



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

Every now and then, I try to remember to devote a paragraph or so to corrections and clarifications. A month back, there was a mention of "Gavin" broth. If anybody really cares, it should have been "Yavio".

Also the Tolquhon Castle pictured last week, wasn't. It was Huntley Castle. That comes from my reading strips of negatives from top to bottom instead of bottom to top.

And last night a very nice-sounding lady phoned to see if the "candied ginger" in last week's jam recipe is the same as "crystallized". It is.

So that's that for now. I have more pictures again this week, this time of what I've heard referred to as the "Flora, fauna, and hoofa", of Scotland.

And here's a recipe from Connell, Argyll.

HAGGIS IN A BOWL

- 1 lb liver
- 1 medium onion, minced, salt and pepper
- 4 ounces suet
- 2 teaspoons oatmeal.

NOTE: my reference books give one teaspoonful as being equal to one-half cup plus 2 tablespoons.

Wash the liver, cover with water, simmer 20 minutes.

Strain, reserving the liquid. When cold, mince liver coarsely. Mix liver, oatmeal, onion and suet. Season thoroughly. Bind to a moist consistency with the liquid in which the liver was cooked. Turn into a greased pudding bowl, cover and steam at least two hours. When ready, serve with mashed potatoes and turnips.

A visitor to my darkroom brought along a postcard picturing "McCaig's Folly" in Oban. Apparently my spelling last week (McQuaig) was more Irish than correct. One other word has got back to me — some stores in Acton (I hope not all) are out of crystallized ginger. People making the rhubarb and ginger jam might have to look for it in Guelph or Georgetown.



CURIOUS ABOUT who might be munching on the moors north-west of Ullapool, two Highland deer stopped grazing and watched until I left.



AFTER SPOTTING a kilted figure making its way across the moors of Northern Skye, I intercepted him and found author Seton Gordon.

Free Press Family Page

The flora, fauna and hoofa of Scotland

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SOMEBODY TOLD me the approximate number of sheep in Scotland. I think it turned out there were more sheep than people. After driving around my umpteenth herd on the road, I didn't doubt it.



THERE WEREN'T too many Highland cattle roaming around but the ones I did see were certainly impressive. This one was east of Killan on Loch Tay.



GULLS FOLLOWED the ferries to and from the Hebrides Islands, sweeping and soaring for hours on end.

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Excursion to Elmira intrigues Knox Ladies

Saturday, July 26 was the perfect day for the annual outing of Knox Ladies' Aid and a few friends. This year 40 ladies boarded the bus, driven by Clarence Denny, and headed for the Elmira district. A visit was made to the new Mennonite market, and all were intrigued with the meats, fruits, vegetables and home baking. Several quilts exhibited showed fine workmanship.

An hour spent at the Mennonite Church was enjoyed when a film was shown on the origin and customs of the various Mennonite sects, with a question and answer period following. A delicious hot turkey dinner was served to the

party at a local restaurant.

Afternoon trip
 In the afternoon a 25-mile trip was taken in the surrounding country with places of interest being explained by a guide. Beautiful farms, with painted buildings and splendid crops were shown. Other farms, where the owners adhered to the old mode of farming with horse-drawn implements, were seen. One couldn't help but notice the beautiful gardens with luxurious growth, and a wealth of flowers, whether it was at a village home, or a larger garden on a farm home, all were so well cultivated. The streets in the villages and in the town of Elmira were immaculate with flowers everywhere.

Last bridge

Several places of special interest were visited, one being in the last covered bridge in Ontario at West Montrose, where the ladies walked through. The bus arrived home shortly after five o'clock with everyone expressing it to be a fine trip to an interesting district.

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IN THIS picture's lower right corner in the centre of the circle of ripples is the sleek head of Sammy, the resident seal of Stornoway harbor, eyeing me and the camera.

Guest soloist at church Sun.

Guest soloist at the United church Sunday morning was Norman Gibson, a former Actonian who has lived in England since the war, but is presently in Milton.

This is the last joint service of the summer to be held in the United church with the Rev. Eric Nelson in charge. Next Sunday the joint services move to the Presbyterian church with the Rev. A. H. McKenzie in charge.

Mr. Gibson sang two solos, "Come Ye Blessed and Stranger of Galilee." The choir

also sang an anthem. Dr. George Elliott accompanied Mr. Gibson, who was a church soloist here years ago, and directed the choir as usual.

After the service refreshments were served in the narthex by members of the choir when the congregation enjoyed a social hour together.

Speeders

Police have received complaints of trucks speeding on Main St.

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Free Press Personals

Mrs. Norman Small, of Niagara Falls, called on friends here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ritchie of Grand Valley, and Mr. John Ritchie, of Allen Park, Michigan were recent visitors of Mrs. J. C. Dennis. Also calling at the same home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald, of Pembroke.

A triple birthday party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert on Sunday. Mrs. Allen Muehler, their daughter, Lesley Anne Muehler and Miss Dorothy Summers celebrated birthdays. Prizes went to Judy, Jennifer and Michael Arbo as contest winners.

About 110 bar board members with wives, husbands, friends spent a pleasant evening together Saturday at the farm home of hospitable Mr. and Mrs. Mel McCullough. The board provided steak and the women brought the extras for the barbecue.

Earl Burt and Jessie McEnery were among those providing entertainment as the group got to know each other better, on an evening there was no work to be done.

Free Press sports editor Denis Gibbons returned Monday night from a three week sports and physical education tour to Sweden, Germany and Denmark with a group of 45 physical education teachers from across Canada and the U.S.

The study tour, organized by the Institute of Comparative Physical Education at Montreal's Concordia University, got off to a disastrous start in Montreal, Monday, July 6, and 20 members of the group including Denis were hospitalized for one night, after unknowingly eating cole slaw, later discovered to have contained an insecticide. The group's departure was delayed one day, but all the ill were given the medical OK the next day and, although one day of programming was lost, the remainder of the tour was a success.

During the first week the group visited Stockholm, where Denis met top officials of the Swedish Ice Hockey

Federation and attended a summer dry land training session of the Stockholm AIK club.

In Munich, West Germany, the second week, the group stayed at the Olympic Village and studied German physical education training.

While most of the group studied the school system in Denmark the third week, Denis visited the Arne Stromberg International Ice Hockey School in Tyringe, Sweden. There he met Stromberg, ex-coach of the Swedish National Team and Inge Hammarstrom of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Hammarstrom is teaching at the school for the summer. Members of the group were declared physically fit by health authorities in Montreal, when they returned Monday. In future weeks Denis will be recalling some of his experiences for Free Press readers.



Wedding announcement Given - Unger ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Unger, Trenton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jackie to Brian Given, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Given. The wedding ceremony will take place August 23, in Trenton.

The groom-to-be is employed by Wellington County and his fiancée is a student at the University of Guelph. Following their wedding, they will reside in Rockwood.

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