

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

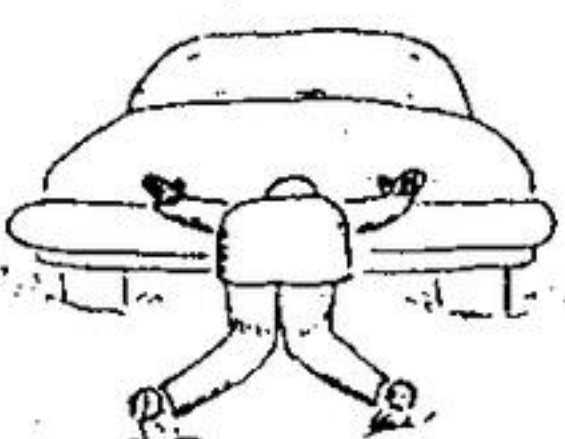
One thing that I absolutely hate to do and approach with trepidation and trembling knees, is to wake Gord up with the apologetic announcement that someone is stuck in the lane—and needs his help! I hardly expect him to leap out of bed, eagerness personified, but I think it's a bit too much when his fingers start to twitch over the edge of the bedclothes as he looks longingly at my throat.

It wouldn't be so bad if the car was really and truly stuck in a snowdrift, but it usually seems to happen in an oddball way.

Last year, I was going to drive Linda-down-the-road home, one foggy night around 11. Not being able to see where I was backing to turn around in our drive, I trusted to instinct and it did me wrong. I cut too sharply, there was a loud crash, and there I was. I had not only backed into one of our big rockery boulders, but also with enough impetus to drive the truck's rear bumper up onto it, and was hung up with both back wheels clear of the ground.

Gord came out, took one look, and went back to bed without a word, (not a printable one, anyway).

Last night, friend Alice and I went to the show, and arrived back here around midnight. Alice turned her car around with no trouble, but when she stopped to change gear, it wouldn't budge again. There it was, sitting on a perfectly flat drive with no drifts or ruts, and it wouldn't move an inch. The wheels just spun. I got behind and pushed, but it was like putting my shoulder to the hind leg of an elephant.



Finally, I gave up and called Gord. It must have felt great to get out of a warm bed and into all that snow (the car is a long, low sporty job, that you just about have to get down on your knees to push)—particularly when he had to crawl underneath to fasten a tow rope on. The car came out after half an hour, but Gord isn't speaking to me. Of course, that may be a good thing.

That was just the start of a miserable day. When the alarm rang at 5:30 this morning, I jumped up vigorously, all wide awake, to dash out and get Gord's breakfast before he had an excuse to roar at me.

I opened the bedroom door to find that a cat had been sick all up the hall, the dog had puddled in the dinette, and one of the kittens had fished a dead tea-bag

out of the garbage and had just finished disembowelling it all over the kitchen.

Then I opened the front door to put the dog out, and Thomas-cat came in all beat up, with one eye bleeding and swollen shut, the other peeped, I got him and the floors cleaned up, and Gord off to work, then went down to feed the horses. What happened there was the finishing touch.

As I walked up alongside Jim's Daisy-pony, she shifted her weight and let fly with one leg, kicking me in the shins. I was more surprised than hurt and said "Daisy, it's me!", thinking that perhaps she thought I was another pony. She gave me a look that clearly said "I KNOW it's you, dummy" and started getting lined up to let me have it with both hooves.

As I stumbled in the deep snow, trying to get out of range, I became furious and let out a bellow that was probably heard in town, and hit her with her oat bucket.

When I came back up to the house, I sat in the bathtub and fumed for half an hour, then crawled back into bed to write this. I'm trying to decide now, whether to hop up and see what the rest of the day brings, or to just stay here out of harm's way for the rest of the day. If I do, the bed'll probably fall apart or some such thing.

Last night, I ran out of potatoes and was wondering what to substitute when I came across a recipe for Tomato Pot Pie, and tried it. It made quite a nice change.

Tonight, as sort of a peace offering, I'll make something Gord likes especially—a Hamburg Meat Pie. It's easy, and it's good.

**TOMATO POT-PIE**  
 Put 1 (19 oz.) can tomatoes in a large pot. Add 1 cup water, 1 Tbsp. butter, salt and pepper to taste. Sift 2 cups flour, 2 heaping teaspoons baking powder, ½ tsp. salt. Rub in 2 or 3 Tbsp. butter, and add 1 beaten egg and enough milk to make a soft dough. Drop by spoonfuls into boiling tomatoes, cover, and cook 12 minutes. Nice served with bacon.

**HAMBURG MEAT PIE**  
 Fry together 2 diced onions, 4 diced potatoes, 4 diced carrots until partly cooked. Mix 1 lb. ground beef and 2 cups of gravy in. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake for 2 hours at 350 degrees.



IN GRACE Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on December 23, Mary Irvine, Toronto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shepherd, and Keith Ranney, Acton, son of Mrs. Violet Ranney and the late Cyril Ranney, were married by Rev. Mitchell. They are making their home in Toronto.

## Free Press Personals

A 27th wedding anniversary gift to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, 236 Mill Street East, Acton, was their first grandchild, a son born to their elder daughter Susan, on January 16.

Lance Bisch, a Kitchener lacrosse enthusiast, has been elected president of the West Central Minor Lacrosse Association. Mrs. Bisch is the former Jane McPhedran of Acton. The organization includes teams from Kitchener, Elora, Fergus, Brantford, Oshweken and Orangeville, and possibly Owen Sound, Woodstock and Waterloo.

Executive and public relations officers from Halton, Wellington Centre and Wellington South met recently in the C.I.A. building, Guelph. Mrs. R. C. Moffatt, Guelph, provincial director of subdivision 12 of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, convened the meeting and led discussions on District Annual meetings, program planning, and the use of the

F.W.I.O. loan library. Miss Elva Pearen, R. R. 3, Acton, attended the meeting.

Six new families have been welcomed to Acton in recent weeks by the Hi Neighbor Welcome Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Galbraith and children moved from Sudbury to 69 Churchill Rd. N. At 59 Churchill Rd. N. are Brampton high school teacher G. Rennie and Mrs. Rennie with their three children. They moved here from Cooksville. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allan and son have moved from Erin township to 35 Churchill Rd. N. after selling their farm. Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillis and one child have come from Cooksville to Churchill Rd. N. Mr. and Mrs. R. Sawden and four children moved from Waterville, Quebec, to 153 Elmore Dr.

Newcomers from England are Mr. and Mrs. M. Walton and one young child, who are at 144 Mill St. W. With the exception of Mr. Allan, who has retired, all the husbands work out of town.

## Stained glass window to memory of missionary

Sunday, November 30, 1969, was a very noteworthy one in the congregation of Burns' Church, Georgetown, Guyana, South America, when the church was packed to capacity, not only with members and adherents, but with many others, as well. The occasion was the dedication of a stained glass window as a memorial to the life and work of the late Mary Ellen Anderson, missionary in Guyana, and the service was one of great beauty. To quote from one of the prayers: "We bless and praise Thee for all that was good and true, for all that was honest and kindly in the life commemorated this day, for the example she has left of loyalty and love for Thy church and for the things of Thy Kingdom, and for the faith we have through Christ that she has now entered into Thy rest and everlasting blessedness."

The address was given by Miss Athalie Reid, also a missionary in Guyana. The beautiful window, which depicts "Christ Knocking at the Door" was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yezrakadu of East

Whiting named  
 Halton's MP Rud Whiting has been named to the Public Accounts Committee following the Christmas recess of Parliament.

"Halton must be one of the largest contributors to the federal treasury and since going to Ottawa I've been interested in the manner in which funds are spent", the Member observed in commenting on the appointment.

## Hufnagel-Parker wedding in Toronto on December 27

In a candlelight, double-ring ceremony in St. Thomas Anglican church, Toronto, Lois Hellen Parker, Toronto, and Gordon Edward Hufnagel, Toronto, were married. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker, R. R. 1, Salford, and is a teacher with the East York Board of Education. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hufnagel of Alliston and formerly of Acton, is a graduate student at York University.

Rev. E. S. Bull officiated at the 7 o'clock ceremony on December 27, and W. McNutt was organist. Soloist Cairne McCarey sang The Wedding Hymn by Handel and Pania Angelicus. The bride wore floor length

antique satin with sheer overlay, the veil flowing from a Camelot headpiece. Lace trimmed her gown, veil and shoes. She carried white daisies, pink carnations and pink Sweetheart roses. The veil was hand made by Mrs. Courtney Browne, Windsor, a friend.

The bride's two sisters were her attendants, Patricia Parker as maid of honor and Virginia Parker as bridesmaid. Kim Parker, a niece, was flower girl. All wore floor-length burgundy velvet with Camelot caps and carried nosegays of daisies, carnations and roses.

The bride was given in marriage by her father; Craig Black of Alliston was groomsman and the ushers were

Don Hufnagel, Alliston and Tom Parker, Salford. Nephew Terry Parker acted as ring bearer.

Guests were present from Guatemala, Bermuda, London, Halifax, Ingersoll, Windsor, Dundalk, Aurora, Arthur and Acton, including the groom's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. Pearson of Dundalk.

The bride's mother wore rose shantung with a pink orchid, and the groom's mother a light blue shantung ensemble with yellow orchid.

Going away, the bride wore a black knitted pant suit. The couple are living in Toronto.

A shower was given by teachers at Second school, Toronto. Miscellaneous showers were given by Mrs. John Dennis, Alliston, Mrs. Harold Kinread, Alliston and Mrs. Allan Spanton, Toronto.

## I.O.D.E. plans bake sale

Mrs. George Young was hostess to the Duke of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. meeting on January 6.

Mrs. Lidkea, the Regent, conducted the business meeting in which reports were read. Mrs. Holmes reported that comfort bags for Korean children are being completed. Each member adds one article each month. A discussion on the advisability of having a bake sale in January followed and it was agreed upon to hold it January 30 at Simpsons Sears store with Mrs. Force, Mrs. Lidkea, Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Parker as a committee.

Founders day for the Order of the I.O.D.E. is February 13. This year is the 70th anniversary.

## Magazine editor Presbytery speaker

Miss Helen Proudfoot, editor of the Glad Tidings, the Presbyterian Women's magazine, will be one of the guest speakers at the Brampton Presbyterial annual meeting in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville, on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the afternoon session.



Mrs. G. H. Peckover, chairman of the Editorial Committee will be accompanying Miss Proudfoot. These ladies will give all Presbyterial Women the opportunity to ask questions about the magazine, and to offer any suggestions. Women from all over Brampton Presbyterial will be attending.

Rev. John McBride, Moderator of Toronto-Kingston Synod, will be conducting the installation service of the Women's Missionary Society and addressing the morning session.

## Senior citizens home planned

A request for an amendment to Esqueping township's agricultural holding by-law, 29-69, to permit the construction of a senior citizens home on lots 13 and 14 on the west side of Highway 25 near Speyside, was referred to Ontario Municipal Board, by Esqueping Council Monday night.

Lawyer John Miller requested the amendment on behalf of members of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, who own 44 acres of land and proposed to build a senior citizens home to eventually accommodate 100 people.

The holding by-law, passed recently by Esqueping Council, prevents the use of any land, building or structure for any other purpose than the one existing. Council is presently awaiting final approval of the by-law from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Rev. A. Drewitz, pastor of the German Pentecostal Church in Kitchener revealed plans for the proposed home.

Rev. Drewitz told Council his group intended to convert the present house on the property into a senior citizens home, then in due time extend the building to accommodate 100 persons. The home would be primarily for senior citizens of the Pentecostal faith, but would be open to others, Rev. Drewitz told Council.

Real estate agent Michael Mutzak also appeared on behalf of the group. He suggested it would be an asset to the township to have such an institution in the particular area, because of the privacy of the location. He went on to say he had contacted the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Department of Lands and Forests and both had suggested Council had the power to make an amendment to the by-law.

Reeve George Currie was concerned about the prospects of the building being exempt from taxation, if religious meetings were held there.

"Even if one room were used for purposes of worship, the building would be non-taxable", deputy-reeve Tom Hill added.

Mr. Miller admitted he had not taken this factor into consideration but assured Council the group had obtained

**H. S. HOLDEN**  
 OPTOMETRIST  
 36 Cork St. East  
 GUELPH  
 Phone TA 2-7150

## NASSAGAWEYA Township Council BRIEFS

At a regular by-monthly meeting this week Nassagaweya Council:

- Learned a delegation from the Halton Hunter's Association would visit council Monday, Feb. 16 under the leadership of Paul Coulson of the Halton Sportsmen's Association, to discuss the proposal to ban hunting in the township.

- Accepted the resignation of Douglas Beatty from the Committee of Adjustment.

- Sent a letter to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, requesting them to put a second entrance to Kelso off Nassagaweya's Fifth Line. Councillor Art Gibson said a toll booth was all that was needed since a road was already at the west side of the park.

- Sent a letter to the Department of Highways, requesting increased enforcement of the law requiring gravel trucks to cover their loads with a canvas tarpaulin.

- Renewed its membership in the Association of Mayors and Reeves at a cost of \$30.

## U.C.W. officers

New officers of the U.C.W. of Trinity United church were inducted Wednesday evening of last week by long-time session member Orwell Johnston. Past president is Mrs. G. W. McKenzie with president Mrs. C. L. Rognavaldson; vice-president Mrs. J. Gibson; second vice-president Mrs. H. Patterson; secretary Mrs. L. Youngblut; treasurer Mrs. Ralph Denny; program convener Mrs. G. Wallis; supply convener Mrs. J. Jordan; visiting Mrs. W. Coats; social Mrs. F. DeHaan and Mrs. C. Pickett.

Past president Mrs. T. Shields presented Mrs. McKenzie with a pin in appreciation of her two years as president.

Annual reports were given by treasurer Mrs. Youngblut and secretary Mrs. C. Griese.

Two representatives to the board of stewards were elected, Mrs. J. Gibson and Mrs. H. Patterson.

## 400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were: Kit Dowling, Bob Hall, Sharon Dwyer, Peter Jenkins and Dr. Embrack.

**INDOOR FUN**  
 Large Selection of games for the whole family also jigsaw puzzles, point by number sets, etc.  
 Terrific Values  
**HINTON'S**

## Dublin W.I. members hear of California trip

Mrs. J. C. Dennis, Willow St., was hostess for the January meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening with a splendid attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. M. McCullough, president, presided for the meeting. The Institute Ode was sung, followed by the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. C. McIntyre called the roll and it was answered by "What I have learned from a citizen of another country" and many virtues could be learned from new-Canadians in our midst.

There was considerable correspondence to be dealt with which was discussed. Mrs. E. Norton will attend the Musical Festival meeting in the Robert Little School on January 26. Attending the Officers' Conference in Guelph on April 29 and 30 will be Mrs. H. Blyth.

The pooling fees for the delegates attending will be sent into W.I. headquarters.

Mrs. William Frank displayed a quilt which had been completed at her place by some of the members, and was admired.

A euchre was discussed for the late winter and Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. C. Thomson, Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. W. J. McIntyre were named as a committee to arrange for same.

Mrs. E. Norton, as education convener, introduced Mrs. A. Near and Mrs. J. C. Dennis. Even though the weather outside was hovering near the zero mark, they took the ladies on a nice arm chair trip to California and back. It was a conducted three week circle bus tour enjoyed last fall. Many places were described, and a map showed the route that had been taken.

Transportation and accommodations had been explained and pictures and

## Youth of Acton

Cons. Roy Wood spoke to the Y's Menettes at their meeting last week on the youth of Acton. Hostess for the meeting, Lynn Robertson, introduced him and he was thanked by Vivian Smith.

A dance for January 31 was planned.

**Roxy**  
 Milton THEATRE  
 THURS. - FRI. - SAT. JAN. 22 - 23 - 24  
 RUN WILD, RUN FREE (Color)  
 MARK LESTER  
 COSMIC ZOOM  
 ANIMAL MOVIE (Cartoon)  
 SUN.-MON.-TUES.-WED JAN. 25-28  
 REFLECTIONS IN A GOLDEN EYE (Color)  
 ELIZABETH TAYLOR  
 BUNNY & CLAUDE (Cartoon)  
 THURS.-FRI.-SAT. JAN. 29-31  
 THE CHAIRMAN (Color)  
 GREGORY PECK  
 TROUBLE SHOOTER  
 FREIGHT FRIGHT (Cartoon)

**Sale**  
 SAVE UP TO  
**1/2**  
**OFF**  
 Coats 20% off  
 Dresses 20% to 50%  
 Housecoats 20%  
 Skirts 20%  
 Sweaters 20%  
**Cameo**  
 Boutique  
 25 Mill St. Acton