

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

Last week, my column was a letter sent to me by our young cowboy, mountain guide friend from Alberta. And here is part of my answer to him. It probably won't make too much sense if you haven't read last week's so there'll be a brief pause while some make a dash to the garbage to find that paper.

My reply: "I think I know what you mean about people thinking they have nothing to say. We have friends who seem to think they have nothing to contribute to a group. It's hard to convince them that it isn't what you can do that matters, but what you are, in yourself."

Still, I know that it's easier to feel content with yourself if there's ONE thing you can do half decently. Sometimes, tho', the one thing that they can do is something that THEY consider unimportant. Like listening.

Appreciation

About that "perfect society", what might help is when one person not only appreciates another's ideas and abilities, but is able to tell them so, too.

To begin with, it's no good having a good idea and keeping it to yourself. I know, in my own case, that if I come up with a half-decent idea, act on it, and have somebody say "That's terrific!"—or "Thank you"—I'll be more apt to polish that idea up a bit and use it again, using the strength that that person's appreciation has given me, and appreciating that person in turn for the extra boost they've given me.

Just as I said before,—mutual admiration and wouldn't it be great if there was more of it around!

Good question

Which brings me to the fourth ride. You asked "But what more could you have done if that bunch of 'women were men'?" Good question! I think a woman gets on better with men because this byplay of appreciation and approval is more of an expected and accepted thing. It makes for

Safety Gals finish unit

The seventh meeting of the Dublin Jr. Safety Gals was held at the home of Penny Kirkton Nov. 6. Sherry Ismond opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge. Roll call and collection followed. Penny Kirkton read the minutes of the last meeting and Teresa McCarron read the clipping from the Free Press of the previous meeting.

Mrs. Kirkton talked about safety in the home and falls, fires, burns, suffocation from swallowing objects, poisons, and medication, firearms, and poisonous gases. She also read about baby sitting.

Sherry Ismond closed the meeting.

Visit from R.N.

Mrs. Kirkton introduced Mrs. Jean McLean to all the girls Nov. 13 at the home of Penny Kirkton. She told them about how to put on head bandages, knee, wrist and elbow bandages. She also showed how to tie a sling knot. All the girls tried the sling knot.

Kim and Kathy van der Eycken tried mouth to mouth resuscitation and they were very good.

Mrs. McLean talked from 10 to 12.30 and asked many questions which the girls answered. Mrs. McLean is a former Dublin 4-H member and has taken 14 clubs. She is the former Jean Moffat.

Great to be Canadian

The final meeting of the Dublin Junior Safety Gals was held at Penny Kirkton's Sat., Nov. 20. Sherry Ismond opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge followed by roll call. It's Great to be a Canadian.

Mrs. Kirkton talked about how to be a good Canadian and discussion groups were held. Mrs. McCarron asked seven different questions on good citizens followed by discussion.

Achievement day

Margaret McTrash and Kathy Newman volunteered to do the exhibit for Achievement Day. Mrs. Kirkton invited the girls to the toboggan party after the books are handed in and approved. The president closed the last meeting.

Call meeting perceptual handicaps

A special organization meeting is being called for parents whose children have specific perceptual problems. J. T. Atkinson, Guelph, is seeking parents of children whose eyes, ears and speech etc. function normally but whose brains do not perceive properly.

The meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 26 in the CIAG building, Guelph, at 8 p.m. Mr. Atkinson may be contacted at 824-7919 Guelph for further information.

Grace - Wheeler vows at Knox church Nov. 13

Margaret Jean (Peggy) Wheeler and Gary Lloyd Grace were married in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, at four o'clock on November 13. The Rev. A. H. McKenzie performed the ceremony and the church was decorated with white mums and bows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wheeler, 216 Churchill Rd. N., Acton; she is a secretary at Force Electric. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grace R.R. 1, Georgetown. He is a butcher at Mac's Milk, Georgetown.

Velvet and fur

The bride wore a full length gown of white velvet with fur trim on the cuffs, topped by a full-length hood trimmed with white fur. She carried a trailing cascade of red carnations and stephanotis.

The bride's attendants, all wearing long red velvet gowns, were Pat Henderson, maid of honor; Doris Black as bridesmaid and Brenda Grace as flower girl. They carried white carnations accented with red velvet ribbon.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsman was Dan Humenik and the ushers were Melvin Grace and Rick Henderson.

Ted Hansen played the organ for the wedding.

Reception at Legion

The reception was held in the Legion hall with guests from Acton, Georgetown and Guelph.

The bride's mother wore peacock blue with matching accessories and pink carnations. The groom's mother wore blue with beige accessories with pink carnations.

Leaving on the honeymoon, the bride wore a purple pant suit with hood, with gold trim and a white gardenia.

They are making their home in Acton.

Two miscellaneous showers were given for the bride. The first shower was given by neighbor Mrs. S. Vlietstra, October 26. The second was given by Pat Henderson and cousin Doris Black, November 3.



PEGGY WHEELER and Gary Grace were married in Knox church November 13 and are living in Acton. —(Photo by Bill Stuckey).

Open House at Museum

Christmas Open House will again be held at Halton County museum, for three days before Christmas.

At the October meeting of the museum board it had been decided to cancel this year's Open House due to health problems of some of the staff.

However, inquiries began coming in and at their November meeting the museum board and director Dr. H. J. Newman reviewed the situation and the change in decision was made.

Decorations, tea

The museum will again be specially decorated for Christmas and tea by the fireplace will be served for three days only, Friday, December 17, Saturday, December 18, and Sunday, December 19.

The Open House lasted over two weeks last year and it was felt the three days could accommodate all those anxious to enjoy the unique atmosphere again this year.

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Personals

John Root M.P. for Dufferin-Wellington and Mrs. Root visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson, Tidy Avenue.

Driver for Custom Cleaners, Ab Louttet is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

The Rev. Evan Jones of St. Thomas was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. McKenzie for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Wegman are back after two exciting weeks in Hong Kong and Honolulu.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landsborough, Christopher and Paul of Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park, Kenneth and Patty Jo of Petrolia.

Leisure Lassies study safety

The sixth meeting of the Ballinacat Leisure Lassies was held in the hall on Saturday, November 13.

Topic for this meeting included health services available to residents in this area. Proper ways of setting and lifting articles were also discussed.

The seventh meeting was held in the hall on Saturday, November 20 with 19 girls attending. The roll call, an original safety slogan, provided some good advice. Safety in the home and the responsibilities of baby sitting were the topics discussed.

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Friends hold draw for cabin funds

To raise money for further work on the log cabin at Halton museum, the Friends of the Museum are now selling tickets on a beautiful quilt. The quilt was made by Mrs. Howard Bradley of Hornby in the churn dash pattern.

The quilt is being passed around to various locations and members as the tickets are offered for sale.

The draw will be made by museum board chairman Walter Reeves at the December museum board meeting at the museum.

Exterior work

With the Searchers Car Club of Hornby as the "mainstay" of the workers, the cabin's exterior is mostly completed now. The logs are not chinked and special hand-

made shingles will be ordered for the roof.

The cabin was moved from its lot in Nassagaweya to the museum property and work bees on a succession of weekends were held to erect it.

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Women's Page

Corsages made, given at Dublin W.I. meeting

Mrs. M. McCullough was hostess for the November meeting of Dublin Women's Institute last Thursday evening at her home on Highway No. 7.

Twenty-four ladies were present for this fall meeting. Mrs. H. Blyth, president, occupied the chair for the singing of the Institute Ode, and the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer.

As this was Public Relations evening, the roll call was responded to by "telling something good about the person seated on your right." Many complimentary remarks were

made about the "neighbor next door" as to their appearance, their kindness, their ability, and their usefulness in the Women's Institute and to the community at large.

Report of recent enclaves held in the homes of Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. W. Britton netted substantial amounts, and returns were handed in by the conveners of the three events, Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. M. Nellis and Mrs. C. Armstrong.

Anniversary party

Tentative plans were made for a silver wedding anniversary party of one of the members on December 4, and Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet, Mrs. C. Thompson and Mrs. E. Wilson will be the committee to look after the details.

The semi-annual treasurer's report was given by Mrs. M. Hunter, and showed a substantial balance.

Skill with flowers

John Rol and Mrs. B. Robertson, of Caroline Nurseries were introduced to the ladies and they gave a splendid talk and demonstration on making floral arrangements and corsages. Their artistic skill in making

these intrigued the ladies. Corsages were made and given to the hostess, Mrs. M. McCullough, and to Miss Pat Murray, Halton Dairy Queen. Mrs. W. Pierce, Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. L. Nellis were the lucky winners of the floral arrangements which also had been made. Mrs. Clark Armstrong voiced the thanks of everyone for the enjoyable demonstration.

Princess is guest

It was an honor to have Miss Pat Murray a special guest for the evening. She is a resident of the community and has been honored with being chosen Halton Dairy Princess for 1971. She spoke of the requirements necessary, which included of course, the art of milking a cow, as well as preparing an essay on the dairy business and delivering it.

Lunch was served by Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. A. Near and Mrs. J. C. Dennis, assisted by the hostess, Mrs. M. McCullough.

Mrs. D. Moffat, as courtesy convener, thanked the hostess, the social committee and all who had taken part in making the evening such an enjoyable and profitable one.

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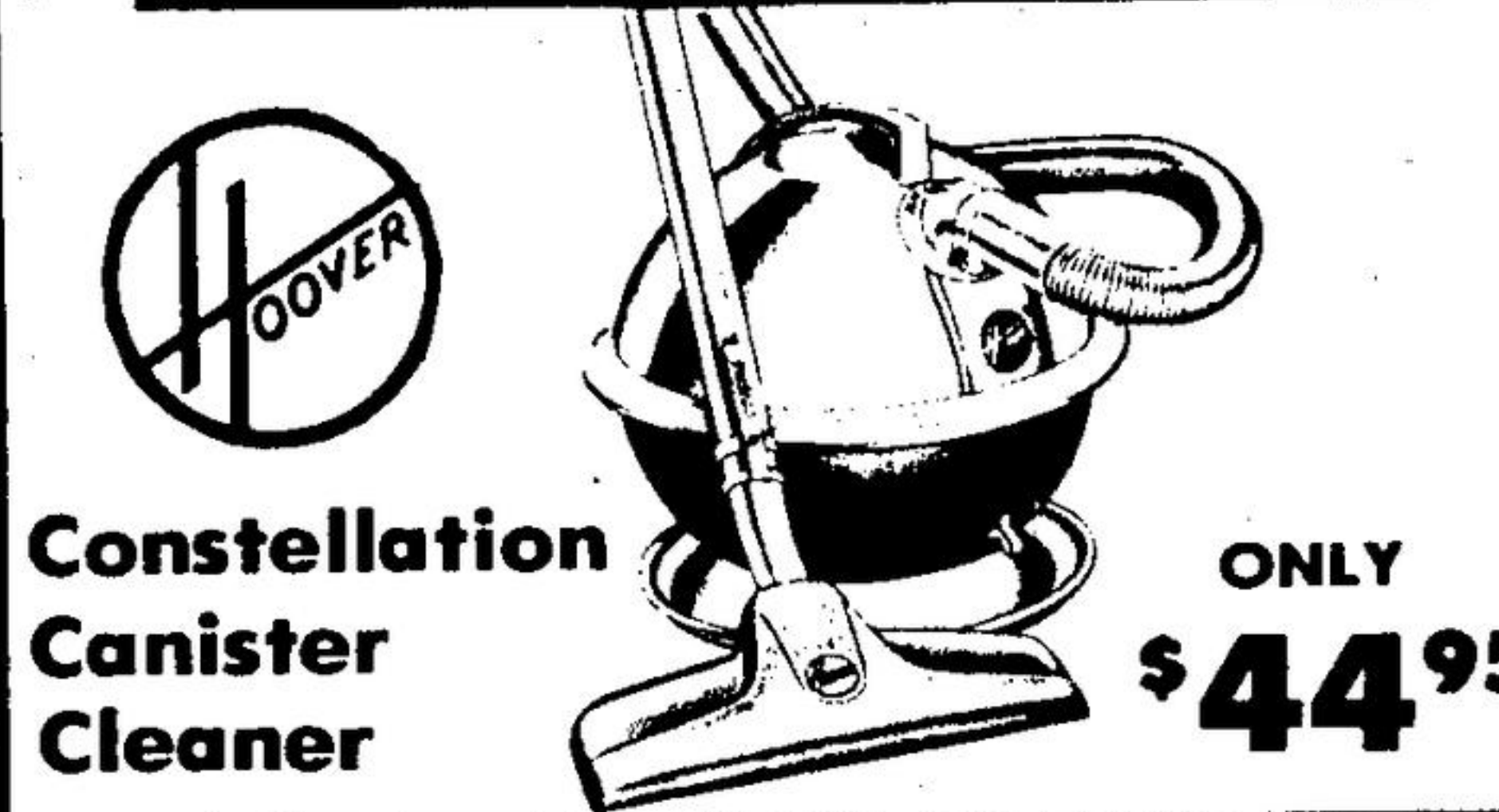
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