

the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

One thing that I find it almost impossible to do, is set aside a book or magazine for any length of time (like a day or so) and go back to it later. If I know I haven't got time to read something right through, I'm better off just to leave it alone.

I suppose that's why I'm so pleased to see brochures, small magazines (and the Free Press, of course) in the mail. That means 15 minutes of light reading or an hour of heavy reading; then I'm done and can return to scrubbing floors or whatever instead of becoming engrossed in the latest Dorothy Uhnak mystery and leaving the scrub bucket for somebody to fall over (or into).

Trailies

Anyhow, yesterday The Western Tennessee Walking Horse Journal arrived in the mail. It had only 23 pages, so I sat right down to it and was quite surprised and pleased to see an article on a friend from the trail rides in the Rockies.

Once I'd read it, I had a bit of a chuckle because it bore out what I've been telling people about the folks that go on these rides.

Whenever I'm asked "What kind of people go up there?" I always have to say that I don't really know. When you get a group of people in old boots and jeans, and scruffy hats, all you can say is that you like them or you don't.

There's no telling what profession a person is in unless you come right out and ask him. I always say that the rides are a great leveler. With everybody dressed the same, you can't snub the guy next to you just because you have a Cadillac down in Banff. He might have two. There's no telling.

Anyhow, this friend, John Boyette, we knew to be a business man of around 70 or so. He was quiet, didn't say much about himself, and it was easy to assume that he was "just an ordinary Joe" who was living up his life a bit with the ride.

Anyhow, as it turns out, he's led quite an interesting life. John and his wife have been plantation owners in the deep south, then spent ten years in Alaska where John was a bush pilot over Alaska's "Shirt-tail navigated wilderness."

Plans unusual

When they left Alaska, John passed his time by developing a Secoma Village shopping centre complex in Washington. Once that was done, he took to trail riding, covering hundreds of

miles in Canada and the States including the historic 200 horse Ride in Montana. Now, the article concludes, he's "planning an unusual ride" but it doesn't say what.

Oh yes—and he does his trailering (a half-Arab, a Morgan, an Appaloosa, and a Tennessee Walking Horse) in a Caddy.

Which all goes to prove that old saying about not judging a book by its cover.

At the front of this little magazine was something else that amused me. Here's how it goes, doing a little bit of substituting.

"Once a man was too economical to subscribe for his 'Acton Free Press' and sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor. In his haste, the boy ran over a \$25 stand of bees and in 10 minutes he looked like a warty summer squash.

"His father ran to his assistance, and falling to notice the barbed wire fence, ran into it, cutting a hole in his anatomy and ruining a pair of \$20 trousers. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and killed herself eating green corn.

"Hearing the racket, the wife ran out, upset a four gallon churn of cream into a basket of chicks, drowning the entire batch. In her haste, she dropped a \$500 set of false teeth.

"The baby having been left alone, crawled through the cream and into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$750 carpet.

"During the excitement, the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts on the clothesline.

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"BARBIE AND KEN" in the Toyland section of the annual Acton Figure Skating Club Carnival, Carrie McCristall and Tom Rosenbersky have been practicing hard, as the big day draws near. Carrie and Tom will skate a duet in the carnival scheduled for the community centre, Saturday, April 7. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Free Press Family Page

W.J. Beatty, Laurie Pierce speak to Dublin Institute

The regular monthly meeting of Dublin W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. M. Nellis. Twenty-two members and one visitor answered the roll call "Name an all-Canadian Product."

A food forum entitled "Around the World Dining" is to be held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on April 10.

A discussion took place on the next leaders' training school, food form and the short course which are being offered in the

coming year. A first and second choice was picked from each group.

Mrs. E. Norton gave out the cancer kits for canvassing in rural areas.

Miss Laurie Pierce was called on to give her speech for which she placed first in the Brookville School competition. Her subject was Martin Luther King.

Topic for this meeting was Canadian Industries. Mrs. C. Davidson called on W. J. Beatty

who gave an interesting talk on the tanning industry and the history of Beardmore & Co. with which he was connected for so many years.

The meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada". A beautiful lunch was served by the lunch committee consisting of Mrs. C. Davidson, Mrs. D. Hunter, Mrs. N. Douglas and Hostess Mrs. M. Nellis.

Courtesies were given by Mrs. J.D. Dennis

UCW hears from boy in Viet Nam

Unit 2 of Trinity United U.C.W. met in the ladies' parlor of the church with Mrs. Lidkea presiding. The meeting opened with a poem, An Ancient Prayer, followed by the Purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

churches are taking an active interest in the poor of the world. Dr. Onions also showed slides of his former charge in New Brunswick, it being the first Protestant church in Canada.

Reports were read and approved and the final decision on carpeting the church was approved by all.

Mrs. Barker had charge of the devotionals and took the Bible reading from 1 Corinthians, hymns 500 and 148, ending with prayer.

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Mrs. Lidkea ended the meeting with a quotation, "Happiness adds and multiplies when divided with others." Dr. Onions closed with prayer and then a pleasant half-hour was spent over the tea cups.

Y's Menettes prep for fashion show

The Y's Menettes held their monthly meeting on March 12, at the home of Mary Lea Ball.

Members had fun during their roll call "a swap night" in which such things as scrub buds were swapped "for instant puddings."

Club president Lynn Robertson gave her monthly report and members proceeded to outline in detail their biggest annual project—a spring fashion show to be held May 16 at the M. Z. Bennett School auditorium.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any club member.

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Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen have returned home after spending two weeks vacation in Tobago, West Indies, which is known as Robinson Crusoe's Island. They travelled throughout the island by car and were impressed with the coconut and banana trees growing in abundance and the many varieties of flowers and shrubs ablaze with colors. They also visited the famous coral reef and went snorkel diving to view multi-hued fishes and varieties of coral, a sight they will always remember, along with the old sugar mill, now abandoned. On Tobago they watched local fishermen hauling in seine nets by hand, one of the few places in the world where this is still done. Fish are divided up equally among the families. Temperatures on the island varies between 85 and 90 degrees with soft winds adding to the enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leno Marzoc spent the weekend in Kingston visiting Peter and Brenda Lawson and their new grandson Peter Robert.

Miss Doris Black and Miss Brenda McClure have returned home from a holiday trip to Bermuda.

Consider full time employee to knit services together

A pilot project aimed at coordinating the multitude of agencies providing social or human services in the county may be embarked upon in the near future.

Reporting on behalf of the Human Services Council, chairman John Graham said the group was formed because of a concern over the lack of adequate services in some areas, the overlapping and duplication of services in other areas, fragmentation of services, the inequality of distribution of the services and a lack of preventive planning in the field of human services.

Province excited

Graham made his presentation to the Community Services Committee of Halton County Council Monday. Graham noted that the program had been presented to MPP's Jim Snow and George Kerr and cabinet minister Robert Welch and he said all three were quite excited about the proposals.

Both Graham and David Coons, chairman of the Community Services Committee and a member of the Human Services Council were optimistic that the province may fund the project and an apparent first in the province. Coons noted requirements for the first year are estimated at \$45,000.

White paper

According to the white paper the group sees its objectives as being to make best possible use of existing services; to promote concurrent evaluation of resources available compared with community needs; to initiate action to fill gaps in community service; to plan and implement a co-operative approach to preventive programs; to investigate and review legislation affecting human services and help promote constructive change where necessary.

Friday, the school had a hum of quiet excitement about it. Thirty-six students and several teachers were preparing for their trip to Spain. Everyone going had to be at the school by 2 o'clock on Saturday. From there, a bus took them to the airport. I am sure that they are having a great time.

Key recommendation in the report was the hiring of a facilitator. It was noted this person would be responsible to the human services council. The facilitator, it is proposed, would be a full time employee devoted to bringing about the best possible use of existing health, educational, correctional, social and community services.

On Tuesday, the senior math contest was held. Ten students from Grades 11, 12 and 13, competed. Results of the contest will be out in about a month.

Recommendations that will be considered by county council include forming a committee. Representation would be from the regional council, statutory services in the region, from voluntary services, as well as from Social Planning Councils, United Appeal, and representatives from law and medicine.


Mr. Sansom and Mr. Ellis took some Theatre Arts students and some Grade 13 English students to the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto, to see the play "Electra", last Thursday. From all accounts the performance was very good.

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Y.M.C.A. News and Happenings

GLORIA BROWNE
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Program Co-ordinator



We wish a speedy recovery to our program co-ordinator Mrs. Browne who has been sick the past week. We sure do miss her.

Our 3F girls require the services of a nice lady to help out for only one and a half hours 10 to 11:30 a.m. on alternate Saturdays. All you ladies wishing to help the girls please phone Mrs. Shirley Broostad at 853-2193.

There will be no 3F this Saturday due to school holidays but it is back as usual Saturday, March 31.

Our annual auction is due again this June and we will be making pick-ups during May; so how about those items too good to throw away, but you don't know what to do with. Watch this column for further information.

We don't see much of our youngsters' parents so how about

dropping in some evening and meeting our instructors and voluntary supervisors. Who knows, you may find something of interest and even get interested enough to enter some of our activities. They are not all geared to the younger set. We would be pleased to see some of our young oldsters join in the Slim and Trim and the fencing. Both will help you to lose weight and trim those forgotten muscles.

CHESS—We have several good players suggesting we start a chess club. Anyone interested please phone Mr. Newman at 856-4650 and give him your name and phone number. Maybe Acton has a potential world champion and you may be it. So young and old let's get together. Why should other places have a club when we have the best players?

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Diocesan president Urges C.W.L. to get involved

Miss Dorothy Schnurr, diocesan president of the Catholic Women's League last week urged the C.W.L. of St. Joseph's Church to get actively involved in the community.

Speaking at the regular March meeting in the church hall on Tuesday, March 13, Mrs. Schnurr defined the League's role in the Georgetown represented

A Georgetown company is represented on one of the latest Ontario Government trade missions to the southern United States. Eight businessmen will take part in the mission which left for New Orleans March 18.

Carl J. Bjerkelund, sales manager of Northern Vibrator Manufacturing Ltd. of Georgetown, will be selling industrial vibrators for bulk unloading in a pitch to get the U.S. dollar.

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