



the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

Today is the kind of day that is so nice it's hard to do anything but sit and enjoy it (which I'm doing). The sun is hot enough to warm me through, but the wind is cool enough to be comfortable and strong enough to keep the bugs (most of them) away.

One of the cows is calling for her calf, Midi-cat is fussing because I've moved her kittens outdoors, the pup is trying to sneak off with one of my sandals, and I'm sliding lower and lower in the lawn chair, more intent on watching the swallows than I am on writing.

A few weeks ago, a pair of them started building a nest up under the eaves of the house, right above the back porch windows. Every time I went outside I could see them working at it.

Hanging on where no holds seemed to exist, they leaned back against their tails which were spread out and braced against the house, and tried to pack mud to the siding. In spite of the usual stickiness of the mud, the nest just didn't seem to be expanding beyond the first few blobs.

Frustrated Finally I couldn't stand it any longer. I was getting more frustrated than the birds! My husband was dragged away from his roof-shingling at the front, to hang over the back and hammer three nails into the house.

Gord didn't say anything, but as he looked down at me fussing around below, I could see a resigned "I don't know how I got into this" look in his eyes.

For a while after, I thought perhaps we'd chased the swallows off, but just before I went to bed I saw them silhouetted against the sky giving their building site the once over.

They must have decided the nails were placed correctly, as construction started up again the next day.

In Ontario, we had a family of swallows back in the little hay barn. They moved in right after it was built, before we could get a door on. Consequently, the barn stood doorless the whole time we were there.

Since it was a fair distance from the house, over a hill and in a clump of cedars, I never saw the building of the nests, and was therefore quite interested in my swallow family here.

Inspector The female brought the mud, and the male carried the "re-inforcing rod." Tansy-cat played the part of the building inspector, watching each flight so intently she must have been dizzy.

Mostly the swallows ignored her, but now and then nest-building would cease when another swallow couple appeared and all four dove-bombed her till she fled indoors. From there she could sit on the dryer and watch out the window with slitted eyes, muttering nasty things under her breath.

Now the nest is built, but the antics go on. All the while I'm outside, the birds sit on the hydrant wire and yatter away. Usually only the tip of the female's head is visible in the nest, but every now and then when a buzzing fly persists in hovering around too close, she'll hop to the edge of the nest and make a couple of swipes at him. I can hear her beak clacking when she misses.

Snap When a fly is particularly obnoxious, she'll dive out and follow him. Snap and no more fly.

Which reminds me—it's getting on towards supper time and the boys will be home soon. No more lazing in the sun for me today.



LAZY DAYS IN the summer sun almost sounds poetic, but it describes how Lillian Graham and Andree Charlebois spent Monday. A rubber dinghy can float forever on the quiet waters of Fairy Lake at Prospect Park with its passengers soaking up the sun and having fun. Lillian's dog Peanut was also along for the ride.

Rev. and Mrs. Thoman moving to Ingersoll

The congregation of Evangel Tabernacle, Acton, gathered at the home of Mrs. Florence Cousins last Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. The occasion: to farewell and honour Rev. and Mrs. S. Thoman, pastors of Evangel Tabernacle, who will shortly be taking a new charge in Highway Pentecostal Church, Ingersoll.

The Acton church grew and prospered under the dedicated and able leadership of Pastor Thoman and he was enabled, with members of his congregation, to build two additions providing adequate facilities for Sunday School, staff offices, prayer room, enlarged and renovated auditorium and new wash room facilities.

The Friday evening gathering featured a strawberry festival, including a beautiful buffet supper ending with a gift of money to Pastor and Mrs.

Thoman, also a chest of recipes of each member's favorite recipe. This chest also included a gift of money.

The presentation was made by Mrs. D. Munro and replied to by Pastor and Mrs. Thoman.

The happy evening concluded with a prayer and song. Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow.

Pastor Thoman is thankful for the years he has enjoyed ministering to the congregation in Acton and reports this year has been a

year of blessings and God has blessed the Assembly in many special ways sharing to help other needy fields. All financial requirements have been met and the future for Evangel Tabernacle is now on a solid basis to go forward. Members look ahead with hope and anticipation for further progress.

Pastor and Mrs. Thoman will preach their farewell service, Sunday, August 1 and take over their new charge August 8. Parishioners wish them God's blessing and success in their new church.

Free Press Personals

Guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schupp, R. R. 4, Acton for one month is their niece, Miss Roswitha Schupp, 17, from a small town near Freiburg, Germany.

Roswitha arrived on July 19 for a four week stay. She has never been to Canada before but has been getting the "grand tour" of the area. So far Roswitha and her cousins have taken in Niagara Falls and attempted the line ups at the CN tower. This week she

is having her first experience camping with the Schupp family in Kilbear park.

The visitor is using her stay in Canada as a chance to better her English. The last time Roswitha saw her relatives was three years ago when the Schupps visited Germany.

Mary Watson and Janet Allen visited in Lansing, Michigan, with former Actonians, Mrs. June (Lawrence) Gost and her family.

Golden Age Club enjoys bus tour

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Forty-five wide awake senior citizens boarded a bus at Churchill for an eight a.m. departure for places unknown, heading towards Guelph then on to Highway 86 where they went through Elmira, looking for a Farmers' Market. Then on to St. Jacobs, where they browsed and bought on a market where almost all vendors were Menonites. Then back to Elmira Park where the group had a picnic lunch.

Mr. Brubaker, a Menonite tour guide, boarded their bus and gave an interesting and entertaining commentary on the various Menonite orders and customs, concluding the 30 minute period with questions and answers. With Mr. Brubaker's knowledge of the area, a complete tour of the countryside was enjoyed for a couple of hours.

The covered bridge at West Montrose was next point of

call; also known as the "Kissing Bridge" but no one availed themselves of the golden opportunity!

Arriving back at Elmira Park the club said farewell and a big thank you to the guide, who had made it such an informative trip. On to Guelph where they spent some time at Willow West Mall, later arriving at the Ponderosa where all did justice to a fine meal.

They arrived home around seven p.m., tired but happy, after a pleasant trip, as planned by the transportation committee of Acton Golden Age Club.

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Jr. dairy calf club

By Ellen Hurren

The July meeting of the Halton 4-H Junior Dairy Calf Club was held on July 12 at the farm of Russell Hurren, Campbellville. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with the business and secretary's report. Everyone judged and gave reasons on a class of yearling heifers. Next the group was shown the proper way to tie up our calves and practiced this. Lastly, there was a lesson on High Quality Milk in which there was a quiz.

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Plan picnic for next meeting

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

The regular evening meeting of the Acton Golden Age Club was held at St. Alban's Hall on Tuesday. Due to holidays and other local attractions attendance was below normal.

With president R. L. Davidson presiding, a short business session was held.

Plans were made for a picnic for the next regular meeting, to be held at the Rockwood Conservation Park with the Rockwood Sunshine Club as guests. Supper is to be pot luck and each one is to take their own dishes and cutlery. Cars will leave the hall at 3 p.m.

Games With the conclusion of business, several games of cards and crokinole were enjoyed.

Winners for euchre were Mrs. E. McIntyre, Mrs. P. Robertson, Earl Lambert and J. B. Watkins.

Crokinole winners were Mrs. M. Spear, Mrs. A. Mann, R. L. Davidson and Mrs. M. Hannikainen.

Birthday greetings were for R. L. Davidson, Mrs. M. Spear, Mrs. C. K. Browne and

Mrs. Wynne. Fruit bread and a cup of tea were served by the lunch committee.



W. G. EGGLETON takes a rest from Monday's hot sun under a shade tree in Prospect Park. The Erin man drove to Acton with some friends to enjoy the summer day, and ended up at Fairy Lake.

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