look on their own without having to be

nonchalant and bright red face? My five were quite good, really. The only time I had to speak at all sharply was over an incident that was probably my own fault. I asked the two girls if they would like to go to the bathroom, whereas I think I should have said "Would you like to use the washroom?" For the next half hour all I heard were variations on that theme. "Would you like to go to the BATHROOM?" "No. Would YOU like to go to the bathroom?" "No. WOULD you like to go to the bathroom?" and so on. I was just about ready to flush them down whatever they were using.

When we got home, David was full of the trip. (It was his first one, and he even got up at four and to make sure he didn't miss it.) One of the things he wanted to tell Gord about was the metro policeman on his horse outside of the buildings, but he couldn't remember what they were called and kept asking. After going around mumbled "Mounted police mounted police mounted police" for 15 minutes, he finally got it straight and said "Dad, guess what we saw!" "What?" "The mounted police!"

All in all, we had a very good time. For years, I've been trying to find a good Carrot Pudding recipe but so far all I've tried have turned out badly. So every Christmas we end up having a Suet pudding or Plum pudding. These two, I've liked best.

FLUM PUDDING
Combine 1 1/4 cups raisins, 1 1/4 cup currants, 1/4 cup flour, sift 3/4 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. each of cloves, allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon, and 1 tsp. salt. Beat 2 eggs, add 1/4 cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup buttermilk or sour milk, 3/4 cup finely chopped nut, 1/4 cup grape juice, 1/4 cup fine dry breadcrumbs. Add flour mixture and fruit and mix well. Pour into greased mold, cover, steam for 3 hours. Serve hot with sauce. Serves 12.

SUET PUDDING
Mix 1 beaten egg, 1/2 cup milk, cider or grape juice, 1/2 tsp. molasses, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup finely chopped nut, 2 cups packaged dry breadcrumbs, 1 cup seedless raisins, 1/2 cup mixed candied fruit. Mix 1/2 tsp. each of baking soda, salt, cloves, and allspice, and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Sprinkle over batter and blend in well. Fill individual greased custard cups about 2/3 full and cover with foil. Steam for 1 hour. Serves 8.



HOLDING LIGHTED candles are the girls who took leading parts in the Canadian Girls in Training vespers service Sunday evening, front row Mary Laughton, Carol Jones, Debbie Bousfield, Cathy Griese, Pat Sampson and Diane Bousfield; back row Susan Shoemaker, Gay Nesett, Sandra Van Fleet, Heather Buchanan, Carol Pickles and Mary Ann De Haan. "Peace" was the subject of the special service held in the United Church. The church's Advent Weath is in the foreground. (Staff Photo)

"Peace" theme of service held by C.G.I.T. Sunday

The Christmas vesper service of the Canadian Girls in Training was very impressive Sunday evening, with the special theme Peace. The girls were completely in charge of their annual service as candles and tree lights lit the United church. Leader Miss Fern Small simply watched from the back as the well-rehearsed program proceeded.

George Elliott played the organ and directed the gifts (with a few senior choir members helping out) in the unusual songs allied to the theme, as well as familiar carols.

A group of girls in Prince Edward Island wrote the service which was being followed that evening by C.G.I.T. groups across the country.

A dialogue involved a questioner, Gay Nesett, doubting the validity of the faith in peace on earth. During the prepared responses, various girls answered her doubts and lit candles representing Jesus Christ, Good News, Great Joy, All the People and Peace. Finally the doubter lit a candle, too, for Faith.

Taking speaking parts were Gay Nesett, Debbie and Diane Bousfield, Susan Shoemaker, Carol Jones, Pat Sampson, Cathy Griese, Sandra Van Fleet, Heather Buchanan, Mary Ann De Haan and Carol Pickles.

Diane Bousfield sang a solo while the choir provided the background for the rhythmic negro spiritual Amen. A modern hymn was Let There Be Peace on Earth... and Let it Begin with Me.

From the main candles, each girl lighted a smaller candle till the service ended, with the congregation joining in the singing of Hark the Glad Sound, and the girls ringing the entire church with glowing spots of light.

Candelabra on the pews and lighted Christmas trees also added to the flickering atmosphere of the lovely service.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
Have in our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church:
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School All ages
11:30 a.m.—Morning Service
7:30 p.m.—Evening Evangel.
Georgetown 877-6665

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6:45 p.m.—Crusaders.
Psalm 116: 11 — "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

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10:10 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
Nursery and pre-school Sunday School
11:10 a.m.—Sunday School.
4:00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church.
Tuesday evening, 7:30-10:30 — Catechism Classes.
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8 p.m. Friday, December 19 — Congregational and Church School entertainment. All welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
11:00 a.m.—Worship and Church School.
Sermon subject, "A Star Before Them" The Sacrament of Baptism.
7:30 p.m.—Candlelight Service, Christmas Music Service, Carols.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
9:30 a.m.—Christmas Program for Primary — Junior — Junior-Hi Departments of Church School. Parents welcome.
11:00 a.m.—Christmas Sunday Worship. Special Music by Senior Choir. Sermon on "The Lord of All Life — His Glorious Incarnation."
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
Advent IV
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7:00 p.m.—Candlelight Carol Service.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m.—Sung Eucharist.
Christmas Day
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:00 a.m.—A FAMILY EUCHARIST.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1969
10:00 a.m.—Christmas Sunday Worship.
10:00 a.m.—Nursery.
Sunday School (to Grade 4).
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School (Grade 5-8).
7:00 p.m.—H.C. and H.I 9ers (Youth Groups for Teens — alternating Sunday evenings).
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9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Farewell Service for Rev. L. Wilton, First Baptist Church, Georgetown.
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