



the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

I'm spending far too much these days (and who isn't?). To try to set my budget straight, I've just thrown out the spring seed catalogues and have dug out my old hammer and screwdriver.

You see, I got carried away when the catalogues arrived and spent a fair bit on seeds, seedlings, pots and paraphernalia. And in June, when my mother flew out from Rockwood, she bought more seeds and seedlings, then set about planting them.

For the next while, I was afraid to touch anything in the gardens, not knowing a weed from a flower or vegetable.

Unfortunately, the dogs didn't feel the same restraint. Rip, our eight-month-old pup, very carefully dug up all the dahlias. Out of 20, there are five left. He must have reburied some though, as I'm finding plants in the oddest places.

Old Sue seems to think the cool earth was worked especially for her to bed down in and she gratefully lowers her 110 pounds into the flower beds, using different ones in turn to keep out of the sun.

Rip used the vegetable garden as his private racing track, tearing round in huge circles, and churning up the soil to an unbelievable degree.

A late frost didn't help any, and neither did my lack of enthusiasm for weeding. Between one thing and another, I now have one snapdragon, one nasturtium, one tomato, one poppy, 11 cabbages, two rows of corn and great quantities of weeds. Somewhere under them are four rows of carrots, turnips, peas and beans, but I'm not sure where.

In the last of my infrequent weeding bouts, I pulled up the one and only parsnip and left in disgust.

If I'm not going to ease the budget by gardening, what CAN I do to trim household expenses? That's where the screwdriver comes in. Up until last month whenever anything went on the blink I took it apart and waited for my husband or son to fix it.

If they didn't take the hint, I'd start "fixing" it myself. Within two minutes, somebody would be at my shoulder.

"What are you trying to do — electrocute yourself? (Blow us up, burn us down?)" Then I'd hand over the screwdriver and leave them to do it properly.

Last month, (just after Gord left for Banff to work for

the summer) my washing machine developed a horrible noise while spinning and I figured something must be loose between the tubs. So I took the top off, the agitator out, the clips off the side of the inner top, loosened the funny-looking thing at the side, took the inner top off, but was stumped by the thingamee in the centre.

Seeing as it was under warranty (and I felt sure the machine was falling apart) I phoned an electrician. To make the trip worthwhile, I asked him to have a look at the dryer as well.

It too was new and had never really worked properly (but out this way very few things are sent back for fear of having to wait another two or three months for a replacement).

Anyway, the timed dial at the bottom was fine but the top one, which supposedly would leave my clothes with the proper degree of dampness, didn't. All I got was bone dry or soaking wet.

I got home that night to find the washing machine fixed (but still in pieces) and sitting on it was one bobby pin fished out from between the tubs with a coat hanger (the repairman couldn't get the thingamee off either).

Regarding the dryer, there was only a word of advice — don't leave the clothes in so long.

I guess what I need to go along with my screwdriver is a good dollop of common sense!

If I hadn't been quite so dazzled by all the shine, chrome and gewgaws, I could have done all that myself! Now I have the unenviable task of explaining to Gord a bill for \$36.25 to remove a bobby pin from the washing machine.

However, the next time there'll be nothing to stop me. I'll just grit my teeth, and have that machine spread from the back door clear into the kitchen, nuts, bolts, gewgaws and all!



Pet of the week

TINKER IS A young and energetic part-poodle and fox-terrier who had to be held still for his Pet of the Week picture. Five-year-old Christine did the honors, although other Miller family members claim part ownership of the gold, brown and black pooch. The Millers and Tinker live at 244 Elmore Drive.

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A good attendance of members of Dublin Women's Institute gathered at the home of Mrs. F. Kirton, Fourth Line, Nassagaweya (Milton) on Thursday evening for their regular monthly meeting.

With the President, Mrs. E. Norton presiding, the meeting commenced with the Institute Ode, the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. D. Hunter called the roll "Something that would make me feel at home when in another Country". Many interesting suggestions were given.

Several members hope to attend the Halton District 75th Anniversary on September 9 at the Lions Hall in Milton.

A 4H Training School will be held in Milton on September 7, 8, 13, and 14. Leaders for the course "Featuring Fruits" will be from Dublin North, Mrs. M. Hunter and Mrs. H. Dadds, and for Dublin South, Mrs. F. McCarron and daughter, Theresa.

"Freezer Books" were distributed and eagerly scanned by the ladies. Many recipes are included as well as the best methods of freezing fruits, vegetables and meats.

Fair exhibits at the three neighbouring fairs were discussed and articles will be brought to the next meeting.

A gift of a silver spoon was presented by Mrs. W. Britton to Mrs. J. Kranonodok, Jr., in honor of her new baby.

In the absence of the public relations convener, Mrs. C. Davidson, Mrs. D. Hunter read a poem entitled "Our Women's Organization", and Mrs. E. Norton spoke on public relations. Both were interesting and well received.

Some who had pen pals in far-off countries reported the correspondence with them.

A committee was named of Mrs. F. Kirton, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mrs. K. Smith to make arrangements for a social

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Children's Aid needs room, board for teens

Halton Region Children's Aid Society is looking for homes that can give room and board to many of its 16 and 17 year-old clients who want to live independently.

Mrs. Ann Lorraine Thiessen, head of Alternate care for the agency, said that Halton Region Children's Aid Society can only offer these youth family living situations in foster homes, and they cannot tolerate this type of close relationship.

In the room and board situation, the teenagers are able to live independently on their own, while receiving support from the agency's child care staff, Mrs. Thiessen said.

Unfortunately, she said, Halton Region does not have an independent living program, such as the one operating in Toronto by the Metro Catholic Children's Aid Society. In this type of situation, a university student supervises an apartment with older teenage wards and teaches them life skills, like cooking for themselves, shopping and laundry.

"Without an independent living program here, we find it difficult to find accommodation for these teenagers. They need a room and board situation but we wouldn't expect the people offering their homes to be responsible for the kids," Mrs. Thiessen said.

People offering their homes would set their own rental fee.

Need in north
Anyone interested should phone Halton Region Children's Aid Society and ask for Mrs. Eleanor Tilton—639-5193 or 878-2375.

Homes are urgently needed in the north part of the Region, as a large number of clients come from this area.

Frequently, it is most beneficial for the teenagers to be relocated near their home environment and their old friends.

Readers go to Ex

The young people in the library's Reading Olympics will be receiving their medals later this week. All of them have read a specific number of books during the summer.

They will be going by bus together to the Exhibition Saturday, along with the readers from the Georgetown library.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Mendelson, and daughter, Sarah, of Philadelphia, Pa. spent holidays last week with Mrs. Mendelson's mother, Mrs. R. Algie, Bower Avenue.

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W.I. bursaries

Halton district Women's Institute have announced their scholarship and bursary winners for 1976. The winners were chosen for their high scholastic achievement, participation in 4-H club work, school and community activities and personal achievement.

The winner of the \$100 Dr. Ethel Chapman scholarship is Miss Nancy Shortill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shortill, R. R. 1, Georgetown.

The \$50 bursary goes to Miss Marion Jamieson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Ballinacree.

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