

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

My husband often makes comments (and not very nice ones) about how, when we're getting ready to go out, I leave things to the last minute. It's quite true that I do, but there's a reason behind it.

Take last week, when I was supposed to go into Toronto and my ride failed to come. Instead of sitting and fretting, I became quite absorbed in tidying up my fingernails, then doing a bit of weeding, then tidying up my nails again. Finally, I immersed myself in "Thoughts on driving."

To begin with, I rarely drive without sunglasses in the summer, and am constantly losing the cases. Solved that problem by rounding up all the kids mitts that lost their partners last winter and use them to slip my glasses in.

**Mareseatoats**  
My next thought, and I spent a long time on this one, was of the conversation I had with a cousin lately, and all the "Do you remember . . ." about trips up to the cottage country when we were small. After the "Do you remember riding in the rumble seat the day it rained with the tarp over our heads slinging "Chicory-chick", "Chababa-chababawawa" (and chawawa-kookla-goomba) and "Mareseatoats" we discovered my daughter Beth looking a little dazed.

And when we got to talking about the firemen's rides we had along the road to the lake, the two of us standing on the running boards, hanging on for dear life (or so it seemed) while ducking branches—well, that sort of finished Beth off. The poor deprived soul has never heard of running boards, let alone rumble seats. She doesn't know what she's missed.

When my ride finally arrived, I kept on with my thoughts, trying to remember how every road, street, and highway looked when I'd first been along it. I've gotten so used to accepting all the changes as they came, and forgetting entirely about how it used to be. Like those big willow trees that lined a stretch of the Q.E.W. going into Toronto,

where people stopped constantly to picnic.

Even our own stretch of Town Line here takes a good deal of concentrating on to conjure up the empty fields we first saw 12 years ago. Where there was one cabin and one farmhouse, there now sits nine houses.

**New slant**  
There's another bit of concentrating I do on drives over roads that have become almost boringly familiar. It might sound a little batty, but I find that if we're driving south into Milton and I can convince my mind that the road is really a previously untraveled one going east into Acton everything looks totally different! It's a fascinating thing, if you can do it, but when I try to explain it to Gord, he gets THAT look and says in THAT tone . . . "Yes?"

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And speaking of travelling and such, here's a recipe for a pancake given me (the recipe not the pancake) by a down-easterner.

### DOWN EAST PANCAKES

Mix and sift 2 cups flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 3 tsp. sugar, 3/4 tsp. salt. Combine 2 well-beaten eggs, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1 1/4 cup milk, 1/4 cup shortening (1 use corn oil) and mix well.

Add to dry ingredients and stir only till smooth. Stir in 1 cup grated raw apple or 1/2 cup blueberries, if you like. Cook on heavy griddle.



PATRICIA Wright and John Richard Mills were married in Eden Mills church on May 15 and are making their home in Hamilton. The bride is a nurse, the groom a fourth year graduate of the University of Guelph.

## Mrs. Courtney heads Auxiliary

The June meeting of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary was held Thursday, June 3, with 29 members present. The new slate of officers was installed by Bob Angell, president, and Gord James, past president of the men's Legion.

New officers for 1971 are president, Ruth Courtney; past president, Lois Gordon; first vice president, Phyllis Angell; second vice president, Lucy Synott; secretary, Fern Shultis;

treasurer, Crystal Davis; Sgt. at Arms, Doris Angell; executive committee, sick box, Jessie Price; membership, Audrey Lockerie, standard bearer, Mary Daigle; cupboard convener, Joan Taylor; bingo, Janet Rogers; press reporter, Barbara Hitchcock.

A good report was handed in by all committees. There will be no meetings until September. The annual bus trip will be on September 25.

## Debbie Shaw heads Kernels

The first meeting of the Bannockburn 4-H club was held at the home of Ruth, Linda and Thelma Kirkwood on April 30. Mrs. Lois Henderson and Mrs. Marilyn Cox will be leading the girls in this club in which each member will plant and take care of a garden. The garden is to include at least 10 varieties of vegetables and four annual flowers.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge, and then the selection of officers followed. The president is Debbie Shaw, vice-president Susan Bruce, the secretary Ruth Kirkwood, the treasurer Lene Larsen and the press reporter Kathy Fuchs.

The requirements of club members were discussed first and then notes were read regarding the reasons for planting a garden and the planning of the garden.

**Second meeting**  
The second meeting of the club was held at the home of Lene Larsen on May 13. Roll call was my favorite flower, and why? Names were suggested for the club and the name chosen was the Bannockburn Kernels.

Lois Henderson led a discussion about preparing, planting and care of the garden. The meeting was ended with refreshments served by the hostess.

## Pot luck supper ends U.C.W. year

A pot luck supper was enjoyed at the last general meeting of the U.C.W. last Thursday in the church.

President Mrs. Dorothy Rognvaldson chaired the short business meeting. Among plans was catering for a group of 35 blind people from Guelph.

## Rain spoils W.I. plan for picnic

The weatherman sent rain to ruin the afternoon for the Acton Women's Institute picnic, planned for Prospect Park June 2, so it was held in the library.

The opening exercises were repeated by 14 members, followed by the usual report. The Limehouse W. I. extended an invitation to Acton members to their 50th anniversary, the dinner

being served at 6.30 p.m. June 9.

**Fair display**  
The display for 1971 Acton fall fair was discussed. The theme this year is Cavalcade of Music under three headings: Tea for Two; Easter Parade; and Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland. Committee to start preparation is Mrs. Marie Hargrave, Mrs. G. Fryer and Mrs. E. Lambert.

The picnic, contests and games were amusing, brain searching and needed accuracy in many ways. The winners were as follows:

Pie plate team race—Mrs. M. Hargrave, Mrs. M. Graham; peanut race Mrs. H. Picket, Dorothy Simmons; relay race, passing a thimble on straws—Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. M. Graham, Miss A. Atkins, D. Simmons; guessing the number of marbles in a jar—Mrs. R. L. Davidson; spot race—Mrs. K. Dodds; jigsaw puzzle—Mrs. H. Picket. The various hidden articles found around the room, were won by Miss N. Kenney, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. K. Dodds and Mrs. Lindsay.

A social hour was enjoyed around the luncheon table when the members brought a pot luck meal. The president Miss D. Simmons closed the picnic meeting and wished each member a safe vacation and happy summer.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Coles quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations from many friends.

Home for the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Syer and Angela of Sarnia and Miss Joanne Landsborough of Waterloo University.

Former Acton teachers attending the funeral of Miss Daisy Folster included Miss Martha Orr, Miss Wilma McMillan, Miss Isabel Anderson and Miss M. Z. Bennett.

Mrs. Catherine MacDonald of Vancouver is visiting with her sister Mrs. Harry Mainprize, Mr. Mainprize and Bill, and enjoying weekends with them at their cottage in Muskoka.

## Free Press Personals

Mrs. Ettie Grindell is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Fred Dawkins is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. George Simpson has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital for the past week. Friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Stewart Russell is a patient in Guelph General Hospital recovering from surgery. Her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Roden, of Blackpool, England, is visiting here for several months with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Wood, Mr. Wood and Kim.

Chamber of Commerce president Roy Goodwin welcomed the crowd at the centennial dance in the music centre Saturday night. He said it was the first of several events which would be held to raise money for the town's centennial. The popular Shaynes played for dancing.

## Mrs. Masson U.W. president

The University Women's Club of Milton and District held their annual dinner meeting at the Hillcrest United Church on Thursday, June 3.

Members reviewed the activities of the past year and elected a new executive. Those who will serve for the coming year are Mrs. Billie Marshall, past president; Mrs. Joan Masson, president; Mrs. June Andrews, first vice-president and Federation representative; Mrs. Rae Glover, second vice-president and study groups convener; Mrs. Jean Robertson, treasurer; Mrs. Lea Mogg, recording secretary; Mrs. Camilla Laking, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna Goldstraw, membership convener; Mrs. Sandra Robertson, program convener; Mrs. Susan Hayne, publicity convener; Mrs. Pat Bryans, social convener; Mrs. Marjorie Powys, scholarship committee chairman. Chairman of the nominating committee was Mrs. June Argall.

POLICE have a lost watch on hand.

STICKY, hot days make the students think of holidays.

YOUNGSTERS have been picking wild strawberries.

## I.O.D.E. meeting Pins presented at anniversary

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. celebrated the 55th anniversary of the Chapter with a luncheon at the Acton Meadows Golf Club. A pleasant afternoon was spent on Tuesday, June 1. One of the charter members was present, Mrs. Dills.

During luncheon a letter was read from Mrs. Nelles who was in St. Johns, Newfoundland, attending the National Annual Meeting.

A short business meeting was

held later in the afternoon with the Regent Mrs. Young in charge. 25 year pins

Two members received the 25 year pins, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Holmes.

Arrangements were made for tag day in September. It was decided to donate money to the library for books.

Mrs. Young read a prayer entitled Growing Old Gracefully, and Mrs. Lidkea read the ten commandments of good citizenship.

## I.O.D.E. president boosts patriotism

After a potluck supper, members of the Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. enjoyed hearing about the high school students' trip to the Mediterranean. Teacher-chaperone Keith Black told of their experiences and was accompanied by students Bob Smith and Cathy Hinton.

A report was given on the flags presented to district schools—eight flags for Speyside, a large flag and standard for Stewarttown, a large flag and standard each for Limehouse and Brookville. It was agreed to also buy a Maple Leaf for the top of the flag pole and a base for the Limehouse flag, since the school did not have these.

Member Mrs. Stella Adamson of Galt and friend Mrs. Mildred Lovell were guests.

**Forceful address**  
Regent Mrs. Hazel Orr read the text of the forceful address given at the provincial annual meeting by the Provincial president Mrs. Bruce Craik. Lakeside members were very impressed by Mrs. Craik's assertions: "I want my children to receive a sound education, one with sound basics so that I know that when they finish school they will at least know the three R's. I want to see guidelines for the teachers with regard to Canadian history so that they will know something about their own country."

"It seems very peculiar that we read or hear constantly about the culture of other countries and of the French Canadians. We hear the praises of these people sung loudly, and so they should be, but when any suggestion of English or British culture is raised you are accused of being archaic and dull or pro-British . . ."

"I believe in the monarchy and do not appreciate being told that it is no longer relevant and should be dispensed with for my country."

"I believe in this organization . . . in its aims and objects . . . to instill in the youth of Canada a sense of patriotism and responsibility." Patriotism is not a word you are supposed to use these days. They say it is political. We are told Patriotism is 'love of country' and love means 'a feeling of affection towards.' If there's anything political about that, I would like to know about it.

"I will not sit back and apologize for what I believe in," Mrs. Craik said in part.

## Ladies' Aid meeting held

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Presbyterian Church met in the Dr. A. C. Stewart Hall on Tuesday afternoon, May 25. The president opened the meeting with a poem My Mother. The hymn my Faith looks Up To Thee was sung, followed by prayer by the president. The roll call was answered by naming a friend from school days and telling something about her. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report given, and a short business period followed.

Mrs. S. Matthews read the scripture from the 8th Psalm, and Mrs. A. Mann led in prayer. After the offering was taken Mrs. McIntyre led in prayer. The hymn Yield Not To Temptation was sung and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The lunch committee served lunch and everyone enjoyed a social half-hour.

JUNE green . . . there's no color like it.

ANY more graduates? Please let the Free Press know.

# Free Press Women's Page

## I.O.D.E. representative Newfoundland meeting

A delegate to the 71st annual meeting of the national chapter of the I.O.D.E., Mrs. Grace Nelles of Acton is home from a very impressive few days in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Mrs. Nelles is Services At Home and Abroad convener and a bazaar convener for the Lakeside chapter here.

A cheerful chapter worker who also enjoys travelling she has attended other national conventions—in Montreal in 1966 and in Ottawa in centennial year. Just one other member, Mrs. Marguerite Spielvogel, attended a national convention in Toronto. It's a rare privilege, and Mrs. Nelles happily combined a holiday trip with her duties in representing Acton's I.O.D.E.

**Volunteering**  
She voted as instructed by fellow members, and most resolutions went as expected. However, she voted to include the cost of Echoes subscriptions in annual fees, to prevent the chapter magazine from folding, but the resolution was defeated. All delegates voted for national councillors and then the councillors voted on the

executive, with the result that Mrs. G. Tait of Ontario remains national president.

**Train, ship, bus, plane**  
Mrs. Nelles left Wednesday morning, May 26 by train. After a boat ride from North Sydney to Port aux Basques, she had a 13 hour bus trip through beautiful countryside to St. Johns.

Coming home, she had her first flight last Thursday after being persuaded by new friends to join them in the air.

**300 attend**  
About 300 attended the meeting, staying in two hotels. Mrs. Nelles was in the Hotel Newfoundland.

As well as attending sessions, the delegates were given a quick tour of the city, they saw a rock festival in Bowring park. The Bishop of Newfoundland conducted a special church service they attended in the beautiful old Church of St. John the Baptist. They toured the bay and harbor and countryside with luncheon at a church in Pouch Cove. Cove.

Meetings were held in the Arts and Culture centre and the opening ceremonies were most impressive with the parading of flags and resolutions of loyalty.

The main banquet in the Memorial University dining hall was addressed by the province's premier Joey Smallwood — "a clever orator and clever man!" Mrs. Nelles observes.

A tea and tour of government house was another thrill, followed soon after by an official welcome and reception at the city hall.

Workshops and discussions were equally enjoyed by Acton's representative, who knows that attending these meetings and taking part makes her enjoy and appreciate the work of the I.O.D.E. much more.

## Not read

The poem on the Women's Institute, which appeared in last week's paper, was Acton's entry in the W.I. poetry competition, but was not read at the district annual, as was stated. Sorry.

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