



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

It's been over a month since we returned from holidays, and I still haven't settled back into a routine (such as mine is.) I will say one thing, though—it's great to be up on my feet. When we chose to drive to Ontario rather than fly, I hadn't realized how "saddle sore" a person could get, sitting for hours on end (no pun intended.)

Yes, there was actually a lot left unsaid when we casually answered "We drove to Ontario," when people asked us where we went on vacation.

First, there was the making of a spare gas tank to fit in the back of the truck. I won't say much about that, except to mention Gord spent all day just before we left, trying to pinpoint the leaks.

The funny side of it was when we stopped at a self-serve gas station to fill up. While Gord kept an eye on the nozzle, I watched the girl inside the station.

Gord filled the one tank with 15 gallons and started in on the spare. When he reached 40 gallons, the girl glanced out of the window. At 50 she looked more often. At 60 she began peering under the truck to see if maybe gas was running out on the ground.

By the time the meter read 70, the attendant was obviously trying to decide whether to stick her post or come out to see where all the gas was going. And around 80, she was well on her way to becoming a nervous wreck for the day.

I must say, though, that I was sure a blessing when we hit northern Ontario where gas was over \$1.05 a gallon.

However, neat and compact as that tank was, when we started loading up to come home, it seemed to take up a lot of space, for the pile of things to be brought with us kept growing.

It started out as a desk, a chair, and a few boxes of books. But since my mother was in the middle of moving to a small apartment, the pile soon grew to include four more chairs, two mirrors, numerous paintings, dishes, and my childhood toys. (How could they possibly be thrown out after all this time!)

And since my brother was moving to Belize (British Honduras), he gave us more dishes, more books and another painting.

Gillrie — Hilfman vows exchanged in Temple

An unusual wedding of local interest was held on October 15 at 9 a.m. in Washington, D.C., when Janis Elinor Hilfman and Paul Franklin Gillrie were married in the Washington temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The bride is the daughter of Lloyd and Edith Hilfman, R.R. 4, Acton. The groom is the son of Donald and Evelyn Gillrie, 26 Galbraith Dr., Stoney Creek. He is an executive accountant for Automated Data Processing Dealer Services.

The couple are both members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kitchener, and wanted to be married in the nearest temple, which was in Washington.

Both their families travelled to the states to be present on their children's wedding day.

Elder L. Morgan Bates of the Washington temple performed the private ceremony. The bride wore a full length white satin gown with high round neckline and bodice insert of tear drop lace. The long bell shaped sleeves had a cuff of tear drop lace also.

We were even offered half an apple pie, but reluctantly turned it down.

So there we were, loaded to the brim, cruising along happily eating apples just east of Geraldton, when the motor began sputtering. Diagnosis: water in the gas tank (maybe).

We stayed that night with friends in Geraldton, picked up two quarts of something to dump in the gas tanks, and started off again, driving carefully in a light snow.

Before long, warnings began coming over the CB radio to watch for more snow and treacherous driving further west. Above Thunder Bay it got quite bad. Cars and trucks of all shapes and sizes were off in the ditches. Although we had a close call once, we stayed on the road.

The date was Oct. 11, but it looked more like Christmas, with inches of snow covering the ground and weighing the evergreens down.

And in the middle of this, the truck began moving again. At Dryden, Gord bought a gas line filter. It worked for a few miles.

Next he bought a gas pump in Kenora. It too seemed to work—for awhile. We ended up chugging out of Ontario, across Manitoba, and into Saskatchewan, stopping regularly to blow dirt out of the filter. I don't know what the last move was, but we managed to get home with no more problems.

However, now when I start day-dreaming about other places in Canada I'd like to see, I'm hesitant to bring up the subject of driving.

Maybe I should let the matter rest—for a little while.

Witnesses at the ceremony were President Malcolm Warner, Kitchener and Elder George Shoemaker, Burlington. Special guest was Patriarch Alva Jones, Hamilton.

A wedding breakfast held at the Blair Mansion Inn, Washington, was shared with the parents, grandmothers and sisters of the bride and groom. The groom changed from his white wedding suit to a dark pinstriped suit for the breakfast. At the same time, the bride carried white sweetheart roses and wore a white rose in her hair.

A honeymoon to the Log Cabin Lodge in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains followed the breakfast. The happy couple returned to Guelph and their new home at 18 Wyndham St., Guelph on October 21.

A special buffet dinner was held October 22 at Pinecreek Farm, home of the bride's parents. The house was decorated in fall colors of gold, rust, orange and green flowers for the occasion.

For the dinner, the bride wore her wedding gown, and received a beautiful heirloom

cameo brooch from her paternal grandmother Mrs. Cella Park.

President Malcolm Warner of the Hamilton Stake of the Church was master of ceremonies. Grace was said by Bishop Carlyle Bradshaw. In an unusual toast to his daughter, Mr. Hilfman recalled many amusing and lovely memories of her as she was growing up. The groom answered this unique toast with a special thank you. The groom's father toasted the mothers and expressed his thoughts about bringing the two families together.

The wedding cake was made by Mrs. Irene Douglas, R.R. 1, Acton and decorated with an all-white lacey pattern. A friend of the couple, Mrs. Susan Robbins decorated it. The three-tiered cake was topped with white baby mums and baby's breath.

The bride's sister Miss Karen Hilfman wore a rust silk jersey full-length gown complemented by a tulle rose corsage. Another sister, Wendy Hilfman wore a dusty rose silk jersey gown with corsage of pink carnations. The groom's sister Mrs. Margaret Fraser wore an ivory knit gown with a corsage of fall colors. The bride's mother received guests wearing a cinnamon silk jersey gown accented with a yellow carnation corsage. The groom's mother wore a soft rose silk jersey gown with a white carnation corsage.

At the reception, the bride wore a white orchid with her wedding gown.

The bride's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cella Park attended the wedding in Washington and the reception. The groom's maternal grandmother Mrs. Paul was also an honored guest at the wedding and reception.

Before her marriage, the bride-elect was guest of honor at several special gatherings. Ladies from Guelph, members of the couple's church in Kitchener, honored her with a linen shower. The bride's aunts, Mrs. Barbara Fisher, Georgetown, and Mrs. Sadie Matchett, Toronto, and cousin Mrs. Barbara Ann Sorvchan, Malton, held a china shower, where the bride received her Minton china "Grasmere pattern" set. Neighbours Mrs. Irene



"STOP THE SNOW already" is what Deb Spielvogel seems to be saying. She works as a crossing guard at Mill St. and Willow St., and couldn't possibly look forward to a whole winter full of this stuff.

On TV

Viewers of the "Good Ideas" segment of the News Hour show on channel 5 Monday were pleased to see Melanija Bray demonstrating her dried flower arrangements. She showed how she prepares the blossoms and then arranges them in airtight containers.

Mrs. Bray, Elizabeth Dr., recently had booths at the Milton crafts show and at the Canadian Crafts Show in Toronto.

Douglas and Mrs. Linda Taras, R.R. 1, Acton, held a miscellaneous shower. Mrs. Margaret Fraser, a sister of the groom, held a crafts shower.

A presentation was made to the couple from Guelph and Kitchener friends after they had settled into their new home.

Last class
The last ballet class in the season is today (Wednesday). The classes have been held in the Y by the recreation department.

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JANIS ELINOR Hilfman and Paul Franklin Gillrie were married in a morning ceremony in Washington, D.C. temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on October 15. A wedding breakfast followed. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, R.R. 4, Acton, for the happy couple when they returned from their honeymoon.

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Euchre team is regional winner

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary December meeting was held on Thursday with 40 members present. Five new members were voted on and three new comrades were initiated.

One euchre team from Acton won at the regional level and now go to Timmins in June for the provincial championship. Lois Gordon, Janet Rogers, Kay James and Jessie Price make up the winning team.

Mary Daigle was presented with her 25 year pin.

Cheques will be sent to the widows and veterans who are sick at Christmas. Plans were made for the children's party, and a cheque was sent to the Golden Agers.

A letter was received from

Seeking definition

A private members Bill to amend the Criminal Code's definition of pornography received unanimous support at the recent meeting of the executive of the United Church's Hamilton Conference.

The Bill, which passed first reading in the 30th session of Parliament, seeks to outlaw child pornography and clearly define the term "obscene." Lack of a specific definition has recently made it difficult for Canadian courts to register convictions against the rising tide of sex-oriented publications and films.

Bill C-207, an Acton to amend the Criminal Code on pornography, was presented by James A. McGrath (PC) MP for St. John's East.

Dr. George D. Young of Paris Ontario, President of Hamilton Conference, said there were two main reasons for supporting the new legislation. "The current saturation of our society with pornography is an attack on basic human values. We are particularly concerned about the apparent exploitation of children in certain publications."

Craft Day is cancelled

The Craft Day at the Y, scheduled for November 18 and 20 was cancelled due to illness.

Publicity manager of the Y, Carol Clark explained that the leader of the crafts was sick and unable to attend. At that late date, she explained, a replacement could not be arranged. The Craft Day will be held next year however, Mrs. Clark said.

—Many firms sent staffers home early Monday when heavy snow made driving conditions less than desirable.

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