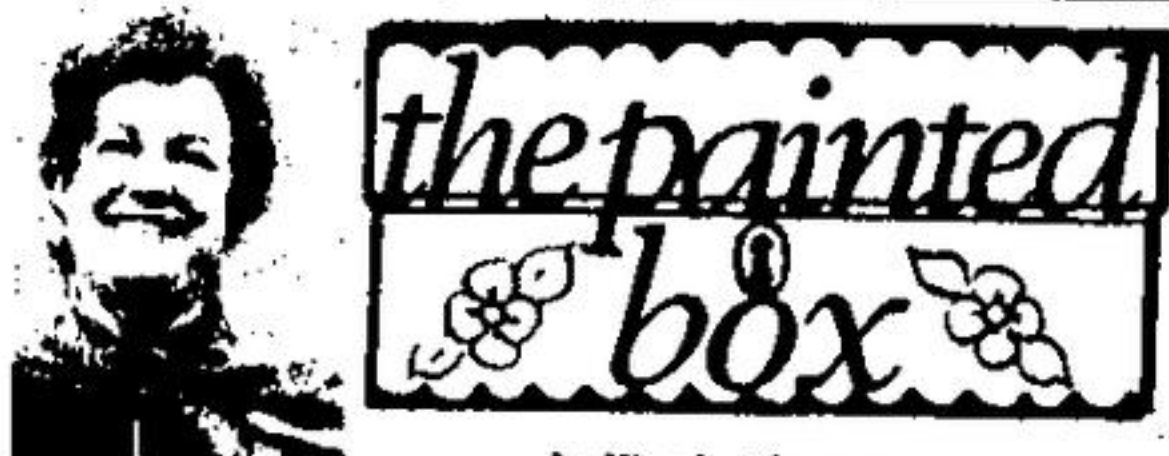


Rural mail

Rural mail deliveries in some parts of Eramosa were held up for at least three days due to the prevailing storm. Monday's weather showed a break-through and rural route delivery went on as usual.



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

A couple of weeks ago I made a mistake that has now caught up to me and is threatening not only my peace of mind but my eyesight as well.

You see, my proposed trip to Scotland was planned more or less on a whim. And having started "on a whim" I figured I might as well travel that way, just meandering aimlessly till the three weeks were up.

I made note of people's suggestions of what I should see but did no real planning. Then someone lent me a book on touring Britain by car.

After reading it thoroughly (and deciding to stay off all the suggested routes) I found I had become quite entranced by the picture on the cover. It was of a sandy beach with gnarled trees and an ancient castle ruin beyond the bay.

It would be maddening to drive close by such a view, and pass it, not knowing it was there until it was too late to turn around. And there would very likely be dozens of instances like that.

My luck. So I phoned the British Travel Authority in Toronto to see what information they had on Scotland, just to browse through and get some sort of idea of what was where. It was just my luck they didn't have anything on Scotland on hand at that time.

Rather than wait, I wrote directly to all the various travel associations in the different districts. THAT was my mistake.

Once all the packets of brochures and booklets began to arrive I found it was impossible to just "browse through". I began reading everything cover to cover, making little lists of all the things I must try to see.

It was the pictures that really got me. Tainlloch Castle and Buss Rock; dafodils, Grandtully Castle, and Wade Bridge, all at Aberfeldy; Dunnottar Castle near Stonehaven, Preston Mill and so on.

Geography. I've gone over everything two or three times, gleaning what I could, have pinned a map of Scotland to the wall, and have notations all over it as to what's where. I'm getting quite good at Scottish geography this way!

However, I'm not going to dash madly about trying to see them all. But I'm in that particular district, and if there's time, I will miss whatever it is that shouldn't be bypassed.

In spite of all my notations, plans, and whatnot, I've a sneaking suspicion I'll miss most of them. Overshadowing

my light blue jottings are big bold green lines marking what I really want to do (if I have enough money saved by then).

Other way. To begin with, noting that all the suggested tours went around Scotland counter-clockwise, I decided to go the other way. And since the sea has always fascinated me, I'll head for it, going from Prestwick up past Glasgow, through Glencoe to Mulling.

Thirty minutes on a car ferry would get me to the Isle of Skye. And when I was done there, a two hour ferry goes to the Outer Hebrides Islands.

It would take three hours from Stornoway across The Minch and back to the mainland at Ullapool, then up to the top of Scotland to ferry across to the Orkney Islands for a few days to see how far north I might get by passenger ferry.

I don't know how long that would take, but if things go right I can be down the east coast to Aberdeen in time for the Highland games.

As I write this, it's midnight of April 2. Snow and sleet are rattling against the windows, working on the six inches of snow promised us.

With rising food prices, I've been cutting down on baking, but last weekend I got in a "pie-making mood" and made up this recipe that turned out fairly well.

RICH APPLE PIE. Make up a nine inch two crust apple pie, using Spy apples. Before putting on the top crust, mix up the following and pour it over the apples.

1 cup white sugar
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. each nutmeg and allspice
1/2 cup sour cream
Fit on top crust, flute it, vent it, brush with milk, and sprinkle with a bit of white sugar.
Bake at 400 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.



FIVE HUNDRED names are patiently embroidered on this quilt, made by members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. Names were sold to raise money, and the quilt will be a coveted door prize. Admiring the quilt are guest speaker Mrs. D. L. G. Turvy, Guelph, provincial citizenship secretary, charter member Mrs. Isobel Watson, Mrs. Hazel Orr and regent Mrs. J. Joque.

Provincial secretary is guest of Lakeside

Mrs. D. L. G. Turvy, provincial citizenship secretary of the I.O.D.E., spoke informally to the Lakeside chapter at their regular meeting held in the Legion hall April 1.

Mrs. Turvy is a member of the Victoria Guelph chapter and it is the senior chapter of that city. Mrs. J. Joque, the regent, opened the meeting with the prayer of the order and

prayer. Attend meeting. Following the regular business the provincial annual meeting was discussed. It will be held April 16 and 17 in the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton. Mrs. C.E. Nelles will attend as the voting delegate with five ladies attending the dinner, Mrs. Joque, Mrs. D. Frizzell, Miss E. Braida, Mrs. R. Cooksley and Mrs. G. Currie. Speaker will be the Honourable Pauline McGibbon, lieutenant-governor of Ontario and a former national president of the I.O.D.E.



KATHY AND KAREN Coats cuddle their cats Blackie and Tigger. Blackie, on the left, is 10 months old while Tigger is six months. They are brothers, and like to romp around the house as if they own the place. Sometimes, according to the owners, they sound like humans walking upstairs. Tigger will eat anything set in front of him, while Blackie, older and wiser, is a bit more hesitant.

Citizenship Courts. Mrs. Turvy spoke of the citizenship courts which are now held in Hamilton instead of Milton; local chapter no longer takes part.

She was impressed with Lakeside's use of both flags at their meeting, the flag of the British Commonwealth and the Canadian flag.

Some articles for the sale were on display, made and donated by members for the Save the Children fund here and abroad. The I.O.D.E. plays a very active part in this fund.

Mrs. T. D. Burgess, a member of the Robert Mulrie chapter, accompanied Mrs. Turvy.

Finals

Optimist club public speaking finals were held Tuesday evening at Fong's restaurant in Georgetown. Jim Saxon was speaking as Acton's top winner. Results will be available next week.

Family wedding in Mississauga

A quiet family wedding was solemnized on Saturday, March 29 in the chapel of Christ Church, United, Mississauga. Ont. when Kathy Anne Ferguson became the bride of John Steven Stewart. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ferguson, Moncton, N.B. and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart of Mississauga, Ont. (former Acton residents).

Attendants were Peggy Miller, Moncton, N.B. and Mike Lombard, Gibraltar, now in London, Ont. Rev. John Shearman officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Banquet. The wedding banquet was held at the Country Squire Restaurant, Oakville. In the evening a reception was held at the groom's parents home, 1583 Petrie Way, Mississauga when relatives and friends from Guelph, Moncton and Fredericton, N.B., Toronto, Port Hope, Georgetown, Acton, London and Windsor called to congratulate the newlyweds.

The young couple will be taking up residence in Moncton, N.B.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart of Mississauga visited on Saturday with their aunt Mrs. A. J. Murray, while in Acton attending the curing bonspiel.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. Rognvaldson attended the funeral of Mrs. Rognvaldson's sister Mrs. Helen Marsh in Toronto on Monday.

The Lorne Scots held their Easter Ball on Saturday at the Constellation Hotel, and among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hinton, Councillor and Mrs. Len Cox and M.P.P. Jim Snow and his wife.

Spring concert

A spring concert is being planned by Acton Citizens band for later this month. An innovation is planned - a co-ordinated program of slides and music.

The theme is Continental Holiday, and Dr. George Elliott is arranging to borrow slides of different countries to show along with the appropriate music.

The Junior band is practising, and the band chorus will sing. Tentative date for the concert is Sunday, April 20.

Be a booster, Bert urges Golden Agers

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson. Forty members answered the roll call, at the afternoon meeting of Acton Golden Age Club held at St. Alban's Hall.

President Bert Davidson was in the chair and extended a welcome to all including members who had enjoyed the Florida sunshine.

Correspondence was read by Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Mrs. A. Mann gave the financial report.

Busy days. A letter was read from Mrs. M. Bridgeman of Hespeler (Cambridge) stating the children would be happy to provide the program for the April 16 meeting. These children had been at the Sunshine Club in Rockwood and were very well received. They have a busy schedule lined up for the summer, as they are appearing at a benefit show in Port Dover.

100th anniversary for the Odd Fellows Guelph an Orange Blossom Festival in Virginia and the Grand Stand Show at the Galt Fair, so their program is being eagerly anticipated.

Mrs. Reed suggested that an effort be made to revive the once popular rhythm band and the president offered to make further inquiries regarding this.

Be boosters. Mr. Davidson urged

members to work for the good of the club, be a booster and use our talents. He also read a poem "Are you a member or do you just belong?"

Wedding anniversaries noted were for Mr. and Mrs. J. Post and Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry. Prizes for eucbre were won

by Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. E. Craig, Bert Davidson and J. Fuller.

Crokinole winners were Mrs. M. Spear, Mrs. M. Allen, Mrs. E. Reed and Mr. A. Mann.

A social time was enjoyed over the tea cups.

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New officers for Acton W.I.

The annual meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held in the board room of the library on Wednesday afternoon, April 2. Mrs. Grace Nelles, the president, was in the chair. Marie Hargrave read secretary's reports.

Roll call was answered by the paying of fees. There were 12 present. Annual reports were given by conveners: Mrs. Lindsay for Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. Doris Cook for Citizenship and World Affairs; Miss Marjorie Hall, Public Relations; Mrs. Grace Nelles Resolutions.

Dorothy Simmons, past president, took the chair for the election of officers. Officers: Dorothy Simmons, president; Grace Nelles, first vice-president; Agnes Holmes, secretary-treasurer; Marie Hargrave, branch directors; Mrs. Mary Graham, Jean McLean; district directors Dorothy Simmons, Mrs. Roy Lindsay, curator Jenn McLean.

Conveners Agriculture and Canadian Industries Mrs. Roy Lindsay, Citizenship and World Affairs Mrs. Doris Cook, Education and Cultural Activities Mrs. Mabel Denny; Family and Consumer Affairs Mrs. Grace Nelles; public relations Miss Marjorie Hall; press reporter Mrs. Helen Pickett; resolutions Mrs. Nelles; cheer secretary Miss Annie Atkins; auditors Mr. and Mrs. William Denny.

May meeting will be a pot luck dinner at 1 p.m. The three delegates for the district annual are president Mrs. Nelles, secretary-treasurer Marie Hargrave; district director Dorothy Simmons. A social time was enjoyed over lunch.

Honorary president OXFAM night. The OXFAM meeting, cancelled because of the snowstorm, has been rescheduled for Monday evening, April 21. It's again slated for the library with OXFAM regional director Catherine Harvey the speaker.

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