

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

It would be nice (but surprising) if things went as planned, timewise. This week, I figured on having a few slack days, and extra time to get ahead (catch up?) with the housework.

Instead, I find myself sitting typing this, chaos all around me, with half an hour to get done what needs to be done before heading over to Guelph University for a Press Day or something.

Of course, I'm not the only one to be gnawing my knuckles over time. Gord had the same problem, last week. We have a big cement manure tank out the end of the barn, 12 feet deep, 32 feet across. Beside it, on the ground, was the lid that had to be picked up and set on the tank. And that's sort of simplifying it, because the lid weighs 30 tons.

A crane was hired (at \$50 an hour) and should have been in and out in less than an hour. But things kept going wrong. Something would break; a glamo would be rented for repair work, and the thing came on the glamo would turn out to be the wrong fit. The man running another thing came over from Guelph got lost and didn't turn up till 10 1/2 hours later. And so on.

**Off to airport**

Finally, the lid was on, Gord was thrown into the car along with his suitcase and rushed to the airport to catch the next plane for Ottawa for the C.I.C. Conference.

Of course, at the airport, I had to prove just how well I could cope on my own by leaping lightly to a curb-stone, missing it completely and falling flat on my—no I didn't.—I sort of got turned over on the way down.

Anyway, on getting home, I should have taken a deep breath, rolled up my sleeves, and got to work. Instead, I took that deep breath, made a cup of tea, and disappeared into my recipe box for an hour or so.

When Gord's away, I don't make the big meals we have when he's home, but putter around in the kitchen making

snack-type things. Here's two recipes I tried.

**POTATO SOUP**

Melt 2 Tbsp butter in large saucepan. Saute 1/4 cup chopped onion till tender. Add 2 cups diced raw potatoes (1 use a little more) 1 cup boiling water, 1 tsp salt, one eighth tsp marjoram, and 3 chicken bouillon cubes. Cover and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Combine 3 cups milk slowly with 2 Tbsp flour; stir into potato mixture and cook over medium heat stirring constantly until smooth and thickened and simmering. Stir in 1 tsp fresh chopped parsley, (if you like.) Makes 6 cups.

**TOMATO SOUP BREAD**—Does nicely with the above.

In a small saucepan mix 1 (10 oz) can tomato soup, 3/4 cup water, 2 Tbsp dry minced onion, one eighth tsp soda. Stir and bring to boil. Pour into a large bowl and add 1/4 tsp oil and 1 1/4 tsp salt. Let cool to lukewarm.

Dissolve 1 envelope yeast and 1 Tbsp sugar in 1/2 cup warm (barely) water. Let sit 10 minutes then add to lukewarm tomato mixture.

Measure out 6 to 6 1/2 cup flour. Beat some of flour into liquid, scraping the bowl now and then. When batter climbs the beaters, scrape and remove them. Stir and then knead in more flour and knead until dough is smooth and elastic.

Cut dough in half and form into 2 loaves. Place in two well-oiled loaf pans and cover. Let rise until doubled, then bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes.



ARTIST DOROTHY Stone is pictured with her portrait of Major Colin Heggie, which was unveiled at a testimonial dinner in Brampton. (Photo courtesy Georgetown Herald)

## Dorothy Stone portrait is regiment commission

A portrait of Major Colin Smilie by artist Dorothy Stone was unveiled at Brampton Armoury a week ago. Dr. Hoggie was there - but not Miss Stone. It was strictly a stag affair.

Dr. Hoggie is the only member of the Lorne Scots regiment to receive the George Medal. The

portrait hangs in the Lorne Scots' officers' mess with three others commissioned from Miss Stone.

**Still Practices**

Dr. Hoggie served overseas with the regiment from 1940 to 1941, returning to Canada to serve in military hospitals. He received the George Medal for saving many lives after a bomb fell near an English army barracks. He still practices in

Brampton. Miss Stone lives at R.R.3, Georgetown and is well-known in the area for her artistic abilities. She taught night school classes in oil painting in Acton some years ago, and has often exhibited at the popular Georgetown Arts and Crafts show.

She currently has an exhibit at the Four Winds Gallery in the Delrex Plaza in Georgetown.

## District W.I. board meeting

Wellington Centre district Women's Institute fall board meeting was held Nov. 6 in the Wellington Health building, Fergus. All members of the executive and a representative from the 11 branches attended. The meeting was chaired by president Mrs. Lloyd Lang, Hillsburgh.

Mrs. R. Brett and Miss W. Faskin reported on the part the Wellington County W.I.'s took in the Arthur centennial. A splendid report on the area convention held in Stratford recently was given by Mrs. M. Lusty and Mrs. L. Lang. Plans were made for the district annual to be held in Bellwood with Living Springs branch as hostess. Suggested date was May 30.

Mrs. George Henderson, Georgetown, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario board member for subdivision 12, attended the meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Burnett and Miss W. Faskin.

## Money tree

A money tree, bedecked with 25 \$1 bills, is on display in Acton Home Furnishings window. It will be drawn for at Lakeside I.O.D.E. bazaar this Saturday.

## At Thomasburg

Lloyd Davis, who had a jewellery store here a while ago, now has a store and is the postmaster at Thomasburg, Ont.

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## Free Press Personals

Mrs. Jessie Kentner is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan are home again after a trip to Mexico, combining a dental convention and sight seeing.

Quite a few from town and district have been north hunting, but they haven't been particularly successful, apparently. One man said he didn't even see a mouse, let alone a moose.

Major and Mrs. M. Sinclair, Gina and Ian of Ottawa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough and family on Sunday.

A group from the United church attended the Sunday afternoon matinee performance of Godspell in Toronto. Sunday school students and staff and others found the production tremendously vibrant.

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## Changes prize lists encourage entry

Acton ladies fair board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. Archibald Nov. 9. Mrs. E. Archibald, the president, was in the chair. Mrs. C. Aitken, secretary, read the minutes and gave the financial report. Ten ladies answered the roll call.

All conveners gave their written fair reports. All the ladies' classes were revised and each class has had changes made. It is hoped that this will encourage more entries for the 1973 fair. Also the prize list was changed for the better in some sections.

The district annual meeting held at Woodbridge was

discussed and it was decided that all fair board members try to attend this meeting 100 percent. The knowledge gained is well worth while to stimulate the fair activities and interest of fairs.

Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. L. McEnery and Mrs. Madill. Mrs. Alger was courtesey convener.

The Christmas party meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. Morrison in the form of a pot luck lunch, with novelty exchange gift and court whist. The committee in charge; Mrs. K. Alger, Mrs. Isobel McDonald and Mrs. W. Linham.

## New treatment for vegetables

Frances McLean hosted the sixth and seventh meetings of the Ballinlad Kohlrahi Kids, on Saturday, November 11, at 9:15 a.m.

Mrs. Kirkwood led the discussion on preparing vegetables for a relish tray. Doris Burt showed novel ways to arrange vegetables, in a centrepiece, or a relish tray. After pausing for a two minute silence to observe Remembrance Day, they

discussed rare or unusual vegetables, their appearance and their tastes.

For dinner, Kathy French and Heather Kirkwood made scalloped vegetables, Sheila Foster and Grace Fowler made spicy cheese vegetable dip, Wendy Hagwood and Frances McLean made scalloped potatoes. Everyone worked on relish trays, which looked very attractive.

## Post to Bangladesh

Peter Hurst of Ottawa, eldest son of Nan and Joe Hurst of Acton, has been posted to Dacca, Bangladesh, where he will be on staff at the Canadian High Commission.

Peter, his wife Jeanine and their young son Jared will leave Ottawa on November 22 and spend one day in Acton before flying west. After a week's visit with brother Michael and his wife Ann in North Vancouver, B.C., Peter and family will fly to Hong Kong for a brief stay with friends there. From Hong Kong, they will complete their journey to Bangladesh by way of Calcutta, India.

**Farewell party**

On Peter's and Jeanine's last visit home late in October, his

parents hosted a surprise party at the Acton Curling Club, where 70 relatives and close friends enjoyed a social evening. During the evening, Jon Hurst read a telegram from Michael and Ann (the only family members absent), and presented Peter and Jeanine with gifts, including a toy machine gun. Among the guests were Peter's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale, and his great uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelle, all of Georgetown, as well as Ted and Bev Williams of Oakville, friends from the Prague posting.

Peter, in his more than seven years with the Dept. of External Affairs of the Dominion Government, has been stationed in Vietnam, Laos, Nigeria and Czechoslovakia, as well as in Ottawa.

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## Free Press Family Page

## Slides of north shown at Acton W.I. meeting

The November Meeting of Acton Women's Institute was held in the board room of the library on Wed. afternoon, Nov. 1. Miss Blimmon, the president, opened with a poem 'I want to live in a friendly world'.

Plans were made for the Armistice Day Services to be held on Nov. 11 and the wreath was to be laid by the president.

The Roll Call was answered by 13 ladies each telling 'where I went to school'.

**Committee reports**

The Reports of the Standing Committees were given. Citizenship and World Affairs was read by Mrs. Mary Graham, Curator Miss Nora Kinney read some advertisements taken from a 1897 issue of The Acton Free Press.

Agricultural Canadian Industries Mrs. Roy Lindsay gave a paper on the growing of Canadian apples, stressing that more should be eaten. Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. Wm. Denny gave two interesting articles, one on education and the other music.

Mrs. Lindsay, District Director, gave an interesting

report of the 75th District Day which was held at Lowville.

**Tells of north**

Program was under the Convener'ship of Mrs. Denny who introduced guest speaker, Mrs. Dittich, who showed very interesting slides which were taken when she was visiting at Inuvik and Frobisher Bay. These pictures were greatly enjoyed by all. She also showed many articles made by the Eskimos.

Mrs. Denny thanked Mrs. Dittich and gave her a little gift of appreciation. Lunch was served by the committee in charge and a social half hour followed.

## Remembering is theme for W.M.S.

November being the month for Remembering the committee in charge of the program for the Afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox church took that as the theme when they met on Nov. 9 at the home of Mr. S. Mainprize. Miss Isobel Anderson presided and Mrs. A. M. McPherson and Miss Robena Clark led in the service of worship with a vocal recording of Amazing Grace as a musical number.

**Hear address**

Report was given of the recent joint meeting in Hopedale Presbyterian Church, Oakville, of Brampton Presbytery and Presbyterial to hear an address by a visitor from Taiwan the Rev. Su-Ti Tan, principal of the Tam Kang high school, Tamsui, who is visiting Canada during October and November at the invitation of the board of evangelism and social action.

Arrangements were made for a Christmas meeting when a Christmas quiz will be conducted and the presentation made of white gifts for the Scott Mission and Evangel Hall, Toronto.

Mrs. A.J. Murray and Mrs. Mainprize as the committee served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOTICE OF REGULAR AND ADVANCE POLLING

TAKE NOTICE THAT: A poll will be taken for the election of six councillors.

1. The Regular Polling Day for the 1972 Municipal Elections is Monday, December 4th, 1972 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the vote will be taken at the following places:

- Area No. 1  
—Polling Subdivision No. 1  
—that part of Town East of John Street, South of Mill Street and North of Queen Street  
—Acton Y.M.C.A. Building, Mill Street, Acton
- Area No. 1  
—Polling Subdivision No. 2  
—that part of Town South of Queen Street and East of the C.N.R.  
—Acton Music Centre, Wallace Street, Acton
- Area No. 2  
—Polling Subdivision No. 1  
—that part of Town North of Mill Street and East of John Street  
—Acton Council Chambers, Willow Street North, Acton
- Area No. 2  
—Polling Subdivision No. 2  
—that part of Town West of John Street and East of Main Street North  
—that part of Town West of Main Street from Mill Street to, and including, Lot 106, Main Street North  
—that part of Town North of the C.N.R. and West of Main Street North  
—Lutton Memorial Hall, Willow Street North, Acton
- Area No. 3  
—Polling Subdivision No. 1  
—that part of Town West of Main Street North commencing at, and including Lot 107 Main Street North to the C.N.R. right-of-way  
—Acton Scout Hall, School Lane, Acton
- Area No. 4  
—Polling Subdivision No. 1  
—that part of Town South of Mill Street and West of John Street  
—Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street North, Acton.

2. An advance Poll, for the purpose of receiving the ballots of persons who expect to be unable to vote on December 4th, 1972, will be open at the Municipal Office, 40 Mill Street East, on Monday, November 27th, 1972 and on Saturday, December 2nd, 1972, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on each day.

Every person, prior to casting a ballot at the Advance Poll, shall make a written declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer stating that he or she expects to be unable to vote on December 4th, 1972.

DATED: November 15th, 1972

J. T. Hurst  
Clerk and Returning Officer