

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

I never should have opened the front door so soon after lifting the freezer lid. In the freezer, I had found one bag of onions, one head of lettuce, and two rolls of toilet paper, frozen by mistake (of course) in the bottom of a box I had thought contained nothing but bread.

I was still muttering "Stupid idiot" to myself, when I went to let the cat out. As soon as the door was open, a great breeze smelling strongly of Balm of Gilead and Chokecherry blossom rushed in, and in the trees themselves, four Baltimore Orioles splashed against the green. After a brief consultation with myself, we decided I should take advantage of not having any youngsters home, and go for a solitary walk.

Solitary walk? It turned out to be anything but. As soon as I opened the back door, there was a stampe. The two hounds, Rip and Sue, were out first. Sue bounced and twisted with excitement; her old pappy just plodded along, but with a gleam in his eye.

Following them were the cats. Five started out, but the number gradually diminished as they became disgusted at Sue's antics. She would dash straight at them with huge bounds, her ears (20 inches from tip to tip) flapping up and down so hard that she looked about to take off. The cats bristled, stood their ground, and wouldn't chicken out. Sue had to swerve, and it was usually into me, catching me just behind the knees.

Rip had long since left, as Sue kept diving under him and biting his elbows. She paid no mind to the fact that, although it was great fun when she was small, now, when she's almost as tall as he, her shortcuts under him are more than a little annoying. As soon as Rip regained his composure (and his feet), he loped off into the swamp.

Finally, only one cat, Mouser, remained. Since she was in "a family way", I bawled Sue out and told her to behave or be sent home. She looked properly penitent and walked nicely till she turned a bend in the path. I heard the thud of big feet, then silence.

When I rounded the corner, she was sitting quietly, with a perplexed look on her face. Then I noticed that that jet black dog had acquired a fluffy orange tail. Prying her rear up, I found Mouser looking a little dazed and very indignant, and thought of the joke about the man who had the tiger by the tail who "doesn't hang on and doesn't let go". That was Sue's predicament, too.

As soon as Mouser had room to coil, she exploded from under the pup, then they both headed off in different directions, leaving me alone.

By then I had come to the pasture. If I'd had any intentions of working with the horses, there wouldn't have been one in sight. But when I wanted to be by myself, all six were lining the fence, trying to tell me it was oat time, and jostling to get in the best position. They know that when I'm easing between the two strands of electric fencing with a bucket of oats in each hand, I'm fairly vulnerable.

If they work it right, they can dump both pails before I'm halfway through. As it was, I told them "No oats, so scram," but they'd decided to play it friendly and kept pushing and

69th annual meeting for W.I.'s has election, reports, contests

The 69th annual meeting of Halton District W.I. was held in Hillcrest United Church on Wednesday May 20, with the theme, "in the Branch Is Where the Action Is," 130 attending.

Following one o'clock registration, Ashgrove ladies as a choir led in the W. I. Ode, and then sang their own W. I. song written by Mrs. Wilbert Cleave and set to music by Mrs. Lloyd Davidson. Mrs. Percy Cox, president of the hostess branch, welcomed those attending.

In her financial report Mrs. R. C. Alexander used large charts to

show county receipts during the year of \$3,020.09, the Dr. Ethel Chapman Fund receipts amounting to \$1,416 and other points.

Mrs. John Bird, retiring president, sharing chair duties during the afternoon with Mrs. George Henderson, summed up her year, advising all to spread sunshine and be neighborly. The Dr. Ethel Chapman Day and Fund were among her worthwhile, successful efforts.

Reports of standing committees were received from all 17 branches in all departments, Mrs. Frank Brown, public relations officer presiding. One well-prepared resolution regarding manufacture of better quality envelopes to ensure more privacy in correspondence was presented by Dublin, but lost in a vote by delegates.

Sharon Hume and Carl Middlebrook had tied for the W. I. bursary so the award was equally divided. Federation of Agriculture report stated that the \$25 membership fee was a real benefit to farmers.

Mrs. Nellis' safety report stressed consistent use of safety belts. Public Relations report stated that it is intended to make the public informed, "By our deeds we are known". "Although many of us are in the Golden Age group, we should still work for the future of our W. I.," said Mrs. Brown.

Miss Margaret Oliphant reported for her branch at Norval, the only Junior W. I. in the county and has 21 members. Mrs. Bannister, Home Economist stated there were 15 4-H homemaking clubs last year with average memberships of 11 and

complimented the leaders. She advised use of the loan library and pamphlets available.

Mrs. N. Ackroyd and Mrs. Clare Burt judged the baking competition which was well patronized as follows: Jelly rolls, first Nelson baked by Mrs. Campbell; second Campbellville baked by Mrs. Cramp.

Butter tarts, first, Silverwood baked by Mrs. Marchington and Scotch block baked by Mrs. J. Irving.

Mr. Roever of Black's Camera shop, Toronto gave tips on picture taking and judged slides from each branch awarding prizes to Mrs. Clifford Brown for Boston Presbyterian Church, to Mrs. Frank Brown for colored foliage on the Bruce Trail, and to Mrs. Wellington Wilson for a 6th Line apple orchard. The remaining slides were shown by Mrs. W. Cleave in the evening, owners commenting on each.

Program items included an amusing motto from Public Relations convener, Mrs. John Ruddell of Ashgrove, a lovely solo, Bless This House by Acton president Miss Dorothy Simmons, a humorous reading "Long Drawers" by Mrs. Leo Jamieson, a piano solo "Chapel Chimes" by Mrs. Roughley, a vocal solo by little Joan Lindsay, and several original poems.

In Memoriam was handled by Mrs. W. Wilson and Mrs. Palmer of Georgetown by prayer, Bless Be the Tie that Binds, and silent prayer. Mrs. M. Nellis was evening chairman.

Special speaker was provincial director Mrs. R. C. Moffat, who brought greetings from the provincial Board and ratified District Directors and complimented the county on the splendid year ending. She advised that the government ban cigarette advertising and to use more Canadian talent on T.V. and radio. She upheld such programs as Don Messer. The government should hold a strong line on drug use. She feels that tangible recognition should be given for honors won in competition, and program planning at branch level is important.

Mrs. Moffat is a representative to the 25th anniversary of United Nations and a W.I. delegate to the A.C.W.W. convention in Winnipeg. She included a little of her usual humor, and ended with an encouraging poem.

The decision of a time for the next meeting was left to the executive.

During the afternoon the U.C.W. of Hillcrest provided a welcome coffee break, and at 6 o'clock served a plentiful cold turkey and salads plate, rolls and dessert for supper.

Mrs. Moffat presided for election of 1970-71 officers—Past pres., Mrs. John Bird; pres., Mrs. George Henderson; 1st v-pres., Mrs. M. Nellis; 2nd v-pres., Mrs. Leo Jamieson.

Fed. Rep. Mrs. John Bird; alternate, Mrs. George Henderson; Pub. Rel. Mrs. Frank Brown; Sec. Tres., Mrs. R. C. Alexander.

Standing committee conveners, Agr. & Can. Ind., Mrs. J. Van Sickle; Citizenship & Educ., Mrs. Leo Jamieson; Home Econ. & Health, Mrs. Don Smith; Hist. Research and Current Events, Mrs. G. Chester; Resolutions, Miss G. Featherstone; Fed. of Agr. Rep., Mrs. S. Wilson; Curator, Mrs. Frank Wilson; Assistant, Mrs. H. Marchington; Safety Reg. Mrs. M. Nellis; Bursary & Scholarship; Mrs. McEnery. Mrs. John Bird.

Courtesies by Mrs. A. Benton for Limehouse, followed by singing O Canada brought a well conducted and encouraging district annual meeting to a close.

Ladies' Aid meeting

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian Church met in the Sunday School Room on Tuesday afternoon, May 26. Mrs. McIntyre opened the meeting with a poem One Step More. The hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, was sung, and the president led in prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report was given.

After the business was completed Mrs. Hansen read the Scripture, 2 Corinthians, Chapter 5, and Mrs. MacPherson led in prayer. Mrs. Maimprize gave a reading which everyone enjoyed, then Mrs. MacPherson conducted a contest.

The meeting closed by reading the hymn Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee and repeating the Lord's Prayer. A social half-hour was enjoyed over a cup of tea.



SLIDE WINNERS at the annual Halton Women's Institute meeting pose with their prize money. Left to right are Mrs. C. Brown, Scotch Block, first for her photo of Boston Church, 102 years old; Mrs. F. Brown, Limehouse, second for her fall scene; and Mrs. W. Wilson, Georgetown, third for her orchard photo. The prize money was donated by Eddie Black's Camera Shop in Toronto. (Staff Photo)

Sponsor children to go to camp

The monthly meeting of the L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the Acton Public Library with seven members present on May 27.

Three Acton children will be sponsored by the Auxiliary to spend several weeks at Camp Tillicum in Northern Ontario. Mrs. Conroy and Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuiken attended the general meeting and reported on two films they saw on retardation.

Tenders are being received for the new workshop, which may be completed by the fall. There was "Open House" at the workshop May 28 and they hoped for the usual attendance. The Sunshine School will be holding their bazaar Friday, June 12 when articles made by the pupils and their work will be shown. The usual fall dance will be held Saturday, October 3. Tickets for the quilt will be on sale at the fall fair and drawn at the dance.

There will be another fashion show on Thursday, October 8 and Walker's will be providing the ensembles. It will be held at the Robert Little School auditorium. Members hope it will be as enjoyable as last year.

The last meeting of the summer season will be held on June 24, at the Library, 8 p.m.

Members are hoping to see some new faces with new ideas this year.

Drive helpers pot luck supper

On Tuesday, May 26, a most successful pot luck supper was held in the Presbyterian church hall for all captains, canvassers and drivers who helped the Canadian Cancer Society, Acton Branch, reach over their goal this year.

Among the 80 present were two most interesting speakers, Mrs. Helen Cummins, activity program convener for Ontario Division, who spoke about workshops and specifically the one she has headed in Erindale. Since the Acton Branch are looking forward to beginning such a group, many ideas for projects were acquired, ranging from types of toys or gifts for children to types of books or magazines and knitted articles for the elderly cancer patient.

Mr. Lambert the speaker, an ex-air force man and now field secretary for the Canadian Cancer Society, spoke on the many items the funds are used for, research being the main one. Anne Norton and her committee arranged this very successful evening.



JELLY ROLLS AND BUTTER TARTS were this year's specialty at the annual meeting of Halton Women's Institutes. Prize winners left to right are Mrs. J. Irving, Scotch Block, second for butter tarts; Mrs. S. Cramp, Campbellville, second for



NEW OFFICERS of the Halton Women's Institute were elected at the annual meeting recently held at Hillcrest Church, Hornby. Seated left to right are Mrs. J. Bird, Ashgrove, past president; Mrs. G. Henderson, Silverwood, president; Mrs. R. C. Moffat, provincial board director. Back row are Mrs. Mansell Nellis, Dublin, first vice-president; Mrs. R. Alexander, Georgetown, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. Wobb, Campbellville, past Federation rep.; and Mrs. D. Bannister, home economist for Halton and Peel. (Staff Photo)

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MEN'S DRESS SOX <small>stretchy nylon, mst'd colors, size fits 10 to 13, Comp. Val. 3 pr. \$3.00</small> OUR PRICE 3 PR. 1.00	BOYS' PANTS <small>jeans, also Mod pants for youths, large variety in patterns, Comp. Val. to \$3.98</small> OUR PRICE EA. 1.50
MEN'S SHIRTS <small>white perma press dress shirt, long & short sleeve, Comp. Val. \$4.00</small> OUR PRICE 1.50	LADIES' HOUSEDRESSES & DUSTERS <small>OUR PRICE</small> <small>Comp. Val. \$3.98</small> OUT THEY GO 1.50

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LADIES' PURSES <small>Reg. up to \$6.00</small> OUR PRICE .79	CHILDREN'S RUNNERS <small>Reg. .99c</small> OUR PRICE .75

WHERE YOUR MONEY BUYS MORE

W.I. reviews objectives

Mrs. A. Gates, newly-elected president of Greenock Institute, was in charge of the May meeting held at the home of Mrs. K. Eckerich.

Mrs. Gates opened the meeting by reading a poem Happiness, followed by the opening Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered by the naming of a branch of the W. I. in your district. Twelve members answered the roll and a new member was welcomed.

After minutes, a note of thanks was read from the McDougall family thanking members for the blanket and clock sent when they lost all in a fire recently.

Reports were given by the standing committees.

A paper collection is being made. Plans were completed for the district annual May 27 at Hillsburg. Delegates appointed to attend were Mrs. G. Wallace, Mrs. G. Leslie, and Mrs. Gates. All members were urged to attend.

Mrs. A. Gates told of her two days which she spent at the Officers' Conference at Guelph in April and also her trip to the Adelaide Hoodless home which the visitors were taken to by bus.

Mrs. G. Wallace was in charge of the program. She had

prepared a panel discussion on Institute procedure. Taking part in this with Mrs. Wallace as chairman were Miss E. Pearen, Mrs. J. McCulloch, Mrs. G. Leslie and Mrs. R. Sinclair.

Points discussed were: How do you rate yourself as an institute member? Has the institute outgrown their original objective?

We should try to develop the talents of our own members and rely less on outside speakers. This falls in line with the objective to discover, stimulate and train in leadership.

Financing was also discussed. The F.W.I.O. report at their annual meeting held last November in Toronto, showed the W. I. in the province donated \$10,000 more to other organizations than was given to their own W. I. projects.

Mrs. Wallace also gave a report on the formation of the F.W.I.O. which was held away back in February, 1919. Mrs. A. Murphy was its first president.

Films were shown on Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Wallace commented. A contest on the crests or emblems of the provinces was won by Mrs. R. Sinclair.

A lovely lunch was served