

# the painted box



by Wendy Thomson

My "Christmas card" to the readers of this column, this year, is one of the poems from "Prayers from the Ark", by Carmen Bernos de Gaszold, translated by Rummer Godden. The book is one of my favourites.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DONKEY

O God, who made me to trudge along the road always, to carry heavy loads always, and to be beaten always! Give me great courage and gentleness. One day let somebody understand me—that I may no longer want to weep because I can never say what I mean And they make fun of me. Let me find a juicy thistle—and make them give me time to pick it. And, Lord, one day, let me find again my little brother of the Christmas crib.

Amen.

## Afternoon W.M.S. Christmas meeting

The spirit of Christmas prevailed throughout as members and friends of the Afternoon Auxillary W.M.S. of Knox church met in the A. C. Stewart hall Dec. 14 gaily decorated for the season and with white gifts placed beneath the tree.

In memory of Mrs. R. M. MacDonald, Mrs. M. M. Coles and Mrs. Ed McDowell a period of silence was observed.

Miss Isobel Anderson presided and the worship service was led by Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Mainprize with Miss B. Raszell contributing a vocal solo and Mrs. Algie a mandolin selection.

From Gulana  
From Burns Presbyterian church, Georgetown, Gulana, correspondence was read voicing

appreciation of a Christmas donation sent to assist in providing Christmas gifts for children in the church school there. The late Miss Nellie Anderson had worked at this church.

Seasons greetings were sent to shut-ins and hospitalized members of the congregation.

Miss Anderson read a very humorous poem by Maggie Grant entitled I Suppose You are Ready for Christmas - And I Hate You.

**Christmas flavor**  
All participated in a very interesting and helpful Christmas quiz with Mrs. McCutcheon's side winning by a very slight margin. The committee in charge Miss Anderson, Mrs. Algie and Mrs. Mainprize served a lunch with a Christmas flavor.

## McGeachies had Christmas early

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGeachie of Fort Credit left on the weekend for three years in Australia, where Paul has been engaged to lecture at the University of

Toowoomba, near Brisbane. Educated in Acton schools, Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeachie of Milton. Jack McGeachie was Acton's clerk-administrator for many years and is now clerk of Milton.

## Chuting Santa

Santa Claus tucked in his beard, put on a helmet and parachuted down to the Ramallo club Christmas party at Milton Saturday. It's believed the first time in Canada Santa arrived by chute. He was Percy Ford-Smith of Burlington, and the 100 children waiting were delighted.

## Taxis busy

Although the free town bus does take customers from the Reliable Taxi, they find business plenty good enough this time of year they say. Some long trips couldn't be made on Friday during the blizzard.

## Go boom

With streets and walks continuing icy several people have had nasty falls. It's most unusual to have so much ice for so many weeks before Christmas.

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JUNE JANSEN inspects the brochure on the Florida resort where she and husband Dirk will spend a week this winter. —H. Coles Photo

# Free Press Family Page

## June Jansen captures TV show's grand prize

June Jansen of Main St., Rockwood took the grand prize in a Toronto TV quiz show Sunday, winning a week's holiday for two at a Florida resort.

June and her husband Dirk plan to go south sometime during the winter months. The prize includes jet fare.

June's sisters, Pat Kentner of Acton, and Lorrie Ryan of Linthouse, also participated in the show and won \$75 worth of paint and a set of China dishes, respectively.

The trio auditioned for the noon hour show, "Eye Bet" at the CFTO-TV studios in Toronto three weeks ago, and were successful in winning contestants' roles. June taped a show last Sunday while her sisters appeared the previous day.

June's win will be shown on Wednesday, January 10, while her sisters will appear January 4 and 5.

Contestants are shown film clips of movies and then asked questions about what was shown, to see how observant they are. There is a bonus question worth 20 points, which June answered correctly, stretching her lead to 20 points over the nearest competitor.

When it was announced she had won, June was so excited she forgot to listen to all the details. She does know the grand prize was a week's trip to Pompano Beach, Florida, for two, by jet, and is eager to escape the

Canadian winter for the holiday. "It's the first really big prize I've ever won," she told the Free Press, "unless you call a set of bathroom scales big."

Her sister Pat Kentner won \$75 worth of Benjamin Moore paint for her efforts in the show. She was nosed out by a male contestant for the top prize. The

prize will come in handy for the kitchen, which needs painting, she says, but she is at a loss to know what to do with the rest of the paint.

Sister Lorrie is delighted with her set of china dishes. The sisters are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Given of R.R. 2, Acton.

**Greetings**

To you and yours, we send best wishes for a holiday season filled with the warmth and wonder of Christmas.

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## Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Don Paul of Miami, Florida, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Marks and family, Tidy Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Roduck and daughters Carrie and Ann, Churchill Rd. S. have recently moved from Fredericton N.B. Mr. Roduck is with the Georgetown Police.

School board member Tom Watson and high school principal Dave Katz were among the guests when the Sunshine school held a Christmas luncheon.

Mrs. Robert Pope and son Michael, from Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, are visiting for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope of Acton.

Bob Manning is off to Spain, looking forward to seeing a little more of the world. He's the son of Doug and Lois Manning at Manning Electric and had been helping out in the business.

Miss Gail Fryer of Edmonton is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fryer. Also visiting with them for a week are Miss Joyce Wild and Miss Diane Cockburn of Edmonton.

Tyler Transport hosted their annual Christmas party at the music centre Saturday with plenty of music. As well as Harry Arbie and tapes, a band played for dancing later. There were specialty acts including a fascinating limbo dancer and ventriloquist who have appeared at the fair, too. A delicious meal was enjoyed by the Tylers' guests who filled the hall. Santa arrived with gifts and wasn't recognized until he took off his beard to reveal another set of black whiskers behind the white ones — Free Press editor H. (for he ho) Coles.

Councillor Orval Chapman and Marie played host to members of Acton Parks and Recreation Committee at a social get-together following the final meeting of the year Thursday night. Parks and arena staffers and members of the press were also on hand. Bill of fare was Chinese food.

Who's home for Christmas? What families went away to be with relatives and friends in other places? These happy events are of particular interest at Christmas time. Please phone the Free Press and tell us about gatherings for next week's paper.

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