

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Someone once said they like this column because there's always a smile in it somewhere. But today I'm sitting, seething, with no smile anywhere.

Last night I drove down to the Burlington hospital and brought home one battered husband, sore in both body and soul. I tucked him safely in bed, then sat beside him and fumed at my own helplessness to comfort him.

Wicked bend
The story, briefly, was this. Gord was driving home from work; the roads were slippery, so he was going slowly. As he approached that wicked little S-bend on the Bronte Road just above the Q.E., a truck came around it on the wrong side of the road.

To get out of the way, Gord drove straight ahead, off the pavement, and hit a tree head-on. The truck, although he must have seen the crash, kept going.

Gord was thrown forward hard enough against the corner post of the car, to split his head open, but managed to climb out.

He told me later, that he was afraid of passing out and having everybody leave him just lie there to bleed to death. So he made it back to the road and stood on it, the blood streaming in his eyes, just about blinding him, and tried to flag down a car.

Nobody cares?
Nobody would stop. They calmly swerved around him and kept going. Then he was afraid he'd pass out on the road and they'd run OVER him. He said "Even if they just slowed down and hollered that they'd call an ambulance..."

Finally, a woman bus-driver stopped, found a rag to try to stop the bleeding, and flagged another car down. Even THAT driver wasn't particularly happy about taking Gord to a hospital, but finally, grudgingly, agreed.

Five hours later, I had him home, two stitches inside his head, 12 on the outside, the beginnings of black eyes from a bang just above his nose, plus all the swellings and bruises from hitting the steering wheel with his chest and the dash with his knees.

Some comfort
Sitting beside him, I agonized with Gord as he tried to find a way to ease his aching ribs. Thankfully, enough nerves were severed that his head was numb.

And yet, even though I can sit and nurse the way in which some supposedly civilized people can ignore someone who needs help, all I have to do is take a good look at my own rage to realize what a thin veneer of civilization I myself have.

To Dad that you had to have stitches in your head you are very, very nice.

Love you today

Gord's sleeping now, and my "smile" just came in, in the shape of a card made by 7 year old David. Trust little children to get down to what really matters, after all.

Attend opening of legislature

As guests of the Hon. George Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cargill attended the opening of the Legislature at the Parliament buildings in Toronto Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Cargill is president of the Acton Progressive-Conservative Association and vice-president of the Halton association. Also guests of Mr. Kerr were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hurren of Campbellville; he is secretary of the Halton association.

Fairs convention two days in city

Among the 1200 thronging the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, for the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies were several representing Acton fair, president Bert Hinton, vice-president Ken Murray, past president Bill Nelson, president of the ladies' section Mrs. Ed Archibald, Mrs. J. Marshall, Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer and Elva Pearen. Miss Brenda Bruce, Miss Acton

fair for 1971, was among 32 winners introduced to the crowd. They will compete again at the C.N.E. for the title of Miss Ontario fairs, and by then there are expected to be about 50 contestants. The convention was held last Wednesday and Thursday, and one of the special events was a dance to the Carlton Show Band. Others from the district attended, associated with Georgetown and Milton fairs.

Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson, Tides Ave., have returned from a months' vacation at Indian Harbor beach, Florida.

Hydro commissioner chairman Wilf McEachern and Mrs. McEachern, commissioner Bob MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur, superintendent Doug Mason attended the annual convention of the OMEA and AMEU at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. William Tuck of Georgetown, the former Lottie Holmes of Acton has been transferred from Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton to Toronto Western Hospital. Friends here extend their best wishes to her.

Alan McKenzie, who went out west a couple of weeks ago to look for a job, has found one—in the Arctic. He is a camp attendant with Dressco Olympic Company located on the south side of Melville Island, just north of the 75th parallel. He flew north from Edmonton two weeks ago after being hired by the company there. First word to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew H. McKenzie, indicates he's enjoying the new experience very much.

Getting away behind on this week's paper, the entire news staff was away at the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association convention at one time or another last week. Attending the full convention from Thursday till Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Coles and Mrs. G. A. Dills, with Kathy Dills there just one day. Denis Gibbons attended Friday with the champion correspondent Lorraine Root. From the Milton-based staff came Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Downs. All of us were happy to see again former foreman Murray Scoyne and Doris with their three children, John, Judy and Gary; they left Acton and now own the weekly Ridgeway Dominion. The Scoynes proved the luckiest people at the convention; one or another of them popped up at just about every lucky draw session. They won small prizes, and thought they'd hit the jackpot when Gary won a tape recorder. But that wasn't all. Saturday night they took the top prize of the convention—return airline tickets for two to anywhere in continental North America!

The convention was held at the Holiday Inn on the Don Valley parkway in Toronto with about 200 registered.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen have returned home after a holiday in Barbados and St. Lucia, where they spent a lovely two weeks in the sun in 80 to 85 degree temperatures. They found St. Lucia very quiet and primitive and the native people very friendly. They visited the banana plantations, sulphur springs and volcanoes, and watched the native women washing their clothes by the river. The children made necklaces and bracelets of shell using a nylon thread they cut with two stones. Having made friends with one little boy of seven years, they gave him a small pen-knife marked "Goy Cartage." They think he was likely the proudest boy on the island! The children walk as far as nine miles each way to sell their necklaces, etc. The native women carry weight up to 120 pounds on their heads with perfect balance.

At the native market at Castries, St. Lucia, they saw every kind of fruit, nut and flowers for sale, with the butcher cutting meat with a machete. They took many pictures, and were amused to discover one of the native people on a balcony also taking photographs—of the white visitors!

St. Lucia's main crop is bananas; Barbados sugar cane. All kinds of fruit are grown except apples. On car trips around both islands they enjoyed exquisite scenery. The roads were very winding up through hills and dense jungle, and very narrow. Sometimes traffic had to back down to let the other cars pass.

The Cohens found that these are beautiful, peaceful islands and "well worth a trip."

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Free Press Family page

4-H Bonnie Belles now number 17

The first meeting of the Ballinafad 4-H Homemaking Club was held on Sat., Feb. 19, at the hall. Mrs. Jamieson, and Mrs. Kirkwood are the leaders for the unit "Being well dressed and well groomed".

Officers were elected as follows: president Heather Kirkwood; vice-president Beverly Leith; secretary, floating treasurer Nancy Swindlehurst; press reporter Frances McLean; telephone committee Wendy Hawgood, Nancy Shortill.

The topics for this meeting were proper measurements, good posture and what fabrics they should or should not use for their lounge wear each member is to make.

Miss Hope to speak

The Cancer Society's Miss Hope, Willemina Wyngaarden, will be guest speaker at the special Person to Person program in the high school Thursday evening. She is a second year nursing student at Kingston General Hospital School of Nursing.

The Miss Hope competition is used to promote the Canadian Cancer Society's credo "There is hope against cancer", as well as to stimulate interest among student nurses in cancer care. The program will have films, displays and refreshments. There is no admission charge.

Dublin Juniors name officers

The first meeting of Dublin Juniors was held Monday, Feb. 14 with 13 members present. Leaders are Mrs. S. Kirton assisted by Mrs. F. McCarron. The unit is called Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed.

President is Alice Van Ogrtup, secretary Joan McLeod, vice-president Debbie Rippon, press reporter Penny Kirton and treasurer Cathy van der Eycken.

A tobogganing party was held Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Kirton home with 15 girls attending.

The next meeting was at McCarron's on Feb. 26 with 13 girls there. The girls had their material and they learned how to put on a patch.

Church Services

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH (Churchill Rd. and Hwy. 7)
Minister: Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D. (Next to Church)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Pre-School Sunday School during the morning service.
Nursery during both services.
This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118: 24)
You Are Welcome!

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel. Georgetown 877-6665

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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. — Minister
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
9:45 a.m.—Church School
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Confirmation Class for Teen-agers.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon on Acts 14: 27 — "Declaring the Great Things God has Done with Us and Through Us."
(Nursery for babies and toddlers during service.)
7:15 p.m.—Youth Fellowship — all teen-agers invited.
Everyone Most Welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Rd.
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelical Service.

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 6 p.m.—Crusaders.
Thursday, 8:00 p.m. — C.A.S.
II Peter 3: 10-11 — But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

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Friday, 7:45 p.m. — Young People at the home of M. Harrison.
SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Choir Practice.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Mission Circle at the church.

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
11:00 a.m.—Worship & Church School. Sermon, "Glory in the Cross." No. 1.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
Lent III
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m. — Holy Communion.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON
Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th, 1972
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
10:00 a.m.—Church School for all ages. Also nursery.
We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship of Trinity

Churchill Presentation after church

By Mrs. F. MacArthur
Churchill Community church service on Sunday was fairly well attended, our pastor Rev. Fosbury having the service. The choir sang "Follow Jesus Boldly". The orchestra was also in attendance. At the close of the service Rev. Fosbury invited everyone to go down to the basement where a pot luck dinner was in readiness. Everyone enjoyed many choices of both first and second courses as well as tea and coffee.

While at the tables Mr. Fosbury asked Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer to take chairs at the top of the tables and Mrs. Clifford Storey read an address and they were presented with a lovely floor lamp and an envelope containing some money from the church members. Both Leslie and Beth replied, thanking everyone for the gifts and the fellowship together.

Bedroom Sweets see samples

The third meeting of the Greenock Bedroom Sweets was held at the home of Mrs. A. Gates on Monday, February 21.

The roll call, Accessories I plan to make, was answered by 14 members. Business discussed at this meeting included the expenses of the press reporter. The letter design and cover design will be left totally up to the individual.

Mrs. Gates showed a foam pillow form and also demonstrated how to make bias piping. She explained how to make a square pillow with a zipper in it.

See samples
The fourth meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. Belton on Feb. 28.

The roll call: Any rearrangements I have made to my bedroom, was answered by 14 members.

They discussed the samples of bias piping that had been made for this meeting. Mrs. Gates showed how to make a mitred corner and several of the girls tried a sample. The secretary and the president reviewed the members' books.

Phone damaged Bell complains

The Bell Telephone company contacted Acton police this week concerning damage to the telephone in the booth at the corner of Mill and Willow. Apparently youths have been damaging the equipment there.



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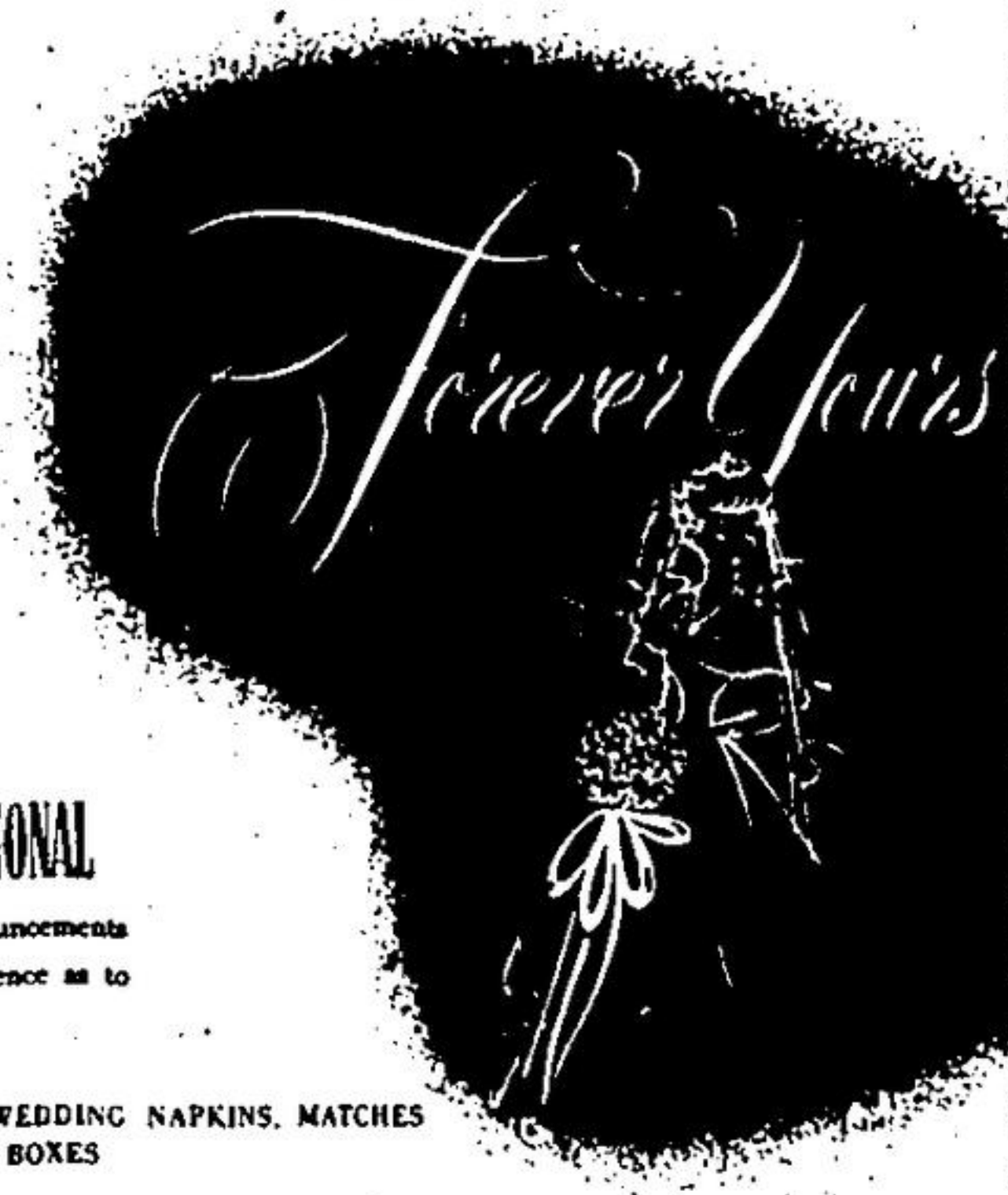
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