



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

One week from today, on May 29, I'll be heading for the airport and (supposedly) leaving all my cares and worries behind for three weeks.

That might be the case but I've a sneaking suspicion that there'll be enough aggravation and frustration over the next week to make up for it. What I might do is keep track of what's going on each day.

Thursday: I found out when phoning for car rental verification, that my cheque of May 2 had been misplaced or something, and I won't know just where I stand regarding a car for driving around Scotland until just before I leave.

Friday: Ran into town and had a "wash and wear" permanent. I can see where it will be a great help when the weather is damp (or even downright wet) but my husband is having a hard time stifling chuckles whenever he views my woolly mop.

I suppose I can't blame him. My head looks like a rotund poodle which now sits up and speaks instead of lying down to play dead.

Happy again

Saturday: Today seemed like a good day to sit down and write a few letters and catch up on a few bills. I wouldn't want Gord bothered by the dog catcher to see why the dog licences weren't renewed or by the OPP to see why I didn't pay my traffic fine.

We spent the evening wall-papering the kitchen, and there were long interludes when nobody in the family was speaking to anyone else. However, it's done now and everyone's happy again.

Sunday: Today the Thomson reunion was held and I met two of the Scottish branch—second cousins to Gord they must be—who will be waiting for me in Aberdeen when I land there for the Highland games.

500 years

I've been staying free of promises to drop in on anybody up till now, but by June 14, I should be able to slow down and visit.

Also, I'd like to stop by Cruden Bay in Aberdeenshire. Apparently there's around 500 years of the Thomson family buried there.

Monday and Tuesday just went by in no time. I spent most of the time in the Free Press darkroom singing about High roads and Low roads, and travelling over the

sea to Skye, and so on.

At home, the kitchen carpet was put down to the great delight of the dogs.

Adilly

Wednesday was a dilly. Do you know that there are seven shoe stores in Acton, Georgetown and Milton, not counting what is in the department-type stores?

I took me over four hours to cover them all to find a plain pair of brown shoes with a small heel. And I mustn't forget the ten minute stop to pick up my car rental reservations which finally arrived! Now I'm all set (I think). All I have to do is pack.

Thursday: I like that last comment. In order to pack, it seems I must do four loads of washing, drying, and ironing. Of course, most of that is to make sure Gord and the boys have clothes to wear while I'm gone.

And as soon as this is typed, I'll be off to the cleaners to see if they can put a zipper in a sleeping bag for Gord when he goes west this year; then on to the customs office to fill out some sort of form for my cameras.

More pounds

Next stop is the office to pick up a couple of pay cheques and trot them down to the bank to convert them to pounds. I'm quite pleased to see that I'll be able to not only buy meals once in Scotland, but can afford a bit of shopping on the side.

Speaking of shopping, I think I'd better take Gord with me grocery shopping today because he's the one who'll be doing all the cooking for three weeks (he's home on holidays incidentally).

Gord says to just buy a carton of macaroni and a case of canned tomatoes, but I know how soon they'd be fed up with that.

Well, there's all that to do, it's now going on one o'clock, and I must do an ironing before leaving here at five-thirty or so.

I think I'd better get a move on!

To re-enact part of church union

Several special ceremonies are planned for Acton United church this Sunday morning, when the 50th anniversary of church union is celebrated.

The oldest member of the congregation, Mrs. Lambert, 90, will cut a birthday cake. Members of half a century Marguerite Taylor and Orwell Johnston will take part in a re-enactment of the presentation of the rolls of incoming members from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. (Here about 70 Methodist families and 30 Presbyterian families formed the new United congregation.)

Music

A member in the 1930's

Norman Gibson, will sing solos and there will be special music by George Elliott, Dave Sale and Blair Batty playing the trumpet, oboe and organ.

The Sunday School scholars will take part; they have made special banners for the occasion.

The first part of the service will reflect 1925 and the last half will be modern.

It is believed there are about 24 church members who joined that day 50 years ago.

Other district United churches are also observing the anniversary in special ways.

Golden Agers enjoy western armchair trip

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

An armchair trip through the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan and B.C. was provided by Mrs. K. Alger, who showed picturesque slides of interest and also gave a commentary on the trip.

Steve Saxon with the aid of his dummy "Chester" recited "Albert at the Zoo" and for an encore gave a good description of a "Flea Circus". This young performer has quite a future in store for him.

Thanks and a round of applause were tendered Mrs. Alger and Steve.

Vic Bristol representing the Lions Club reported that the club would again provide

a bus to Halton Manor for their Lawn Party on Saturday, June 14. Anyone wishing to go is to give their name to the secretary at once.

Proposed Midland trip

The Zone picnic is being held at La Salle Park, Burlington on Tues., June 24.

Mrs. L. Dennis reporting for the Transportation committee stated the proposed trip to Gannocque was too long for one day—so further information is being procured on a trip to Midland and a boat cruise on June 17.

Birthday greetings were for Mrs. M. De Forest.

The evening concluded with lunch being served, and a social time spent.

Senior members asked to pioneer luncheon

The Diocesan Centennial Committee of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, Acton, in conjunction with Senior Citizens' Week in this area, invites all retired senior members of the parish and their spouses to a Pioneers' Luncheon in the Parish Hall after church on Sunday, June 15, at 12 noon.

Transportation will be provided if necessary from points within a reasonable distance of Acton.

Anyone not personally contacted is asked to call Mrs. Penny Bristow at 853-2237 or Mrs. Laura Dittich at 853-0805 before this coming Monday.



CANADIAN GIRLS in Training held their 60th anniversary tea at the United Church Saturday. Nancy Shoemaker pours tea for Dorothy Allen. Beatrice Parker, the first leader of the Acton group, attended the celebration. The tea closes the year for CGIT.

4-H girls model at meeting

Mrs. J. McCulloch was the hostess for the May meeting of the Greenock Women's Institute with 17 members and nine visitors present.

Mrs. R. Sinclair presided. Invitations were read from Dublin W. I. to an anniversary tea June 14 and from the Rockalong W. I. for June 3. Elva Pearen expressed appreciation to Mrs. J. McCulloch for her three years as president and on behalf of the members presented her with a F.W.I.C. badge. Mrs. McCulloch thanked all for the gift.

Mrs. J. Veerman gave the current events and Mrs. J. Addison the meditation. The roll call was a plant you have grown all winter to auction.

4-H guests

The 4-H girls, Margaret Johnston, Diane Buckman, Katharine Johnston, Sharon Page, Beverly Gates and Cindy McCausland under the leadership of Mrs. Glen Jackson modelled the outfits they had taken at their dress-making course.

Mrs. G. Hache and Mrs. J. Veerman, conveners, were in charge of the auction of plants with Mrs. McCulloch acting as auctioneer. A lovely sale of plants took place.

Mrs. C. Allan thanked the 4-H girls for coming, the hostess and all who took part. Lunch was served by Mrs. G. Leslie and Mrs. E. Patterson.

Members enjoy trip

Forty members and friends of the Acton Institute enjoyed a bus trip to Pickering, Ontario, and Ajax on Monday, June 2, with Tyler Travel Service arranging the tour and providing the transportation.

They stopped for tea at Scarborough, visited the Pickering generating station and had a buffet luncheon at Holiday Inn, Oshawa. They toured the McLaughlin Car Museum and had a most enjoyable hour at E. P. Taylor's Windfields Farm. There they saw many new colts taking their first steps with mother

keeping close tabs. They saw a day-old colt and a horse being shod. Members had two hours of shopping and supper at Sheridan mall before returning home at 9 p.m.

Third in contest

On Wednesday, May 21, seven members of Acton Women's Institute attended the annual meeting of the Halton Women's Institute. Acton came third in the quilt contest.

District annual delegates were president Mrs. Grace Nelles; district director, Miss Dorothy Simmons; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Marie Hargrave.

Visitors were: Miss Marjorie Hall, Miss Nora Kenney, Mrs. Agnes Holmes and Mrs. Doris Cooke.

Mrs. Marie Hargrave was returned to office of the district convener for family and consumer affairs.

Members are commended

Mrs. Nellie Beatty, Church St., Acton, hosted the May meeting of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown. Twenty-seven members attended with Mrs. Dorothy Goodwin presiding.

Mrs. Ruth Campin and Mrs. Agnes Olive were commended for their paintings and prints, respectively, in the current juried art show at the Brampton Art Gallery.

Mrs. Ethel Bessem also won honorable recognition for her gold jewellery at a recent handcraft display at the Guelph Recreational Centre.

DANCING

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DEBORAH LYNN Hamilton and Ross William Carrol were married on April 26 in Churchill United Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward Hamilton, R.R. 2, Acton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Carrol, London. The newlyweds are now living at Dalemead, Alberta.

Photo by Wm. Stuckey

National Y has woman president

Highlight of the 1975 Y.M.C.A. conference recently attended by Acton board president, Helen Van Sicker, was the appointment of the first woman president of the national Y.M.C.A.

The conference was held at Geneva park near Orillia from May 29 to June 1. According to the local representative, the appointment of Raynell Andreychuck to the position was unopposed. She is a 30-year-old lawyer from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and, prior to the appointment, she served for two years as first vice-president. Henry Davis of Ottawa, a lawyer, was made the new first vice-president.

74 conference

Much of the conference was discussion on next year's event slated for September, 1976. It was decided it would be held in Montreal. The date

will represent the 125th anniversary of the Y in North America.

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Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Den Brink are enjoying the company of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Schulin, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Mulder, of Nykerk, Holland for the next three weeks.

Mrs. Kae Lidken and her friend Mrs. Marg Tophan of Richmond Hill motored to New Hampshire and visited with Mrs. Lidken's brother, Laurier Michaud for a week. Returning, they brought Mr. Michaud back to Acton, dropping in at Cornwall where they visited with a sister Mrs. H. R. Smith.

Mrs. John Allan visited her daughter Mrs. Joyce Flewelling, Belwood and attended the Spring tea at Mimosa United Church.

Mrs. Obbie McAfee, Ransom Dr. Apts., has returned home from Toronto General Hospital.

The Toronto Star Saturday carried a long story about Acton-born Cam McNab and his new job as chairman of the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority. This "smart new wonder man" was formerly Ontario deputy minister of transport and now, says writer Frank Jones, he's "the province's biggest booster of public transit." He advocates the rebuilding of Union Station.

Cam McNab and his wife visit friends here every once in a while, and they enjoy coming back to the fair.

Carol Patterson returned last week from a wonderful visit with relatives at Perth, Scotland.

Mike and Sue Bullock of 137 Churchill Rd. S. welcomed Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Duignan from South Wales, Great Britain to Acton. Friends hope they enjoy their vacation here.

Mrs. George Benton, 69 Mill St., celebrated her 75th birthday on May 25, two days after her actual birth date. A party was hosted by her children, Brian and Helen Barbeau and Bernice and Anne Benton. The Barbeau home in Burlington was well-decorated with seasonal flowers.

Mrs. Benton's family, brother Jack Birns and sisters Sr. Madeleine Birns of Loretto Abbey, Toronto; Aileen Birns and Van Anders of Buffalo; Mrs. J. J. Smith and niece Barbara and Lloyd Leslie of Guelph, cousins Gus Ferrier, Kenilworth; Paul and Linda O'Connor, Burlington, also friends and neighbors from Islington, Toronto, Oshawa, Kitchener and Burlington were among the many guests attending.

About 40 guests enjoyed a sumptuous five o'clock luncheon complete with birthday cake. A beautiful May day was enjoyed by all grandchildren and their friends, too!

A resident of Acton for a couple of years, many decades ago, Charles Lane of Williamsville, New York has never forgotten places and events of those long-gone days. He was back in town Tuesday with his daughter Mrs. Muriel Metz of Clarence, N.Y.

He came here in 1913 and worked in the tannery, where his father worked too. He was 14 and was no longer required to attend school. They lived in the last house on Beardmore Cres., near the bark stacks which were huge in those days. He used to trap muskrats in the valley and sell them to Morris Saxe for a quarter each, he remembers.

His brother enlisted in the army here with Sergeant Fred Coles, and Mr. Lane vividly remembers the activity at the drill shed in the park then.

He was a steam fitter for many years in New York state and was active in the union.

He treasures old photographs and Free Press clippings and loaned some of them for the special Acton centennial edition of the Free Press.

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Anniversary Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 10:00 A.M.

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