

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

It's said that every family has a "bad" year — a year when everything seems to go wrong. I think we've just had ours.

It started off last September when son Jim was riding a friend's bike and was hit by a car. Before too many months had gone by, he was rushed to the doctor or hospital three more times, once with a cut hand from school, next with a suspected dislocated knee from judo. The third time, he was knocked down and skated over, at the arena, suffering another cut to his hand by one skate and a gash above his eye from the other.

David, our youngest, who usually is on the receiving end of sticks, stones, and dogs' teeth, surprisingly came through the year without a scratch, as did Beth, the oldest. But Beth is in her teens and it was a rough year in other ways. I know I certainly gave her a hard time more than once. And vice versa.

Gord and I, well, we struggled along. He has recovered from head injuries received in a car accident, but still has a bit of trouble with one arm. I'm just about over the side effects of the rheumatic fever that laid me low for three months.

The car was finished off in the aforementioned accident, but a few months previous to that it had been stolen (and recovered, of course).

The truck goes on its merry way, wearing out here and there constantly—the heater one week, the starter the next, and so on. Not too long ago, Gord set out to visit an uncle up above Mount Forest, but had to phone to ask me to borrow a car and come fetch him. The battery fell off from where it sits, went into the fan which split the battery, and bent a blade which went through the rad.

Cracked battery
There's a new rad in, now, but the cracked battery is still there, working off and on. That's why I'm sometimes out, early in the morning, in nightgown and

Fair, bazaar plans

Two members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E., Vera Inglis and Harriet Helwig, showed slides and talked of their trip to Brazil, at the chapter meeting Tuesday of last week. Velma West expressed the members' thanks for the interesting program.

A Charlie Brown quilt, donated by Helen Middleton and quilted by Marguerite Taylor, will be drawn for at the fair. The quilt previously intended for the draw will be entered as a fair exhibit, also a crib quilt made by Marguerite Taylor.

slippers, helping push the truck down the hill to start it.

Horsewise and dogwise, we've had no problems, but lost three newborn calves, one after another. The middle one died the same day about a third of the roof blew off the house.

Dogs or raccoons finished off all but three of our geese over the winter, and a hawk discovered our ducks last week and has trimmed them down to two.

The farm machinery seemed to be trying to drive Gord out of his mind, the whole summer, while he tried to get some hay in, by springing things here and popping them there.

Stayed sane
Halfway through the year, I stopped worrying about these problems—just sort of shook myself and started in again. I think I would have gone quietly bonkers if I'd let things get to me.

But last week, the final week in our "bad year", threw me. We lost our hay and some farm machinery in a fire, but even that was quite incidental and easily put aside.

What really grieved us was to see a friend lose so much more. Our whole year didn't bring us half as much grief as a few hours did to him.

It's also said that everything is relative. I suppose that's true. Compared to our friends, we had a fairly good year.

Acton, Dublin Institutes observe founding

The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute was observed at the September meeting of Acton W.I. with members of the Dublin W.I. as guests. The meeting was held in the board room of the library Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 6.

The program for the meeting was provided by the Dublin ladies. Mrs. Mansell Nellis, the district president, spoke on the life of Adelaide Hoodless who was the founder of the Institute 75 years ago. Her talk was very informative and interesting; Mrs. Hargrave presented her with a gift in appreciation.

On program
Mrs. Laura Dennis gave a humorous reading House Hunting. A very good skit called Women's Institute was acted by Mrs. Evelyn Near and Mrs. MacIntyre. A contest conducted by Mrs. Hunter was won by Mrs. E. Lambert and Mrs. Hunter closed this part of the program with a reading Folly of Parson Brown.

Acton president Miss Simmons

opened the meeting with two poems Just to Say Hello and There is a friend for Every Need, the Ode and Collect.

Final plans were made for displays at Acton and Milton fairs. Roll call was answered by a current event.

Decorated cake
A cake beautifully decorated in blue and gold, the Institute colors, was the highlight of the lunch. Acton Institute also displayed their Colonial Lady quilt on which tickets are being sold. The draw will be made at the next meeting, October 4.

Three charter members, Mrs. Wilds, Mrs. Wilderspin and Mrs. Agnew were among those present.



ACTON INSTITUTE members circle the 75th anniversary cake and their draw prize quilt at their meeting last week. Left to right are president Dorothy Simmons, secretary-treasurer Mrs. G. Hargrave; Mrs. Mary Graham; Mrs. Nellie Lindsay, Nora Kenney, Marjorie Hall, Mrs. C. Agnew, Mrs. Lily Wilds,

Mrs. Earl Lambert, Mrs. Ivan Harris, Mrs. Wilderspin (hidden), Mrs. C. Pickett, Mrs. W. Denny, Mrs. S. Holmes, and Jean McLean. The event marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes.

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Family Page

Goodridge - Bertrand vows said

In a double-ring ceremony in Sacred Heart church, Marmora, Gail Elizabeth Bertrand and Roy Frederick Goodridge were married. Father Scanlon officiated for the wedding on Saturday, July 29, in a setting of bronze, yellow and white mums.

The bride, a school teacher with the Dufferin-Peel separate school board, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bertrand, R.R. 1, Marmora.

The groom, a surveyor with Peel county, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodridge, R.R. 4, Acton.

Satin and lace
The bride's gown, made by her great-aunt, was of floor length polyester satin with a hooded lace coat. She wore a sparkling tiara in her hair and carried a bouquet of white roses and mums dotted with tiny bows and ribbons matching her attendants' dresses. She also wore her great-grandmother's pearl ring.

The attendants wore cotton dresses with matching velvet ribbons and large trimmed hats.

Maid of honor, the bride's sister Jill Bertrand, wore lavender; Rita Fuoco wore blue;

Sheila Kirkpatrick wore gold, and Joanne Sisson and Erin Sisson wore pink.



MR. AND MRS. Roy Frederick Goodridge were married in Marmora, and are living in Mississauga.

The bride was escorted by her father; groomsmen were Terry Goodridge; ushers were Steven Dubois and Brian Bertrand. Kevin Bertrand acted as ring bearer.

Mrs. A. Killian played the organ and the soloist was Mike Forestell.

Reception
The reception followed in the Sacred Heart parish hall, and later guests gathered in the garden at the bride's home.

The bride's mother wore a pale pink dress, white accessories and a white gardenia with pink rosebuds. The groom's mother wore a rose pink dress and coat with matching hat, white accessories, gardenia and red rosebuds.

Guests included the groom's grandmother and three nephews from Southampton, England, with friends and relatives from Marmora, Toronto, Mississauga, Calgary, Peterborough, Port Hope, Hamilton, Kitchener, Georgetown and Acton.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Vermont, Lake Placid N.Y., Quebec and Ottawa. They are living in Mississauga. For

travelling the bride wore a floor length dress of blue with white lace, blue accessories and red roses.

Before the wedding, a bathroom shower was given for the bride-to-be by bridesmaids Rita Fuoco and Sheila Kirkpatrick in Mississauga. A miscellaneous shower was held by relatives and friends in Marmora.

A presentation was made by friends and neighbors of the groom at R.R. 4, Acton, and another presentation was made by his Peel county colleagues.

Mr. John Root, M.P.P. for Wellington-Dufferin, and Chairman of the Environmental Hearing Board, and Mrs. Root are spending three weeks in Europe on one of the Clare Burt tours.

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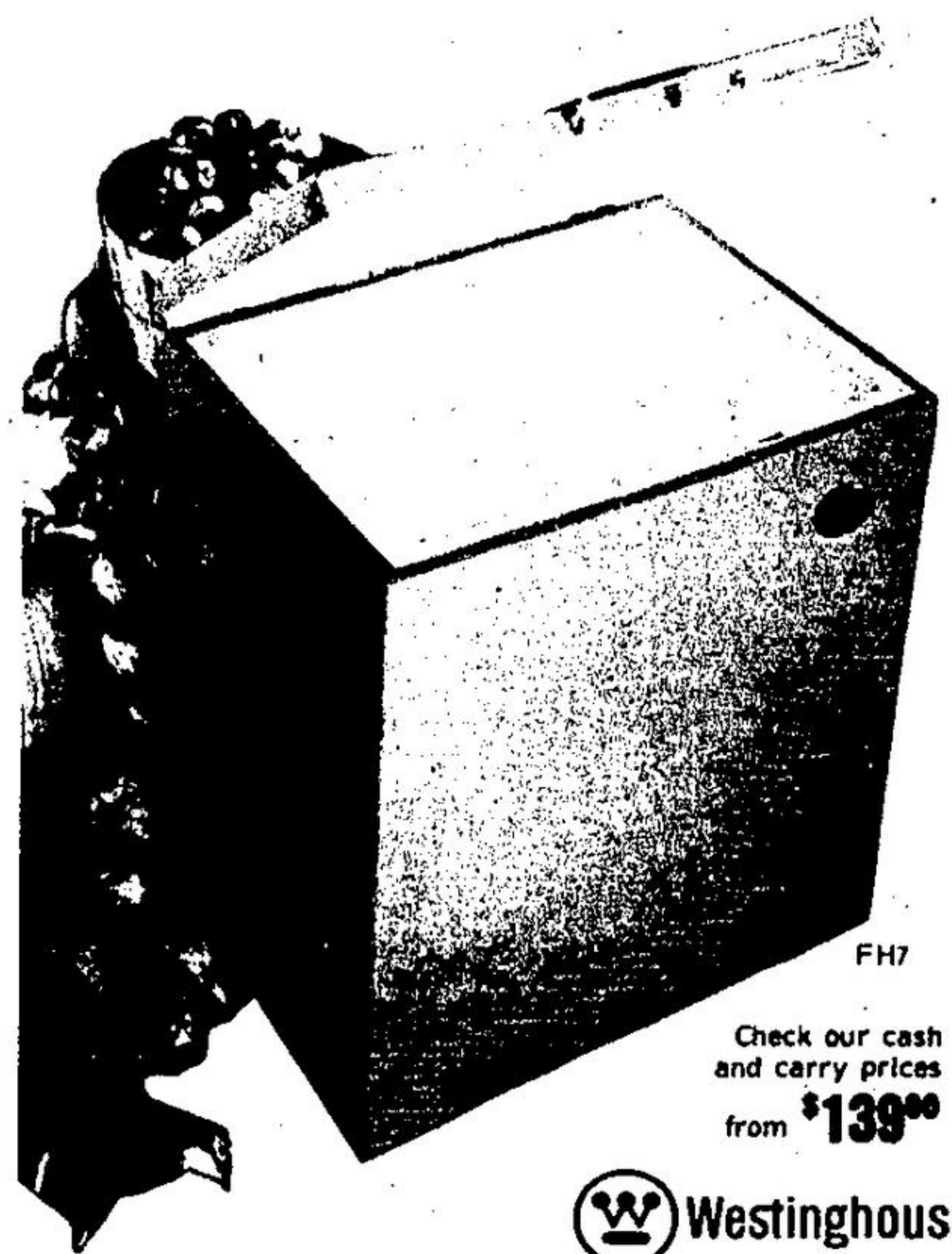


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