



By Wendy Thomson

Each week now (after the hectic rush every Monday and Tuesday of trying to combine housework with working at the Free Press) on Wednesdays I head back to bed, pull the covers up under my chin, and drowse for an hour. Knowing I don't have to get up till I really want to gives a great feeling of luxury.

I had company in that, yesterday, I woke from a very sound drowse to find the Calico-kitten lying on my chest watching me intently. For the next 10 minutes we had a marvelous time conversing. I talked and she listened with wide unblinking eyes. From discussing weather, we progressed thru the beauty of cats' eyes to our schedule for the day. Every time I paused, a small extremely soft paw would reach up and touch my face gently.

"Twas brillig" Poetry came next. All I could remember was "The Walrus and the Carpenter" and the poem that begins "Twas brillig and the slithy toves did gyre and gymbol in the wabe."

I don't know how long we'd have kept that up, but there was a squeek and furry outside the window that sent me flying out the front door, tugging on an old dressing gown.

Tansy-too had brought a chipmunk home to dinner and it was objecting vigorously. Every time she let it go, it leapt to her back, clambered to her head, and jumped up and down five or six times. It was ridiculous!

By the time I caught up with them, Tansy-too had had just about enough and was going to finish the spunky little thing off, but I grabbed her and brought her (complaining loudly) into the house. Chipmunk disappeared very quickly.

Looking out of the window a short time later, I saw Miss Tansy-cat barreling up the drive, chasing something small, brown, and chipmunk-looking.

Back out I flew only to find a bewildered looking cat sitting on a dead leaf. With her inside, all cats were accounted for and the chipmunk had a fair chance of escape.

Cock-eyed Cat, the third one, hasn't been leaving on the usual hunting trips lately

as she has three new kittens stashed under David's bed. Yes—she managed to get by me again. Our visit to the vet is long overdue (about 140 kittens overdue) but it seems that every time I go to round the cats up for the trip, they're sitting purring contentedly, blossoming happily, mentally knitting kittens' mittens. Too late again.

Taking another look in the past, five years ago this week, to sum up the year's doings, I'd mentioned all the animals from cat to ferret, goose to mare hopefully in feet.

As far as dogs, we had just our old Rip Van Winkle, great hunter and snoozer. I'd written "We've been trying to find a black and tan female for him to chum around with, without much luck. They're rather scarce."

As you may remember, a female was found. Our pick of the subsequent litter is now almost five years old and hopefully in pup. It will be a great disappointment if this turns out to be another false pregnancy.

However, after viewing Sue's noticeably rounding sides, a friend has offered to knit 24 black and tan booties. I can see it now! Sue would be VERY pleased.

The recipe I left out a week or so back now follows.

POPCORN BALLS WITH MOLASSES
 1 tsp. butter
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup molasses
 1/2 tsp. salt
 4 quarts popcorn (popped)
 1 cup peanuts
 Melt butter, add sugar, molasses and salt. Boil on medium heat to hard boil stage (260 degrees).
 Pour over popcorn and peanuts, stirring thoroughly. Butter hands lightly and shape popcorn into balls.



A SMALL group met Sunday to learn more about Oxfam, and will elect an executive this Sunday. Pictured at the parish hall are Olympic runner Abby Hoffman, an Oxfam board member; Steve Thomas of the Ontario Oxfam office, and local organizer Daphne King.

Oxfam will organize

An Oxfam group will be organized in Acton, when a meeting is held next Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Alban's parish hall. Decision was reached at a public meeting there last Sunday evening.

Attendance was a sparse 20 or so, but those there were determined to continue.

A film was shown and a discussion followed led by Steve Thomas of the Oxfam Ontario office and Abby Hoffman, a board member of Oxfam Ontario. Personable Miss Hoffman represented Canada as a runner in the Olympic games. She is now on the staff at the

University of Guelph, teaching courses on Africa and Latin America and one called Introduction to the Third World. Discussed were world problems such as starvation and waste, and subsequent need for education and financial support from interested persons.

The Oxfam group will have a table at the Anglican Church Women's bazaar on Nov. 2.

Eldon Comfort thanked those who had come although he admitted he had hoped to thank more people. Refreshments were served.

The group learned how

Oxfam works. Field workers usually remain in remote parts of the world for two years. Oxfam tries to give the native people an incentive to work, and practical assistance without putting anyone out of work.

Halloween masks are on display in local stores.

Cook book sales very successful

The October meeting of the Y's Menettes was held at the home of Sally Leatherland with a pleasing attendance. Club president Anne Perry gave a full business report on the club's activities during the past month.

Cook book sales are pleasing and the Acton fair projects proved very

rewarding this year. The club received first prize for their parade float and the Menettes apron boutique display also placed first.

Some members and their husbands are planning to attend the Y's Men's Convention in Kitchener this week-end, October 25, 26, and

27. A bus tour to the Kitchener Farmer's Market is scheduled for the ladies and Saturday evening includes an Octoberfest dinner and dance.

Plans to hold another Hillbilly Stomp at the Rockwood Town Hall were confirmed and tickets are now available from any club member.

Flowers are pretty and lots of fun to make as club member Louise Clark proved to the girls during the evening. Everyone equipped

with fabric petal and stamens, wire and imagination proceeded to follow her demonstration step by step and succeeded in making an everlasting color flower. Fresh pineapple served with coffee and cake concluded a pleasant and interesting meeting.

There were five liquor seizures during the week, according to police.

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Executive named for club

One of the highlights each year for the Acton Snowmobile Club is when they have the meeting to select the new executive committee.

On October 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, a social evening was held which included electing the committee, dancing and a small buffet.

Last year's president, Jim Wallace, was on hand to announce the names of the people who were selected. As usual there was a large turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The new committee is: president, Ron Holloway; vice president, Larry Quinn; secretary-treasurer, Wendy Quinn; sports directors, Jim Wallace and Larry Slingerland; social directors, Walter Kowall and Stella Wallace.

Name decided

The Dublin North had their fourth meeting on October 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred Kirton.

It was decided their name would be Dublin North Checkersboards. Notes on Entertaining at Tea were read. Everyone in the group then helped in making fancy sandwiches.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS SCHOOL SUPPORT LIST

The District Assessment Office of the Province of Ontario has now made available the last revised School Support List applicable to all ratepayers and residents within the Town of Halton Hills.

This list is available at the Municipal Administration Building on the Seventh Line (former Esqueping Municipal Offices) for personal review by any interested ratepayer or resident to check as to the correctness of the same.

Applications for corrections to this School Support List must be made on the required Form One and will be received by the undersigned up to and including Friday, November 1st, 1974; after which time no application for correction may be considered until approximately this time next year.

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