



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

Things are really hopping in Buck Creek, these days. The people in the area decided that the Community Hall, an old building about 30 x 60 feet, had stood unused long enough; and made plans to get all kinds of activities going.

There started another aspect of my "Alberta-living" education. It seems strange to think that here I am getting closer and closer to 40 each year, and I'm constantly coming across new things to amuse, delight, and intrigue me.

The first "do" in the Hall was a New Year's Eve party, for Buck Creek residents only. It was a small conglomeration of 50 youngsters, oldsters and inbetweeners, dancing to the music of a somebody's stereo 8-track tapes.

It was marvelous! I guess with youngsters going to these socials from the time they're small, they've picked up the courtly manners of the much older generations (in regard to dances, that is). It was so nice to have a teen-ager (often one I didn't know) come up and offer his arm as an invitation to dance, leading me back after, with courtesy and compliments.

It was strictly a non-profit affair, \$10 per couple for all they could eat (a turkey and ham buffet) and drink. I passed up all drinks, not because I've taken to teetotalism but because the "ladies facilities" consisted of an old wooden outhouse behind a snowdrift, and I had no intention of hitching up my long skirts to hike out in the snow.

No-one complained. After all, there had been improvements made just for that dance—it was moved around the side of the hall to where the light from the door lit up the well-trod path, and a door was put on for privacy.

The second big event was a box social. Apparently it was so many years since one had been held, that few could remember what was best to pack in the lunch box and therefore just didn't bother taking one.

But a couple of dozen of us did, some leaving out their names so they wouldn't have to eat with whoever bought it, if they didn't want to. I will admit I could see the wisdom in this, after.

But I was lucky. When mine came up on the auction block, I gave Gord a poke to start bidding on it; a friend of ours, closer to the front, started bidding too. He and Gord took it up to \$10; then Gord, figuring Tom was bidding against him just for meanness, let Tom have it.

But what had happened, was

that Tom could see it was the last box and if he didn't get it, he'd go hungry. He got it and smart old Gord was left in the cold. Some of the neighbours took pity on him, though, and fed him crackers, cheese and kolbassa.

The boxes brought mostly around \$5 to \$12, but one went for \$27.50! That was a couple of neighbours just having fun.

The dance before the box lunch was something else again. I guess more tickets were sold than should have been and the hall was packed to overflowing. The dance floor was full the whole time as there were only enough chairs to seat half the people.

There was an excellent band; they could play anything, and the people here dance to anything. No matter what age, size, or shape they are, they'll "get up and shake it" right along with the younger folk.

One thing that was new to me, the dance music is played in a "set" consisting of three similar tunes; one tune is played a brief rest, the people on the dance floor, with arms around each other's waist and shoulder, promenade anti-clockwise around the floor till the music starts again. You don't sit down till the set is finished. And if the music in the set is all polkas, that makes for very weary bones.

The dance was such a success that half the entries for a snowmobile rally didn't show up at the hall the next day. Still, 16 couples set out on the 20 mile course which was mostly through fields, but at one point went down through a deep, steep coulee.

Son Jim and his girl-friend were the first ones to leave the starting point, and according to the man at the first checkpoint, handled the coulee like professionals. But then a ski broke and the disappointed pair headed back to the hall again. There went the dreams of winning two snowmobile suits!

I don't know what else the entertainment committee has in mind for the next few months, but whatever it is, we'll be there with bells on!



POURING TEA AT the St. Alban's Valentine Day tea and bake sale Saturday was Mrs. Vic Bristow. The bake sale and the tea tables were well attended.



MRS. MARG CREASEY, president of the Anglican Church Women enjoys a cup of tea at the St. Alban's Valentine tea and bake sale held Saturday in the Parish Hall.

IODE luncheon held at Guelph Cutten Club

IODE Founders' Day Luncheon held on Saturday at the Cutten Club, Guelph was well attended by members of the two IODE chapters in Acton. Attending from Lakeside Chapter were the Regent, Mrs. J. Joque, Mrs. H. Spielvogel, Mrs. H. Orr, Mrs. D. Frizzell, Miss J. Coles, Mrs. G. Currie and Mrs. C. Nelles.

The Duke of Devonshire members included the Regent Mrs. H. R. Force, Mrs. W. McLeod, Mrs. G. Johnson, Mrs. H. Mainprize, Miss Grace Reed, Mrs. G. Young and Miss Marilyn Young.

Tickets for the luncheon were collected by the two Acton Regents who circulated the tables carrying decorated baskets.

Greetings were presented by the National President Mrs. R. B. Craik and the Provincial President Mrs. G. L. Furness. The guest speaker was Professor Leo Johnson of the University of Waterloo who spoke on the Forming of Guelph, as that city is this year celebrating its 150th year.

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity United Church U.C.W. was held on Tuesday, February 8, with Mrs. Lidaka, president, in the chair.

Mrs. H. Force led in the devotions. The Scripture reading was given by Mrs. E. Lambert.

Mrs. Force read an article Why the Church Should be Involved in Society. The devotions were closed with a hymn and a prayer.

Mrs. Helen Little read the minutes of the last meeting, and the correspondence, Miss

Valentine's tea

A Valentine's tea and bake sale was held on Saturday, February 12 by St. Alban's ACW.

The tea was convened by Louise Lindsay, and it was well attended. Tea was

poured by president Marg Creasey and past-president June Hunter.

The door prize, a carton of groceries was won by Mrs. Al Mitchell.

Minister explains duties

The Daughters of Knox held their monthly meeting Feb. 7 with Mrs. Bill Toth in the chair. Mrs. Toth opened the meeting with a reading What Have We Done Today followed by singing Living For Jesus and repeating the motto.

A short business meeting was conducted.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. I. McKenzie and her group. The title of study was Christ's Encounter with Women, Mary of Bethany.

Rev. McKenzie gave a talk on his duties of the church and what role members could play in assisting him.

The meeting closed with a prayer and lunch was served.

Addition

An addition is being constructed at Tyler Travel.

Will redecorate church parlour

Dorothy Simmons told of the activities of the quilting group, and the report on sick, shut-ins, and birthdays was given by Mrs. Shoemaker.

Mrs. J. Lambert read the treasurer's report and took up the collection. Mrs. Force spoke on the committee's investigation re paneling and carpet for the church parlour.

Eighteen members answered the roll call. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction, and everyone enjoyed a social time over a cup of tea and sandwiches.

Women at gathering

by Mrs. Oscar Drijber
Nature relented and the sun shone once again as the women of the Rockwood UCW Unit One met for their monthly gathering. Mrs. Jessie Dunk was hostess for the event.

Mrs. Dunk provided her guests with inspirational music for listening as the program under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Trousdale began. The poetry of David's Psalm 19 provided the theme for the day's study; he wrote "The heavens declare the glory of the Lord and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Arguments
Various members provided arguments to show that the world is the creation of God, just as is written in the Scriptures, others showed that the Bible is a unique book and is the Word of truth. Mrs. Daisy Kingshott answered the query, "Can we hear the voice of God in history?" She asserted Bible history is part of all we are today; for the past of the Jews has profoundly influenced our way of life. There has been a sad history with exile, slavery, wars, and even rebellion against God, but they have given us a legacy in law, literature and music.

At many points in history one man's life has changed the course of the future; Moses, the prophets, Paul, and Jesus each influenced their time and ours. We are heirs to a salvation bequeathed to us by history. "Have we heard God speak in creation?" asked Mrs. Dunk. Using David's psalms about the wonders of the creation, to introduce her viewpoints, she stated, "Today's astronomers and mathematicians marvel at the order of the universe, and the number of the galaxies—just as did the shepherd psalmist of old. There is no confusion in God's creation."

She continued Man is the crowning achievement of creation, and is even made in His image; he is to have dominion over the whole world. Mankind is given the gift of this magnificent world but he is only a tenant; he must be a good steward of its resources, and is responsible for its care."

"Can we hear God speaking through His Son?" asked Mrs. Lois Tosh. "Jesus came at the darkest time in Jewish history just as predicted 700 years before by the prophet Isaiah. This was the proper time for God to reveal Himself in human form, through His Son Jesus.

Jesus was recognized as unique by his family, neighbours and the area, but they found it hard to believe He was the Messiah. They had seen Him grow up in the normal lifestyle of a child of His day. His unusual understanding of the Scriptures, and His authority as He explained the Word amazed them; later His supernatural powers and miracles convinced them of His deity."

Mrs. Verna Root summarized it all with a poem which advised; "Seek not afar for your happiness; it is at your door. Man looks and fancies Him concealed but He is on earth revealed."

Mrs. Sytske Drijber led a discussion period, touching on the points just covered. It was decided that the Bible is still relevant today. It still speaks to us, and is still useful for us today; as in the past it can also make us aware of false teachings by comparing these with the scriptures. If we do not read the Word of God regularly we will be easily misled by false teachers who cleverly misinterpret the law.

"The Bible can still bring us hope and enlightenment just as it did for generations past."

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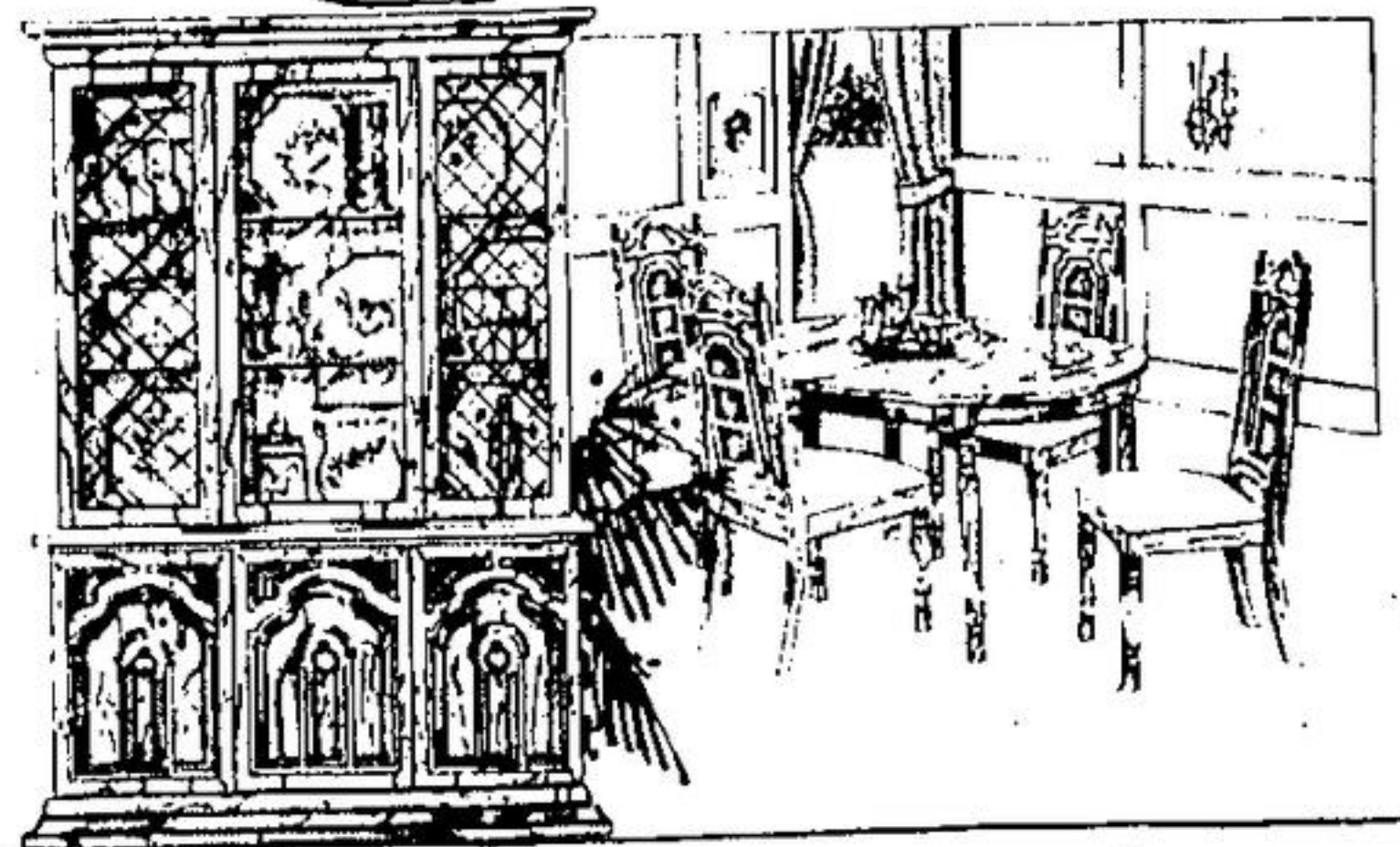
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