



By Wendy Thomson

I wish I could be like Gord and fall asleep almost before I lie down at night. His "lying awake all night" amounts to about 30 minutes. Mine can go on till 2 or 3 in the morning.

It wouldn't be too bad if it were constructive, but my deep thinking usually consists of things that SHOULD be done around the house (scrap that, first thing in the morning); reasons I SHOULD go on a dict (they seem to fade away with the smell of the morning toast and coffee,) mental arguments with Gord that I haven't got the

nerve to enter into in actuality; and brilliant bits of wit and wisdom that are either forgotten by morning, or just don't look the same to my 6 o'clock grouchiness as they did to my midnight giddiness.

One thing that guarantees instant sleeplessness is forgetting the name of something or somebody. Last night it was a friend's address. I knew it had a "ph" in it, and lay awake muttering "aph, eph, iph, oph, ooph, oph, eeeph," then "phee, phoo, phy, phum" and so on till Gord was ready to send me to a bunk bed. I remembered it in the morning; it was "Alphonse,"

And when it comes to being woken up again, Gord can sleep through anything. I even wake up when a car changes gear out on the road. I suppose that dates back to the night a car stopped out the front for a minute, one of the kittens had been run over. Now, when a car slows down, I make a mental inventory of all the animals.

I've been trying for ages to describe to Gord the sound on the roof, that cuts into my sleep the odd night in the summer. There'll be a "bonk", then a "duddle-uddle-uddle-ud". Then, after awhile, another "honk" and so on. It sounds like a stone being dropped on a flat roof, then rolling down the slight incline, but I've gone up in the morning and there's nothing there. Seagulls and clamshells?

There are the nights, too, when a couple of birds (I'm almost positive they're Road-runners that missed the turn in New Mexico) insist on having pitty-pat races around the roof. That goes nicely with the rumble of little feet under the bed when the kittens wake up for the night. I don't mind, really, as long as they stay under the bed. It's when the chase comes up on top and across about knee level that I start to complain. Gord gets right furious when one lies in ambush behind his knees, then leaps out to kill the second one on his

stomach. The adult cats just walk around with their soft pat-pat-pat. If Thomas has to go out and his pat-pat up and down the hall doesn't rouse me, he jumps onto the cedar chest in the hall with a "thonk" and a squeek of hinges. If I still don't get up, he must leap 15 feet into the air and bit the floor with a thump that sounds as if someone rammed the house with a car. I never last longer than three thumps.

The other cats rely on a pattern of walking to wake me up to let them out. They begin by padding up and down the hall with pauses by my door, (the more urgently they have to go, the faster they walk). Next, the pause becomes a short walk in and out of the room, and finally to the side of the bed. I don't know how they manage it, but they sit in such a way that I can HEAR them sitting there looking at me. Then I get up and put them out.

climbing the wall in the den. May 14. The bus leaves at 7 p.m. into the crawl space between ceiling and roof (that's one of contact Joan McKnight

the unfinished spots in the house) and rummaging around in the insulation for awhile. To get out, she must come down through the bedroom, jumping 10 feet onto the bed. Which is fine as long as we're not in it. After being landed on a couple of times, we now, at the first rustle of insulation up above our heads, dive off either side of the bed and give the cat a clear field. Gord has asked me to do something about the cats, and I HAVE tried, I talk to them and point out the error in their ways, but it never does much good.

I made cabbage rolls a few years ago and wasn't too impressed with them, so this time I added a few herbs and it made all the difference!

CABBAGE ROLLS Simmer 12 large cabbage leaves for 3 or 4 minutes, until pliable. Combine I small chopped onion, 1/2 pound ground beef, 1/2 pound sausage meat, 12 cup uncooked rice, 14 tsp. Italian seasoning, 14 tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. salt, Fry until meat half-cooked, then divide into portions. Shape each into a roll and place in centre of a cabbage leaf, Roll up loosely, folding in the sides and fasten with a toothpick. Place, seam side down in shallow baking dish, pour 2 to 2½ cups of tomato juice over them. Sprinkle with a crushed bay leaf. Cover dish tightly and bake at 350 degrees for 1½ to 2 hours, Serve in their own sauce, Makes 6

## Chapter plans tea in June

The May meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter LO.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Newton, with the Regent presiding. The minutes from the April meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Plans for the Decoration Day service on June 7 are in hand and Mrs. Force had presented the chapter's plaque for the Primary Choirs' competition at the Music Festival: Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Lidkea, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Bowles, the committee in charge of the tea to be held in June, discussed their plans with the chapter members. This is to be a birthday party to celebrate the Chapter's 54th year and the 70th anniversary of the founding of the LO.D.E.

Mrs. Holmes, convener of Services at Home and Abroad, had a display of articles made by her and other members that will make up the bale to be sent to Provincial Headquarters in June,

## Zone commander visits Auxiliary

The Legion Ladies' Auxiliary held their May meeting on Thursday, May 7, with 22 members present. Ruth Finley, the zone commander, made her yearly visit to her own auxiliary. After her comments past president Kay James presented the zone commander with a nice

They are having their zone Our cock-eyed cat is foud of fally in Cooksville Thursday, If any member wishes to go





"PUPILS OF Dorothy Richardson Scull taking part in the Senior and Awards Recital of the Canadian Trinity Teachers Association in Toronto May 2 included Debra Bousfield and Julie Smith of Acton. Julie received a special award for all-round performance.-(Staff

## Music students give recital

Many awards and medals were received by students from the studio of Dorothy Richardson Scull at the Senior and Award Recital given by the Canadian Trinity Teachers Association on May 2 at the Metropolitan Music

Library in Toronto. Pupils who played in this recital from Mrs. Scull's studio were Julie Smith, Debra Bousfield, Acton; Susan and Michelle Mumby, Georgetown; Lois Marshall, Erin; Julie Petherick, Alton.

At the end of the recital a special award was made to the pupil from any participating studio giving the best all-round performance in both playing and stage deportment. The award was made by the chairman of the scholarship committee to Miss Julie Smith.

Colin, Lauren and Julie Ashley, Georgetown, all members of one family, each received a bronze medal for their work in grades one, two and three theory.

Lois Marshall, Erin, and Ann Malcolm, Georgetown, all members of one family, each received a bronze medal for their work theory.

Marta Grezewoski, Georgetown, was the recipient the coveted gold cup (the Nellie Mould trophy) for proficiency in theory and practical.

## M.P. guest

Acton Chamber of Commerce is planning a special evening on June 10 when M.P. Rud Whiting and his wife will be the guests. A Chinese dinner will be served at the Acton Meadows golf course, followed by dancing,

Tickets are being sold for the

# Fair ladies' committees to be same as last year

The regular monthly meeting of Acton Fair Board ladies was held May 6 at the home of Mrs. George Wallace. The president Mrs. W. Linham was in the chair. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. Fourteen ladies answered the roll call.

The president thanked the euchre committees and the committee on the bake sale for the splendid results of their work, as funds were getting quite low and needed a boost. The committees for the fair are to be the same as last year, with Mrs. R. MacNaughton being asked to help with canned and

preserved products. The ladies discussed having a craft or some other interesting display at the fall fair, Mrs. W. Thompson showed slides of last year's fair and local places of interest. Mrs. S. Matthews had pictures of the bus trip which several ladies had enjoyed to

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week, Monday, May 18.

Washington and other points. J. McEnery, Mrs. R. L. McEnery, The ladies found some of them very amusing as well as

A dainty lunch was served by

& Elva Pearen. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Freeman, lunch committee Mrs. G. Wallace, Mrs. W. the hostess Mrs. G. Wallace, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. W. Waldie.

# Ladies euchre, penny sale held

Y Ladies' Auxiliary held a euchre and penny sale in the Y on May 1 with a good crowd attending.

Penny sale winners were: pyjama dog Scott Bousfield; IGA groceries Mrs. Huisman; Red and White groceries G. A. Masales; salad bowl Ina Wilson; glas dish John Taylor; pearls Herb Dodds; potted mum T. Matheson; tinned him Mrs. Clark; ham Mary Jane Lindsay; Skin so Soft (Avon); Mrs. Dennis Browne; cream sachet and powder Beverly Laing; Desert Flower spray Harry Otterbein; plastic tub Gwen Dawe; running

shoes and hasti-notes Beverly

Lang; dusting powder Audrey Wilson, Georgetown; cactus garden Roy Goodwin; men's deodorant and after shave Hilda Hill; tie rack Dot Deforest; Custom Cleaners Betty McIntyre; insect repellant Cora Walters; mixing bowls Norm Price; men's socks and handky Dorson Frizzell; shampoo and set at Rendezvous Brian Roach; talcum and after-shave Mrs. Bayliss; two glass dishes Willard Britton; Old Spice powder and cologne Mrs. Jean Siddon, Erin.

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## Bandaging shown

At the May meeting of Acton Women's Institute, Mrs. G. Hargrave of the St. John Ambulance brigade gave a very informative demonstration on bandaging. As her patients she had Mrs. Cook and a big doll.

Miss Dorothy Simmons presided at the meeting in the library, opening it with three poems for Mother's Day, A Lady with an Apron Round her Waist, Mother's Day, and Grandma's Off her Rocker, followed by prayer.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and correspondence dealt with. A dahlia cushion had been made and sold. An invitation was received to attend the annual dinner of the Tuberculosis and Health Association in Oakville.

Delegates were appointed to attend the district annual on May 20.

A report on decoration day was given and it was decided to plant two more trees, the same as last year. A very good report of Pennies for Friendship was

A generous picnic lunch was served by the committee of the



# **NOTICE** — 1970

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