

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

This week's column is being written in the laundromat, as I listen half-heartedly to the click of the washers (Ray!) and the Champagne music of L. Welk (Boo!)

I keep waiting for some great inspiration to strike, but it seems that brilliant thoughts are going to pass me by, today. All that's filtering through are small everyday things.

For example, I was asked last week what I thought of Unisex. I realize that when a couple dresses alike, it's supposed to signify something Grand. Personally, I appreciate the difference between men and women. A couple with identical dress and haircut sat across from me in the Subway, the last time I was in Toronto, and the first thought that came to mind — and I'm sure it wasn't the impression they meant to give — was "The Bobsey Twins in the City."

And the new mid fashions? The only reason I can see why women would want to dress in those outfits pictured in recent magazines, — drab, sexless, and utterly without grace, — is that they're following the radical New Feminist line and saying "You must like me for myself." You couldn't possibly like them for their appearance!

To the other extreme — Housewives. Friend-Jenny described a cartoon she'd seen once of a woman in curlers and housecoat, with coffee, candles, and book, lying on a couch. The house was a complete mess, dishes, toys, and kids all over, ironing piled high. Her husband had apparently just demanded an explanation and she replied "You know how you're always asking what I find to do at home all day? Well, I didn't!"

Jenny followed that up by saying that every now and then when she's been goofing off the little (like by reading half the

day), just before her husband comes home, she hangs ironed shirts all over the house and puts a dab of floor wax behind her ears to make her smell tired.

After listening to some of the songs on the radio for the last few minutes, I just realized why I've become more apt to turn to the French Stations at home, — I enjoy the music more when I can't understand the words.

While I was up north, I heard an "Old Indian Legend." It seems that an old Indian Chief sent his three sons, Bouncing Boulder, Stumbling Stone, and Falling Rock, out into the world. In a few months, Bouncing Boulder, and Stumbling Stone returned, but years passed without word from Falling Rock. The Chief searched for him, worried about him, and went into a decline. Finally, on his deathbed, he signalled that he had something important to say. The tribe gathered to hear and heed his final words, which were "Throughout this great land, you must spread the word to watch for Falling Rock" and that's why there are so many signs in Northern Ontario saying "Watch for Falling Rock."

On that same line, I see that while they used to read "falling rock" the signs now say



PICTURES CREATED from small pieces of leather were on display at a crafts exhibit staged by a group of four ladies, including Mrs. Dittich, Mrs. Jean Denny, Mrs. Sisko Kockch and Miss

Florence Wilkins, Saturday. The exhibit was held at Mrs. Denny's home on the Fourth Line of Esquesing. — (Staff Photo)

"Watch for fallen rock." I guess the Department of Highways think tourists will feel safer in reading the latter.

Someone just sent me a quote of George Du Maurier. "Language is a poor thing. You fill your lungs with wind and shake a slit in your throat and make mouths and the air shakes drums in my head... and my brain seizes upon your meaning. What a waste of time."

Every now and then, instead of making apple pie, I make Apple Dumplings instead. They're much more tasty, — and much more fattening, so don't make them too often. **APPLE DUMPLINGS**  
Cut pastry into 6 inch squares and wrap around a peeled apple. Make a syrup of 1 cup boiling water, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 Tbsp butter, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp nutmeg. Pour over apple dumplings. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 minutes or until nicely browned, basting two or three times.

## St. Thomas vows of interest locally



In Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Marion Elizabeth Prosser and Allen Herbert Eidsness were married by the Rev. Lloyd Coates. Baskets of white, pink and blue carnations decorated the church for the ceremony at 4.30 p.m. on November 7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Prosser, St. Thomas and granddaughter of Mrs. G. A. Dills, Acton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Eidsness, Bracebridge.

The bride wore princess style ivory crepe with gold braiding, full sleeves with deep buttoned cuffs. An ivory crepe bow with gold braiding held her ivory veil which fell into a short train. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink sweetheart roses, pink, white and mauve carnations accented with dried blue, purple and pink star flowers and backed with fern.

Tucked in her bouquet was a hand-made handkerchief, just brought back to her from Brussels by her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Lyon of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

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## Crewel world for Dublin girls

The sixth meeting of the Dublin Nimble Needlers' was held on Nov. 9 at Marilyn Barber's. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge.

Minutes of last meeting were adopted as read by the secretary. After collection was taken they heard the treasurer's report.

While Cathy Lasby and Laurene Rennick worked at cutting out book covers they went ahead and worked on samples. The new stitch they learned was the "crewel stitch." The next part of the meeting was spent working on articles, samples and discussing things. Next Laurene Rennick, representing the club presented Mrs. Douglas with a gift as it was her 25th anniversary.

A special lunch consisting of an anniversary cake was served and the meeting was adjourned.

## Remembrance is theme

Remembrance was the theme for the program when the Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox church met on Nov. 12 at the home of Mrs. H. Mainprize. Miss Isabel Anderson presided and Mrs. E. Miller and Miss Robena Clark were in charge of the program.

Life membership convener Mrs. D. Kennedy had planned three presentations for the occasion. Life membership certificates and pins were given to Mrs. A. Murray and Mrs. A. Near. These were presented by Mrs. W. McIntyre and Miss Anderson with Miss Clark assisting.

On behalf of the members Mrs. Mainprize presented to Mrs. A. J. M. Hassard an In Memoriam certificate honoring the memory of her sister Mrs. J. A. Moore who had been a life member of the society.

Plans for the coming year were discussed and arrangements made for the Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. A. H. McKenzie.

## Erin wedding of interest

In the Presbyterian manse in Erin Miss Shelly Ann Wieszinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Wieszinski, R. R. 3, Acton and Russell Earle Grundy, youngest son of Mrs. George B. Grundy and the late Mr. Grundy, of R. R. 3, Acton were married.

Rev. Donald J. Herbison of Erin, officiated for the ceremony, on Friday evening November 6, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Nancy Grundy of R. R. 3, Acton, the groom's sister, was matron-of-honor. George Allen Grundy of R. R. 3, Acton was his brother's best man.

The wedding reception was held at the home of the groom's mother for the family and a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Grundy will reside at R. R. 3, Acton.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCutcheon and family of London visited his mother on Remembrance Day.

Mr. Archie Kentner is in Guelph Hospital following a heart seizure.

Mrs. Wesley Murray, Mill St. W. is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Murd Steele was removed to Guelph General Hospital a few days ago.

Mrs. Sylvia Williamson of Poplar Ave. is again a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. G. Silcock, Burwash was in town visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank and Mrs. J. Frank.

Mrs. Ed Jennings of Eden Mills is a patient in Guelph General Hospital, Acton friends are sorry to learn.

Mrs. J. Frank with her sister, Mrs. R. Brown of Port Elgin visited last week with Dr. and Mrs. Ray Galbraith, Milverton.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Jack Wilson, Vimy St., is a patient in Guelph General Hospital and hope he'll be much improved soon.

## Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

I am teaching contract bridge at night school this year. At a recent class one student asked whether we should play one bid or not. All I could answer was that I found one bid to be the most challenging bids to play. Usually the strength is evenly divided and often you don't have time to find your best contract. Then this hand came up at the Acton Bridge Club just to prove my point.

North dealt with both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
S-7 4 2  
H-A 9 4  
D-K 10 3 2  
C-8 5 3

**EAST**  
S-J 10 2  
H-7 6 5 2  
D-A 8 6 8  
C-A 9

**SOUTH**  
S-A 6 5  
H-K J 10  
D-J 7 3  
C-K Q 8 4

The bidding:  
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
Pass Pass 1 C Pass  
1 D Pass 1 N.T. All Pass

Opening lead — eight of spades

The points are almost evenly split. North-South have 21 and East-West have 19. South makes a rough estimate of his chances. He has one spade trick, two in hearts, one at least in diamonds and one in clubs. That totals five so he must find two more. One may come from clubs or diamonds and the other from the heart suit. All declarer needs to do in hearts is find out who has the queen or better still get the opponents to lead hearts.

Declarer ducked the spade lead and return and didn't win until the third round of spades. A low diamond was led and the 10 was played from dummy. East won with the queen and faced a problem. He had no spades, a heart lead did not look attractive, declarer was leading diamonds and the club suit was short.

Finally East led the club ace and another club. Declarer won and led the diamond jack. This was allowed to win. Now declarer had to decide how to proceed. Would the diamonds split or would the clubs split?

Declarer tried the clubs first but East discarded a heart. Since East is known to have only three spades and two clubs, he must have eight red cards. They are likely split four-four. Also declarer knew that West had four spades, four clubs and two diamonds. Therefore West cannot have more than three hearts.

The hand with the most hearts is most likely to have the queen. That means that declarer should finesse East for the queen. Had he done so he would have gone down.

Instead, declarer found an easier way. He let the opponents lead hearts. Declarer led his last diamond and as expected West showed out. The king was played and East won. East cashed his good diamond while declarer discarded a club. All East now had left were hearts and he had to lead one. Declarer played the 10 and claimed his contract.

Hands like these are just as tough to play as any game or slam and I feel that all one bids should be played out.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Gladys and Bill Coats; second, Midge and Frank Hampshire; third, Kate and Jack Coats.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH from Ottawa shows Mrs. George Hargrave receiving the St. John ambulance rank of Serving Sister from Governor-General Roland Michener. She attended ceremonies at Government House and the Chateau Laurier hotel in Ottawa. Her husband also attended.

## Obituary Mrs. A. W. Saunders death unexpected

Funeral service was held Sunday, November 1 for Lillian Faith Yvonne Vyse Saunders of R.R. 2, Acton who died suddenly on October 29. Rev. Robert Hyde officiated at the service in the

Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and interment was in Churchill church cemetery.

Pallbearers were three brothers, Dick, Ray and Howard Vyse and three brothers-in-law, Ronald Saunders, Lorne Saunders and Burt Rodgers.

Mrs. Saunders is survived by her husband Arthur W. Saunders, daughter Linda and son Donald, brothers Dick, Roy and Herb of the Acton area; Howard of Toronto; sisters Marcia, Emily, Irene, Malsie and Edith, all of Toronto; Eva (Mrs. Willaughan); Evelyn (Mrs. Cole) of Acton and Maud (Mrs. Chapman) Arkel.

She was born at Niagara-on-the-lake in 1932, daughter of Robert Vyse and Lucy Tennyson and attended school in Toronto. She was married in Acton in 1952.

## Anniversary observed

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Higgins celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening at the Legion, with their daughters, relatives, all the Legion Choralists and their wives, and other friends. Their son-in-law Ken Tocher played the organ for dancing and, of course, with his fellow choir members all there, singing was enjoyed. The Choralists sang with Mr. Higgins a special serenade for the bride of 25 years ago. The couple received many lovely gifts. They were married in England.

Small Boy: "I'll be a good boy when I go to the hospital and take my medicine, and I won't cry."  
Mother: "That's just fine, dear."  
Boy: "But I sure won't let them palm off a baby on me, like they did on you. I want a pup."

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