

# the painted box



**By Wendy Thomson**  
This week, I was planning to congratulate myself. The Painted Box has now been going for two years without missing a week, and for me that's exceptionally good.

I WAS going to go over all the things that have happened this past year, the most important being the birth of my twin foals in April.

**Gord heartbroken**  
However, half an hour before my "sit-down-and-write" time last night, Gord came up to the house, heartbroken. He had just found Sparrow, the filly that he had coaxed to life seven months ago, dead.

April 23, when she arrived, Sparrow, the second-born of the twins wasn't breathing. Gord applied artificial respiration to the tiny body and we both were overjoyed when she came to life with a kick. We heard many dour predictions within the next week that she wouldn't live, being so frail — 30 pounds to a normal foal's 100. Her 60 pound brother stood more of a chance.

**100 visitors**  
Within a month, though, she was out in the pastures, growing fat and sassy. Visitors, (over 100 of them) were entranced by the twins as they came up to be petted, shoving each other out of the way in order to get the most loving.

We bought especially made sturdy nylon halters, and got the two halter-broke so there wouldn't be any tearing around after them when we needed them or wanted to groom them.

I loved brushing Sparrow as her coat was still thick and woolly. Her body was cream and she came in a real buckskin and tall legs, but with white stockings on the hind. The only flaw, as far as I could see, was a hernia which we'd have fixed. She was a real pleasure to watch with, and would turn and hunch with huge dark eyes and muzzle whichever part of me was closest.

**Halter caught**  
Then, some time yesterday, her halter caught on a small tree stump. In her frantic efforts to free herself, Sparrow twisted the



**WEARING AN UNBREAKABLE** nylon "death trap" halter, Sparrow is pictured with Black Velvet. Some horses have died after catching a hind foot in the halter. —(Wendy Thomson Photo)

halter tight around her nose. Then my beautiful filly-foal died there.

Out of all the "ifs" that Gord and I came up with last night, two should be passed on as a warning to other horse owners. "If the halter hadn't been unbreakable nylon or if the halter had been left off since it wasn't really necessary—my filly would be alive this morning and I wouldn't be writing this plea through tears — please use a halter on any age horse only when necessary and don't make it an unbreakable one if it's to be left on."

## Agriculture is theme for Dublin Institute

Mrs. Clark Armstrong, Lake Ave., was hostess for the regular monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening.

The opening exercises were conducted by the president Mrs. M. McCullough. In the absence of Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. M. Hunter acted as secretary.

As the theme for the meeting was "Agriculture", the roll call was answered by "What farming means to me". The members responded with varying answers

to one of the greatest vocations of all.

**Plans, donations**

During the period of business, Mrs. Hunter read several letters which were discussed. Confirmation was made of the Short Course to be held on March 4 and 5, 1971, in the Acton Library on "Needlecraft and Embroidery Stitches". A donation of \$10 was approved to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund, and a collection amounting to \$15 was given to the work of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Mention was made that a son of one of the members, Bill Lasby has won the \$100 Federation of Agriculture Scholarship, and is now a student at the University of Guelph.

Following another sale and the sales arena at Stewarttown, Mrs. W. Britton turned in a substantial amount from the booth.

**Resolutions**

As the Guelph Area Convention of the Women's Institutes is being held on October 19 and 20 at the University of Guelph, the two resolutions submitted to the Branch were discussed and confirmed. Mrs. W. J. McIntyre the delegate, will vote on them at the sessions on the second day.

A short report on the neighboring Fall Fairs was given by Mrs. McCullough. After discussion, it was decided to offer a special prize in the Homecrafts Section of Acton Fall Fair next year.

Mrs. M. Neils gave a concise account of the District Directors' meeting held at Milton on October 5, mentioning three important functions being held within the next few months: District Day to be held in Stewarttown on October 29 at 2 p.m.; Training School at Milton on March 9 and 10, 1971, for "Accessories for the Home"; and the Milton District Annual to be held in Acton on May 19, 1971.

**City slicker view**  
Following up the theme of the meeting "Agriculture", Mrs. R. MacDougall gave a delightful and humorous talk. Many of the

### Nimble Needler new club name

The second meeting of the Dublin 4-H Homemaking Club was held on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at Mrs. Douglas'. The meeting was opened with the 4-H Pledge and then the minutes were adopted as read by the secretary.

The roll call: The "Learning Stitches" article I have chosen to make and why; was answered by all.

Laurene Rennick, secretary, read a letter from the Home Economist; Mrs. Bannister, Cathy Lasby read the treasurer's report.

The decided to have "Dublin Nimble Needlers" as a club name. For books they decided to use panelled wood, covered with burlap and names embroidered on them.

The collection was taken and Monday, October 19 was set aside as the date for next meeting. It will take place at Mrs. Lasby's about 7 p.m. Everyone started a sample on the "Lazy Daisy" stitch.

Mrs. Douglas served lunch and the meeting was adjourned.

**REMEMBRANCE Day** will be observed Sunday, November 8.

### Norma Leslie 4-H president

The first meeting of the Greenock Jacket Dress Club was held on September 28th, 1970 at the home of Miss E. Paaren, the club leader. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and the election of officers.

The officers are as follows: president, Norma Leslie; vice-president Leah Leslie; Secretary Treasurer, Mary Kuchkuda; press reporter: all members.

The name of the club was left to be decided at the next meeting. Meetings are to be held Monday afternoons, after school at alternating leaders' homes. The member's books were handed out, and the requirements for this club were read.

Eight members were present. Textiles, fibers and yarns were discussed. Main uses for textiles are: as a covering for warmth, and for personal adornment.

Members were shown how to take their correct measurements and how to use them when choosing a pattern. The members took each other's measurements and the meeting was closed with the 4-H grace.

### Fabrics topic for 4-H club

The second meeting of the Greenock 4-H Club, the Jacket Dress Club, was held on October 6.

Mrs. Sinclair went through the ways in which cloth can be finished. Some examples of finishes are shrinking, bleaching, shrink and stain proofing, moth proofing and making cloth crease resistant.

They also discussed natural and man made fibers.

There was a demonstration by Norma Leslie on how to prepare material for cutting. The meeting was closed with the 4-H Pledge.

### Receive gift

A golden tea set has been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Middleton, on behalf of the town. The well-known couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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## Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson have returned from a motor trip to the Gaspe.

Mrs. Gordon Park, Cathy, Steven and Kenneth of Petrolia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough.

Mr. Eli Dobbs of Canington stopped in town recently, and was especially impressed by Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. E. Greir of Guelph and Mrs. Grace Reed, formerly of the Robert Little Staff in Acton, have just returned from a cruise to the Bahamas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Skirrow, Debbie and Paul of R. R. 3, Princeton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Landsborough on Sunday. Garry was soloist at the Baptist anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Coles have returned from a motor trip and a week's stay at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Mrs. Ken Marchment, R. R. 2, Acton, is convalescing at home following an operation in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprowl, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sprowl and Mr. Jack Marshall attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Innes of Deloraine, Manitoba, last week.

Mrs. Lucy Miles has returned home to Workington, England, after visiting for the past three weeks in Canada with her daughters, Mrs. Doug Price of Acton and Mrs. Sam Kerr of Scarborough.

The Canadian Graphic Arts show was held this week at the Automotive building in the C.N.E. grounds, and Free Press staff attending were John Cunningham, Bill Stuckey, Bob Marshall, Murray Scoyne, Clark Wallace, Terry Wilson, Will Duval and Dave Dills, with former staff member Albert Schupp, R. R. 4.

The University Women's Club of Milton and district announced this week that Nancy Morris has won their award for Acton. For the first time the group is giving three cash awards, one for Milton, one for Georgetown and one for Acton. Club members come from each town.

Nancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Morris, Elmore Dr., is studying consumer economics at the University of Guelph. She received 82.4 per cent in grade 13.

Do-it-yourself wine drinkers will have an opportunity to learn proper methods of making wine this fall when Sheridan College offers a course in that fine art. Hans Ladage will instruct the course at both Brampton and Oakville Campuses.

**FIRST SNOW** flurries of the season Friday.

**THE LAST** reportable accident in town was Thanksgiving Day.

## Arts, crafts Norval show Learn to make wine

The Georgetown Arts and Crafts exhibit at the Riviera, Norval, last Saturday was among the most successful yet. Thousands attended the annual event.

Local exhibitors were Mrs. W. J. Beatty with her booth of stuffed toys and Mrs. H. Bessner with stone work and leathercraft. Mrs. G. Ironside of the Silverwood area sold her bubble glass items. There were many other exhibitors as well.

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Everytime you boost Ontario... Ontario and Canada get a little stronger.  
Government of Ontario John Roberts, Prime Minister.