By Wendy Thomson

Judging from what I've read, scientists think that few animals have the brains with which to think and reason. Instead, the animals

supposedly react to stimulus and experience. But any owner and lover of pets will be full of stories on the fascinating things their pet has been up to recently, that seem to go far beyond ordinary reactions to situations.

Recently, I've heard over a dozen tales, including the one about a cat in Rockwood who has magple tendencies and comes trotting home every now and then with an earring or something else filched from a neighboring house.

Canine humour And there's the dog in Montreal with a sense of humour, who will pick up something a person has put down, then walk around behind and lay it down on the other side of them. He'll then watch to see the resulting confusion when the person reaches for the object he knows he's just put down on the left side.

Sue, our pup, doesn't do obvious things like that, but is emerging as a real character, anyway. I suppose she's a little old to be called a pup, as it'll be a vear this month since our rolypoly little Black and Tan first appeared on the scene. She's lost her rotundity and is now a slim, graceful young thing with lengthy ears and legs and extraordinarily innocent almond-shaped eyes. The puppyishness is still there, though, and comes to the top

Dog tiptoes

There have been three recent changes to mark Sue's coming of age. First, she's learned how to tip-toe-into the kitchen to steal the cats' food or down the hall to sleep on a bed. Once we hear her going pad-pad-pad instead of clack-clack-clack, or see her walking with stiff short steps, we know she's up to something.

Once challenged, she'll turn around with a curvy, shy grace, and an "Oh there you are - I was wondering where you got to"

look. Secondly, she has discovered the joy there is in hunting, and insists on dragging her poor old pappy-dog out into all kinds of weather at all hours of the day or night, to run something. First, Sue will go outside alone, and snuffle around for awhile. When she comes back in, she'll trot up to Rip, fast asleep on the couch, put her nose on his and blow. More often than not, Rip'll come out of a dead sleep in an instant and be out of the door like a shot. I don't know whether Sue finds an exceptionally appealing scent, inhales a lungfull, then comes in to blow it at Rip or what, but it sure works.

Third, Sue has developed quite an attachment to Gord, and when he's home, she views me with jealousy. There can be no quick hugs in the kitchen, for as soon as she hears our footsteps close in, she's right there, wiggling in between us till we separate, then jumping up on Gord with her face turned up for any kisses he might

It didn't surprise me greatly, then, to walk into the bedroom last night to find Gord asleep and Sue stretched out alongside him with her head on his shoulder. The look I got from one brown eye clearly said "Hello, and what can I do for you before you go." Dogs!

I asked my brother who lives in Toronto, to send me the names of few downtown Toronto restaurants that he thought I'd like. If I have to go in to the city shopping or something, I like to eat a meal at lunchtime that's as good as my own cooking or better. He sent me the following, saying that they're all inexpensive but with good

Ginza Restaurant (Japanese) Bay Street recommended Sukiyaki for 2).

L'Omelette (French, nothing but all kinds of omelettes) 197 College (Reserve in advance). Continental (Hungarian) 521 Bloor Street W., (Hunters' platter for group)

La Chaumlere (French) 77 Charles St. E. Kwong Chow (Chinese) 128 Elizabeth St.

Now all I have to do is convince

Gord that I need to take six shopping trips.

Here's a different but nice type

APPLE CARE PIE

Mix ¼ cup shortening, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, pinch salt, 1 tsp. Soda in 2 tsp. hot water, 2 cups chopped apple, 1/2 cup walnuts (optional). Spread in greased 9 inch ple plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped

Christmas dinner set for - January!

No room in the hall. . . that's changed but the month; the men part of the Christmas story for of the Legion will serve and there'll even be an exchange of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

They find the night they planned to have their Christmas dinner was booked for a banquet. With the close schedule of the season, they've come up with a more leisurely date of January 17 for the annual party. Nothing is

Christmas

and a nativity scene made a

perfect setting for the singing of

tamiliar Christmas carols. The

characters of the Christmas story were taken by members of the

Circle with Scriptures read by

Ada Davidson interspersed with

During the business session a

report was given of parcels for

shut-ins by the president Frances

Food to India

Plans were made to send a food

parcel to India in January and White Cross work to be done in

the near future. A display of gifts

was shown which are to go to

Eastwood centre, Hamilton for a

needy family. Mrs. Page led in

prayers for missionary work and

for Mrs. Harren who is ill in

sborough conducted a few games

after which the bostess assisted

At work

Burlington detachment.

Lil Wagner and Marj Land-

Jessie Coles and Harriet

Cons. Nick Farion, of the Acton

O.P.P., who was injured in an

accident, is back at work now,

undertaking light duties with the

carols.

Feltham.

hospital.

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Chapter plans yearly hampers

At the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary

last meeting Dec. 3, just 17 were

present on a wet and windy night.

Melissa Biernes was welcomed

as a new member.

party held A pot luck supper and exchange of gifts made the Christmas by Circle meeting of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. special. Christmas A fine attendance of members of the Marion Rudd Mission carols were sung. Christmas hampers will again be prepared by the chapter with the help of the Rotary club. On Circle met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harold Page for the committee are Helen Jocque, their Christmas party. A glowing fireplace, Christmas decorations

Alice Waldie, Mary Hinton, Mae Hoare, Elsie Syme, Hazel Orr and Bessie Musselle. Three packages of pocket books have been sent away to

servicemen, as requested. Annual payments to the Legion, provincial and national chapters were approved.

A letter was to be sent to the high school stating the wishes of the chapter concerning their annual awards. Members also requested the presentations be made during the annual commencement exercises, rather than privately. Letters of thanks were read

from recipients Jackie Lemon and Barbara Frost. Toys were brought by members for the hampers.

LISTEN CLOSE "My Dears," gushed the matron at the bridge party, "my resolution this year is never to repeat gossip, so for heaven's Helwig served a delightful bunch. sake listen carefully the first Janice Harris was courtesy time."

> ANY OFFERS? "You look tired." "I am. I've been all over town trying to get something for my husband."

"Had any offers?"



ELEGANT CASUALS for men and ladies were shown at Mohawk Raceway one recent evening. From left to right, wool and mohair acid green and gold tweed midi suit and salt and pepper midi suit. Men's fashions shown

here, all wool Neo-Teutonic style daytime suit of dove grey and pin striped in lime and citron. Worn with leather walking coat of grey with grey Persian lamb collar.

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Gifts exchanged by W.I. at Christmas meeting

The Christmas party of the Acton Women's Institute was held in the board room of the library. The pot luck luncheon at 1 p.m. was much enjoyed. Christmas decorations helped to make a delightful table. The meal consisting of scalloped potatoes, meat loaf, cold meats, jellied salads, pickles, olives, rolls, tea biscuits, cake tarts, and cookies

was delicious. Miss Dorothy Simmons in the chair opened the business part with a prayer. An in memoriam was said, for a dear member who so recently passed on, also to one of the members' husbands who suddenly died. Prayers were said

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the C.G.I.T. vesper service at the

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road near Churchill church.

the first snow beckens.

United Church.

for sick and shut-ins. Gift wrappings

The assistant secretary Mrs. Helen Pickett gave secretary's reports, also the treasurer's reports were given. It was moved that the bills be paid. Donation of money was given to defray expenses for wrapping paper, to wrap the gifts given to the patients at the Chedoke Hospital.

Miss Nora Kenney told of attending a work shop in Guelph, pertaining to the Tweedsmuir history book, which she is compiling. Sing, say or pay, roll call was answered by 17 members.

MANY CHRISTMAS meetings

TRI-ANGL club members are

filling in ballots asking if women

should be included in their

this week, as the season swells to

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its climax.

membership.

about a horse.

project.

The Christmas party was convened by Miss M. Hall who is public relations convener. Christmas readings were given by Mrs. Mary Graham, Miss Nora Kenney and Mrs. Helen Pickett. Old fashioned carol singing was greatly enjoyed. Miss Marie Hargrave

conducted two contests. Beat the clock proved amusing and quite entertaining and prizes going to the winners.

An exchange of gifts took place, making the Christmas a happy one. The president wished each member the season's greetings.

Gifts to members

The shut-ins' gifts were discussed at great length. It was decided to give to members who are ill at this Christmas season. Dorothy Simmons and Annie Akins were to look after the

A political prisoner in Cuba, about to be executed, was blindfolded. The captain of the

"No, thank you," said the prisoner. "I'm trying to quit."

Santa visitor at U.C.W. fair

The United Church Women held a very successful Santa Fair Saturday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A., raising over \$200. Santa was there in person by the decorated tree, chatting quietly brought along his own natural beard, adding authenticity to the

U.C.W.'s traditional visitor.

Baking, bazaar items, rummage and white elephants all sold well. Soft drinks, coffee and hot dogs were available. The to children who gathered up the members packed up about 4 when courage to come close. This everything was sold, except for year's Santa, Donald Wells the last of the rummage which went to Mrs. Jensen for the Unitarian Services.

Mrs. J. Conroy heads Auxiliary

One of the prime items on the agenda of the November meeting of L'Arche Auxiliary was the elections of the executive for 1971. The meeting was held Nov. 25 at the Acton Public Library and was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Conroy.

Four local youths residing in the Ontario hospital school in Orillia will be sent gifts for

Smorgasbord for Daughters

The Daughters of Knox held their Christmas meeting beginning with a very delicious Mrs. Harold Swallow on Monday secretary Mrs. J. Rac.

Following the supper, Mrs. William Spielvogel and her group took charge of the Christmas devotion period, opening with the carol While shepherds Watched Their Flocks. The scripture taken from Luke 2: 8 - 20 was read by Mrs. Herb. Price. Readings were given by Mrs. William Nelles, Mrs. Harry Phelan and Mrs. Gordon McCann. The carol It Came Upon The Midnight Clear was sung and all repeated the Mizpah Benediction.

New officers

The nominating committee of Mrs. Clifford Ashley, Mrs. Jack Pink and Mrs. William Spielvogel reported their slate of officers for the coming year. Mrs. Harry Otterbein is the new president for the coming year.

Harold Swallow conducted three very interesting contests, followed by the exchanging of gifts by 16 members and two visitors. Coffee, Christmas cake and homemade candy were served at

the close of a very pleasant OPTIMIST

execution squad asked him if he wanted a cigarette.

Christmas. A donation has been sent to the Sunshine school and to Adult Rehabilitation Centre workshop to assist them with their Christmas parties. They are wished much happiness and

Spring dance Preparations are under way for the "Spring Dance" to be held Feb. 27 at the Acton Legion. Anyone wishing further

information can contact Mrs. J. Conroy at 853-2063. The executive for 1971 is as

President Mrs. J. Conroy; vice president Mrs. J. Kulken, treasurer Mrs. R. Lausten, secretary-press secretary - Mrs. smorgasbord held at the home of P. Garton, correspondence

Once again members extend a NURIH END B.F. welcome to anyone with a retarded child or interested in assisting with the training and rehabilitation of retarded children and adults. The next meeting will be held at the Public Library Jan. 27 at 8.00.

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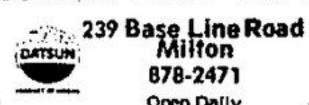
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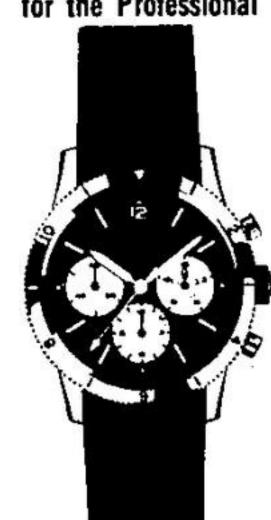
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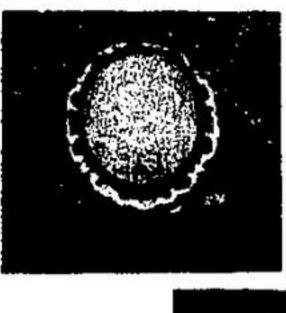
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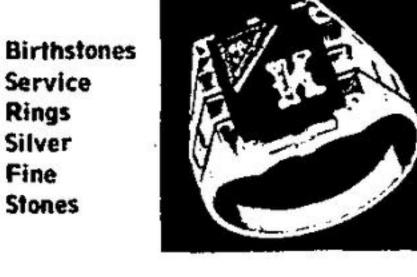
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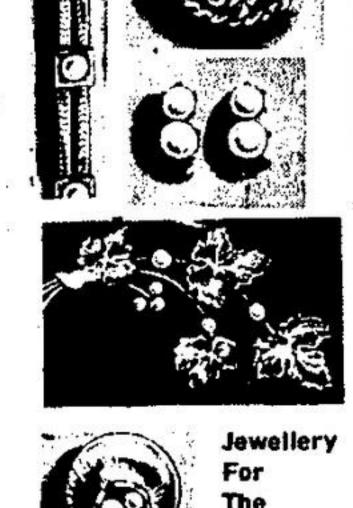
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BARBARA DUTCHYN, 10, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, won the 1970 poetry derby sponsored by the Jockey Club, nosing out 614 other children in the nationwide contest with her 14-line poem A CERTIFICATE program in supervision and management studies for industrial employees in Halton is being arranged by Oakville industrial director Ronald Cooksley. The U. of Waterloo will conduct the program. Last year 39 students graduated from the course. SINCERE THANK YOU

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