

the printed box

By Wendy Thomson

Judging by the way the day began, I started thinking "Oh no! Not one of THOSE days!"

I leaped nimbly out of bed (half an hour late) and hopped into my pyjama pants (I find it much more comfortable to put my PJ's on in the morning). I belatedly realized that I had both feet in one leg when I fell over.

An hour later, with everybody off to work and school, and the house warmed up, I started to get dressed. The first thing I did, when hooking up my bra, was hook right through the bandaid on my finger and then find myself somewhat hung up until I finally gave up trying to get anything undone and just pulled my finger out of the bandaid (which is still hooked in behind me.)

I was afraid to start anything else, feeling I'd got soaked, burnt, dropped on, stuck in, or whatever, and then the phone rang. With a great sigh of relief for the respite, I spent the next few hours on the phone.

Trail chat
The first call was from Ken Young, of the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, and we spent a very enjoyable 20 minutes or so chatting about hiking and trails and such. I guess that, while I didn't exactly get bitten by the hiking bug while out west, I at least got nipped. And after a glimpse of one short stretch of the Bruce Trail, I'm interested in seeing more.

One thing I neglected to mention, a few weeks ago, while writing about riding through Esqueaux (partly on the Bruce Trail) was that the Trail is often through private property. The Bruce Trail Association has obtained permission for the bikers to go through, but of course, riders weren't mentioned. Horsemen should still ask permission to ride through a farmer's property, as usual.

My next phone call was typical of many of the ones I've had lately — sort of a Christmas recipe swapping thing. I won't say that I have foolproof recipes for cake, pudding and shortbread, but all the recipes I put in this column work well for me, and SHOULD for others (unless a mistake crops up somewhere along the printing line).

I cover my head in horror when some thing is wrong in one of my recipes when it comes out in this column, but I'll send these off, anyhow, — some of my Christmas favourites.

Cookie exchange planned by group

Evening group of Trinity United Church met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Rognvaldson Monday, Nov. 20. The meeting opened with Mrs. Rognvaldson reading the scripture, a short meditation, prayer and Lords Prayer. Mrs. I. McGillivray in absence of Mrs. G. Usher conducted a short business meeting. A cookie

exchange was planned for December.

Slides of trip
Mrs. Helen Rognvaldson showed slides of a trip she and her husband took last summer to Iceland and Scotland. She gave an interesting commentary and highlights of the holiday. She showed a few articles she brought back with her. Lunch was served and social time spent.



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I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who put their confidence in me during the recent election for Councillor for Erin Township. It will be a pleasure to serve you in this capacity.
JOHN REID



TWO ACTON STUDENTS were among those honored last week at Halton Fire Prevention Bureau's annual awards night. Craig Gordon of M.Z. Bennett School in Acton and Nora Summerfield of Brookville Public School in Nassagaweya were among four "honorable

mention" award winners who received a certificate and a silver dollar for their fire prevention posters. They are pictured with Acton Fire Chief M. Holmes.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Free Press Personals

Mr. James Ralston is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Both chapters of the I.O.D.E. were marking December with festive food before their meetings on Tuesday.

Attendance wasn't too good at the dance at the curling club Friday evening.

The Y's Men's Grey Cup dance in the music centre Saturday night was enjoyed by the crowd attending.

The United church parsonage was beautifully decorated when Dr. and Mrs. William Onions held another in their series of Open Houses on Sunday afternoon and evening.

There's both a hot dinner and later a cold buffet when the firefighters entertain their wives at their annual ladies' night. It was held Friday night in the Legion hall and, as always, was very much enjoyed.

Carol Somerville, 65 Churchill Rd. N., participated in the Grey Cup Parade on Saturday. As Miss Angusette for Central Ontario, she was on the float sponsored by the Canadian and Ontario Aberdeen Angus Association. Friday evening she was a guest at the Wentworth County 4-H Awards banquet in Ancaster.

Ken Allen, Archie Kerr and John Duenk are district men who marched with the Lorne Scots band in the long Grey Cup parade.

Another local connection - Little Miss Burlington, Nadine Marie Hill, who rode on the Burlington float, is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis of Elmore Dr.

Several from town attended the game.

Mrs. Alberta McCait of South River and her daughter Mrs. D. McDonald of Georgetown visited with the Ralstons last week.

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Seven words to live by Greenock W.I. motto

November meeting of Greenock W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. J. McCulloch.

President Mrs. McCulloch opened the meeting with Abide with Me ode and collect.

One minute silence was held in honor of Remembrance day Nov. 11.

Roll call was a Canadian industry I would like to visit. Mrs. R. McKeown gave a remembrance day meditation.

Attended events
Four members attended the 75th anniversary at Lowville of the founding of the Women's Institutes, and several went to Stratford to the Guelph Area

Words to live by
Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. E. Johnston were the convenors of the program. Mrs. Gates gave the motto, seven words to live by - live, love, learn, think, give, laugh and try.

Mrs. E. Johnston's topic was on agriculture and she read several articles dealing with agriculture and its problems for the farmers. Mrs. A. Gates read a few items from the book Heritage of Canadian Handicrafts.

The hostess and the lunch committee Mrs. R. Sinclair and Mrs. E. Patterson served lunch and social time was spent. The Dec. meeting is to be held at home of Mrs. G. Johnston, with an exchange of gifts.

Gift exchange for Knox Ladies' Aid

The regular monthly meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid was held in the Dr. A. C. Stewart hall on Tues., Nov. 28. The President opened the meeting with a poem Home for Christmas. The Hymn Away in a Manger was sung and Mrs. McIntyre led the prayer.

Roll call was answered by 18 members giving an old-time weather prophecy. The Secretary's report was read and approved and the treasurer gave her report and also a report for the past year.

After the business was completed, the Scripture was read by Mrs. McCulloch, and Mrs. Hansen led in prayer. The collection was received and the president led in prayer. Mrs. Mann gave an instrumental which was enjoyed by everyone.

Retiring reeve Frank Oakes and newly-acclaimed reeve G.W. McKenzie and their wives were among the interested spectators at Stewarttown Monday night when election results were posted.

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