



By Wendy Thomson
They say that many hands make light work, or something like that, and I do agree at times. However, there's something to be said for just bumbling around the house all by oneself, too.

Last week, for the first time since December 20, I sat down in an empty house (not counting two dogs, three cats, and two kittens) and just listened to the silence. It was beautiful!

I don't mean to say I don't enjoy the family around, but here CAN be too much of a good thing, and it was with mixed feelings I waved my husband and his heated foot-socks off to work after eight weeks of togetherness.

Change
What a change in my life! Now things can get back to normal. No more sleeping in mornings till 7:30 and being wakened by frantic appeals for school lunches. No more making tea and toast to share with a half-awake husband while watching Canada A.M. from the bed.

No more tearing home from work at noon to whomp up a quick lunch. AND NO MORE MESS TO CLEAN UP WHEN I GET HOME AT NIGHT!

That isn't fair really—not FAIR, but it's TRUE! As I mentioned before, we've decided it's about time we finished the house, and once back on his feet, Gord whiled away the hours by doing a little bit here and a little bit there—and there, and there.

At times the house looked as though it had been picked up and shaken vigorously then set down again. (Those were the times I could be sure of someone dropping in.) But things are beginning to emerge now and results seem.

Turmoil
When our Friday-night-cue friends drop in and are invited into the bathroom, they know that room has just been completed—either that or the rest of the house is in such a turmoil, there's no other clear space to set up the card table.

We've got a marvelous system going, if we could just stick to it. At present, the carpeting for each room is rolled up in the dinette. To do a room, we take all the furniture out, paint and paper the walls, then lay the rug.

Then, all the furniture, clothes, books, odds and ends are sorted through, ruthlessly thinned out, and only about half put back. The rest goes in cartons in the basement. We haven't decided what we'll do with it, but I'm sure something will come to mind. If we

had a garage, we could have a garage sale, however—

The boys' rooms are both done except for the windows and a bit of trim, as is the bathroom. I can't believe the difference a bit of wallpaper makes!

Many hands
I'm on to the hall now, just pegging away at it when I'm in the mood. Actually, it would have been finished now if those "many hands" would stop insisting on making my work-load lighter.

Last Sunday, I decided to tackle the 28 foot wall of the hall. Things went without a hitch for the first 12 feet or so, then the family appeared. I didn't mind at first because the next strip of wallpaper had a light switch and a light fixture in it or out of it or whatever. That took three of us to maneuver.

But from then on, things went downhill. Gord's way of doing things PROPERLY just didn't synchroize with mine and I was overjoyed when the cows got out, the men went to round them up, and I could get on with things, things.

Groggy
Three strips of paper were slapped up in no time, but I found by 10 o'clock, I was getting groggy. When I festered and put my elbow through a glass bookcase door, it was obviously time to stop. Besides, I ran out of wallpaper (maybe due to the fact that Gord has crumpled one strip up in a temporary fit of insanity.)

What comes next isn't clear. Even if the paper were here, I couldn't hang it because of the wallboard piled in the hall.

And the wallboard can't be nailed up in the den till the old pine floor boards are taken up (no point in carpeting over them.)

No-one can get in to raise the boards till the spare furniture from all the other rooms is moved downstairs, which can't be done because it's too damp.

They say that work keeps a person young. Why do I feel so old??



LADIES' SOCIETY OF THE Christian Reformed church held a Valentine Day bake sale at Robertson's Flower Shop on Friday. The group raised \$130 for the Tinker Bell nursery. Mrs. Anna Van Dyken, left, watches as Mrs. A. Wyga and Dorothy Corvers compare notes on the baking.

Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert attended a 90th birthday party for Mrs. Jenny Hamilton in Rockwood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Syer, Angela and Stephanie of Sarnia visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough over the weekend.

Friends were delighted to see Pat Kenner as a contestant on the TV game show Definition on Monday and Tuesday. She won prizes and

\$170 before her team lost Tuesday. The program had been taped a couple of weeks ago. Pat says she particularly enjoyed her conversation with team mate actor Tom Kneebone, who has a charming personality.

Mrs. Pearl Kennedy celebrated her 88th birthday this week and friends extend congratulations. She's the former Pearl Somerville, and taught school at Dublin. She lives now at The Elliott home in Guelph. The birthday celebration was at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Matheson in Guelph, when friends and relatives brought their best wishes to this well-known former resident.

Last Sunday, Trinity United Church held a congregational outing at the Shields farm. Activities included snow shoeing, skating and tobogganing. Afterwards, hot chocolate and cookies were served.

The outing lasted from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There was a small turnout.

Free Press Family Page

Acton joins day of prayer

On March 7, Acton will participate in the 1975 World Day of Prayer, which focuses on the theme "Become Perfectly One".

Approximately 3,000 communities across Canada and 170 countries around the

world will be sharing this inter-denominational day of prayer and fellowship. This year's service was prepared in Egypt.

The Acton service will be held at the Trinity United Church at 2 p.m. Baby sitting facilities will be provided and

there will be a tea and coffee hour after the service. All faiths are welcome.

Sponsored by The World Day of Prayer in Canada is sponsored by the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada, Toronto. The Council is made up of representatives from 10 Christian denominations, the Y.W.C.A., the John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada and the Armed Forces Chapel Guilds.

Offerings from the World Day of Prayer are used to support ecumenical programs that meet human needs, both in Canada and other countries.

Daughters of Knox meeting

On February 3, the Daughters of Knox held their monthly meeting in the Mary Ellen Anderson room.

Mrs. B. Moore opened the meeting with the reading of a poem entitled Other Children and the hymn Living for Jesus was sung.

Becoming members of the Armagh home was discussed and agreed upon. Mrs. Harold Swallow and her group handled the study period, the topic being the Kenora Fellowship Mission, which involves the Ojibway Indians in that region. A filmstrip was shown in regard.

The scripture reading was done by Mrs. Robert Paul, and the Lord's Prayer was read and elaborated on by Mrs. J. Pink and Mrs. G. Flinders.

Ten and cake was served and recorded hymns were played. Eighteen members attended.

Knox Women's Society will unite in prayer

The February meeting of the afternoon auxiliary of the Knox Women's Missionary Society was opened with a poem reading by the president, Miss I. Anderson. She then recited a prayer by Augustine of Hippo.

The committee for this month, Mrs. G. Sprout and Mrs. H. Allison, contributed two readings.

Mrs. Sprout read a history of the Women's Missionary Organization of the Presbyterian Church in Canada since it first began early in the last century. Mrs. Allison's reading was entitled "The Law of Love".

A discussion of ways to add to the missionary endeavor resulted in a decision to support work more regularly

with prayers. The members agreed that around nine o'clock each morning, though separate, they would unite in prayer for the work of the Kingdom of God.

Lottery winners

Three local residents received a share of the Olympic Lottery pot on Sunday.

Jane Danagher of Westcott Rd. shared \$100 with co-workers and Sy House of Wyndford Place also won \$100. Edgar Bonner of Rockwood split \$1000 with two others.

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Baptist Church hosts missionary from India

The guest speaker at the Baptist Church on Sunday evening was Sandra Ricketts, a missionary on furlough from India.

Miss Ricketts first arrived in India in 1962 and worked primarily among women, and in the Christian education field at Akividar. After a furlough in 1968 and 1969, she returned to India and was stationed in Kakinada. There she worked among youth groups, with the Rev. James Rudd, a former Pastor of the Acton Baptist Church.

Sides During her talk on Sunday, she showed colour slides.

illustrating her work. Miss Ricketts requested a prayer for the young people in the Indian churches, especially those who acted as lay preachers. These young students travelled from village to village in a bus they

had bought themselves. Anne McDonald of the Sunday school sang a solo during the ceremony. Prior to the service, Miss Ricketts was entertained at a dinner by Das Sydney and the young people of the church.

4-H to decide on club name

The second meeting of the Ballinac 4-H Club was held on February 15, at the home of Frances McLean. Beverly Leitch presided.

Characteristics of different materials and how to care for them was the topic of discussion.

After lunch, the members as well as the club leader and some of the mothers went to the fabric mills in Hespeler. All of the girls chose a pattern and material for their jacket and dress project.

For the next meeting, all members are to bring suggestions for a club name.



CHILDREN MADE Valentines at last week's party in the library.

Valentine party for preschoolers

Last Wednesday, the children who attend Story Hour in the library were given a St. Valentine's Day party by the staff.

Esther Taylor led the children in a succession of games, including London Bridge is Falling Down.

After the games, the preschoolers were asked to sit on the floor and close their eyes,

so the "Valentine bunny" could distribute packets of candies.

The children were all given yellow sheets of paper with big red hearts pasted on them. Miss Taylor distributed stickers of butterflies, strawberries, apples etc. and the youngsters proceeded to construct their own valentines.

Churches join Dufferin-Peel

Last Tuesday in Georgetown, Trinity United Church of Acton and Ballinac United Church were welcomed into the Presbytery of Dufferin and Peel. The ceremony took place at St. Andrew's United Church. After a short worship

period, the representatives of the four churches joining the Presbytery were welcomed by the Rev. Anna Taylor, Chairman for the Presbytery, and the Rev. Don Amos.

Responding for Acton were the Rev. W. E. Nelson and Bob Hart.

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