

the painted box

by Wendy Thomson



September 26—what a lost day! And what a typical day, lately.

It's the time of year when I get restless and can't settle down to doing anything for long. Can hardly bring myself to write a column.

The summer has been long and busy, with weddings to photograph every weekend and other things to record on film in between. I've eaten so many Ukrainian buffet dinners at receptions, that I'm beginning to feel like a perogie!

But now the matrimonial season is over, the leaves are turning the wind is blowing cool, and it has become harder and harder to sit in the house and tend to bookkeeping, writing, or housework.

No matter what chore I start, within 10 minutes I find myself standing at the window wondering how long it would take for anyone to miss me if I decided to run away.

The animals and I take walks, of course, and that takes the edge off the urge to do something foolish. We head up the field and circle back through the bush, checking out the paths for signs of elk, moose, and deer, giving wide berth to the area where we found bear droppings.

There's no chance of coming upon a bear unawares, while the cats complain the whole time we're in the bush, and the dogs crash back and forth happily in the undergrowth.

I could roam for hours, on sunny days, quite contentedly but back in the house I turn

moody blue. It's a good thing I have an understanding husband. As he pried my fingers loose from the back doorknob and shoved me off to work yesterday, he kept saying, "Only two more working days..."

I repeated that constantly all day, fighting the urge to kick open the darkroom door, sail through the Western Review offices, and out the door.

Today I slaved away under a hot enlarger muttering "Only one more day..." Tomorrow I'll clean house and then...

Holidays! Jasper, Vancouver, Kelsey Bay, Prince Rupert, Grand Prairie, Peace River...magical names, right now, said over and over to get me through the days.

And what if we don't get away as planned? I have that all thought out, too. I'll go back in the bush, out that bear from wherever he's planning on staying for the winter, and then go into hibernation myself, not coming out till the trees start budding in spring.

Or should I go to Mexico, or Spain? Or what about Australia? See what the fall season does to me?



GRACE NELLIS carefully wraps up some china for a customer at the IODE Christmas bazaar Saturday.



WOOL SCARECROW was too cute to scare anything away. In fact, it even attracted people to that particular booth manned by Margaret Hammond at the IODE Christmas bazaar.

Friends-in-deed

Polling station availability pleases handicapped voters

by Mrs. Emily Price
Once again, the elections are over and what a privilege and pleasure it was to be able to get out and vote (the first time in years). As for some of us, the polling booth was accessible without the problem of steps, and we who find climbing difficult are very grateful. I'm sure I speak for many.

We would like to congratulate the successful candidates and hope that they, through the co-operation of all in office for the next term, will be able to resolve many of the

problems facing them. We can all help by taking issues to our representatives instead of complaining, as they can do nothing unless they know the grievances of the public.

It is that busy and exciting time of the year with preparations for Christmas and all the shopping involved. The stores are looking so pretty with all the decorations and preparing for Santa Claus. All this makes us feel young at heart.

Our next meeting will be at the M.Z. Bennett school at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, when we will

have as our guest Elsie Syme of Blue Springs Flower Shop. She will be giving a demonstration of Christmas floral arrangements. We hope for a good turnout to welcome her. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come out and join us and our organization. Names will be drawn at this meeting for gift exchange to be made at our Christmas party to be held at the home of Ann Dodds on Tuesday, December 5.

We are still saving Dominion and Zehr's store register tapes and we would appreciate having them. If there is anyone who would like to donate them, they will be put to good use. They can be given to any member or brought to any of our meetings.

The swim program on Sunday mornings is proving to be a great help to so many people. There is nothing so beneficial as water therapy along with physical therapy. The only requirement is that you consult your doctor as to the benefit it can be to you personally. Our swim time is from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the fee is 50 cents, and free to all helpers.

See you all at our next meeting.

UCW donates money, plan Christmas baskets

The U.C.W. Ladies of Trinity United Church met in the ladies' parlor with Mrs. Lidkea in the chair and opened with a poem happiness adds and multiplies.

The purpose and the Lord's prayer were said in unison. Mrs. Shoemaker had the devotional period and hymn 400 was sung.

Mrs. Johnson read a poem. That you love one another as Christ loved you. Mrs. Barker gave a reading and Mrs. Lidkea on Friendship. Hymn 323 closed the devotions and a prayer was said also.

Mrs. Force gave the secretary's report for Mrs. Little who was at the meeting and everyone was so glad to see her. It was moved and decided that they give \$400. to M and M. Treasurers report

was read and approved. Mrs. Shoemaker gave her usual report about the sick and shut ins.

The group also set a date for packing Xmas baskets (Dec. 20th).

Mr. Comfort asked that the next meeting be on world development. Mrs. Jervis entertained by showing her recent pictures, she called them Orientated enchantment of the far East. There were 25 home calls and nine hospital calls for the month. Eighteen ladies answered the roll call.

The group was sorry to hear Mr. and Mrs. Pope are moving to Kitchener, they will be greatly missed.

The meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction and a lunch and tea was served and a social half hour was spent.

Lions plan their Christmas party

Ted Tyler of Tyler Travel was guest speaker at the Acton Lions bi-monthly dinner meeting in the Station Hotel last week.

Mr. Tyler was introduced and thanked by Ray Evelan, program director. He spoke on the travel business in general and gave a slide presentation on the state of

Arizona. Following the slides, club president Haigaz Assadourian discussed the Christmas party, and the program for the coming year.

The Lions hope to be visiting local retirement homes this week to help the elderly celebrate any November birthdays.

John Watkins is elected president

The Acton Golden Age Club held their evening meeting in Luxton hall on Nov. 15 with president Bert Davidson in the chair.

This being the annual meeting the slate of officers was read by Mr. Duby and elected by some. The officers for 1979 are as follows: past president Bert Davidson; president, John Watkins; first vice president Harry Besley; second vice president Les Graham; secretary Mrs. H. Besley; assistant secretary Mrs. W. McIntyre; treasurer Mrs. A. Mann; assistant treasurer Mrs. F. Terry; pianist Mrs. A. Mann; assistant pianist, Miss Marjory Hall; card secretary Mrs. E. Deforest; assistant card secretary Mrs. A. Holmes; social convener Mrs. W. Britton; kitchen administrators Mrs. J. Berry and Mrs. Williamson, program committee Mrs. I. McDonald, Mrs. M. Fountain, and Mrs. E. Near; auditors Mrs. J. Lambert and Mrs. Davidson; transportation committee B. Davidson, L. Graham, Mrs.

K. Alger, and Mrs. L. Dennis; euchre conveners Mrs. M. Fountain and Mrs. Finnmore; Christmas party Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Besley.

The group was reminded of the Christmas dinner at the Legion at 6 p.m. on Nov. 28. Those wanting rides please contact Mrs. J. Berry 853-1561.

They are also having a pot luck supper in their own club at the regular evening meeting Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. I. McDonald then introduced the program for the evening "The Milton Senior Citizens Band" who entertained with music, humor and song. Oliver Kummer a 99 year old gentleman entertained with a couple of mouth organ selections accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Lokie. Mrs. Ward Bruce recited two very humorous readings which were enjoyed by all. Mrs. Alger expressed thanks after which the committee of the month served biscuits with jam and a cup of tea, thus ending an enjoyable evening.

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