

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

I sat for a while this afternoon and stared at the typewriter. It didn't do any good. The paper stayed blank and so did my mind. Maybe it has something to do with the fact that I just heard there is now a deadline for getting columns in, and I've just about reached it.

To try and juggle my mind into some kind of profitable thought, I re-read a letter that arrived a few days ago and decided that, since I found this letter so thought-provoking, it might do to quote a bit of it.

It's from Roy Yano, our young philosopher cowboy friend from Alberta. Roy takes a marvellous open delight and interest in people and how they think. He's had me groping for words more than once to explain WHY I think what I do, and I know it does me good. His last letter read in part: "I've been fortunate to meet a lotta good folks in the mountains; however, the great majority seem to think that they've really got nothing to say, or that what they say isn't all that important. But damn it all, they DO have something to say and it IS important. I guess most of 'em don't even realize that they are really somebody or that they have gotten to mean so much to me."

Remain dream
"About that 'Perfect Society' we talked about. Realistically I don't think there ever will be one. Perhaps biologically, sociologically, and psychologically, we might be able to produce a near perfect being, but the 'society' might just remain a dream.

"At home here, I'm fortunate enough to have my own 'perfect society' and I think that both of you feel that you have also. I suppose it's kinda good to be discontented with a few things, but I suppose it takes maturity to

A.C.W. will seek centennial souvenir

At the monthly meeting of the ACW on Wednesday, November 3, final arrangements for the winter bazaar were planned, and tables partially set up for the tea. The opening prayers were led by president Penny Bristow, followed by the roll call, A Collect meaningful in my life. The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Alice Doby, and treasurer Joan Pratt gave the financial report. Subscriptions for the "Living Message" were requested, as this publication may not be able to continue without more support.

Change date
Coffee hours will now be held the first and third Thursdays of each month and it is hoped that more senior-age ladies will attend.

A request to cater following a wedding on November 27, was discussed, and conveners obtained. The nominating committee, headed by Louise

Ceramic display at L'Arche meeting

The October meeting of L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. Kuiken with five members present opening with a prayer for the retarded. Mrs. P. Garton read the minutes of the last meeting. The fall dance was well attended and D. A. Rogers was the winner of the steer-hide rug draw.

Mr. and Dave Woodward were the door prize winners.

The first spot prize was won by Karen Atkinson and Morley Shortill, the second spot prize by Mr. and Mrs. Hillier. The first liquor prize was won by Mr. Fowler and the second liquor prize by Mr. H. Kleinedeters.

On hand once again were for men, Jack Pink, W. Spielvogel, Ron McKnight and W. Dawkins who helped a lot to keep guests in the mood.

\$100 cheque
During the dance a cheque for \$100 was presented to the L'Arche Auxiliary by the Rotary Club of Acton to be used for the mentally retarded.

Plans are already underway for the Spring dance which will be held at the Legion in Acton. Christmas gifts are being

Lindsay, was selected, for the December meeting.

It was decided to find out a price for coffee spoons, or something similar, for Centennial Year observations, engraved with the ACW emblem. A report on the District Deaneary meeting was given by Mrs. Bristow and Mrs. Pratt. They reported purchasing boxes of Peppermint Patties for selling at the bazaar.

Successful day
Saturday saw a successful gathering, and many people attended the tea and bake-sale. Winner of the door prize, a hand-made quilt, was Mrs. Coulson Pitt. Mrs. Hugh Wilkinson won the centre-piece in a separate draw.

Next meeting will be nominations and year-end reports; roll call will be answered by "A childhood memory of Christmas".

C.W.L. makes Yule plans

Members of the C.W.L. met Tuesday of last week in the church. Plans were made for a Christmas party for children, a bake sale, and various other items of business.

Honeymoon to Italy follows wedding vows

A honeymoon trip to Italy followed the marriage here of Antonia Adellina Rocchi and Franco (Frank) Di Battista.

A cousin of the bride, Rev. Ivo Gentili, performed the double-ring ceremony in St. Joseph's church Saturday afternoon, September 18. Orchid gladioli and pale pink carnations decorated the altar.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Secondo Rocchi, 294 Peel Acton. She attended public and high school in Acton and then took a secretarial course at Sheridan College. She is employed as payroll clerk at John Rennie Ltd., Guelph. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Di Battista. The newlywed couple visited his parents in Italy during their honeymoon there. He is employed at J. D. Oakes Ltd., Guelph.

Mrs. L. Bradshaw played the organ and Mrs. Helen Fowler was soloist.

Formal gown
The bride wore a long formal gown of cream puff crystal, a princess panel outlined in Guipure lace. The long sleeves and chapel train were also edged in lace. A floral headpiece with spirals of tiny flowers and seed pearls held her four-tier scalloped illusion veil.

She carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses and pink mums with ivy.

Six attendants
The bride had six attendants, matron of honor Mrs. Maria Battista, Guelph, the groom's sister-in-law; bridesmaids Mrs. Maria Sabatini, Guelph, the groom's sister; Mrs. Eva De Fidelibus, Guelph; Miss Mary De Bartolo, Acton, friends, and Miss Joanne Tabaretti, Toronto, her cousin, and flower girl Miss Daniela Taramelli, Toronto, her cousin.

All wore long A-line gowns of orchid chiffon over white lace. Bands of white daisies centred with orchid flowers edged the neckline, waist and cuffs. Their orchid floral headpieces were trimmed with seed pearls and tiny flowers.

The senior attendants carried cascade bouquets of pale pink carnations and green fern while the flower girl had her blossoms in a basket.

Their heart-shaped lockets were the gift of the bride.

Contests test knowledge

Unit 2 of the United Church Women met in the church parlor for the regular November meeting with Mrs. Lidkea presiding. The meeting was opened with the unit leader reading two poems in the theme of Remembrance Day followed by prayer and the devotional time led by Mrs. Eaton. During the business period the usual reports were presented and accepted.

As well as the monthly collection, the Unit treasurer accepted donations for the "silent Santa Fair". The ladies were reminded of the workshop for all U.C.W. members in this area to be held here on the evening of November 17.

Complements study
To conclude the study program of "Canada and the Americas" Mrs. Shields had prepared games and contests to test knowledge of the countries we had scanned during the year.

To complete the afternoon Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Shields served an interesting lunch using recipes found in the study materials. The afternoon closed with a visiting and social time always enjoyed by this group of UCW women.

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MARRIED IN St. Joseph's church, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Di Battista are living in Guelph. The bride is the former Antonia Rocchi. —(Al Graham Photo)

Groomsman was his brother Armando Di Battista, Windsor. The ushers were Fernando Sabatini, Guelph; Terry De Fidelibus, Guelph; Lino Gentili, Toronto; Enzo Salvatore, Toronto and Mario De Battista, Windsor.

Gifts to the attendants were the traditional Italian "bonboniere" — heart-shaped jewellery boxes for the bridesmaids, piano shaped box for the matron of honor and lighters on stands for the men.

Reception in Guelph
Over 400 guests attended the reception at Paradise Gardens, Guelph.

The bride's mother wore a burgundy coat and dress ensemble with matching accessories and burgundy roses.

Since the groom's parents are in Italy, his sister-in-law Mrs. Domenica Di Battista received guests, wearing aqua coat and dress with white lace and pink roses.

Guests attended from Minnesota, Detroit, Windsor, Guelph, Toronto, St. Catharines,

Woodbridge, Sudbury and Acton, and some from Italy.

Grandmothers attend
The bride's grandmothers were present, Mrs. Pasqualina Gentili, Toronto, and Mrs. Adellina Rocchi, Minnesota.

The five-tiered wedding cake was decorated with orchid and white flowers and topped with figures of a bride and groom.

For going away the bride wore a royal blue coat and dress ensemble with black accessories and red roses.

They are living at the Terrace Towers Apt., Guelph.

Showers held
Several showers for the bride-to-be were held before the wedding. Aunts Mrs. Livia Salvatore and Mrs. Lina Gentili held a miscellaneous shower in June. In July a miscellaneous shower was hosted by Mrs. T. De Fidelibus, Mrs. Devina De Bartolo and Mrs. Ines Pupo.

There were two showers in August, one given by Miss Suzanne Wilson and the other by Mrs. B. Sorensen and Mrs. Gerald Draycott.

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Stress role of volunteer Cancer Society workshop

The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society attended the Georgetown Unit meeting Wednesday, November 10, at 8 p.m. in the Cedarvale Community Centre. Attending from Acton were Wes Beatty, Mrs. Gloria Coats and Mrs. Susan Sale.

Guests at the meeting were a travelling workshop from Central Districts Counties. Mrs. Margaret Mann, president of Central Counties chaired the meeting opening with the aims of the workshop which were:

A. To get to know others better

O.P.P. constable 4-H guest

The Limehouse Silver-Wood 4-H Club met at Limehouse hall on Saturday, Nov. 13. They had a visitor Cons. Redpath from the O.P.P. station in Milton. Cons. Redpath showed a film on David Hall, a crippled man who had a bad accident. He didn't have any feeling but in his shoulders and arms. Next Cons. Redpath read a piece out of the paper about an accident. They asked Cons. Redpath questions.

They took up collection and had refreshments.

Roll Call was an original safety slogan.

—By Barbara Burt

Posture defects for roll call

The sixth meeting of the Bannockburn 4-H Body Beautiful was held at the home of Debbie Wellwood early Saturday morning, November 6.

The roll call was "a defect in my posture and how I could correct it". Everyone responded saying that their slouching should be corrected. Leader Mrs. Jeannette Cox handed out pamphlets pertaining to drugs, exercising, and The Canada Food Guide for Health.

The discussion dealt with the topics of warning labels on various articles, keeping physically fit, and eating right to feel right.

Demonstrations of standing, walking, sitting, and picking up objects were shown. The meeting ended with refreshments.

from district to unit to branch levels, b, for better communication; c, to outline the coming Educational Program "Person to Person."

Role of volunteer
Isabel Ruben, chairman of Central Counties Educational Program gave a breakdown of the work being done in it. She stressed the important role of the volunteer in this organization stressing how it could not function without these volunteers, for other than a few paid officials all the work in the society is done by the volunteer.

Mrs. Ruben also outlined the aims of the "Person to Person" program which will be conducted similarly to the program "Women to Women," with the new program to involve both men and women. This program is to educate the public to the seven safeguards:

Seven safeguards
For everyone 1. Have a regular

medical checkup; 2. Don't smoke cigarettes; 3. Have your dentist check for unusual conditions; 4. Arrange with your doctor for a bowel examination; 5. Avoid excess exposure to sunlight.

For women: 6. Practise regular breast self-examination; 7. Have a regular Pap test.

Vital statistics

A few interesting facts made available at the meeting were: that 95 per cent of the funds set aside for research are obtained thru the annual campaign in April, with the remaining five per cent provided by a Canada Grant; also more than 50 per cent of cancer patients are alive and well five years after treatment. Any service clubs or other groups wishing information concerning cancer or the Canadian Cancer Society are urged to contact Mrs. Susan Sale, Chairman of Education and Publicity of the Acton Branch. Films, speakers and displays are all available — 853-2873.

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