

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

Lately, I've had a number of queries as to where people might find the book "Prayers from the Ark" by Carmen Bernos de Gaszold. Well, I order all my books from Britnell's, 765 Yonge St., Toronto 265. It isn't as much fun as browsing around in a book store, but my "browse" usually gets carried over into a mad buying spree and I come home laden with books. By ordering through the mail, I can limit myself quite nicely.

But about "Prayers," I tried to get another copy just before Christmas, and they were out of stock. Another edition is being printed (the publisher is MacMillan) and will be available in a few months.

I've been trying to pick two favorites from this book, and find it pretty well impossible. Each poem seems to touch some half-forgotten incident, and I think "Yes, that's exactly how it is!" I choose two poems, then turn the page, and find another just as appealing, and have to start choosing all over again! Anyhow, here's

and the old bones they throw me and I seem pleased. They really believe they make me happy. I take kicks too when they come my way. None of that matters. I keep watch! Lord, do not let me die until, for them, all danger is driven away. Amen.

The Prayer of The Little Ducks

Dear God, give us a flood of water. Let it rain tomorrow and always. Give us plenty of little slugs and other luscious things to eat. Protect all folk who quack and everyone who knows how to swim. Amen.

The Prayer of the Dog

Lord, I keep watch! If I am not here who will guard their house? Watch over their sheep? Be faithful? No one but You and I understand what faithfulness is. They call me, "Good dog! Nice dog!" Word... I take their pats

Y's Menettes

plan book sale

January's meeting of the Y's Menettes was held at the home of Anne Usher.

The evening was spent discussing future projects and planning their annual book sale to be held on Saturday, February 10 in the Y.M.C.A. Posters for this will be distributed to local stores. This is just one of the projects planned for Y week in Acton.

Members were pleased to hear that their Christmas decorations delivered to the local nursing homes were welcomed and very much appreciated.

Business was short, but "sweet" as dessert and coffee concluded a pleasant evening.

Pot luck, plans for A.C.W.

The New Year opened for the A.C.W. with the annual pot luck supper, held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 10 with 19 members and two guests present. The delicious supper was followed by the business meeting, with incoming president Lois Turkasz in the chair.

Several thank-you notes were read from recipients of Christmas remembrances, and a letter from the Diocesan A.C.W. thanking members for assistance and donations to the Saskatchewan bale.

Penny Bristow reported there are still Centennial Christmas cards and hasti-notes available, and the U.C.W. will continue to sell these.

Look ahead

If sufficient interest is shown in the coffee hour, the rector's wife will begin these enjoyable sessions once again. The dates were set for the year's events: spring tea and bake sale April 28th, fall bazaar November 3, rummage sale February 10, euchre March 2.

A wedding on February 3 was discussed and help obtained. The new programs have not yet been printed, so the roll call for February was given, the 39 articles of religion.

Following the meeting, three games of Court Whist were played: ladies' high, June Hunter, ladies' low Susan Lee, men's high, Mae Fountain, men's low Babs Mitchell.

Going... Gone

TOWERING WALNUT tree was sliced down from the Mainprize property at the corner of Mill and John Sts. Saturday morning. It was considered a hazard and the bottom was partly hollow. North Halton tree service was hired to do the job.



Power saws topple old walnut tree

An aged walnut tree at the corner of Mill and John Sts. was felled by power saws Saturday morning. It had been considered to be in a dangerous condition and a good part of the lower trunk proved hollow.

North Halton tree service cut down the old landmark for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize and son Bill.

From old country How old was the tree? E.E. Perryman, Silvercreek, recalled the tree from his childhood over 75 years ago.

In about 1905 or 1906 the tree cracked, and a group of men gathered to boost the broken part back up again. It was he, as a young lad, who was raised up to put the bolt in the rescued branch. The old bolt was recovered Saturday by the workmen who were sawing up the wood. One of the power saws caught on it.

The house was formerly his grandfather's and the tree was sent out especially from the old country - north Devonshire. The date it was planted here is unknown.

Bill Mainprize's hobby is

woodworking and he has plans to use the wood, in bowls, for instance. The Mainprizes watched regretfully as their tree fell. One section of the tree bounced off hydro wires beside Manning Electric as it crashed to the ground. Traffic was held up for a while.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

- BROMO SELTZER FAMILY SIZE 88¢
- GILLETTE—5-oz. RIGHT GUARD DEODORANT 83¢
- BUFFERIN TABLETS 125's 99¢
- PEPSODENT TOOTH PASTE SUPER SIZE 99¢
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Hospitals appreciate activity group bale

Two weeks before Christmas the activity group of the Canadian Cancer Society, Acton Branch, packed their annual bale for Princess Margaret Hospital.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harriett Helwig. The bale consisted of 31 pair men's socks, 13 pair children's socks, 12 bedjackets, 27 pair mitts, 13 toques, 19 comfort pillows, 1 pr. pyjamas, 1 night gown, 3 full and 2 other ditty bags, 37 pair slippers, 1 lap afghan, 2 dummies, 4 scarves, 6 baby sets, seven children's sweaters, 3 toque and mitt sets, 12 stuffed animals and other toys, 1 radio and a box of stump socks.

Most of the above were made from materials purchased after our two bake sales last year.

Bake treats Also donated by volunteer members were dozens of squares and cookies, home made candy and jams, which will be used as treats for patients going to Princess Margaret Lodge.

Some of these items were used for gifts to patients at Christmas. Other articles are required for the day-to-day care of the patients.

Princess Margaret Hospital. Following are two letters of thanks received from Princess Margaret Hospital and Wellesby Hospital.

Princess Margaret Dear Miss Papillon, It is that time of year when we are all busily engaged gathering gifts for both young and adult patients for distribution in the hospital and to the many attending our Out-Patients Department. The truly magnificent parcels we have just received from the members of the Acton Branch will be a tremendous help to us in this respect.

Do please extend our most sincere thanks to all the ladies

Donations were much appreciated by the group.

More welcome Anyone who is interested in participating in any way—particularly in donating some sewing or knitting time to such a worthwhile cause, is asked to call Mary Papillon at 853-1106 or Barbara Smith at 853-0617 after 6 p.m.

Very sincerely, (Miss) Reta Glover Director of Volunteers The Wellesley Hospital

Dear Miss Papillon, We received your gift of stump socks today, and we much appreciate having them.

As we fit many amputees they will be put to good use.

Yours truly, J. Bradbury, Prosthetist, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Afternoon W.M.S. meets at church

January 11, Miss Isabel Anderson, president of the Afternoon Auxiliary, W.M.S., opened the meeting with an inspirational New Year's message, when they met in the Ellen Anderson room of Knox Church.

Miss Robena Clark led the service of worship. From the book Mr. Jones, Meet the Master by Catharine Marshall, Miss Anderson read a sermon by the late Rev. Peter Marshall.

Thanks received Correspondence was read, in response to Christmas messages

responsible for helping us make Christmas a happier time for those less fortunate than ourselves. In closing, may we take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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