

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

It's fascinating how well animals communicate without the advantages (?) of actual speech. They have quite a range of verbal noises that any pet owner can recognize — whines, yaps, and woofs, quite a variation of meows and yowls, and the nickers, squeals, whinnies, and whuffles in horses. Quite aside from all that, they have a silent means of getting ideas across, a kind of body talk (like cats stomping up and down the hall in the middle of the night.)

I was watching Tansy-cat running along the path ahead of me, yesterday. Instead of the usual steady "trot-trot-trot" when she's intent on getting somewhere for some specific reason, her gait was more of a bouncy "We're-going-for-a-walk, de-dum, de-dum" (kick). This last bit of footwork told me that she had eaten, her kittens had been fed, and she was in a carefree mood. The horses do the same. If there is a reason behind their running, then it's a steady controlled movement. If the run is purely for the joy of running, then there'll be odd feet whipping out in all directions, every few yards.

When our colt was a week old, he often became quite intent on trying to kick someone, (before he found out that that was punishable.) He never landed one because his tail always gave him away. It would start to twirl in circles and he would up to let fly, and we could always get out of the way.

A dog uses his tail to bristle when he's angry and wag when he's friendly. A cat wags when she's angry as well as bristling, whipping her tail back and forth in quite a different way from the slow, lazy sweep which means "Okay, kits, come and play, but stay back there and leave me front end alone." Out on walks, a cat uses its tail as an indicator of moods. Bent in a furry question mark, it means "I'm energetic, alert, and where are we going?" Straight up in the air, it means that the cat has spotted something and is thinking of doing something with it. Laid low, but still, it means she is going to do something, and low but drooping, she's gone and done it, is tired, and will very likely disappear under a bush to rest.

Up the front end, ears are a good indicator of mood. In both cats and horses, they're pricked up for alertness, turned around out of curiosity, and laid back in spite. Our hounds' ears just hang there.

If I spot a kitten lying on its back, I can be pretty sure it's about to do battle with somebody, hind feet spinning for a quick dismemberment. Yet a dog on its back displaying an unguarded belly to another dog is showing complete submissiveness, relying on the canine code of "Thou shalt not kill a dog with four feet voluntarily in the air." It's their version of our white flag, I guess. The foals' sign of submission I thought, at first, was one of antagonism. The filly-foal would often stretch out her head toward another horse, bare her teeth, and gnash them. But apparently, it means "I'm small and I'm helpless and you could easily kill me. I know, but I'm only a baby." And when a dog or cat bares its teeth, it's a warning. Back to lying on backs. When I see a horse easing itself down, I know it means nothing more than a scratch for comfort. Yet I've

Pat Synnott, Ted Curtis married at St. Joseph's

Blue and white mums decorated St. Joseph's church, Acton, for the marriage of Patricia Frances Synnott and Edward Paul Curtis. Father V. J. Morgan officiated at the double ring ceremony at three o'clock on June 13.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Synnott, 125 Church St. E., Acton, and is employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia here. The groom, who is with J. B. Mackenzie and Son, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis, 145 Wynford Place.

E. A. Hansen played the organ and the soloist, Les Duby, sang Perfect Love and The Wedding Prayer.

The bride wore a traditional gown of white chiffon with a shoulder length veil, and carried red roses. Maid of honor was Leona Synnott and bridesmaids Catherine and Theresa Synnott, sisters of the bride. They wore floor length gowns in Capri blue and carried blue and white carnations.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsmen were Gerald Draycott and the ushers were Bruce Fowler and Robert Samson.

The reception was held in the Legion Hall when guests were welcomed from Rockwood, Illinois; Huntsville, Oshawa, Peterborough, Guelph, Elora, Streetsville, and Acton. Special guests were the bride's two grandmothers Mrs. J. Synnott, Guelph and Mrs. J. Duby, Rockwood.

The bride's mother wore a coral dress with white accessories and white carnations. The groom's mother wore blue with yellow accessories and yellow carnations.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Kingston, with a cruise through the Thousand Islands. The bride left wearing a green two-piece suit with gardenia corsage.

They are living at the Winston apartments, Churchill Rd. S. Before the wedding a personal

shower was held by her aunt, Mrs. A. Duby and cousin Mrs. D. Shannon, Acton. A miscellaneous shower was held by her aunt Mrs. H. Samson at

the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. Synnott, Guelph. A miscellaneous shower was held by Mrs. B. Fowler and Mrs. D. Rodgers, Acton.



CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH will be the setting on July 18 for the marriage of Miss Carol Elizabeth Swackhamer and Mr. Robert Gerald William Hyde, B.A., of Hagersville. The bride is a graduate of Lakeshore Teachers' College, Toronto, and has been employed for the last three years at Speyside Public School. The groom is a graduate of Laurentian University, Sudbury, and is presently a student at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. He is a former student minister of Churchill Community Church.

Anniversary in hospital

Unfortunately, Mrs. Charles Lasby was a patient in Guelph General Hospital for her golden wedding anniversary last week. She was hospitalized with a heart ailment.

The well known district couple live at R.R. 1 Campbellville. They were married June 16, 1920, in Eramosa township.

Completes year U. of T. Pharmacy

Miss Brenda Fryer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fryer, Guelph, former Acton residents, has successfully completed her first year of pharmacy at the University of Toronto. She received first class Honors standing, standing third in her class and retained the Lord's Pharmacy scholarship. She was awarded a Parke-Davis Co. Ltd. prize.

More funds to ARC Workshop

The Hon. John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services, announced Thursday that additional funds would be pumped into Vocational Rehabilitation Workshops across Ontario.

The increase from \$20 to \$25 a month is not really too much of an increase, said North Halton's ARC Workshop manager Mrs. H. Isham. "The workshop only gets a percentage of the money of the trainees. At the end of the month each workshop sends in the average attendance and in our case the usual monthly average is only nine. We are then given an average of the monthly attendance," she said. "Attendance sometimes varies up as high as 11 but this is very seldom."

The trainee pension was recently increased by the government from \$96 to \$105 per month.

It was told that if a horse can roll itself completely over from side to side, that that's the sign of a good horse. All our horses must be good. Especially my filly. At six weeks, when she discovered rolling, I'd just as often as not find her on her back with all four feet in the air. While the rest of the horses roll with knees bent, she keeps hers straight, tick-tocking from side to side like a metronome. I counted over 9 flips, the once.

But the most touching and eloquent of all non-verbal communications is "The silent miaou". Many cats don't do it, but some have it perfected to such an art, that their owners are immediately stricken with all kinds of guilt that they must have been a remiss somewhere along the line, reducing their poor puss to such a weakened state. When my cat sits in front of me, feet together, tail wound neatly around, and fixes me with that appealing wistful look, then goes through all the motions of a pleading miaou but no sound whatsoever, I immediately rush around, pouring milk, setting out food, recognizing the play for what it is, yet feeling that I'm a rotten mistress.

I was favoured by this performance the day that I was broiling steaks for supper (so guess who got all the trimmings). Along with the meat, I made a sauce to spice it up a bit.

TOMATO SAUCE FOR STEAK
In 1 cup olive oil, saute 1 cup sliced onion, 1/2 cup sliced green pepper, 1/2 cup sliced tomatoes, 1/2 cup fresh chopped parsley, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp prepared dash, proper pepper & oregano.

Postpone camp site opening

Camp-Inns of Canada have decided not to go ahead with their proposed 150 trailer site camping area just east of Highway 25 and south of Five Sideroad near Milton, this year.

A letter read at a recent meeting of Esqueping Council explained that on account of a delay in securing necessary approvals, the firm would forego this season and prepare for an early opening next summer.

Installation of underground services and roads will proceed this fall.

The campsite will accommodate overnight campers only and will be open from May until September.

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