

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 3 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 round 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 licenses weren't renewed or by the OPP to see why I didn't pay my traffic fine.

We spent the evening wallpapering 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

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



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.

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 Bristow representing the Lions Club reported that the club would again provide

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 Penren 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.

Free Press Family Page

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 Hill, 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.

DANCING

Every Saturday
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
at the
Acton Legion

June 7th - 'Rocking Horse'
June 14th - 'The Shaynes'
June 21st - 'Ross Hillier'

ADMISSION: \$4.00 PER COUPLE

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 Campbell 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 handicraft display at the Guelph Recreational Centre.

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, invite 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.

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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 Schalm, 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.

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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 lannery, 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.

\$1,000 won

In the Georgetown Elks bingo, \$1,000 was won Monday, June 2, so the number is right back to the beginning again.

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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 Andreychuk 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.

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

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- Sunday School Participation

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