

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

It's not too often that I'm rude to somebody, but I was, the other day. I'm not particularly sorry for it, because I meant what I said.

It all started with a trip to the Royal Winter Fair. I can't remember when I was there last, but it was before I developed as much interest in livestock as I have now. The first place to go, it seemed, was straight into the ring where Arab stallions were being judged. It was a real eye-opener.

Well handled

All the halter classes I've gone to see over the past two and a half years have been for Quarter Horses. The handler would bring his horse in, stand it squarely, then sort of disappear by being unobtrusive. If the horse moved its head or a foot, a gentle tug on the lead or a movement of the handler's foot brought it back into line. The stallions handled as well as the mares.

But at "The Royal", some of the handlers were an exhibit in themselves. Much of the time, the whole line-up was in a semi-uproar, and the various people I was talking to all commented that most of it was due to the handling—you know, that attitude of "Here I am with this barely manageable spirited stallion. Watch how cleverly I can keep him in line!"

Idiotic antics

The handler directly in front of me went through such idiotic antics that I was embarrassed for him. He stood with his feet about a yard apart, bent his knees, stuck his rear out (for balance?) then proceeded to jangle the lead, throw his left around, flick his whip, and make faces, while doing a weavie shuffle. Down the line quite a few men in somewhat less extreme positions were fluttering handkerchiefs, offering their hats for the stallion to nibble on (then slipping them if they did) and going through all sorts of contortions supposedly to show their horses' good points—but keeping them in an uproar.

Every time the stallion belonging to that one peculiar character began to stand square and firm, the man would glance down to see where the judge was, then give the horse a good whack with the whip on the far side to start it jumping around again. After 10 minutes of this, I asked one of the horsemen in the next box why. He sort of shrugged and explained that stallions are supposed to be spirited. They have to be handled in such a way to bring that spirit out.

Accusation

Later, when I asked a friend who has shown Arabs if it were possible for an Arab to stand, he said "Of course. It's just a matter of training. But I showed a stallion like that, one who stood straight and firm and quiet, and was accused of showing him like a Quarter Horse". So I guess it's—if the judge likes spirit, give him spirit. If it means a good cut with the whip, so what?

The next class was Hackneys, and the same asinine shenanigans went on, so I left, heading for the other ring to see the Shetland ponies. It was here I lost my temper.

Lakeside bazaar success Saturday

The annual Christmas bazaar of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. was a splendid success again this year. Held in the Legion hall Saturday afternoon, it was convened by Mrs. H. H. Hinton and Mrs. W. Waldie.

Tea and bazaar tables were thronged throughout the entire afternoon. The tea was convened by Mrs. J. Mann and Mrs. C. Nelles. In a draw made at the end of the afternoon, Susan Somerville won the flowers that centred the serving table.

Convener

Mrs. R. West convened the knitting; Mrs. A. Orr the aprons; Mrs. G. Musselle the baking; Mrs. H. Helwig the candy, and Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Waldie the miscellaneous tables.

In charge of the penny sale were Mrs. J. Joque and Mrs. G. Wallis. Luckiest winner was Mrs. Gary Meecham with three prizes—a cup and saucer; groceries and mugs on a stand. Steve Goy won glasses and bath powder. Debbie Thornhill won the very same child's book as she had won the week before at the Scout and Guide Mothers' penny sale. And one of the winners, Mike Spielvogel is a cat; he won a sweater.

More winners

Other winners: slippers Joan Knight; Chinese garden Helen Laverty; Rockwood; candles George Bishop; Manitoulin Island; shaving set Kathy Wallis; bench Helen Joque; pillow slips Ann Talbot; cup and saucer Bill Carnochan; cook book Mary Anderson; plaque Mrs. Cutts; weather-vane, cream and sugar, Brian Robinson, who pulled his own ticket; cookbook Gloria Luckino; Roseville, Michigan; snowman Janice Ellerby; baby's plate Sharon Ellerby; towels Helen Otterbein; with cartons of

groceries to Mrs. R. L. Davidson, June McHugh; Betty Ingram and Mrs. McKinney, and Mrs. Kitty Currie, Galt, who was present.

See need auxiliary

In the not too distant future some needy youngster might well owe his university education to the Halton Children's Aid Society Auxiliary.

While the Auxiliary has not yet been formed and the aims and objectives of the organization are not yet laid down, there are exciting plans in the wind for the formation of such a body.

Director Dr. Gordon Askwith explained the plans have been in the wind since September. He noted there was a wide variety of tasks and functions an Auxiliary (composed of both men and women) could carry out.

Provide funds

Such an auxiliary might provide funds for luxuries and essentials for needy families. Often the Society becomes involved with children from families who are not in their care and often there is a need for a lake, a Christmas gift or a birthday present. An Auxiliary could help in providing emergency funds for these and other instances.

"They might even go as far as assisting a needy but better than average student in obtaining a university education," Dr. Askwith commented.

Budget counselling, transporting children, encouraging day care centres, public relations and urging membership in the Society are among the many functions that could be carried out by the society.

Zions - Suchan wedding in Georgetown Nov. 7

November 7, Holy Cross Church, Georgetown, decorated with white glads and mauve mums was the setting for the marriage of Shirley Ann Suchan and Ted Brian Zions. Father Oger Devent officiated while Mr. Hedmond played the organ and Mrs. H. Hurko sang.

The bride was given in marriage by her father Tony Suchan in the double ring ceremony. The groom is the son of Mrs. Joseph Zions of Acton and the late Mr. Zions.

Velvet gown

The bride wore a floor length A-line gown of white velvet with matching train. Venice lace daisies with pearl centres formed the headpiece from which a full length veil hung. Daisies were also clustered around the ruffled cuffs and collar of the dress.

She carried a bouquet of two mauve cymbidiums surrounded by stephanotis and ivy.

Attendants in purple

Sister of the bride, Betty Suchan was maid of honor. Diane Suchan, also a sister of the bride and Carol Thompson were bridesmaids.

They were gowned in floor length dresses of dark purple velvet tops and skirts of mauve chiffon over taffeta.

The maid of honor carried a presentation bouquet of yellow daisy mums, while the bridesmaids carried similar bouquets of white and yellow daisy mums.

Twins flower girls

Jennene and Mari Ann Zions, twin nieces of the groom, were flower girls. They wore floor length dresses of dark mauve velvet and carried baskets of yellow and white daisy mums. All attendants wore flowers in their hair.

Brother of the groom, John Zions of Acton was best man. Ushers were Joe Zions of Willowdale, brother of the groom and Wayne Suchan, Georgetown, brother of the bride.

Mothers receive

At a reception in Squires Inn, Brampton, the bride's mother received guests in a pink crimplene ensemble, silver accessories and a corsage of white roses. The groom's mother received in a blue crimplene ensemble, navy accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

For their honeymoon trip to the east coast the bride chose a cape coat of red plaid with green trim, black patent accessories and matching green dress. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Live in Guelph

Guests attended from Georgetown, Acton, Brampton, Toronto, Guelph, Brantford, Peterborough, Windsor and Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Zions will be making their home in Guelph where both are working.



SHIRLEY ANN Suchan and Ted Zions were married in Georgetown and are living in Guelph. — (Dorothy Taylor Studio, Guelph)

Kowall — Stamp Georgetown vows

In a November 6 ceremony at the bride's home Shirley Dorcen Stamp and Mark Kowall were united in marriage, with Rev. Kelvin Johnston officiating.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Arthur Stamp, 4 Churchill Cres., Georgetown, was given in marriage by her father. It was a double ring ceremony. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kowall, Acton.

Designed dress

Mrs. Stamp designed her daughter's wedding dress, as well as that of another daughter Susan, who was maid of honor. The bride was in a street length dress of white velvet with high waist, trimmed with daisies at

neckline and waist. She wore a floral headpiece, shoulder length veil and carried pink baby carnations.

Susan wore an empire style dress of rose velvet with puff sleeves, a halfbow tined to match her dress, and carried a nosegay of white poms.

The bride's brother, Murray was groomsmen.

Carnation corsage

At a reception which followed, Mrs. Stamp wore a blue velvet dress and pink carnation corsage, and Mrs. Kowall was in beige crocheted knit with a corsage of rust mums.

For a honeymoon trip the bride wore a white lace pant suit and purple coat with white fur collar and cuffs.

In Mississauga

Mr. and Mrs. Kowall are living at Innwood Manor, Mississauga. He is employed with Picker-X-Ray and she with Capitol Records.

School friends and relatives attended a shower given for the bride by Darlene Cuthbert and Cathy McDonald at Miss Cuthbert's home. Her aunt, Mrs. Jo Morrow, was also hostess at a shower with relatives and neighbors attending. Fellow employees at Capitol Records had a luncheon shower. The groom was presented with a gift of money by his fellow employees.

Same officers for Auxiliary

The November meeting of the Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church was held in the Ellen Anderson Room with 17 members in attendance.

The theme of the meeting, Remembrance, was convened by Mrs. Mel McCullough. The roll call was answered to by Someone Who Had Paid The Price. A history of three old hymns was read by the convener, assisted by Mrs. A. Mann and Mrs. G. Musselle.

Mrs. Gladys Davidson favored with a solo, In the Garden.

The devotional closed with prayer by Mrs. R. Adams.

The president, Mrs. G. Davidson presided over the business session. The Christmas meeting on Dec. 9 was planned, and the Christmas gifts for shut-ins were discussed.

The results of the copper contest was given. Mrs. R. Adams' side the winners.

The election of officers followed, the same executive being returned for the year 1971.

A generous lunch was provided by the committee at the close of the meeting.

Free Press Women's Page

Auction ends meeting of Dublin Institute

Mrs. H. Besley, No. 25 Sideroad, Esqueping Township, entertained the members of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening at their regular monthly meeting. A fine turnout of members, together with two visitors, was present.

Presiding for the meeting was the president, Mrs. M. M. McCullough. The opening exercises included the singing of the Institute Ode and the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer.

Healthy treasury

Secretary and treasurer reports were given by Mrs. Calvin McIntyre, and showed the treasury in a healthy state. Added to that was a fine sum of money handed in by Mrs. W. Britton on behalf of her sales committee.

Mention was made of the 4-H Girls' Achievement Day to be held in Stewarttown Township

Budget topic evening U.C.W.

Budgeting and money problems were the subject when the high school home economics teacher Mrs. Sandra Fleischer spoke to the evening unit of the U.C.W. Her helpful advice on household budgeting proved very interesting.

She gave out sheets which showed sample breakdowns of expenses in supposedly typical families. Affluent families in one survey, the ladies noticed, spent an average of \$25 a month on liquor, \$55 a month on clothes, \$20 on recreation - and \$3 for the church!

Gloria Coats introduced the speaker and Nancy Turner thanked her. Dorothy Allen was in charge of the program and Pauline Symon read Scripture. Plans for the Santa Fair Dec. 5 were made.

The meeting was held in the church last Wednesday.

Cathy Hinton 4-H hostess

The seventh meeting of the Dublin Nimble Needlers was held on Wednesday Nov. 18 at Cathy Hinton's.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and the minutes of last meeting were adopted as read by the secretary. After collection was taken the treasurer's report was read. Mrs. Lauby told more about achievement day and handed out a paper to be included in the record books.

The next part of the meeting was spent working on projects, finding mistakes and getting caught up.

Next meeting in Mon Nov. 23 at Karen Pierce's.

Mrs. Hinton and Cathy served lunch.

William Stuckey PHOTOGRAPHY
Weddings - Passports
Industrial - Portraits
PHONE - 853-2269

LET US HELP YOU WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTING!

SEE OUR SELECTION OF:

- LINGERIE
- HAT & SCARF SETS
- SKIRTS • DRESSES
- HOUSECOATS • ETC.

Your Headquarters For All Your Sewing Needs

"A SMALL DEPOSIT HOLDS ANY ITEM UNTIL CHRISTMAS"

ACTON FABRIC CENTRE
13 Mill St. E. 853-0596

RE-ELECT TOM WATSON

To The

HALTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Trusting My 20 Years Experience Can Serve You Well

Hall on Saturday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m. The project this time is on Needlecrafts.

Help at clinic

Thanks were extended to three members, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet and Mrs. J. C. Dennis for assisting with the Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Clinic at the Beardmore and Company plant last week. This was a pilot project in the Province of this kind and may be the forerunner of many more.

A large percentage of the office and plant staff were examined for bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and kindred lung disorders.

An invitation was sent to the members to attend the Silver Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Douglas in Rockwood Town Hall on December 5.

Good mother

The roll call was responded to by "One good thing my mother taught me" and it was most interesting and showed the remarkable impact a good mother has on her children down through the years.

Concise reports were given by

Mrs. J. C. Dennis and Mrs. W. McIntyre of the Area Convention of the Women's Institute at the University of Guelph on October 19 and 20.

Auction sale

A large assortment of articles of fruit, vegetables, baking, sewing and candy was on display for the annual auction sale. Mrs. H. McDougall was the auctioneer and did a splendid job of disposing of the many items at good prices.

A bounteous lunch was served by Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. W. Frank and Mrs. W. Britton, assisted by the hostess, Mrs. Besley and all enjoyed a sociable time together.

Mrs. E. Norton was courtesy convener. The Christmas meeting will be held on December 19 at the home of Mrs. H. Blyth.

FRED A. HOFFMAN
Optometrist
58 St. George's Sq.
Guelph, Ont.
Telephone 824-2071

Christmas Spotlight on GIFTS

AX 15R KODAK INSTAMATIC CAMERA OUTFIT Uses the new Sylvania "Mugcube" Flashes without batteries. ONLY	\$18⁸⁸
OLD SPICE 3 - PIECE SET Contains: After Shave Cologne and Deodorant Spray in Vinyl Travel Case	\$3³³
SHULTON DESERT FLOWER GIFT SET SPRAY COLOGNE & PERFUME SPRAY	\$1⁹⁹
MEN'S CALENDAR or LADIES' WRIST WATCHES Swiss Movement. A selection of styles and choice of chrome color or yellow metal.	\$8⁸⁸
GRANADA TRANSISTOR RADIO Complete with battery, earphone and plastic carrying case.	\$7⁸⁸
MIRROR-GO-LIGHTLY Lighted Make-Up Mirror with Carrying Case	\$14⁹⁹
DEE-TEE-EASY-BREEZE HAIR DRYER Complete with Carrying Case.	\$14⁹⁹
DEE-TEE-EASY-SET HAIR SETTER 20 Curlers & Heating Posts	\$14⁹⁹
HAI KARATE SET Cologne After Shave Sugg. List \$4.25	\$3¹⁹
HAI KARATE AFTER SHAVE	\$1²⁷

SEE THESE AND MANY MORE AT

ACTON PHARMACY