

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Maybe I should feel guilty about being so keen on leaving my house and family to fend for themselves while I take off for a week and a half of pure enjoyment. But I don't.

For the past few weeks, it seems that every thought is of the trip and every household chore has some vague connection with my holiday — washing windows so they'll be clean when I go, the extra baking will be in the freezer when I get back, etc. And every so often, I'll find that I've stopped dead in the middle of what I've been doing and am daydreaming of those six marvellous days riding a horse in the Rockies, fishing, lazing in the sun, looking, sniffing, and riding some more.

It's a week before we're due to leave, (Alice-from-in-town and I) but I've had one duffel bag packed and ready to go for about three. There's over 20 pounds of sleeping gear stuffed in that one bag — ground sheet, air mattress, sleeping bag, flannel sheet, wool blanket, night shirt, long johns, toque and wool socks — and there's only a dinky little bag left over for my clothes.

As long as it will hold an extra pair of jeans, an extra shirt, a couple of pairs of socks, and my hot water bottle, I should be all right.

One cool day, a few weeks ago, I thought I might try out my sleeping stuff to see how warm it actually was. There's a lovely sheltered spot down by the pasture that looked perfect for spending the night in. Twenty dozen spiders thought the same thing and proceeded to move in, in spite of "Off!" Fifteen minutes on the handle of a bicycle pump brought only a half inch rise in the air mattress, and when two feet of granddaddy garter snake slithered by and into a rock pile beside me, I decided I'd rather take my chances on being cold at nights.

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# Couture-McDonald wedding at Limehouse

Jacqueline Delores McDonald of Limehouse and Garry Norman Couture of Georgetown were married in a double-ring ceremony in Limehouse Presbyterian church at four o'clock Saturday, June 6. Rev. Norman Young officiated and Mrs. J. Roughley was organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McDonald, Limehouse, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Couture and John Couture, Acton.

The bride wore a white lace pant suit with shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of bridal pink roses.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Shirley Hope, Galt, a friend, who wore a short moss green dress with white lace overlay and carried yellow mums. Senior bridesmaid Sheila Muddle and the junior bridesmaids, Brenda and Peggy McDonald, all sisters of the bride, wore mauve dresses and carried yellow mums.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsman was Peter Holmes, Acton, and the ushers were John Lazebny Acton and Clive Lawrence, Bramalea.

The reception was held at Limehouse community hall. The bride's mother received wearing a pale pink coat-dress ensemble with pink carnations.

The groom's mother wore deep pink with white carnations. She had made the three-tier cake. Guests were present from Limehouse, Acton, Galt, Georgetown, Bramalea, Ashburn and Milton.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Ottawa and are making their home in Georgetown.

The groom is employed at Force Electric Products Acton. Before the wedding Mrs. Shirley Hope, Brenda and Peggy McDonald held a miscellaneous shower at the McDonald home. The groom's aunts, Mrs. Alvin Hayes, Mrs. James Gibson and Mrs. Pearl Logan held a shower for the bride and groom in Guelph. Limehouse community held a shower for the couple.



## Free Press Personals

Mrs. John Allan attended the graduation of her niece, Mrs. Jim Harris, the former Jane Elizabeth Ryder, Georgetown, in Memorial Hall, University of Guelph. Jane was one of the class from School of Nursing Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Banks and boys, now of Wawa, visited Acton friends this week en route to Kingston, where Mr. Banks will be taking a summer course in music.

Mrs. F. R. Pinder, of Guelph visited on Sunday with her friend, Mrs. J. C. Dennis, Willow St.

Mr. William Galbraith, of Kitchener, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale MacDonald, of Buffalo, N. Y. visited with the latter's aunt, Miss Robina C. Clark, during the weekend.

**Year book on sale**

Copies of the Acton high school year book are available at the high school and can be picked up any day of the week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students are asked to be sure and pick up their copy.

Extra copies are available at a cost of \$4 each.

Miss Vicky Newton is travelling in Europe this summer, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Land-sborough, Paul, and Christopher Fredrikson of Newmarket visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Land-sborough on Sunday.

Miss Kathy McKenzie and Miss Margaret MacMillan of Streetsville are holidaying at Wiancko House, where they formerly worked when they were students.

Several car loads from the Baptist congregation attended "open house" at Mapleridge Farm, the farm home of Mr. Howard Jacobson, M.A., near Drumbo, Ontario, on Saturday afternoon and evening. Mr. Jacobson, a high school teacher in Hamilton has been the interim supply since the first Sunday of December.

Although Canadians lost their "gabbest telephoners" title to the U.S. in 1969 (a record they had held for 17 consecutive years), they still managed to jaw away at the rate of something like 693 phone calls per person last year. That's just a few less than our gossiping U.S. neighbors.

Acton and district friends of Miss Anne Stalker regret that she is still confined in Guelph General Hospital, and hope for an improvement in health for her.

Many friends of Mrs. Ettie Grindell, Main St. S. regret that she is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, and all hope for an improvement in health for her soon.

Mrs. Alex Near spent a few days over the weekend with relatives in Kitchener and Waterloo.

### Will continue free admission

Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee have decided to continue admitting spectators to roller skating free of charge, but to review the situation each month.

The board introduced the no charge policy this year, at the suggestion of chairman Peter Marks, in an effort to encourage youths who normally spend their time on town streets to meet at the community centre.

At Thursday night's meeting, arena manager Harold Townsley reported roller skating has realized an average net profit of \$57.80 per night for 19 nights so far this summer.

## Free Press Women's Page

# Never too old to learn Greenock Institute learns

Greenock Leisure Lassies were guests of Greenock Institute when they met for their June meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Ralph McKeown, Georgetown. The meeting opened with the reading of a poem Every Day is a Little Life by the president, Mrs. A. Gates. Opening ode followed by the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect was given.

Thirteen members as well as the girls answered the roll with "what grade did you finish school with?"

The treasurer's report and minutes were read. A donation sent to the Ospringe School was used toward the purchase of a standard for the flag which was presented at the Home and School meeting in June.

Plans were made for members, also any of their family who would care to come, to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Museum for the August meeting. This will take the place of the annual family picnic usually held at this time.

Meditation Hang ups that

### Emancipation on the highways

Motorists frustrated at the bad driving conditions between here and Georgetown, during road widening have had a surprise to brighten the experience.

The flagmen's duties are taken over by two lively young flag girls.

When Acton girls heard of the new opportunity for students seeking jobs they went down to apply - without luck. Apparently the flag-waving sisters are under the direct supervision of one of the contractors - their father.

Haunt Us was given by Mrs. Gordon Johnson

Mrs. Gates called on the girls who each in turn told highlights of their spring club. Focus on

### Will crown Miss...who?

One of the highlights of the annual Nittygrittybramachingwingding, to be held August 1 to 9 in the Brampton area, will be the choosing of a beauty Queen. The winner will be crowned Miss Nittygrittybramachingwingding for 1971.

All unmarried girls living, working or going to school in Brampton or Chinguacousy are invited to enter the contest sponsored by the Bramalea Kinsmen Club and Kinettes in conjunction with Township of Chinguacousy.

The only other restriction of the contest is that entrants must never have modelled professionally.

During the preliminaries and finals, contestants are to wear mini-skirts or dresses and will be judged on poise, beauty and personality.

The Queen, along with two runnersup, will be announced at the Celebration Ball August 1 at the Arena, which officially opens the week-long event.

Fitness. They had also brought with them their record books as well as articles made including huck-weaving, knitting, stuffed toys, and mobiles, which the ladies admired.

Marion Gates on behalf of the girls presented their leaders Mrs. R. Sinclair and Mrs. C. Aitken with lovely cushions in appreciation of their help.

Convenor for Education Mrs. E. McCulloch read a paper she had prepared on adult education. She spoke from experience as she herself had returned to school for a year and found it to be an exciting experience. She closed by reading the poem by R. Browning Grow Old Along with Me.

Mrs. G. Wallace assistant convenor, in her efficient way gave us valuable information on ways in which, as we grow older, we can still contribute to knowledge by night schools, libraries, crafts, and travel. We are never too old to learn. We can learn better at 40 than we could at 20.

Mrs. Wallace closed her talk with the reading of "The Stick-Together Family". The singing of O Canada and Institute grace brought to a close this enjoyable meeting.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the convenors. Mrs. Elva Winters was courtesy convenor. The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnston R. R. 3 Acton

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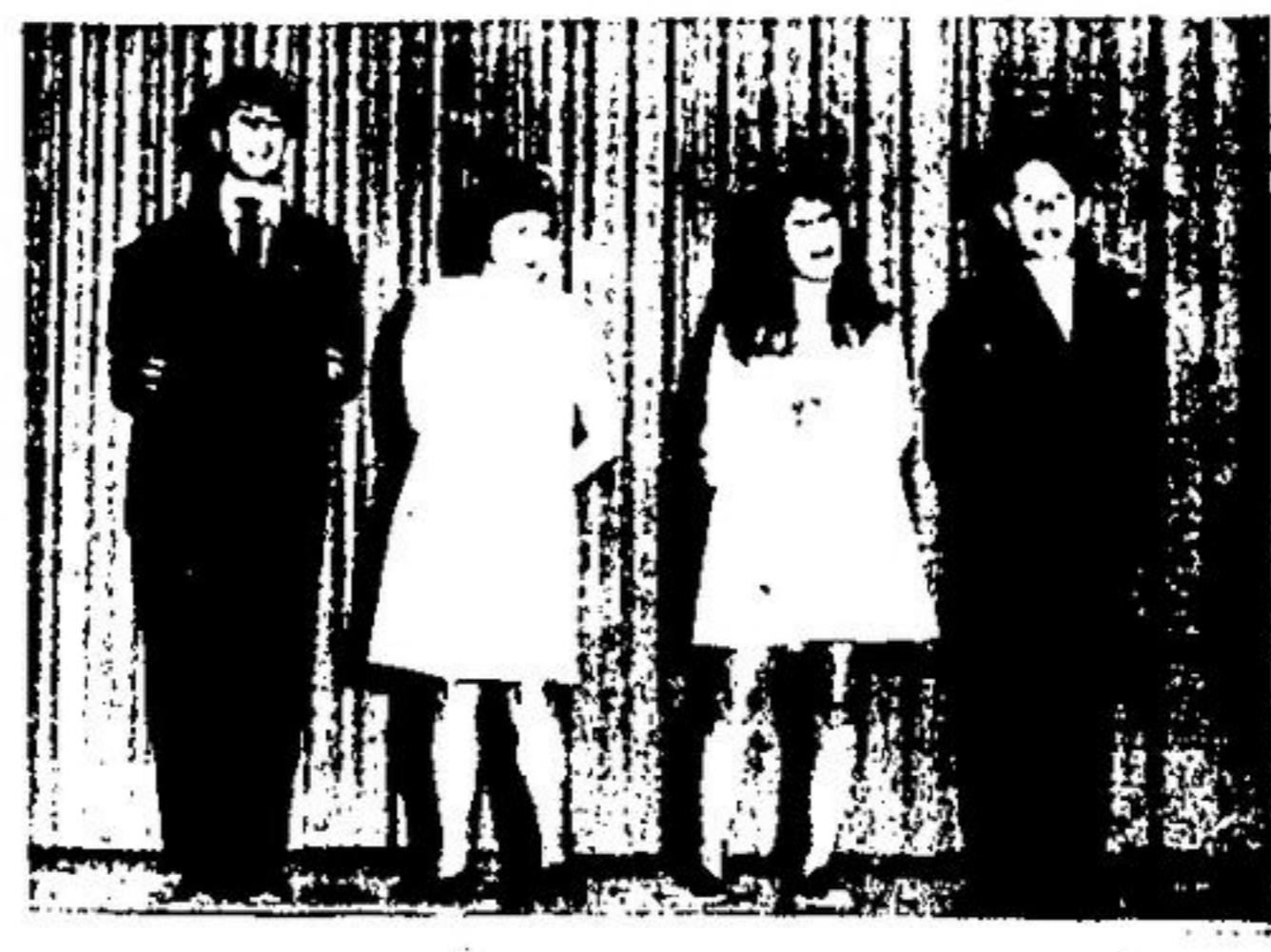
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## Sunshine Scholars present lively closing program at R. L. school

CLOSING EXERCISES for the Sunshine School were held at the Robert Little school auditorium, Acton, Thursday evening. The program included songs, exercises, quartets, trios and demonstrations of skills. Students participated willingly and their enthusiasm for the program spread to an appreciative audience.—(Staff Photos)



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