

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

In January our animals get a little silly and friends tell me they have the same problem—and it definitely can be a problem.

Take our neighbors' Sheba, for instance—a small black dog with her heart in her eyes—who knows the household rule ("Stay off the furniture!") backwards and forwards.

Today, with the sun shining brightly, Sheba toured the house checking for any stray patch of sun, however small, she could lie in.

Finding nothing on any of the floors, she disappeared into the kitchen. Her owner found her a few minutes later, sitting blissfully in a glorious blob of sunlight—square in the middle of the kitchen table!

With the huge sunlit expanses in this house, our hound has no excuse for climbing onto anything, but Sue does all the same. I often come into the living room to see the silhouette of one large black dog sitting solidly on the coffee table by the window, keeping an eye on the road traffic.

Winding tails The cats sometimes join her, walking back and forth under her chin, winding their tails around her muzzle each time. It must be very difficult for a dog to look alert and intelligent under those circumstances.

Some nights our alert, intelligent dog presents another problem. We are woken by a resounding thump on our bedroom door. It's followed by two more furter up the hall.

Sue decides, for some strange reason, not to sleep on the couch (Oh, the life of a dog!) and checks on the accessibility of the beds by walking, elephant fashion, into the doors. She must be reading too many Snoopy cartoons.

And the cats? Well, anyone who is used to the slight steadfastness of their cat can't help but be bemused when it goes on a loving spree.

Friendliness Micho, a large grey tom with a crumpled ear, is the cat cohort of Sheba and has astounded his owner with overwhelming friendliness lately. He's one of the offspring of our own old Tom and is much like his pop. The combination of size with the

25-year pins for Auxiliary

Friday night was Legion Ladies' Auxiliary night hosted by Branch 197. Inimitable cooks Doug Mason, Weezy Taylor, Cal McIntyre and others cooked a beautiful roast beef dinner, which was served by the other members like perfect waiters.

Immediately following dinner there was a short ceremony when Grace

Agnew, Lois Gordon, Eileen Wedge, Fern Shultis and Hazel Cripps were presented with their 25 year membership pins.

Dancing was enjoyed later when husbands and friends arrived.

A standing ovation was given the oldest member, Mrs. Buchmann, a young 93 year old.

Member writes from Bangladesh

Unit 2 meeting of the U.C.W. of Trinity church opened with Mrs. Lidka reading a New Year's poem Adapt, Adopt and Improve. Mrs. Force had the devotional with the theme A Call to Discipleship; members read Scripture and Miss Simmons ended with prayer. The treasurer's report showed a very profitable year.

Catering to a wedding in March was approved. A letter was received from the adopted boy and he is very

glad to have help. Mrs. Shoemaker read thank you letters for Christmas baskets. Roll call showed 30 house calls and two hospital calls.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lillian Eaton who has arrived at her son's home in Bangladesh without any trouble and is enjoying the fine weather there. Eighteen members answered the roll call.

Lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Drop-in centre report to club

by Mrs. D. G. Robertson Over 40 members attended the first meeting of Acton Golden Age club of the new year, held in the afternoon at Luxton Hall.

Ivan Harris presided and welcomed a new member. He also reported on the drop-in centre, made available by the 1973 council in the former council chambers and the cheque received for furnishings etc.

Mrs. J. Fuller was named as card convener. Mrs. E. Near and Mrs. E. McIntyre were named as auditors. Ten dollars was voted to the United Senior Citizens of Ontario.

Games were played with prizes for euchre being awarded to Mrs. M. Lambert, Mrs. E. McIntyre, Mrs. Ivan Harris and Ivan Harris.

Crokinole winners were Mrs. A. Holmes, Mrs. D. Robertson, Mrs. M. Spear and Mrs. E. Reed.

Harry Besley, 25 Sideroad, suffered a broken jaw in an accident with his snowblower last week. Sympathy and best wishes for quick recovery from friends and neighbors.

Lord Thomson of Fleet was in Guelph Tuesday visiting his newspaper, The Guelph Mercury which later that day recorded the call and his estimated worth of over \$500 million. He owns 200 newspapers, the Georgetown Herald among them. Lord Thomson's venture into the automotive parts business in Acton, currently being recorded in the 50 Years Ago column in the Free Press, was among his few flops.

Some from Acton were among the crowd when the consul-general of the Netherlands visited a gathering of Dutch-Canadians at the Christian Reformed church on the Seventh Line just outside Georgetown last Wednesday evening. He and his

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Re-arranging I looked around the corner to find her sitting there quite absorbed in re-arranging and turning the walnuts in a big round wooden bowl.

Just as I was about to chase her away, she stepped right into the bowl, shifted a few more nuts, then settled down on them with all her fur fluffed up and a drowsy look on her face.

Tansy once spent a spring down in the barn helping to hatch the goose eggs. Maybe she expected the nuts to hatch too!

Tansy-too is outside the window, right now, playing some obscure game in the footprints in the snow, hopping from one to another, diving deep into the toe of each. Typical cat.

I know it won't be too long before they'll be back to their usual selves with a quick brush-off for anyone who dares lay a hand on them without invitation, so I'm enjoying the nonsense while it lasts.

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ATTENDING HIS 46th annual meeting of Acton Agricultural Society, R. L. Davidson gets a hug and congratulations from Lorna Marshall. He was elected to the board when he attended his first meeting in the town hall in 1928.

Free Press Personals

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Mary Gibson of Rockwood, formerly of Acton, is a patient at Guelph General Hospital. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

wife were part of 225 who watched a special movie made to mark Queen Juliana's 25th anniversary as Queen.

While on his holidays, Archie Andrews of Victoria, B.C. decided to look up some of his Duval and Papillon relatives. He came to town and it didn't take long to get in touch with some, who took him to see others. He'd been south and was visiting other relatives in Burlington when he decided to make the trip up to Acton. He had met a couple of the cousins years ago.

Friends are glad to hear Mrs. Doug Price is home again and convalescing after a stay in Guelph General Hospital.

Take a Break

There's a good registration of 45 for the Y ladies' Take a Break program, which begins this week and continues Wednesday mornings. The program of exercises and coffee will be held at the Y. Speakers will also be included on the agenda.

Election

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Postmaster is back after long illness

A familiar face is being seen at the Acton post office as Postmaster Gord McKeown is back in his old stomping grounds after a leave of absence of approximately 161 days.

"Absolutely great getting back," says Gord who will gradually work into his old routine but must continue under doctor's orders for a period longer.

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