

# the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

I made a bulletin board last year, and have it hung in front of my desk with all sorts of odds and ends tacked to it—a picture of two baby monkeys, a card from an engineer with the Ministry of the Environment, a card for horseshoeing, judo sketches, five photos fastened together to make a panoramic view of the camp in the Rockies, a receipt for registration in the course "Agricultural Science Today" at the University of Guelph, and down in one corner, a paperclip full of "Interesting Things."

I might as well start with my thing from Acton. Since I write up council meetings now and then, I'm always interested in verbs to use, other than "said". So one week I copied down all the verbs in an Acton council write-up, written by somebody else. All set out in a row, they make an interesting story on their own. They were: "plunged into topic, said, told, replied, retorted, answered, disagreed, insisted, suggested, agreed, concluded, predicted." You can almost read between the lines!

**Grandma's receipt**  
Next is a copy of instructions many of you must have read at some time or other, as they've become a classic. It's said to be quite authentic, and four generations old.

- Grandma's recipe for doing the family wash:
1. hild a fire in back yard to heat kettle of rain water.
  2. set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
  3. shave one hole cake lile soap in bilin water.
  4. sort things, make three piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile collord. 1 pile work briches and rags.
  5. stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilng water.
  6. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then ble. rub collord, but don't bile, just rench and starch.
  7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then rench, blew, and starch.
  8. spred tee towels on grass
  9. hang old rags on fence.
  10. pour rench water on flower bed.
  11. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
  12. turn tubs upside down.
  13. go put on cfeen dress, smooth hair with side combs, brew cup of tee, set and rest and rock a spell and count blessings."

And in Spain...

Next is a story my mother brought back from a holiday in Spain.

While out sight-seeing, one of the women in my mother's group "had to go". Since there was a policeman nearby, she figured to ask him where the nearest convenience was.

Approaching him, she said "Is there a washroom nearby?" Obviously not understanding her, he gave a huge smile—and a huge shrug, spreading his hands to show incomprehension.

Undaunted, she tried again. "Bathroom?" Smile, shrug. Racking her brain, she could come up with no Spanish, but figured something might ring a bell, in English.

"Toilet?" Again the smile and apologetic shrug. Getting a little desperate, the lady threw caution to the winds. "Pee-pee?"

**Comprehension** was immediate! With an even bigger smile, the policeman pointed her in the right direction and the lady mentally added one more to her list of "Universal terms."

**Sad cat**  
The clipping in my paperclip file is taken from Peg Bracken's column in Family Circle. I read it every so often when I feel blue and put-upon.

"Rosemary of Yakima not only has a 28 pound cat with athlete's foot and a sinus condition, she also has a semi-invalid purple finch and five children.

She stands five-foot-one-inch tall,—used to be five-foot-nine she says, but her kids picked on her quite a bit. She also has a remarkable neat husband.

"Here I am, Mrs. Casual," she writes, "married to Mr. Clean. Come summer, he's out there weeding the flower beds with my eye-brow tweezers. Winters, he bleaches out snow.

In his spare time, he waxes the driveway. What am I doing? Putting the dinner plates down on the floor for the cats to lick..."

There's a few more things left on my board, but I don't think any can top that, which makes this a good place to stop.



ANOTHER STEP toward making Acton's Centennial known was taken by Guy Cartage recently by including the Centennial emblem on lighters which they had purchased for advertising purposes. Emerson "Beaver" Baxter displays one of the new lighters. The company logo is on the opposite side. The lighters are not for sale however, because there is only a limited supply. (J. Jennings photo)



## Mother Nature's outdoor rink well patronized

St. Alban's

### Church reports review centennial

An outline of the special events at St. Alban's parish in its centennial year was among the reports received at the annual vestry meeting Sunday evening. The committee, headed by Mrs.

Penny Bristow, had reviewed 15 highlighted events beginning with Jim Frizzell ringing the church bell Jan. 1 and concluding with Vic Bristow ringing out the year on New Year's Eve at midnight.

Reports of various church groups were mimeographed and circulated for approval. A \$22,000 budget was accepted.

**Elections**  
George Strongtharm was elected people's warden replacing Don Lindsay, who held the post for seven years. Lay

delegates elected are Pearl Rol and Alan Tremills; alternate Penny Bristow; deputy warden David Hunter; chairman of sidesmen Don Lindsay.

Members of parish council Dorothy Cunningham, Lois Turkosz, Vic Bristow, Jim Frizzell, John Last, Bert Gould; treasurer Mrs. Pat Frizzell; envelope secretary Mrs. Audrey Denny.

**Rector's appointments:** Rector's warden Harold Denny; vestry clerk Vic Bristow; parish council members Lorna Clarke;

William Denny, Grant Schultz, Laura Dittich, Dr. John Dougan and Cynthia Blades.

In his address the rector thanked various people for their contribution, and especially all those involved in making the centennial year such a success. He pointed out the increasing degree of fellowship in the church as a result of the centennial.

**Our purpose**  
"Growth in the Christian life must be our purpose and goal," he said, continuing to refer to Christian education, personal growth, commitment, service and witness.

Mr. Dawson will have completed five years here at the end of April.

**Appreciation**  
The A.C.W. report also reflected the increased activity of centennial year giving special thanks to their retiring president Penny Bristow for guiding the celebrations. Members had worn centennial costumes at some of the special events.

On the centennial committee with Mrs. Bristow were the rector, Bill Denny, Mrs. Dot Cunningham, David Hunter, John Last, Jim Frizzell, Mrs. Pearl Rol and Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

Past rectors who returned were Archdeacon Ted Brillinger, Rev. Ralph Price, Rev. P.U. Sawyer, Rev. and Mrs. Ritchie McMurray, Rev. A. Brooks, with the Rev. Laurie Doby and the Rev. Len Ewing, who attended the church as boys, the Rev. Douglas Dittich of inuvik whose mother is an active member and Bishop Bagnall and Bishop Bothwell.

**230 families**  
There are 230 families associated with St. Alban's, with an estimated 900 persons. This number has increased by 20 families over the previous year. During 1972 there were 36 baptisms, 24 confirmations, nine marriages and 13 burials.

neckerchief and wood badge. Mr. Tost has completed the required course.

Two Georgetown boys who attended the jamboree in New Brunswick in the summer, John Haliburton and John Hayes, showed pictures and souvenirs and told of their experiences. Unusually impressive slides were shown the group by Norman Ontario, Toronto, who has spent years travelling around the world.

Georgetown mayor Bill Smith spoke to the group briefly as well.

### District scouts guests at banquet

About 60 attended a banquet last Wednesday given by the North Halton district council for district scouts. The event was held on the scouts' regular monthly meeting night at the Legion hall in Georgetown.

The scout, cub, Venturer and Rover leaders were served by scouts, cubs and two Venturers.

**Wood badge**  
Scotty Fleming of provincial headquarters presented John Tost, Georgetown assistant troop leader, with his Gilwell

### Four babies baptized

Four children were baptized at the United church Sunday morning by Dr. Onions.

Two of the families were welcomed to town as newcomers. Fred and Sandra Batten presented their daughter Melissa Ann for baptism and James and Kathryn Mulholland and their daughter Sara Jane.

Jane Elizabeth Robinson is the daughter of Gordon and Barbara Robinson. She is the former Barbara Symon of Acton. They have recently moved from Toronto to one of the new Bovis homes.

Michael David Shannon is the son of David and Judy Shannon of

R. R. 4, Rockwood. She is the former Judy Doby of Acton. Godparents are Bill and Diane Spielvogel.

Palermo's first post office was opened in 1837.

Many of Halton's early settlers were deprived of news from their homeland because they didn't have enough money to pay the postage on letters coming to them. In the early days the recipient paid the postage, not the sender.

## School system topic Dublin W.I. meet

An insight into the present elementary school system was very ably explained by Mrs. W.D.E. Smith, a teacher at the M. Z. Bennett school here on Thursday evening at the meeting of Dublin Women's Institute. Mrs. Smith has been in charge of the resource centre or library, and explained the methods used by the pupils in using this source of knowledge. She also showed a collection of work from the art classes that had been done by some of the pupils, and which had been a very creditable showing. A question and answer period followed, which brought out many points which were clarified by Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. M. McCullough introduced the guest speaker, and Mrs. J. C. Dennis thanked Mrs. Smith for her very informative and instructive talk. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. Armstrong, Lake Ave., with a large attendance of ladies.

**Share recipes**  
After the opening exercises, presided over by Mrs. H. Blyth, the president, the roll call was

made by Mrs. M. Hunter. This month, it was the presentation of "A recipe using meat or fowl". The North Halton Musical Festival will be held on May 9, and a donation of \$10 will be sent for its support.

Summary Day will be held at the Master Feeds Hall on the 7th Line on Jan. 29 at 1.30 p.m. A display of garments will be made, following the Leaders' Training School, in which the "Knack of Sewing with Knits" has been taught to the ladies.

A lengthy letter full of interest was read from a Women's Institute pen pal in New Zealand was read by Mrs. D. Hunter.

A reading inspiration was read by Mrs. M. Abbott, and enjoyed. A contest was conducted, followed by a poem composed and read by Mrs. D. Hunter, A Tribute to the Grandmothers, which was well received.

A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Armstrong, and the lunch committee, composed of Mrs. O. Manes, Mrs. C. McIntyre and Mrs. W. Frank. Mrs. L. House extended courtesies.

## Golden Age alternate program

**By Mrs. D.G. Robertson**  
Over 40 members were present at Luxton Hall on Wednesday evening for the regular meeting of Acton Golden Age Club. President Ivan Harris presided for the opening.

A minute's silence was observed in memory of J. Rolston, who was the first president of the club.

The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Robertson. Several thank-you notes were read for remembrances sent at Christmas and in time of bereavement.

Mrs. A. Mann read a detailed financial report.

**Donated cards**  
Mr. Harris reported that the Acton Bridge Club had donated several decks of cards to the Club, which were greatly appreciated. A note of thanks is to be sent by the secretary.

Due to the fact it is getting more difficult to get programs for the evening meetings, it was agreed to have a program every two months, with cards and games the other nights.

**Valentine contest**  
The executive are to prepare a program for Feb. 21. Mrs. A. Mann is donating prizes for the best home-made Valentines, so everyone is invited to try this and come up with a beauty.

Mrs. E. Reed, who had been press reporter for the club for years, had received a note of appreciation from the Free Press, which she shared with the group.

Toe-tapping music was enjoyed with Robert Winton, piano; Joe Fuller, violin; and Bert Davidson and his musical tub.

Cards and crokinole were played, prizes being awarded, crokinole, Lady's 1st Mrs. A. Shoemaker, Lady's 2nd Mrs. M. Spear, Gents 1st R. Warne, Gents 2nd B. Davidson; euchre Lady's 1st, Mrs. D. Robertson, Lady's 2nd Mrs. E. Near, Gents 1st I. Harris, Gents 2nd J. Fuller. The wedding anniversary song was sung for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lewis and sons Blake and Alvin of Toronto were guests on the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. T. Roduck, Churchill Rd. S.

Mrs. Bob Louttet will be missing from the hydro office staff for a while. She's a patient in Guelph General hospital convalescing from surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Wilderspin, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Nessitt, Morley and Ken Allen and Mrs. Fred Cleave attended the funeral in Toronto on January 17 of the late Mrs. Joseph Allen. Interment was in Westhaven Memorial Gardens.

Junior Farmers from this district joined over 1500 more from all over Ontario at the Talent Festival at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, on the weekend. Several from Halton were among the competitors and Laurie Maxwell received a third for her poem. Enjoying the program from Acton and district were Sharon Britton, George Henderson, Harvey Burt, Ross Burt, Doris Burt, Janet Henderson, Heather Kirkwood, Doug McLean, Dave McIntyre, Earl McLean, Frances McLean, Ray Swackhamer and Bev Leitch.

Rev. Harry Dawson attended a five-day course in Washington at the College of Preachers. Almost all those attending were Episcopalians, with two Anglicans from Canada.

Although he spent most of the time at the college he saw evidence of preparation for the inaugural of President Nixon.

After two happy weeks winter holidaying at their cottage near Bancroft Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cleland were returning to their home near Hillsburg Friday and stopped to pick up a Free Press. They started to look over the news while driving and were horrified to read about the fire at the home of their son Barry, his wife Adele and family. However they arrived home to find the burned out family unexpectedly right there, safe and sound! Barry and Adele had managed to rent another house in Hillsburgh until their own is repaired, so they moved out of the Cleland Sr. home on Saturday.

New friends of Corp. Bob Arbour are glad to hear there is no longer concern about his condition. A clot was diagnosed and he's still in hospital getting plenty of care and few visitors. His address is Tillsonburg hospital for a while.

A forecast of O.P.P. needs is being prepared for the solicitor general's office, and the project brought two employees of the management sciences branch of the management board of the province to town Tuesday. Escorting the two around the province is Corp. Peter Campbell, formerly with the Acton detachment, who's married to the former Elizabeth Kirby of Eden Mills.

Corp. Campbell is on loan from the accident prevention branch of the O.P.P. for the management study, which will predict future needs of the force.

While the two "experts" toured the town via cruiser Corp. Campbell took the opportunity to visit his sister, Mrs. Kathy McGillivray and little nephew and his niece Duff and Maureen, Tyler Ave.

Corp. and Mrs. Campbell now live in Oakville but he's with O.P.P. headquarters in Toronto.

**SAME WAY**  
Found on an office bulletin board: "In Case of Fire, simply flee the building with the same reckless abandon that occurs each day at quitting time."

**FIRST ACCIDENT**  
The first known automobile accident in the U.S., says the Ontario Safety League, occurred in New York City, May 30, 1896 when Henry Wells of Springfield, Mass. in a Duryea Motor Wagon, collided with Evelyn Thomas, a bicycle rider. Her leg was fractured and Wells spent the night in jail awaiting the report as to the extent of her injuries.

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