

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Two weeks ago, I seriously toyed with the idea of going to bed and not crawling out from under the covers until these three youngsters were back at school.

With the very slim supply of patience that I have, I've used it all up after the first day of bickering (which usually happens to be the first day of holidays.) I've always figured that, if I couldn't be patient, at least I could be fair. At the first sign of a fight, I'd swat them all. Now what would be more impartial than that?

However, these days it's far easier to send them to their rooms. With all the judo training, they're getting to enable them to throw an aggressor purely by reflex, I don't feel I should be the one to try them out.

But no matter how big and fairly intelligent they are, the big and constant question (if they can't go swimming) is "What can we dooo?" and it's variation of "There's nothing to doooo!" with the emphasis on the "do" making it sound as though it came from a cow with a stomach ache.

Rolling stones
We had the solution, at one time. Over the years, building operations had unearthed hundreds of stones around the house, around the barn, and all between. Whenever we heard the complaint, I'd tell them to "Go pick rocks." It was amazing how often the kids remembered things that just had to be done first!

But this year, almost all the stones had been moved, it's been too hot for anybody to bake anything, and I just couldn't

think of anything to keep youngsters occupied. So the logical thing seemed to be, if I couldn't send them off somewhere to keep the peace, I'd just have to disappear where I wouldn't have to listen to them!

Catsaps
I think that this is one area where animals have it over people. Our house pets don't need to be told what to do. They find the coolest spot in the house and sleep. And sleep and sleep.

The kittens wake up every now and then and play. With what? Nothing.

They can become completely engrossed in ambushing each other (quietly), in stalking the Rangoon Snake (mother's tail), in sneaking up on their own tails from different angles, (right, left, and inbetween) and in lying on their backs chewing on their toes.

Of course, if I ever caught any of our offspring doing the last, I'd be running around tearing my hair out trying to figure out where we failed them. Maybe by not having enough rocks to pick.

Blood is needed it's up to you

What makes someone give blood? People who have never taken time out to do just that, are usually puzzled by the question. They understand that blood is life, and they can see that without blood hundreds of thousands of people might not be alive this minute. But they often think that because there has never been a critical shortage of blood in Canada in the past, there will never be one in the future.

But if you took the time to stop by a blood donor clinic (and you have an opportunity next Monday at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium in Georgetown between 1.30 and 8.45 p.m.) and talked to one or two of the blood donors, you might discover that many regular blood donors were apprehensive about giving.

Ask any blood donor about the needle, what will they tell you? They'll say "The first time I gave, I was a bit apprehensive about the whole thing, but I noticed the blood pack by my bed was half full before I even realized the nurse had put the needle in my arm."

Ask any blood donor why he or she gave, and their answers will vary from "Because I know there's a real need" to "Well, I know there's no substitute for blood". It contains life, it can't be synthetically duplicated by science, and people need it. "I feel it's up to me to pass it on". Or, they might tell you "I like to know I'm involved in helping other people and not just sitting back in some little cubicle of my own" or "People need blood. In half an hour I can give life, so I give." It's as simple as that.

Weekend Festival

The fourth annual Lawn Festival sponsored by the "Friends of the Museum" will be held at the Halton County Museum at Kelso Conservation Area just west of Milton on Saturday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 6 each afternoon. This year's theme will be "The Year of the Fountain" and all funds raised will go towards building a fountain to enhance the museum in its charming escarpment setting.

The afternoon entertainment

will include the music of the Georgetown Pipe Bands, The Oakville Citizens Band, a 14-piece accordion band and those sweet tones of the Oakville Barber-shoppers.

Spinners and weavers will be on hand to demonstrate their art, as well as local potters who will offer their crafts for sale. "Junk the Stripper" will be there for those people who are interested in restoring old furniture and Bob Harrington will demonstrate caning chairs.

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Lady directors plan

Wednesday evening the lady directors of Acton Fair enjoyed a picnic supper at the home of Elva Pearson.

Following supper a business meeting was held with Mrs. E. Archibald presiding and Mrs. C. Aikens recording the minutes. Judges were chosen for the decorated bicycle and doll buggies. Each child entering will receive a toy as well as com-

peting for a prize. Plans were made to decorate a float to enter in the parade.

Final arrangements were made for a baby show as well as the other sections of the fair.

Before the meeting adjourned all were reminded of a work meeting in the hall on Sept. 12 when it is hoped all members will be present.

Knox Ladies' Aid August meeting

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church met in the Dr. Stewart Hall on August 28. Owing to sickness and holidays there were just seven members present.

The meeting opened with the president reading a poem My old Quilting Frames. A hymn was sung and Mrs. McIntyre led in prayer.

The roll call was answered with naming something made of plastic.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports and then the business of the meeting was tented to.

Mrs. Masters read the scripture and Mrs. McPherson led in prayer.

After the offering was received Mrs. Murray held a contest which was won by Mrs. Morrison. Mrs. McIntyre gave a reading entitled Platonic which we all enjoyed.

A half hour was spent over a dainty lunch and a cup of tea.

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Proclamation

Be it hereby made known to every citizen of this town, that Acton is fast approaching its centennial year, and should so prepare themselves to celebrate this commemorative anniversary.

Therefore let it be known, that the village, and then Town of Acton, was incorporated as a separate and distinct municipality by the passing of By-Law No. 20. Supported by a By-Law passed by the County Council of the County of Halton on September 2, 1873, said By-Law No. 20 came into force and effect on January 6, 1874

(Excerpt from original By-Law)

And whereas that portion of the Township of Esquimaux known as the Village of Acton became incorporated by a By-Law passed by the County Council of the County of Halton on the second day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy three, which said By-Law came into force the sixth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy four

James J. O'Neil
Clerk

M. H. Stacey
Recr.

And be it further made known to all residents of this community, that we should take pride in the knowledge we were able to complete our 100th year prior to Provincial Legislation, decreeing that we now become part of a new area municipality in the new Regional Municipality of Halton.

May the residents of Acton have a Happy Birthday

Council-Corporation of the town of Acton *J. Stacey* Sept. 2, 1973
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