

WHO DOES IT DIRECTORY

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Every now and then I'm asked why I don't write something serious—you know, something worthwhile. Well, there's two reasons why I don't. First, there's enough serious stuff written without me adding my two cents' worth. Secondly, it's too much work. I'd rather just sit and ramble on about unimportant things.

However, so that everybody is happy (more or less, and sooner or later), I've unearthed the most serious thing I've written. It was done after reading an American woman's account of the shooting of her husband.

WHITE SHIRTS

Each day I have one shirt
To wash, to mend, to lovingly iron,
Carefully smoothing out each wrinkle,
To lie soft against his smooth white skin.
But if that skin were black
How many shirts would I iron
Before one was brought to me
Bloodied, dirtied by boot and bullet,
By a smugly satisfied stranger
Mouthing cheap regrets to me
But saying outside my door
"One nigger less."

Now, my white hands take extra care of these shirts.
Because my husband's white and safe, I feel relief
And feel guilty to my very soul for that relief;
For other hands—brown hands—lie clasped in prayer
With no more shirts to lovingly iron.



Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Shults spent the holiday weekend at Wasaga Beach.

Cubs from the North Waterloo district, which includes Kitchener, Waterloo and Linwood attended Mass at St. Joseph's Church Sunday. The cubs spent the weekend at Blue Springs.

Mrs. Lorraine Tweedle, Edwina and Roger of Grays, Essex, England, visited friends and relatives in Acton last week, accompanied by her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, the former Janet Rognvaldson, Elliott Lake, visited her parents over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Duval Jr. and family spent the weekend in the Bracebridge area.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson, Mr. and Mrs. David Watson of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson over the holiday.

Miss Mary Chalmers, Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton over the weekend.

Mr. Klaas Kreeft from Holland is enjoying a two-month vacation with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jansen, R.R. 1, Acton, and other family members.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currey were entertained by their family at a surprise party in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary at Leisure Lodge on July 4. Friends of the family Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston also attended. Five grandchildren attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Brydon Hunter were camping near Parry Sound over the holiday.

A "block" barbecue to celebrate Dominion Day was held by neighbors along the block bounded by John, Church and Willow Sts.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rino Braidia and family at their cottage near Bracebridge were Mr. and Mrs. Jack South and family and Brent Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matthews and family spent the holiday camping at Belwood Lake.

Miss Mollie Gough of Franklinville, New York, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Last over the weekend.

Joe Petric has returned from Lethbridge, Alberta, where he attended the ordination of his cousin, Father Martin Dimnik, a nephew of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Petric, Lake Ave. Cardinal George Flahiff of Winnipeg—the first cardinal ever to visit Lethbridge—presided for the ceremonies. Mrs. Petric's brother, John, from Argentina, also attended the ordination and made possible a family reunion for brothers and sisters after 23 years. There were 29 priests in attendance from across Canada and the U.S. Monday a special mass was celebrated especially for the Slovakian community in Lethbridge. Father Dimnik celebrated his first mass Sunday, June 27. He was a lecturer at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and will be attending Oxford University in September to study early Russian Scriptures. He is a member of the Congregation of St. Basil, priests who teach in the upper schools of Canada, the U.S., Europe and Mexico. Joe motored out with his cousin and returned by air.

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Mr. Byrne moved from St. Catharines to make his home in Milton.

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