



the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Before I get altogether side-tracked, I should finish the story started last week about going shopping for a purse in Guelph.

Since I began working, shopping has been a real joy because I can splurge a little every now and then. However, that particular day was anything but a carefree day of spending, throwing money away right and left.

To begin with, I was going to treat a friend to lunch out, before doing the heavy-spending bit. We got all settled in a restaurant and had ordered, but something kept niggling away at the back of my mind.

Checking into my wallet (the only place that could cause concern that day) I realized that when I'd cashed my cheque the previous day, instead of folding the money into my purse, I'd stuck it in the hip pocket of my jeans—the jeans lying in the wash-basket at home.

Mastercharge to the rescue. Frantic searching through wallet pockets brought to light sixty-eight cents and my Mastercharge, something I'd got about a year ago and used only once. And yes, that restaurant took Mastercharge, so the visions of either doing dishes after lunch or leaving my friend as collateral vanished.

One lunch later, we were on our way again, heading down to the little shop that made the purses I'd admired so much in Alberta.

Once there, it was hard to choose just what to take home. I guess I got carried away and kept adding to the little pile of "things-really-don't-need-but-what-the-heck."

Then it came time for the crucial question, "Do you take Mastercharge?" As a matter of fact, he didn't—Chargex yes, Mastercharge, no.

Well, would he take a cheque? I guess I looked honest, and yes he would. Down I dove into the bottom of my purse. Much fumbling unearthed the chequebook and I hauled it out triumphantly, produced a pen, and—no cheques; just the empty book.

Desperation. In desperation I delved into the depths again and with great relief found some old traveller's cheques, paid the gentleman (who seemed to be having second thoughts) and was on my way.

So after all that, you can imagine my feelings on arriving home to find in the mail bank statements showing that back in

December I'd somehow, somehow, deposited one of my paycheques in my husband's account and was already overdrawn myself!

Then to top it all off, a co-worker stuck his head in the darkroom the next day to ask if I still needed a purse because he knew where I could get a bargain!

There must be a moral to the tale somewhere, but I haven't hit on it yet.

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Writing of tales with morals, the following is a poem sent to me by a reader in Oakville, taken from the Ontario Humane Society paper, "Animal Voice."

Man's Pedigree
Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the others,
"Now listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true,
That man descended from our noble race.
The very idea is sure a disgrace."

No monkey has ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known another monk
To leave her babies with another bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another.
Till they hardly know which one is their mother.

And another thing you will never see,
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree,
And let the coconut waste, forbidding all other monks to taste.
Why, if I put a fence around this tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.

And here's something else a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get in a "stew",
Or use a gun or club or knife,
To take some other poor monkey's life.
Yes, man descended—the ornery cuss—
But, brother, he didn't descend from us!



MATCHED BEETLES curled in the traditional Ma and Pa bonspiel Saturday at the curling club. The ladybugs, ready to fly away out onto the ice, are Ruth Leatherland, Pearl Baker, Trevolyn Patrick and Margaret Mackenzie.

Lakeside chapter elects officers

The annual meeting of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, in the Legion hall with 22 members present.

The regent Mrs. Spielvogel presided for the end of the year business. Three new members were accepted. Annual reports were given by 14 secretaries, each showing outstanding work done by members during the year. Mrs. D. Taylor, as a past regent and a charter member, installed the officers for 1975-1976.

Officers
They are honorary regent Mrs. R. Spielvogel; regent Mrs. J. Jockue; first vice regent Miss J. Coles; second vice regent Mrs. J. Dowling; recording secretary Mrs. H. H. Hinton; treasurer Mrs. D. Frizzell; education secretary Mrs. R. Cooksley; Echoes secretary Mrs. J. McHugh; services Mrs. A. Waddie and Mrs. G. Musselle; standard bearer Mrs. O. Coultrup; membership Mrs. W. Coon; citizenship Mrs. C. H. West; public relations Mrs. C. E. Nelles; pianist Mrs. W. Middleton; flower and gifts Miss E. Braida; decoration day representative Miss J. Coles; convener of councillors Mrs. J. Mann.

Councillors Mrs. H. Hoops, Mrs. P. Watson, Mrs. J. Inglis, Mrs. H. Norton, Mrs. H. Helwig, Mrs. R. Spielvogel. Program committee Mrs. D. Taylor, Mrs. G. Currie, Mrs. W. Syme, Mrs. E. Footitt, Mrs. J. Mann.

First meeting of 4-H club

The first meeting of the Dublin 4-H Club was held at the home of Mrs. McCarron, the club leader.

First thing on the agenda was the 4-H pledge. Following that, assistant leader, Teresa McCarron, distributed books and pamphlets to the members.

The current project for the junior club members is to make a dress. Seniors are to make a jacket as well as a dress.

The officers of the 4-H Club are as follows: president Dolline Deshaies, vice-president Lisa Toyota, secretary Kim Van Der Eyken, treasurer Debbie Hippen, press reporter Cathy Burke.

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Agricultural ladies hold regular meeting

The ladies' section of the Acton Agricultural Society met in Mrs. W. J. McDonald's apartment on the evening of February 6. The president called the meeting to order and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave a financial report.

Business arising from the minutes, comments from the committees for the different classes, and the annual fair board meeting, were discussed.

Delegates were appointed to attend the convention in Toronto. The advance prize lists for the 1975 fair were given to the members.

The meeting adjourned and lunch was served by the hostess and committee and a social half-hour was enjoyed. Mrs. S. Beemer was courtes convener.

A delicious lunch was prepared by the executive and enjoyed by all.

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Shower given after meeting

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Plan course in April

Margaret and Bruce Brillinger of Park Ave. are making arrangements to give their Parent Effectiveness Training course at the Robert Little school starting in April.

They're expecting people from other municipalities to enroll here, too.

They're specially trained in the techniques and have given the course in various other places, before moving to Acton.

The following Acton area students were successful in practical music exams held in December at the Ontario Conservatory of music.

In accordance with first class honours, in grade 4, Shirley Ancker, Peter Schroeder; honours, Charles Ancker.

In Spanish guitar with first class honours in grade 2, John Bartolac, Irene Hofstede, pass, Scott Masales.

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On their way home, they spent three days in Mexico City.

The Hi Neighbour Welcome Service welcomes four new families into Acton.

Coming from Vancouver B.C. are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Johnston and their two girls. They are living at 46 Rosemary Rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crimless have moved to 61 Frederick St. from Guelph with their son and daughter.

Also from Guelph are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Readman. They are now living at 280 Peel St.

The I.O.D.E. celebrates its 75th birthday on February 13 this Thursday. Rose bushes are being sold by the members to celebrate the occasion, and orders have already been taken here.

A Founders Day luncheon is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Cutten Club. Those expecting to attend from Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. are Mrs. J. Jockue, Miss E. Braida, Mrs. A. Orr, Mrs. R. Spielvogel, Mrs. C. Schneider and Mrs. C. E. Nelles.

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Golden Age Club to attend Ice Capades

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson
Fifty members of the Acton Golden Age Club were present for the afternoon meeting held in Luxton Hall.

Plans are being made to attend the Ice Capades in Kitchener on March 12.

The Georgetown Red Cross sent an invitation for the members to attend a concert in Georgetown on March 4.

They are sending a bus to pick up the club members.

Program
Mrs. McDonald of Halton Manor graciously offered to provide a program for the next evening's meeting. This was received with thanks.

Following business, games were played, with prizes for crokinole awarded to Mrs. M. Spear, Mrs. G. Townsley, Mrs. E. Reed and Mr. R. Warne.

Prizes for euchre were awarded to Mrs. E. Lambert, Mrs. M. DeForest, R. L. Davidson and Max Milne.

Fruit bread and tea were served by the lunch committee. An enjoyable time was had by all.

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Club meets

The Ballinacfad 11-4-H girls held their first meeting of the Jacket Dress Club at the home of Mrs. E. McLeans, the unit leader.

The members were taught how to recognize different materials and how they are made, in preparation of their forthcoming projects. The junior members are required to make a dress and the senior members will make dresses and matching jackets.

The elected club officers are as follows: president, Beverly Leitch, vice-president, Jackie Koperdraad, secretary, Lydia Koperdraad, treasurer, Francis McLean, press reporter, Doris Ella.

Women's Lib old history

The January meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Jean Vaughan. Mary Matthews opened the meeting followed by roll call.

Something We Are Doing to improve our Environment. Ten members and two guests provided interesting answers to this question.

Just for Today was the title of Wilma Cole's cheery motto. Canvassers for the upcoming cancer drive were chosen as part of the Institute business.

Guest speaker
Guest speaker for the program was Valerie Walters, R.N. Mrs. Walters brought to the meeting, a women's kit from The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). It contained women's suffragette material from the turn of the century as well as many other details. A discussion followed with Mrs. Walters capably answering questions on women's rights and family affairs and guidance.

Russia topic
Denis Gibbons showed his slides and talked on his trip to Russia at the Y's Men's club meeting in the Station Hotel Monday. Lloyd Broostad presided.

There were about 30 there, including guests from Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge and Niagara Falls clubs.



CURLING Santa Claus Saturday was Ron Louttet. The Ma and Pa bonspiel brings out zany outfits each year.

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Kellogg's 12 oz. Box CORN FLAKES	Nabisco 28 oz. Box QUICK CREAM of WHEAT 49¢	Fresh Canadian PORK PICNIC ROASTS 79¢ lb.
Kellogg's 8 oz. Box RICE KRISPIES 59¢	Yuban 8 oz. Jar INSTANT COFFEE \$2.29	Fresh 'CANADIAN' BUTT CHOPS or SHOULDER ROAST \$1.09 lb.
Zest (Pack 3 Bars) BATH SIZE BAR SOAP 95¢	Carnation 16 oz. Jar COFFEE MATE \$1.19	Swift 24 oz. Can BEEF or IRISH STEW 79¢
Sunlight 24 Oz. Bottle LIQUID DETERGENT 65¢	Club House 4 oz. PURE BLACK PEPPER 79¢	Blue Bonnett 2 x 8 oz. Tub SOFT MARGARINE 89¢
Cheer 5 lb. Box POWDER DETERGENT \$1.99	Connors 3/4 oz. Can KIPPERED SNACKS 2/49¢	Miss Mew 6 oz. Can BEEF, CHICKEN, KIDNEY; LIVER or TUNA
Holiday 12 oz. Can LUNCHEON MEAT 69¢	Gainsburger 72 oz. Box BEEF FLAVOUR DOG FOOD \$2.59	Del Monte 2 x 8 oz. Can CAT FOOD 5/98¢
Del Monte 14 oz. Can SEASONED GREEN BEANS 29¢	Dr. Ballard 15 oz. Can BEEF, CHICKEN, LIVER or BEEF & CHEESE DOG FOOD 4/98¢	Heinz 14 oz. Can BEANS WITH TOMATO SAUCE 39¢
Kotex Pack 12's REG. OR SUPER FEM. NAPKINS 79¢	Fleishmann's 2 lb. CORN OIL MARGARINE \$1.79	Heinz 7 1/2 oz. Can TOMATO SAUCE 2/39¢
Johnson 125 ml. Bottle BABY SHAMPOO 75¢	Heinz 14 oz. Can SPAGHETTI With Tomato Sauce 31¢	Del Monte 48 oz. Can PINEAPPLE JUICE 49¢
Carnival 20 lb. Bag ALL PURPOSE FLOUR \$2.65	Heinz 10 oz. Can TOMATO or VEGETABLE SOUP 2/35¢	Del Monte 4 x 5 oz. Can PEARS, PEACHES, PINEAPPLE FRUIT SALAD 85¢
	Del Monte 14 oz. Can SEASONED GREEN BEANS 29¢	Swift's 1/2 Cry-O-Vac SWEET PICKLED COTTAGE ROLLS \$1.09 lb.
	Johnson 125 ml. Bottle BABY SHAMPOO 75¢	Swift's Store Pack BEEF or PORK SAUSAGE 75¢ lb.
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