

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

There's a flaw somewhere, in democracy within a family, but do you think I can get the rest of my family to see it?

My three offspring have decided that what is missing around here is the matter of little feet. As soon as the subject was broached I firmly and emphatically said NO. Since I'm the one who would be most affected, I felt I should have sole say in the matter, with no arguments.

However, the kids appealed to their father, and darned if he didn't think it a good idea. So there's four for and one against. Does the majority in deed rule?

Maybe I should mention, around about now, that the matter that everyone (except me) wants to hear in the house is that made by little ferret feet. Every week or so, just as I'm relaxing after a hectic day, someone is bound to say something like "Just think, if we had a little ferret he'd lie in front of the fire and play with your socks or climb in your lap to be tickled or something."

And I always think about that "something" — the scaring of unaware guests, the laying of scented around the house, the baskets of clean wash that have to be re-done, but mostly the terrorizing of the cats and the chance of the ferret's escaping.

Nervous wrecks

Andy, our first ferret, didn't take long in making nervous wrecks of the cats. Mostly they stayed on top of furniture and well out of reach, but every now and then he'd catch them at their feet dish—and Andy was fond of cat food too.

There was never any scuffle over it, as the cats usually left quickly and quietly as soon as he stopped behind them. If they didn't, Andy would sort of tighten up.

Maybe he was crouching to make a dash, but with legs as short as his, the degree of crouch was imperceptible. But once there was this change in body shape, the cats retired in a hurry.

I was always afraid of what might happen if cat and ferret got scrapping. After seeing what happens to rat from ferret, I wouldn't give a cat much of a chance.

In cage

Anyway, except for the time when he was being used for raising in the barn, a ferret would have to be locked in his cage. That's alright half of

C.W.L. raises \$700 for church Saturday

St. Joseph's C.W.L. held a very successful bazaar this past Saturday. Although the weather was wet and cold, a good crowd attended the annual event.

There was a plentiful supply of home baking which was completely sold out in a short time. The large display of hand knitting, aprons, linens, candles and novelties were almost a complete sellout before the close of the bazaar.

A delightful tea, which has been absent from the bazaar for a number of years, was well attended by the crowd, and as some ladies put it—a cup of tea just hit the spot on

with a damp day.

Over \$700 was raised to be used towards improvements in the church.

Many winners

Lot of winners: Bill and Ann, cash; Dorothy Lupton, table flower; Lillian McDougall, table flower; cork draw; Pat South, Acton grocery draw; Mrs. George Lee, Acton; cushion, Mrs. Ann Tolson, Acton.

Penny sale: table cloth, Shirley Scott; coffee perk, Bob Layett; Snuggly dog, Nancy South; dusting powder, Chris Cooney; cheese set, Helen Osterhelm; white towel, Mrs. Marjorie; cake plate, Stan Petro; bath

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RINGS, JEWELS and baubles at most reasonable cost at St. Joseph's C.W.L. bazaar are shown by Tammy Smith, Cobblehill Rd., Julie Tyers, Main S., and Marianne Timmings, R.R. 4, Rockwood. Where else could you get a diamond ring for a nickel?

Free Press Personals

There was another good crowd at the bazaar party in Knox church last Wednesday.

About 100 members of Halton Presbytery met at Trinity United church here on Tuesday evening.

The Activity group of the United church is packing a bale for the Long Plain Indian Reserve near Portage La Prairie, which is being served by Allan Lauder, formerly of Acton. The women are particularly hoping for contributions of children's clothing.

For the first time, the Lawrence family arranged a reunion—and 100 people arrived for a delightful evening together at Ballinalnahall Saturday. Bob and Lil Marshall of R.R. 2 and Harry and Mabel Lawrence of Toronto did the planning for the event and now everyone wants to do it again every year. There was a buffet dinner and dancing to Merv Woods' orchestra from Fergus. Some of the relatives there hadn't seen each other for years.

K. Black, Swallow promoted

Keith Black and Harold Swallow were promoted from minor to major department heads at Acton District High School at a meeting of the Halton Board of Education Thursday.

Black will become a major head of geography and Swallow a major head in history. The appointments take effect Sept. 1.

Miss Joanne Landsborough was home from Gravenhurst for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Skirrow, Debbie and Paul of Princeton were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eastwood and boys have moved from Elmore Dr. to their new home in Rockwood. Former neighbors and friends went over for a housewarming party Saturday.

At the town Appreciation Party Saturday, Milton clerk Jack McGeachie told friends he and his wife Helen will be spending Christmas in Australia with their son Paul and his wife.

The uncle of the bride, Ed Foditt, was master of ceremonies for the reception following the marriage of Bonnie Kirby and Paul Presswood in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, Nov. 10. The couple are living in New Liskeard now.

A surprise visitor in town was Ralph Weaver, who moved from town with his family 14 years ago. The Weavers lived on Nelson Court but returned to England, where both the children are now married. Mr. Weaver is presented on loan to Leugheed in Canada until March and took the opportunity to drive back to Acton to call on former neighbors. He especially mentioned all the changes along the highway on the way up, but Acton itself seems much the same.

VON fees are based on each patient's ability to pay. There's no rigid set-up except a maximum charge. None is refused because of inability to pay.

VON is a non-profit organization. Grants for the Halton branch come from Oakville United Appeal and Hamilton and district UA, with the northern areas of the county contributing by way of a grant from the County Council. Although a UA agency, VON administration is independent.

Requests for calls from the VON often come from concerned relatives or friends. In these cases, the VON nurse calls on the patient, assesses the situation, and if the patient doesn't have a family doctor, or hasn't had medical attention, he is encouraged to seek it, because VON cannot continue service unless this is done.

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Mrs. H. McKinnon was the hostess for the November 23 bazaar of the Gracevale Women's Institute. Mrs. J. McCallach, the president, was in charge of the meeting and in the absence of Mrs. McKinnon gave the meditation from an article in Country Women. "Why do we have Wars?" followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Roll call was something of interest pertaining to apples. Mrs. R. Sinclair gave a two minute talk on current events.

Mrs. A. Gates and Mrs. E. Johnston were in charge of the program, Agriculture and Canadian Industries.

Mrs. A. Gates asked, why farms are left to grow weeds.

Plans were made for the Christmas dinner meeting to be held at Mrs. R. H. Elliott's in December. The L.O.D.E. rose will be available next year for Ontario fall planting. Members were glad to learn Christmas donations were discussed and finalized.

Farm problems told at W. I.

Mrs. E. Johnston gave a talk on the problems farmers have getting experienced help on the farm. She also had articles from farm papers on recycling, churning water and many others.

A luncheon was served of baked apples and ice cream in keeping with the roll call.

Mrs. E. Pearen and Mrs. J. McCallach were in charge of the luncheon and Mrs. C. Storey courtesy convener.

Packing bale for patients

The Activity Group of the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society met at Mrs. Mary Papillon's Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30. Those present were busy winding wool for the many volunteers in the area who knit and crocheted sweaters, bed jackets, socks, hats, scarfs, mitts and baby layettes are only some of the articles made by these busy ladies. Stuffed animals, table furniture, jama, preserves, candy, crackers and cakes were

others these volunteers contributed.

A special Christmas party is being held in the Free Press Magazine, Niagara, Large and week.

Adverse weather is causing a lot of trouble for the farmers. The weather is causing a lot of trouble for the farmers. The weather is causing a lot of trouble for the farmers.

Save energy

All three town schools are following recommendations in an effort to conserve fuel and light.

Childhood opinions are not good enough

Trinity Activity Group met in the church Wednesday evening Nov. 20. Plans were made to pack the Christmas bale Nov. 28 for the Long Plain Indian Reserve near Portage La Prairie which is served by Allan Lauder, formerly of Trinity United Church, Acton. Christmas parcelled toys were brought to the meeting to be put in the bale.

The group plans a pot luck supper the second Wednesday in December at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Own opinions

Mrs. Kathy McGillivray was in charge of the Bible study. Everyone came prepared by reading several chapters in the book, Panorama of the Bible. Bible

passages relating to previous readings were read by members followed by a relaxed discussion where one could answer questions given to them by the leader, and also feel free to voice one's own opinions. They found that many have different ideas of God built by ideas when they were children, but some are not good enough for adults. It gave everyone food for thought.

Wrong name

Oops! That wasn't Holly Tocher in a picture in last week's Free Press, but Christopher Tocher instead. The photograph was taken at the Lakeside L.O.D.E. bazaar.

Luncheon for chapter

The Link of Emancipation chapter of the L.O.D.E. held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnston as an informal noon luncheon. Thirteen members were present.

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V.O.N. celebrates 75 years service

Eight women have made about 14,757 visits in Halton so far this year. And they weren't social calls.

The women are Victorian Order Nurses whose association celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

They visit persons in need of medical treatment at home. The nurses' work includes helping with baths, skin care, injection of medications and care of surgical dressings. All is done under the direction of the patient's doctor.

The VON have been in Oakville since 1954 and have administered nursing care to northern sections of the county. However, this year Oakville and Burlington

branches were amalgamated under one administrative unit, to form a Halton county-wide operation.

Margaret Macleod is nurse-in-charge of the county's seven member staff. Mrs. Audrey Ruston and two relief nurses are the VON nurses for Georgetown and the surrounding area. Mrs. Walter Bienn, 26 Queen Street, and Mrs. Irwin Noble, 15 Noble Court, are Georgetown representatives on the V.O.N. Board of Directors. Rev. H. J. Dawson represented Acton, until he moved this month to Guelph, and L. Sales represents Milton.

The VON are available 24 hours, seven days a week.



SUCH A crowd at the C.W.L. bazaar! Shannon Guyett, Main S., found under a table was the safest place for a two-year-old to be.

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