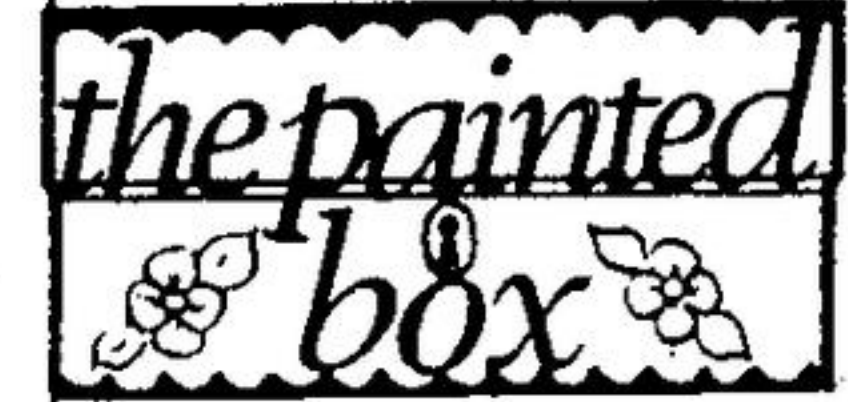




Big Momma and two young 'uns.



by Wendy Thomson

The note read "Wendy: Could you take a picture for Georgetown of lowb and beauty?" By much eye-squinting and concentration, in about five minutes I could read "lamb" or "lowb" and the note began to make sense. I said yes, of course, and blithely set off to find a Georgetown lamb. Now it seems that is far easier said than done. I couldn't bring to mind any farm in the Georgetown area where I'd seen sheep so phoned a couple of farmer friends over that way.

Query councillor

"One knew of some down Calville way and had seen some closer to home but couldn't remember where. The other mentioned Reford Gardhouse in Milton but thought my best bet would be Wilfrid Leslie who used to be on the Esquimaux Council and was familiar with Georgetown area farms. Mr. Leslie wasn't home, and to while away the time I phoned the feed store. No, they didn't sell feed to sheep farmers, but maybe Mac Alexander or Spencer Wilson would know. Neither were home.

In between all these phone calls, I kept fussing around, poling at the housework, but when I got something on my mind like that, I can't leave it alone. Before too many minutes are up, I'm back at the phone with another idea. This time it was that the livestock evaluators should know where there were sheep racks, as they are the ones called to have a look at dog-killed animals and put a price on them for remuneration from the township. So I phoned the Halton Hills offices. Now I had had enough trouble before, explaining why I was looking for a sheep farm. It was nothing compared to what went on next. I not only had to explain but also all about livestock evaluators as well!

The first woman I spoke to thought they were like deadstock removal and still remained in the dark in spite of my explanations. She passed me on to someone else who knew just as much and suggested I try the animal control or one of the Georgetown vets. The phone answerer at the

animal control had seen sheep up on 24 Highway once, and thought maybe the OPP would know of somewhere closer to Georgetown. The vet's receptionist stated they handled small animals only, but the vets in Brampton would know as they went out to farms.

Not home

The Department of Agriculture office in Milton offered the number of Doug Gardhouse who was president of the sheep club in the area. He wasn't home. Trying the municipal offices again, I found Delmar French in and he suggested Wilson and Gardhouse. Then Mrs. Leslie returned my call and offered the name of Spencer Wilson again, so I figured Mr. Wilson was going to be my best bet if I could ever catch him at home.

After all I had gone through, up till then — about three and a half hours on the phone to make around two dozen calls — I figured with my luck Mr. Wilson would be in the milk business and not have the foggiest idea where to find a sheep rack let alone a local spring lamb. But not so. He not only knew where large sheep farms were located, he had twin lambs tucked away in a small barn. It took less time to pick up a "Georgetown beauty", scout down to the farm and take a roll of film than it did to locate a lamb! What I keep wondering now though, is what the poor farmers feel like who phone the municipal offices to report livestock deaths or damages and find themselves referred to the deadstock removal people. Must be very frustrating.

Mrs. Gathof's craft seen by Dublin W.I. members

Mrs. David Hunter, Wescott Road, Acton, was hostess for the Dublin Women's Institute members last Thursday evening for their regular monthly meeting with a good attendance present. After the opening exercises presided over by the president, Mrs. Clark Armstrong, the secretary Mrs. M. Hunter called the roll. It was responded to by the exhibiting of a handicraft. Many articles were passed around. Several that were made from the instruction received from the "Creative Stitchery" course held recently, were admired. Several items of business were read from the correspondence, including invitations to the Holy Week Services at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton on April 7, 9 and 10, and to the 50th anniversary of Mt. Union Women's Institute on May 10 at Ligny School.

Request courses Courses for the Senior Training School came up for discussion, and requests were for "A main dish makes a meal," and "Papier Mache", as a second choice. Officers Conference will be held on May 1 and 2 at Waterloo University. Several reports of standing committees were given by members. A timely reading was given by Mrs. Hunter on "Putting Winter to Bed". Cancer kits were distributed by the Secretary to the canvassers. Territories were mapped out for the annual canvass during the month of April. Opportunities Mrs. M. McCullough, as convener of Cultural Activities spoke of the many opportunities we, as

Canadians, have of learning the cultural arts. She introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. K. Gathof, a local resident, to speak on one of her many hobbies. She spoke on wood burning and exhibited some of the articles she had made. To many of the members it was a new craft and all were interested as she told of the interesting procedure. Mrs. J. C. Dennis thanked Mrs. Gathof for her presentation and demonstration of a delightful hobby. Following up the St. Patrick's decorations in the house, Mrs. Hunter presented a contest on Irish songs that was won by Mrs. Wallace Lasby. A social visit was enjoyed when the lunch committee composed of Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. C. Armstrong and the hostess, Mrs. Hunter, served a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Helen Mason holidayed in Greece. Back from a wonderful week in Hawaii are Mrs. Vivian Smith, Mrs. Doris Kontner, Mrs. May Heare, and Mrs. Beatrice Anderson. Mrs. W. Linham, Mrs. G. S. Matthews and Mrs. W. J. McDonald have been enjoying a two-week conducted bus trip to Florida. Miss Robina C. Clark visited for a week at the home of her niece and family in Buffalo recently. While there, she attended the marriage of her great-nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner, Wilfred, Denis and Debbie of Wardsville spent winter break with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon. A surprise birthday supper and enjoyable evening was held March 23 for May Wilds at the home of her daughter, Mary Hepburn of Everton. Included in the surprise were Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilds and Sherry of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bruce and sons, Stratford; Mrs. Lula Sinclair, Mr. John Bruce, Mrs. James Wilds, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Titus and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce, all of Acton.

Actonians, relatives and in-laws, met each other in Florida - Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, their daughter Shirley Dills, Jim Dills, Steven, Mark, Paul, Catherine Jane and Carolyn of Milton; Mr.

and Mrs. Roy Brown of Toronto; their daughter Kay Dills, Dave Dills and Kathy; and their son Warren Brown, Janet Brown and daughters Nancy and Carolyn of Mississauga.

There were 20 tables in play at the eucbre party at Knox church last Friday. The event was very successful and another one is planned. Mrs. Mary Snow of Sydney, Nova Scotia, visited here with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and family. A week's skiing at Banff was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. John Goy Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Heller.

Councillor and Mrs. Joe Hirst are back again after spending a delightful holiday week in Aruba. Exotic food was one of the highlights of their stay. Rick Bonnette and George Cardona holidayed in southern Spain last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bonnette were in Greece for a sunshine holiday last week. The group of high school students and teachers are back from France with many stories to tell. Dr. and Mrs. Garrett are back home again after wintering in Florida. Actonians and former

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Golden Age club enjoy splendid Irish program

A splendid program with an Irish theme was enjoyed by members of Acton Golden Age Club, at the evening meeting, held in Luxton Hall. Readings were given by Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. J. Post, Mrs. M. Milne and M. Milne. Mrs. J. Post's solos, A Little Bit of Heaven, Danny Boy and Galway Bay were well received. Mrs. Hill, from Englehart Club, sang Paddy Maginty's Goat. Alf Duby sang several songs, accompanying himself on the guitar.

Mr. Leachman with mouth organ and Mrs. O'Rourke on the violin played a number of square dance selections which had toes tapping. Several familiar numbers were played with Mrs. A. Mann accompanying Mr. Leachman. The president Ivan Harris, expressed thanks to all who had given so freely of their talents and to Mrs. A. Mann and Mrs. J. Post who had arranged the program. An invitation from Acton clergy to attend Holy week services was read and it was agreed to attend in a body on Palm Sunday, April 7 at 8 o'clock. A welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, from Englehart who are visiting Acton relatives. Birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Shoemaker and wedding anniversary noted for Mrs. M. DeVries. Fruit, bread and cheese with a cup of tea, ended an enjoyable Irish program.

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Fourteen attend U.C.W. meeting

The meeting of Unit two ladies of Trinity United Church was held with Mrs. Lidkea chairing. The president read a poem Reach Out and Mrs. Harold Force took devotions, using the theme "Christians assemble." Two of the ladies present read chapters of the bible, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Veldhuis. Mrs. Force referred to the old testament

and explained that, in those days, the people didn't have churches in which to worship as we do today. She said that people's attitudes to today are still very much the same. During business the secretary's report showed a healthy bank balance and, after discussion, three ladies were appointed to investigate purchasing a rug for the minister's study. Also discussed were Holy Week services to be held Sun.,

Apr. 7 at 8 p.m., Tues, Apr. 9 and Wed., Apr. 10 at Knox Church with special guest speaker, Rev. Morris Greidanus, the Christian Reformed campus chaplain. Fourteen ladies attended the meeting and 14 hospital calls were reported, 11 house calls. Letters were read from Mrs. Eaton in Bangladesh who has since returned home. A half-hour lunch social time was enjoyed culminating the meeting.

Dance

Larche Auxiliary held another dance this month, and the spot prize winners were Dave and Doreen Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, the door prize winner Mrs. Kamminga, and the draw winners Dave Woodward and Bernie Freuter.

Back on feet

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