



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

The past few years, on New Year's week I've been using a poem from one book or other for my column. This year, I've had little time to read and had no idea what I might copy. Then a friend read the following to me one day.

It's from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran, on children.

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls. For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams."

November 21 wedding living in Newmarket

Acton Bethel Christian Reformed Church was decorated in two arrangements of yellow glads, pink carnations, white mums and blue and yellow puffs on November 23 for the wedding of Sonya Wyga to Gerry John Nap.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wyga of R.R. 2, Acton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nap of R.R. 1, Hillsburgh, Ontario and is employed by Glenville Farms of Newmarket.

The Rev. Jake Corvers officiated at the ceremony with Mrs. Venema playing the Song of Joy and the Wedding Song on the organ. For her wedding day the bride chose a long sleeve white satin gown with blue ribbon in the long lace train. She wore a dutch headpiece, a long veil and white shoes. Her bouquet consisted of a cascade of pink and yellow sweetheart roses with Scottish heather.

Attendants: A friend of the bride, Ann Wagg of R.R. 1, Ariss was maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Mrs. Sue Turner of Acton, a friend of the bride. The bride's sister Sandy Wyga was junior bridesmaid, and the flower girl was Miss Sonya Friend.

The maid of honor and bridesmaid wore gowns of pale blue with small light and dark blue flowers and another color blue. The junior bridesmaids and the flowergirl wore opposite colored dresses, with the top dark blue and the bottom half light blue.

They all carried colonial bouquets of pink carnations and white pom-poms with blue and yellow puffs. The flowergirl carried her flowers in a basket.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Henry Jansen of Acton was the best man. Ushers were Henry Nap, the groom's



SONYA WYGA AND gerry John Nap were united in marriage during a double ring ceremony in the Acton Bethel Christian Reformed church on November 23. Wm. Stuckey photo.

brother, Calvin Wyga, brother of the bride and a friend of the bride Scott Marshall.

An evening reception was held at the Acton Music Centre.

Mothers Mrs. Wyga wore a light green gown with a silver shawl, gloves, purse and shoes, and had a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Nap wore a long blue gown with a black shawl, gloves and purse and light blue shoes. Her corsage was of white and pink carnations.

For travelling in the Toronto area, the bride wore a pink sweater, black skirt with a pink and orange carnation corsage.

Guests attended the wedding from Acton, Guelph, Brampton, London, Newmarket, Rockwood, Hamilton, Burlington, St. Catharines, Toronto, Fullon, Illinois, Whitinsville, Mass. and Milton.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was guest of honor at four showers. Friends of the bride, Anne Wagg and Sue Turner held a miscellaneous shower. Mrs. Lorna Marshall held a neighbour kitchen shower, followed by a miscellaneous shower with the ladies of the church invited. This shower was put on by Mrs. Linda Vanderhaan. The bride's aunt, Mrs. Audrey Straatsma held a miscellaneous shower in Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Nap are now living at 26 Lorne Ave., Apt. 704, Newmarket.

Free Press Personals

Members of the Acton congregation attended the two day, semi-annual Circuit gathering of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Malton, Brampton, Georgetown, Burlington and Port Credit areas. The assembly was held at the newly dedicated Assembly Hall, built by Jehovah's Witnesses, located one mile west of Mississauga road on Highway 7, December 28 and 29.

Keith McCann, newly appointed district supervisor for Jehovah's Witnesses in Southern Ontario, presented the highlight public lecture Sunday afternoon.

Melvin Lambert from Fort St. John B.C., is visiting with his mother Mrs. Nelson Lambert of Acton and brothers and sister Mrs. Hector Guthrie of Guelph over the holiday season.

Many friends and relatives from out of town attended the funeral of Mr. Edgar Lidkea. Nephews and their wives came from St. Catharines, Kitchener and Dundalk. Friends from Richmond Hill, Toronto, Milton, Brampton and Georgetown also came. Among those attending from Toronto were Mr. Bert Ashbourne and Mr. Harry Ward, who had worked with Mr. Lidkea for many years with the C.N.R.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Kula spent Christmas with friends in Toronto.

The Peaker family spent Christmas in Jamaica.



ANDREA GUDGEON wants her baby to have a good meal. Andrea sat in on her mother's pottery making class at M.Z. Bennett. The class was part of the elective program sponsored by the school.



LITTLE KYLE CROWDER, seven pounds 11 ounces, was an early Christmas present for his mum and dad, Norman and Olive Crowder, of the Fourth Line. He made his debut Christmas Eve at Georgetown hospital, the only baby to be born there over Christmas.

OUR READERS WRITE:

GROUP STRESSES VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE

Dear Sir:

We, in HALTON PRO-LIFE, are concerned about the total concept of life and how we, in the society of man, value that life. Many are searching for the cures of overwhelming social ills. We cannot solve any of our problems if we are unkind, uncaring and unfeeling toward each other and those with whom we disagree. No one ever said that it would be easy, but if we, who stand in defense of "life" and the "value of life", do not respect every life—then we are standing on a foundation which will not support our position.

This is the season of love. The season in which we all stop to take a deep breath and share our blessings with those we love and those in need. May we express the hope that in the New Year each of us will recommit ourselves to the value of human life. Life is no idle gift.

HALTON PRO-LIFE, "citizens concerned for life," wish you and your readers a joyous, happy and safe holiday season.

SPRING CLEANING MUST START AT QUEEN'S PARK

Dear Sir:

Environment Minister William Newman's refusal to ban non-returnables in Ontario tells us, the taxpayers, just how far democracy is allowed to go in Ontario. Newman accepted recommendations of the Solid Waste Task Force—dubbed the Solid Waste Task Force because it was overloaded by those people representing vested interests. Many municipalities have asked, nay demanded, a ban on non-returnables. Garbage disposal costs the taxpayers of Ontario \$160,000,000 per year. Non-returnables make up a large percentage of our garbage, and they also contribute to the volume of our landfill sites, plus they eat up valuable resources, energy, etc.

I am convinced that losing a few by-elections hasn't taught Mr. Davis and his cohorts a lesson. Our spring cleaning must start at Queen's Park.

William A. Johnson, Chairman G.U.A.R.D. (Group United Against Rural Dumping) R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Your letters to the editor are welcome on topics of current interest. Please be brief and be sure to sign your name.

Yours for LIFE, Mrs. Lynda Ciancone, 1st Vice-President, HALTON PRO-LIFE, 384 Aurora Cres., Burlington.

Free Press Family Page

OPP report

The Guelph detachment of the OPP report 127 occurrences of a general nature investigated during the period from Dec. 16 to 22. There were two break-and-enter, nine thefts, all of a minor nature and 11 violations of the liquor laws including eight impaired drivers. Three were charged under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.

Looking Glass new shop

A new hair dressing salon in town is The Looking Glass under the direction of Brenda Noseworthy.

She is a graduate of Marvel Hairdressing school of Toronto and has lived in Acton one year.

The shop opened Dec. 17 and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She said business has been good since the shop opened. She offers men's and women's styling in cutting and blow drying, highlighting and hair painting.



Shut-ins served dinner

People in Milton who couldn't get home for Christmas were not deprived of the traditional turkey dinner. Residents of Milton Central Hospital and Milton Jail all enjoyed roast turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings.

Acton in headlines

Acton made the headlines in this month's edition of The Indusmin. This newspaper is published for employees of Indusmin Limited and subsidiary companies.

Two pictures which were also taken by the Free Press were printed in the paper.

An article published in the Free Press in mid-October concerning two Rockwood women working in the local quarry, was published in part in the inter-company newspaper.

The story was entitled "Changes at Indusmin—women invade plant" and delved into their daily duties at

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

May laughter light your way, may your dreams come true and may health and happiness shine on you and your loved ones in the New Year.

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A Very Happy New Year

Time now to start a new page, a New Year, resolving to contribute our best.

Monika, Sandy, Marg

Profile Beauty Salon

New Year Greetings

A New Year is about to chime in! Let's live it up and celebrate! Make it a year worth remembering!

Huisman
HOLLAND SHOP

NEW YEAR WISHES

PEACE
PROSPERITY
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As time runs out on the old year, we wish you bright tomorrow!

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Glad New Year Greetings

It's time to ring out our wishes for health, wealth and happiness for specially nice friends and customers.

Jack Holmes, Kris Larsen & Ernie Marks
JACK HOLMES
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A Prayer for the New Year

Here's hoping that the New Year brings you and your loved ones a full share of life's blessings.

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