

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

I've been back home from the mountains for a few weeks, now, just feeding stories into the newspaper whenever it comes time. The one question I've been asked regularly is "How can you manage to stay away from home for three weeks?"

Well, it's easy, under the right circumstances. First, I earn (almost) enough with my writing, during the rest of the year, to pay for my own holidays.

Hobby co-operates

Secondly, my marvelous husband, on being asked if I were being selfish by traipsing off without him, answered "No,—you don't get taken out all year long so you deserve a good holiday." He thought a minute, then added "Like the man said—you're a long time dead."

And lastly, having a 14 year old daughter (almost 15) who's willing to have a try at running a house is an absolute necessity!

Beth apparently did a terrific job in keeping the house clean and tidy, far better than she could have managed if I'd been here, I guess.

And as far as the kitchen work, I've always been lucky, as all three kids like to muck around and help with the baking (Help!). They have favorite recipes they make constantly, and I don't have to worry about the cookie jar ever getting a bare bottom. These are the recipes most often used.

GRIDDLECAKES
(not to go in cookie jar, of course)

Sift 2 cups flour, 4 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 cup white sugar. Beat in a large bowl, 2 eggs, 2 cups milk, 8 Tbsp. corn oil. Add the dry ingredients all at once and beat until just mixed but still lumpy. Cook at 400 degrees on a hot griddle or skillet.

RICH BROWNIES

Cream 1/2 cup margarine, 1 cup sugar. Add 2 eggs, and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Beat. Add 1/2 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup flour, 1 cup chopped nuts. Mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, or until centre is firm but not hard, in a 9" square pan.

RAISIN COOKIES

Boil 2 cups raisins in 1 cup water for 5 minutes, then cool. Cream 1 cup shortening, 1 cup white sugar, 1 cup brown sugar, add 3 eggs, and beat well. Add 1 tsp. vanilla, the raisins and water, 1 cup chopped nuts. Sift 4 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, 4 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt. Add to first mixture, blend well. Drop by spoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

OATMEAL COOKIES

Sift 2 cups flour and 1 tsp. baking powder into large bowl. Stir in 1 cup brown sugar and 2 cups rolled oats. Mix well. Pour in 1 cup corn oil, 1 tsp. vanilla, in 1/4 cup warm water, dissolve 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. baking soda. Add to batter and mix well. Shape into round balls on an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with fork, slightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

DIPSY DOODLE CAKE

In a large bowl sift 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, 2 Tbsp. cocoa, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt. Make three indentations in flour and put 1 tsp. vinegar in one, 1 tsp. vanilla in the second, and 3 Tbsp. corn oil in the last. Pour 1 cup warm water over all and beat well. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes in a 9" square pan.

SPICE REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

Cream 1/2 cup shortening, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup white sugar. Add 1 egg and beat well. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Sift 2 cups flour, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 to 2 tsp. mixed spices (cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg). Add to creamed mixture and blend well. Shape into rolls 1/2 inches in diameter, wrap in waxed paper and chill for several hours. Cut into thin slices, bake on greased cookie sheet at 425 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

McEachern-Rennick vows in Knox church Aug. 12

Tall standards of white and yellow gladioli and shasta mums decorated Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, Saturday August 12 for the mid-afternoon double ring ceremony that united Rodney Alexander McEachern, R.R. 1, Acton and Roberta Laurene Rennick, R.R. 4, Acton.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie officiated with Dr. George Elliott at the

organ. The bride wore a floor length gown of white crimpoline crepe with polyester lace. The train which came from the bodice was made of lace in a floral design and was trimmed with lace similar to that on the dress. She wore a dainty cap bonnet trimmed with tatted lace made by her grandmother.

She carried a cascade bouquet of yellow sweetheart roses and white shasta mums with trailing white ribbon and wore the neckline given to her grandmother by her grandfather as a wedding gift.

Caitans for attendants

Matron of honor was Mrs. Donna Arpa, Milton, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaids were Marilyn Barber, R.R. 1, Acton, and Heather McEachern, sister of the groom. They were gowned alike in floor length Jacquard cotton caftans and wore gold lockets, the gift of the bride.

Mrs. Arpa carried a cascade of yellow shasta mums and blue monkshood with trailing royal blue ribbon. The other two attendants carried cascades of white shasta mums and white gladioli with yellow ribbon. They wore matching flowers in their hair.

The flowers were all designed by Mrs. Graham Mathews, Toronto, aunt of the bride.

Mr. Rennick escorted his daughter; groomsmen was Douglas Lockerbie, Acton and the ushers John Kingsmill, a cousin of the bride, and Rodger McEachern, brother of the groom. The men wore royal blue Edwardian suits, white shirts and black bow ties with white carnation boutonieres.

The reception followed in the Dr. A. C. Stewart memorial hall in the church.

Mothers receive

The bride's mother received wearing long floral printed crepe with silver accessories and a corsage of pink gladioli and rapture sweetheart roses, with miniature rosebuds in her hair. The groom's mother wore rose crimpoline crepe with white accessories and a corsage of white gladioli and rose sweetheart roses and silk white rosebuds in her hair.

Pink and yellow flowers decorated the tables, with a three tiered wedding cake and silver candlesticks centring the bride's table.

Guests attended from Acton, Michigan, Milton, Guelph, Huntsville, Toronto, Rexdale, Orangeville, Puslinch, Mount Forest, Brampton, Arthur, Sudbury, Rockwood, Glen Williams and Waterloo.

Among them were three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Palmer, Acton, and Mrs. L. Mullin, Acton.

The couple left on a trip to Northern Ontario. The bride wore



LAURENE RENNICK and Rodney McEachern were wed in Knox church Aug. 12 and are living in Milton.—(Photo by W. Stuckey)

Free Press Family Page

Former school meeting place

a navy blue suit, white full brimmed hat, white beaded purse and shoes, with red sweetheart roses.

They are living at 122A Bronte St., Apt. 523A, Milton.

The bride is employed at the Bank of Commerce in Milton and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rennick, R.R. 4, Acton. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McEachern, R.R. 1, Acton, is employed with North American Rockwell, Milton.

Before the wedding, a community miscellaneous shower was given by Irene Douglas, Ann McCarron and Edith Hillman in the Acton Legion hall. Marilyn Barber was hostess for a Tupperware shower and Mrs. Donna Arpa held a miscellaneous shower.

Bannockburn Institute Ladies met at the home of Mrs. Vaughan (in the old Bannockburn School) which was most appropriate as the program was Education and Cultural Activities.

The roll call was answered by showing an old school book and reading an article out of it. Some of the books shown dated back to 1856.

Mrs. Linham gave the motto living is just as important as making a living. Mrs. Morrison and Mrs.

Vaughan will attend Leaders Training School at Milton on Oct. 3 and 4 for the Sewing with Knits course.

Arrangements were made at have displays put in at local fairs. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Roszell and a social half hour spent over the tea cups.

THE bike rally at the sportsmen's show is advertised with two 10-speed bikes in the T-D bank windows.

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Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst are back after a three week stay in England which they enjoyed thoroughly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Krapek, Jim and Jennifer spent several days in Huntsville recently visiting the former's parents and sisters.

Summer playground leaders enjoyed a barbecue at the home of supervisor Wendy Bell in Guelph on the weekend.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery in town recently were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Neelon of Winnipeg, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Leo Jamieson and daughter Marion all of Ballinacree.

Back home again after a motor trip to the Maritimes to visit relatives are Jane, Mary and John Watson and Karen Shortill.

After a year's training, Hazel Eastwood is now a teacher on the staff of the Brantford School for the blind and deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Braida, Teresa and Gary of Kingston visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Braida, on the weekend.

Ron Henry returned to Kingston on the weekend to begin third and final year studies at Queen's University law school.

Miss Margaret Mackenzie returns to her study of law at York university this week. She was with C.F. Leatherland's law office for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deveau visited in Montreal with relatives, including his mother, a former Acton resident, who is in fairly good health in a nursing home there.

In the Wood Lake regatta fishing contest, Brent Marshall of Acton took the first prize trophy. He had caught a pickerel over six pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rino Braida for the regatta weekend, at their Muskoka cottage.

Dr. and Mrs. W.G. Onions welcomed many new friends Sunday afternoon and evening, August 20, when they held Open House in the parsonage. He is temporarily the new minister of Trinity United.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. John Krapek, Jim and Jennifer spent three weeks at Wasaga Beach. Accompanying them for the holiday were Miss Kathy Fritzell and Mr. David Holmes. Miss Diane Timbers and Mr. Bruce Swift joined them for week-ends. Also visiting them during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. Timbers, Scott Timbers and Mrs. J. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. L. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fritzell, Tracy and Carrie, Mrs. H. Orr and Mr. F. Anderson.

Young Randy McIntyre had his tonsils out this week in Guelph.

Mrs. Helen Wood has returned after spending a holiday at Bruce Beach with relatives.

Rod Prosser is having a week's holidays at his home in St. Thomas after working during the summer at the Free Press. He returns next week to McMaster University where he completed his first year science on the dean's honors list. He's the son of Clure and Frances (Dills) Prosser.

Gone back to Europe again after a happy visit here and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Coquard, who were showing their new baby Catherine Maert to her relatives for the first time. The baby's proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rognvaldson and there was many family gatherings during their stay here. Nansi and Gerard Coquard have been living in Paris but have gone now to Dakar, Senegal, where he is employed with his shipping company. They enjoy Africa, and lived before in Sierra Leone.

Mrs. Harry Murray accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacPherson and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Murray attended the marriage of her niece Miss Lynn Geisler to Kenneth Gallagher at St. Joseph's Church, Powassan on Saturday afternoon and the evening marriage of her nephew Terry Howe to Miss Wendy Hill at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Sundridge.

Four rallies for W.M.S.

There is a new venture this fall for Brampton Presbyterian, W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church. Instead of a concentrated effort on a single rally, a four-pronged project will consist of four rallies under the chairmanship of the president and four adult group leaders.

The entire Brampton Presbyterian embracing some 34 churches has been divided into four separate areas and each area will hold a rally.

Acton's rally is Wednesday, Oct. 11 with Mrs. Alex Moore as chairman and Mrs. De Gange the speaker.

In Orangeville the rally is Sept. 11, in Hopedale Sept. 14 and Brampton Sept. 20.

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Two 4-H girls guests of ex

Local girls were among 175 4-H club members who were guests of the C.N.E. last week from Wednesday morning to Friday. Shirley Jocque and Karen Pierce were chosen by the home economist to represent this district on the annual event. They stayed at university of Toronto residences and enjoyed trips to Ontario Place and the museum as well as the C.N.E. The girls enjoyed their experience very much.

Story competitions

Got a hankering to write? The I.O.D.E. is sponsoring its 25th consecutive short story competition, with awards of \$200 and \$100. More details are available at the Free Press or at provincial headquarters of the I.O.D.E., 168 Jackson Street W., Hamilton 10.

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