

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

One thing I've been trying to figure out (and beat) for years is why, every time the car (truck, tractor, and probably bicycle if we had one) is going to develop a problem, lose something, break something, or quit, it waits until I'm driving to do it.

My husband can drive the truck for 500 miles and have no problems. But on mile 501, when I run into town for something, KLUNK—the tail gate falls off. I'm tired of the question, "All right—what did you do NOW?"

Of course, that's a fair question sometimes, like when I backed over David's tricycle and tore the muffler off the truck. (It didn't do the tricycle any good either). Or the time I loosened the muffler on our old car, backing down a drive, cutting too soon, and putting half the car over the culvert edge.

It sounds as though most of my problems come from backing up, but I can do just as much going forward. It was me in the truck the day I was easing around a big truck on the sidewalk and a low branch smashed the side-view mirror.

My fault? But last week, there was no way, in all fairness (I know—who says husbands have to be fair?) that God could have said it was my fault the car wouldn't start.

I drove into town to pick up my daughter, and shut the car off for half an hour. When we hopped in to come home, the key just went "click" and nothing happened—not a groan, squeak, rumble, gurgles, or anything.

To say that God was displeased is putting it mildly. To begin with, my phone call to help woke him up, then when he got into town, he couldn't find me. (Passed me three times and didn't see me jumping up and down in the dark.) Even after he did find me, at one point he almost drove off and left me again, just on general principles, I guess.

That was Friday night. Saturday morning we ran back into town to tow the car home. That was God gloowering in a rusty old blue and white truck with me being hauled behind in a

Rambler, trying to look inconspicuous (both me AND the car.)

Change of plan Saturday night we had been invited to a dinner and dance. I usually would have spent the day deciding what to wear and fussing over my finger-nails. This time I spent the afternoon trying to decide (of all things) which looked best—a large flesh-colored bandana on my finger, or a small white one (their flesh color isn't my flesh-color), just to keep from wondering if God was going to take me to the dance or not.

However, after an hour of taking the car apart and an hour of phoning around, trying unsuccessfully to find a starter, God gave it up and decided to come with me.

The remaining problem was, of course, transportation. Actually, I was quite resigned to going in the truck and was figuring how to keep my long skirt clean. When I found God was hauling milk for a neighbor and the back was full of those big milk cans, I decided enough was enough.

In style A quick phone call to another neighbor had us chauffeured in in style.

Anyhow, getting back to the problem, I wish somebody could tell me just why the car started perfectly for God all week long, then quit dead the first time I had it out. It's maddening, to say the least, especially knowing that the incident will be revived every now and then as an example of "women's driving".



CALVINETTE RENATE Voskamp, who sold over 25 records to raise money for mission work, was presented with a tape recorder as a prize by Calvinette counsellor Mrs. Jennie Kuiken. Money earned will send Scriptures to homes in the Orient and Mexico. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Free Press Personals

Please share happy moments with other readers of the Free Press. Phone, or write out news of visitors, newcomers, parties or trips, to help make this a true community column.

Madame Commissioner Rose Hall of Acton was a head table guest at the Milton Brownles' thinking day banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gatto and children Darren and Sherry of Toronto, were guests on the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roduck, Churchill Rd.

A group of Acton Junior Farmers went to Newmarket for the Spring Competitions, centred there this year. Halton Juniors won both the men's and women's bowling tournaments and will proceed to the finals in Ottawa. Harvey Burt of Acton is on the men's team. Attending from this area were Harvey Burt, Doris Burt, Ray Swackhamer, Sharon Britton, Rick Britton, Dave Storey and Donna Bessey.

Mr. Jim Greer of Kelowna B.C. had a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greer on his way to Oshawa. Jim has spent the past few years with the Kelowna B.C. Courier before this transfer to the Oshawa Daily Times where he will assume the duties of composing room superintendent.

Acton Firefighters played host to about 20 guests at their annual appreciation night at the fire hall Saturday. Following a full course roast beef dinner firefighters and their guests enjoyed a sing song to the accompaniment of guitar music provided by Acton's "singing mayor" Les Doby and Ken Hearn. Card games and shuffleboard contests added to the sociability of the evening.

Sunday afternoon families from the United Church and their friends were invited to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shields and boys to enjoy a few hours together in winter sports and conversation. Snow was falling to make the atmosphere perfect for tobogganing and skating on the pond. The teenagers congregated in a heated garage while some played guitars. Adults located their headquarters in the house. Hot chocolate and doughnuts were enjoyed by the young people and their friends. Mark Wolfe, who was spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen and family, joined the group.

The annual winter convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers association was held from Thursday to Sunday at the downtown Holiday Inn in London, with the Acton and Milton papers represented by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dills and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dills, Steven, Mark and Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Downs (Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Coles were unable to go). Speakers, buzz sessions, displays of the latest machinery and equipment, tours of other printing plants all make the gathering worthwhile as the editors and printers always want to share problems and ideas with others in the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of R.R. 4, Acton, are enjoying the warmer weather of Lakeland, Florida, and visiting her sister

and her husband, Helen and Jack Wilks of the town line. One of the highlights of their visit was attending the Cleveland Heights Women's Golf Association's handicap tourney at the Cleveland Heights Golf and Country Club, when Mrs. Wilks won the tournament. "We are very slightly looking forward to our return to the snow country," the Taylors quip.

A group of Acton friends left Monday morning on a trip to Hawaii.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies held its annual meeting last Wednesday and Thursday in Toronto. Several from the Acton society were able to attend on both days or just one—president Bert Hinton, Ken Murray, Bert Davidson, Mrs. Jack Marshall, Mrs. Jesse McEnery, Mrs. Calvin Aitken, Miss Elva Pearen, Mrs. Bill Thompson and Mrs. Walter Linham. Along with them went Miss Acton Fair, Valerie Mitchell, who joined about 60 other girls representing local fairs, for a social time together. During meetings, the girls learned what would be expected of them at the C.N.E. when they are judged for the Ontario fairs crown.

Mrs. James O'Rourke, Karen and teacher Mrs. J. E. Lamb attended a concert at War Memorial Hall, University of Guelph and appreciated hearing Mr. Eugen Sarby master the violin. Mr. Sarby is from Israel and has been heartily recommended by Yehudi Menuhin who has stated "He deserves to be and heard in concerts" and the great Russian violinist David Oistrakh called him "an extremely gifted and sensitive violinist with a great future." This concert was sponsored by the Guelph Community Concerts Association.

Free Press Family Page

Calvinettes raise money to reach non-Christians

The Calvinettes of the Christian Reformed Church have been participating in a special Christian service project called Project Philip. This is a way for Christians to reach non-Christians with the gospel and is part of the work of the World Home Bible League.

The Calvinettes' theme this year is Let the Whole World Know, so using Project Philip was a way for the girls to witness to the world. Each Calvinette was asked to earn \$5 to send three

Scripture gift-packs to three homes in countries in the Orient and in Mexico.

Rotary plans anniversary

A gala 25th anniversary program is being planned by Acton Rotary club. The date is set for Friday, March 23 at the Legion on the eve of the actual anniversary. The club was founded March 24, 1948 and has been an active one here since.

Former members are being contacted with invitations; some of them now live as far away as France and California. Members of parliament and town officials have accepted club invitations to join in the program. District Governor Ray Gibson of the Bramalea club will also be here.

Ted Hansen is in charge of arrangement for the affair. Special events are also being planned for the anniversary year.

Acton student in musical

Georgetown high school made its first attempt at a musical last week, with Anything Goes. Muriel Holmes of Acton played one of the leading parts in the spirited production.

A full house saw the performance and gave it a standing ovation.

Teachers directed and the school band provided the instrumental music.

A man's character is what God knows him to be.

Church Services

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
80 Mill Street West
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Frank M. Byrne, B.A., B.Th.
Parsonage: Cheltenham #16-838-2068
Church Office 853-0860

Wednesday — 7 p.m., Bible study; 8 p.m., Choir practice; 8 p.m., Deacons' meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harrap.
Friday — 2:00 p.m., Women's World Day of Prayer.
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
Monday — 8:00 p.m., Mission Circle at home of Mrs. G. A. Harrap.

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10:30 a.m.—Church School & Nursery.
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10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist.

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Rd.
Rev. S. M. Thomson, Pastor 853-2715

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Tuesday 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday — 6 p.m. Crusaders: 8 p.m., Christ Ambassadors.

Rev. 21 - 8: But the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
9:45 a.m.—Teen-age Confirmation Class.
11:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "Is Soul Transplanting Possible?"
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Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music:

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
10:00 a.m.—Sermon subject, "Stock Taking."
8:00 p.m.—Members of the Board and all interested church members are invited to meet with Rev. Arch. McCurdy.

The Church School welcomes boys and girls Grades I — VIII. Pre School Age Children are cared for in nursery and kindergarten.

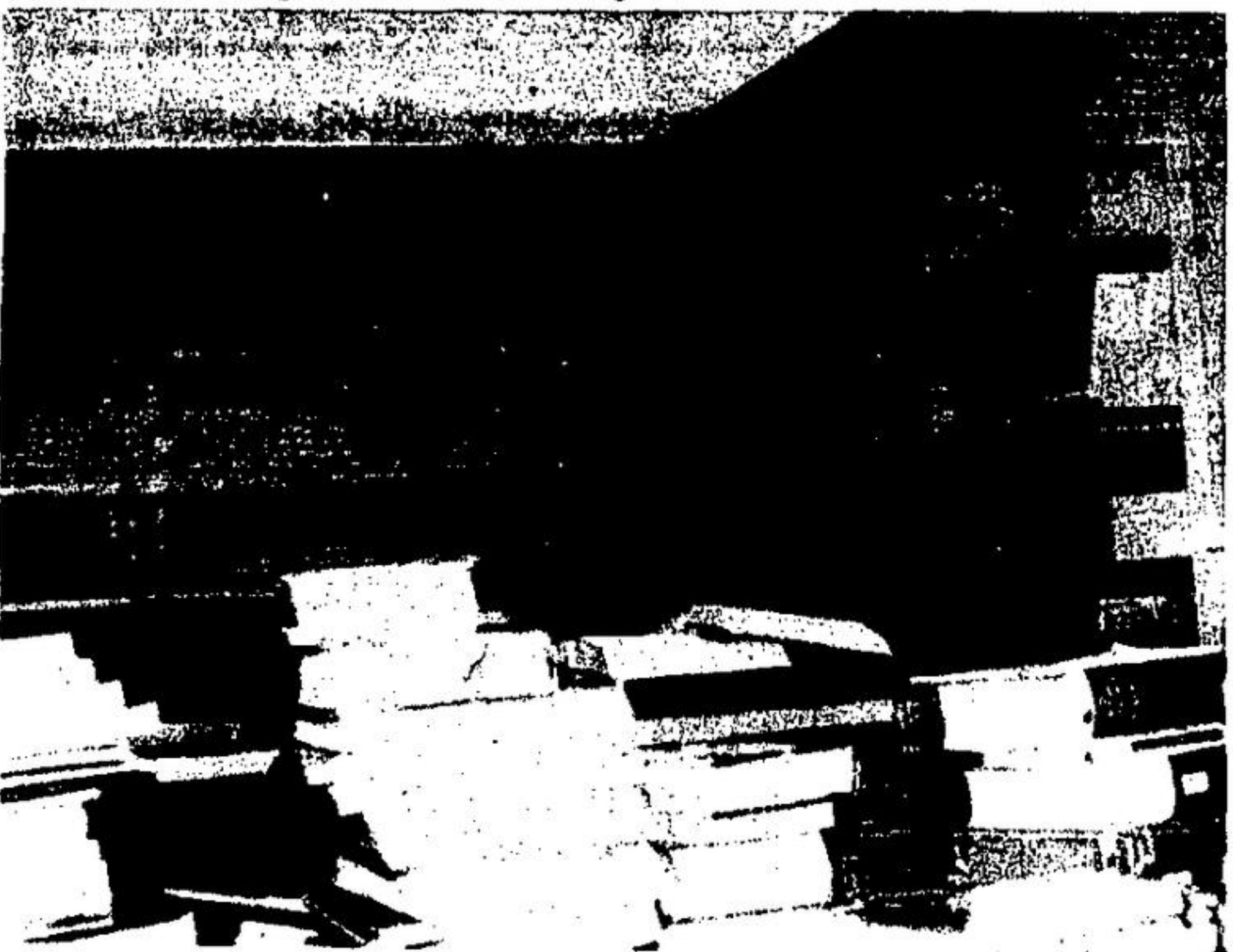
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124 Tildey Avenue
Phone 853-2386

Friday, March 2, 1973, 7:30 p.m.—World Day of Prayer.
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
11:00 a.m.—Worship & Church School. Sermon subject, "True Patriotism."

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81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohos

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1973
10:15 - 11:30 — Unified Family Service, Sunday School & Worship Hour.
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NEW REFERENCE room in the basement of the centennial library will soon be ready and open for readers. Here library page Becky Baxter helps fill some of the new shelves. The

room will provide a quieter locale for research and studying. (Photo by K. Dills)

Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson

Visitors from Cathedral High School, in Hamilton, a Catholic girls' school, were here last Monday, February 19, to take a look at our semester program.

Cancel trip Last Tuesday night a field trip to Toronto to see the Redpath Sugar Refinery was scheduled for the Grade 12 Geography

4-H Double Knits

The third and fourth meetings for Dublin Double Knits was held at the home of Marie Davis. Debbie Rippon opened the meeting.

Mrs. McCarron showed how to do a hem on the sewing machine. This hem is used best on slacks, shorts, and sleeves. Mrs. Aldmond demonstrated how to make a cuff. This cuff can be used on shorts, slacks and sleeves.

Each of the girls was asked to make the above samples, with the material provided. These are to be placed in books. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Cathy Burke on March 1. Marie Davis served a snack. Debbie Rippon thanked Mrs. Davis.

class. The students were to meet at the school at 5:45 to get the bus. Unfortunately only 10 students showed up and so the trip had to be cancelled.

Last Wednesday, visitors from Lorne Park Secondary School in Port Credit were here. We seem to be receiving more and more interest all over Ontario.

Friday program This Friday Acton Lendit will be here to give us a travelogue on Switzerland. This should prove to be very interesting as a number of students will be visiting Spain during the March break and the distance between the two countries is not great.

Blood clinic A final note, the Blood Clinic will be open in G.T. on March 8. Remember, be a blood donor and save a life.

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Acton Knit Knacks began their topic Sportsweek From Knits. Leader is Mrs. MacNaughton.

Officers are president Lynne MacNaughton, vice-president Shirley Jockey, secretary rotating, treasurer Lynda Sayers, telephoner Jane Munro, press reporter Lorna Sayers.

Meetings are held Monday nights from 7 to 9:30 at the home of the Sayers girls. They write up meetings and do home assignments in record books. They have done notes on types of knits, how to wash and how to select materials.

All have very pleasing material. Each meeting they work on our garments bit by bit. They have had four meetings.

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