

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

Around about this time last year, Gord and I went OUT. "OUT" is to go somewhere that requires suit and tie for Gord and heels and a hairdo for me, as opposed to "out". Plain "out" just calls for a clean face for me and a shave for Gord, if nothing else. (Somehow that doesn't read quite right, but I've finally caught my first cold of the year, and my phraselogy is a little wonky.)

Last week, seeing as we'd had only one evening out since then, I hinted (rather broadly) that I wouldn't mind going out again sometime, and much to my surprise Gord said that since he didn't have to work Saturday (for the first time in three or four months), he'd take me to a show Friday night if there was anything good on. (I found out later that this invitation might have been partly due to the fact that he was planning to go to a banquet Saturday night—without me.)

Anyhow, as soon as he got home from work on Friday, he asked what was on at the theatres. "Cactus Flower" at one and "The Arrangement" at the other. "Don't want to see either, particularly. Let's go visit someone." "Who?" "I don't know. You think of someone." By then the babysitter had arrived and we left so as not to appear complete dimwits, hiring a sitter then sitting around talking, trying to think of somewhere to go. We decided to visit friend Sid and see how our old Papa-goose was, but as we headed west, we passed him going east. So much for that. Well, Tucks were over this way and we could sit and talk horse a bit. Tucks were out.

"Why not swing north and visit Di?" She was minding an ashtray for me, that I won at a horse do and we could pick it up. Neither of us smokes, but it had a Thelwell picture of a pony sitting in a waterhole on it, and was quite appealing to just look at. Di was out.

"Barrs aren't far from here, are they?" I knew they were out, though. "Coffee?" Fine. East to the restaurant. It was closed. We ended up at the local teenagers' hangout, watching people go past. It was an evening's entertainment in itself.

After staying out long enough to keep the sitter from thinking we'd had a tiff and had come home with the sulks, we trotted off home. I spent the rest of the evening in the bathtub with "White Banners" while Gord sat in front of the fire with "Fruit of the Poppy". As Gord said "At least we tried."

One day while I was in shopping, I overheard a woman asking the man at the vegetable counter if, when a recipe called for a clove of garlic, it meant the whole thing or just one little piece of what you buy. He didn't know, so I suggested that she break off one little bulblet. I wonder if anyone actually does use the whole thing sometimes. That would make quite a dish!! My favorite garlic recipe is a little odd in that it's mixed with orange juice for a sauce.

ROAST PORK WITH ORANGE SAUCE

Rub a 6 pound loin of pork with salt and pepper. Place in roasting pan and roast at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Pour off the fat. Mix together 3 cups orange juice, 2 tbsp. grated orange rind, 2 cloves (or bulblets) of garlic minced, 1/2 tsp. oregano, and 1 tsp. salt. Pour over pork; roast 2 hours basting frequently. Transfer pork to a platter and skim fat from gravy. Place pan over direct heat and blend in 1 Tbsp. flour. (You can add up to 2 cups water, if you'd like it a little weaker). Cook over low heat for 5 minutes, stirring. Carve pork and pour gravy over.

I was checking a few recipes the other day, to see if they had been printed correctly in the paper. One mistake I found was

Where to wear shorts debated

The sixth meeting of the Bannockburn Matchmakers was held at the home of Thelma, Linda and Ruth Kirkwood on March 14. The meeting commenced with the 4-H pledge.

Brenda Kingsmill's name was drawn to read the minutes. The roll call for this meeting was "A suitable place where shorts maybe worn". The answers given were - when playing in sports, around home, and at resort areas and informal visiting.

The business for the meeting was to discuss the exhibit and how everyone was to model the outfits. The demonstrations given were on hemming and on the waistband.

The next meeting will be again held at the Kirkwood home, Saturday afternoon March 21.

Unit 2 of U.C.W. requests used stamps

On Tuesday, March 10 Unit two of the U.C.W. of Trinity United church met in the ladies' parlour with Mrs. F. Eaton in the chair. She opened with a reading from Gal., Chap. 6, My brother's keeper and a short prayer. All ladies repeated the U.C.W. pledge.

Mrs. Rolston had charge of the devotions and opened with Hymn 104, reading from Matt., Chap. 28, her topic was The Risen Christ. Miss Dorothy Simmons gave the prayer and also sang "In the Garden". Mrs. Annie Lambert read a portion of scripture and the devotions ended with Hymn 115.

The secretary's report was read and approved and the roll

call was answered by 27 ladies. Mrs. Shoemaker reported on her work with the sick and shut-ins. All signed a birthday card for Mrs. Walker who now resides in Vancouver, also a get well card for Mrs. Lindsay. There was another request for more used stamps the sale of which is going towards building a hospital in India. Several items of business were discussed but in each case was held over for later discussion.

Holy Week services are to be held in Knox Church next week. The meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction and a lovely lunch was served by Mrs. Rolston and her group.

Quilt course ends - 200 attend display

By Mrs. L. D. Swallow

It was a cold, sunny day and an overflowing group of 200 ladies attended the Halton County Summary Day on quilts, held at Hillcrest United Church on March 10.

Summary Day Committee included Mrs. Velma Norris, chairman, Mountain Union W.I.; Mrs. George Henderson, Limehouse W.I.; and Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Ballinacree W.I.

The program opened with Mrs. Doreen Bannister, Home Economist for Peel and Halton Counties greeting the ladies and explaining the day's agenda.

Mrs. Velma Norris, the chairman, introduced the leaders of participating groups who were presented with badges. The leaders were: Mrs. M. Bird, Mrs. R. Ruddell from Ashgrove; Mrs. William McLean, Mrs. L. Jamieson from Ballinacree; Mrs. C. Patterson, Mrs. A. C. Merry of Hornby; Mrs. A. Clements, Mrs. V. Norris of Mountain Union; Mrs. G. Campbell, Mrs. D.

Sherwood of Nelson; Mrs. D. Murray, Mrs. H. Chester of Norval; Mrs. C. N. Rowney, Mrs. C. Service of Scotch Block; Mrs. G. Henderson, Mrs. E. Williamson of Silverwood. Well presented group reports as well as skills, poem and humorous anecdotes were presented. All agreed on the joys

of quilting even if sore fingers were the only immediate result. Interest in the project was high and the age of members ranged from pre-teens to octogenarians. In the absence of Mrs. Florence Smith, who was unable to attend due to illness, Miss E. P. Flint, Supervisor of Arts and Crafts from the Home Economics Branch of the Department of Agriculture was guest speaker.

Miss Flint glowed with unbounded enthusiasm as she discussed her love of quilting and her pride in the work of the ladies present. The displays of quilts, cushions, bags and small quilted items were attractively arranged about the large Sunday school room. Miss Flint spoke of the excellence of the Institutes' work and took time to visit each booth and discuss the merits in each class displayed.

At the conclusion of her talk, the ladies were allotted time for a tour of the room to inspect the displays.

When everyone was once again in their seats Miss Flint, with the

assistance of Mrs. Bannister, showed many slides of beautiful quilting designs which she had gathered over many years and in many places during the course of her work. She expressed her opinions on their design, color choice and craftsmanship, and stressed the importance of accuracy in measuring and cutting.

The ladies of the Hornby W.I. are to give their quilt to the O'Connor family who suffered a serious fire loss some time ago.

Mrs. R. C. Moffatt, head of the Provincial Board of Directors of the W.I., spoke a few brief words of greeting.

Mrs. Bannister told of other courses available from the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. She mentioned that all women and girls are welcome to participate, as well as Women's Institutes.

At the close of this successful afternoon, the ladies went on a tour of the beautiful new Hillcrest Church.

Free Press Women's Page

Miss R. Clark W.M.S. hostess

Miss Robena Clark was hostess for the afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox church for the March meeting. Miss Isobel Anderson presided and the committee of Mrs. H. Mainprize, Miss Clark and Mrs. F. Cole were in charge of the program, the theme of which was Dare to Reconcile - From Interchurch Rivalry to Ecumenism.

Mrs. M. McIntyre and Mrs. H. Allison led in the service of worship with Miss Clark and Mrs. Mainprize taking the study topic.

Plans were made for the spring Thankoffering meeting to be held April 9 when the guest speaker will be Mrs. M. McGillivray of W.M.S. council executive and well-known to many Acton friends as the former Margaret Wilson.

Free Press Personals

Mr. Percy Woods, 92 Main St., is a patient in the Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salt returned Saturday from a holiday in Florida.

Mrs. Doug Price is now a patient in the Western Hospital, Toronto.

Little Peter Cargill is a patient in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize are back after a few weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowes of Painswick, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowes of Chilliwack, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hope of Toronto visited with Mrs. Jack Lambert on Sunday.

4-H topic

The fourth meeting of the Greenock Lassies was held at the home of Mrs. C. Aitken on March 9, after 4, starting with the 4-H pledge and minutes.

The roll call: "Do you have a first aid kit and, if so, where is it kept?" was answered by the six girls present.

This week's discussion was focussed on First Aid and methods to follow during an emergency. Some of the ideas mentioned were: To remain calm; Try to make the patient as comfortable as possible; Try to stop any bleeding, and fast of all but most important, call the doctor. Some methods mentioned for stopping bleeding were to apply direct pressure, and also to put ice on it.

Mrs. Aitken spoke briefly on broken bones and listed several methods of making a splint: a tightly rolled newspaper, several thick towels, a ruler, or, for a broken leg, the other limb.

Mr. John Foley, member of the Manchester, England, police force, is spending three weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foley, Main St. N.

Recent newcomers to Acton have been greeted by the friendly Hi Neighbour Welcome Service.

Three families originally come from England. Neighbours here now on Poplar Ave. are couples who formerly lived in Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barclay-Smith and Mr. and Mrs. D. Iredale and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. French, who came from England about a year ago, are at 43 Churchill Rd. N.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Romanovich and four children come from Port Colborne to 77 Elizabeth Dr. Mr. and Mrs. H. Kappert moved from Rockwood to 164 Elmore Dr.

All husbands work out-of-town with one a self-employed tradesman.

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