

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Some people can sit and listen to a telephone ring, and decide not to stop what they're doing to answer it. They comment "If it's important, they'll phone back", and not think another thing of it.

But I can't. Ringing phones put me in a panic in case I don't get there in time, and a suddenly silent phone sets me to brooding over what I might have missed.

I usually do the wash before David leaves for kindergarten, as he is a good little telephone answerer—now. One of the first times I tried this, he came running to the head of the cellar stairs and hollered down "Phone, Mom!" I turned off the machine, switched off the pump, turned off the tap, raced upstairs, through the kitchen, up the hall, and into the den. The receiver was neatly on the hook. "I thought you said I was wanted on the phone!"

"Well, it was ringing."  
"Why didn't you answer it?"  
"I forgot."

All that morning, I fumed about who might have been calling. It wasn't Linda-down-the-road, or Alice-from-in-town, or friend-Jenny, and they're the only three who give me a call just to small-talk for five minutes (or 50). Therefore, it must have been someone with something to tell me (the order office has a parcel, the dentist has to switch my appointment, an old friend has just moved back from Montreal) or something to ask (have I got any spare blood, would I like to go to some sort of demonstration, have I got a recipe for pork tenderloin, Hawaiian style?)

Who knows? It could have been something doubly important. (I can't think of any offhand, but I'm sure there must be more important things!)

One of the most frustrating things is when I've been down at the barn and come up to have David say "A man phoned for you, Mom." "Did he leave a message?" "No."

So I sit and stew. What man would be calling me? What have I done lately that a man might be calling about? What HAVEN'T I done lately that a man might be calling about? Sometimes I never DO find out.

I know I'm not the only one who fusses over the phone. Every now and then I'll answer mine to hear a gasped inquiry—"Did you just call (puff, puff)? I was out at the barn (downstairs, upstairs, in the shower, etc.) and heard the phone just before it stopped. I wonder who it was if not you!"

And how many women have vacuum cleaners with a peculiar ringing noise that sounds so much like the shrill of the phone that they keep switching the cleaner off now and then, sure that someone is calling?

Some of the most interesting calls happen at night. I've leaped out of bed to be wished "top o' the mornin'" late one St. Patrick's night, even if I weren't Mabel. I've been accused of being a party-pooper because I wouldn't grab a bottle and "c'mon over" (That was for an Ethel). One call was for another Mrs. Thomson, and the enquirer was very apologetic for getting me out of bed at midnight. She wasn't sure of the time in Ontario, as she was phoning from New Mexico.

Then there's the fun of getting to the den in the dark, in the first place. (The caller might hang up while we were fumbling for lights.) I've stepped on more

Work of V.O.N. described plan donation

The April meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Mowat, with the Regent presiding. The usual reports were presented and passed by the Chapter members.

It has been decided this year to make a donation to the Acton Centennial Library, honoring Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, a charter member, celebrating her 90th birthday this year. Mrs. MacDonald was Acton's first librarian and through the years has retained a keen interest in the affairs of the town.

Arrangements were made to have two members attend the Decoration Day Committee meeting on April 29.

At the conclusion of the business session Mrs. Edgar Lidka introduced Mrs. Beedome, Oakville headquarters of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Mrs. Beedome came to explain and show slides of the work done and services supplied to the community by the V.O.N. Mrs. Beatty expressed thanks from the meeting.



ALICE WALDIE accepts her 25 year pin from past regents Mary Hinton and Jessie Coles, at Lakeside Chapter's 52nd anniversary meeting. Helen Otterlein is also a 25-year member now.—(Staff Photo)

## 50, 25 year pins presented members of Lakeside chapter

Long-time members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. were honored at the 52nd anniversary meeting Tuesday of last week in the Legion Hall. Half century members of the active group are Laura Scott and Marguerite Spielvogel. Miss Scott, who lives in Kitchener, was unable to be present; her pin was presented by charter member Stella Adamson, Galt, and received by charter member Isabel Watson. Mrs. Spielvogel's pin was presented by former regent Grace Nelles.

Two new 25-year members of the chapter are Alice Waldie and Helen Otterlein, and the presentations were made by former regents Mary Hinton and Jessie Coles.

New members inducted were Annett St. Pierre, Marion Hunter and Lucille Cooksley.

An invitation was received from Miss M. Z. Bennett to a tea at Parkwood Manor, Waterloo on Wednesday, April 29.

Olive Ellerby drew attention of members to various interesting articles in the spring

issue of Echoes. Velma West spoke on Armenians and Americans, from the study book Canadian Family Tree.

Early start for bazaars groups was reported and a bake sale set for April 17. No financial support was needed for the music festival this April, members learned.

At the next meeting there will be a shower of gifts for the Save the Children fund sale. Paper back books are sought for overseas service personnel in Germany.



50 YEARS MEMBERS of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. are Marguerite Spielvogel and Laura Scott. Grace Nelles presented the pin to Mrs. Spielvogel and charter member Isabel Watson stands in for absent Laura Scott for the presentation by Stella Adamson.—(Staff Photo)

### Susan Corless wed in Banff

A wedding of interest to Acton relatives and friends took place in Banff, Alberta, on March 2 when Susan daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Corless, and Jim Davies were married.

The groom is chief pilot for Bow Helicopters Ltd. Since graduating from university Susan has been working in the library in Banff.

She attended school in Milton when Mr. Corless was manager of the Bank of Montreal there. He is now manager at Campbellford.

Mr. Corless was Bank of Montreal accountant here in Acton when he met and married Dorothy Macpherson.

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# Free Press Women's Page

## Adults, youth face issues together

The Daughters of Knox held their meeting Monday night in the Miss Ellen Anderson room with the president Mrs. Bern Van Fleet presiding. The meeting was opened with a reading and all members repeated the motto in unison. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. E. A. Hansen and the roll call was answered by 12 members and three guests.

Following a short business session, Mrs. Brian Moore and her group conducted the worship and study book period, opening with a prayer and responsive reading led by Mrs. Brian Moore.

The chapter from the study book was "From Youth-Adult Conflict Toward Confidence". Adults talk much about youth, youth talk sometimes about adults—but rarely do they face the youth and adults situation together. Mrs. E. A. Hansen introduced Ann Watson, Barry Buchanan and Neil Anderson, three senior high school students to join the conversation circle. The issues discussed were "Dating and Sex," "Rules," "Drinking, smoking, psychedelics," "Church-going and beliefs," and "Styles". The intention of issues was to offer questions, prompting genuine expressions by the young speakers. The discussion proved very interesting and Mrs. William

### Raise \$170

Midget and juvenile hockey teams raised close to \$170 on their door-to-door sales of lawn and garden fertilizer last weekend.

Have you heard about the man on a bus who asked the woman seated next to him if his cigar smoking would bother her? "No," she replied, "not if my getting sick doesn't bother you."

ACTON SKIERS were still enjoying the sport a week after Easter—the latest date they can remember. Glen Eden had closed for the season but local hills still had a good layer of snow.

## Wedding of interest

Two well-known people in the district were married March 14 at St. George's church in Georgetown. The groom was George Harold deKleer, R.R. 1, Georgetown, who is in the family poultry business and is organist and choirmaster at the Anglican and Christian Reformed churches, and the bride was Vicki Scaramanga Zavitz, formerly a veterinarian in Georgetown and now an assistant professor on the staff of O.V.C., Guelph.

Officiating were the Rev. Eric Mills, rector of St. George's, and the Rev. A. van den Pol, minister of the Christian Reformed church. The groom's five choirs from both churches sang and two trumpets played, one of them the groom's sister.

The bride wore a full-length gold gown and carried orange ice roses. Her daughter Meryl, wearing apple green, carried the rings and held her mother's bouquet during the ceremony.

They are living in Georgetown.

## Lady's wig door prize

A very successful tea and bake sale was held by the Anglican Church Women Saturday afternoon in the parish hall. A highlight was the draw from tea tickets for a wig, and the winner was Mrs. Edward Diamond, 192 Churchill Rd. S., who goes to choose her own from a local hairdresser.

Mrs. Dave Hunter won the table centerpiece. Mrs. C. Lindsay and Mrs. Anderson convened the tea, and Mrs. Bill Denny and Mrs. Bayliss the bake table.

The Anglican ladies maintained their reputation for always providing especially delicious refreshments.

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Public school supporters may register their children who will have attained the age of 5 years on or before the last day of February 1971. Proof of public school support will be accepted in the form of a 1970 tax-bill or 1969 assessment notice, or a declaration from the Municipal Clerk's office; a birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be acceptable as proof of age.

If further information is required, call the School Principal or the Chairman of the North Education Centre below:

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