

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

I was first introduced to Chinese food in a little dive in Burlington. It was the kind of place that, when you first went in, you checked to see where the nearest door was for removing yourself in a hurry, and for a vacant chair in case you had to throw one at somebody.

Lovely place! I really enjoy the food, but can't duplicate the proper flavor much of the time.

The following recipes have turned out fairly well for me, though.

CHINESE MEATBALLS WITH SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

In a large bowl, with your hands mix 1 1/2 pounds lean ground pork, 1/2 cup finely chopped onion, 1 cup finely chopped fresh mushrooms, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 3 tsp. soy sauce, 2 tsp. cornstarch, 1 tsp. sugar. Shape mixture into balls 1 1/2 inches in diameter. In 3-cup salad oil in a heavy skillet, brown meatballs well, and remove from skillet. Pour off drippings.

Sauce: Drain 1 (13 1/2 oz.) can pineapple chunks, reserving 1/2 cup syrup. In same skillet, combine syrup, 2 tsp. oil, 2 tsp. brown sugar, 1 tsp. soy sauce, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 2 tsp. vinegar. Bring to boil, stirring. Add one cup thinly sliced carrots

cut on the diagonal, 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms, (or 2 medium sized green peppers cut in strips). Simmer, covered, 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Combine one tsp. cornstarch with 1/4 cup water to make a smooth paste. Stir into skillet. Bring to boil, stirring. Add Meatballs, pineapple, and 1 large tomato peeled and cut in wedges. Simmer, covered for 5 minutes longer. Serve with white rice. 6 to 8 servings.

CHICKEN BROTH WITH EGG CUBES

Beat 2 eggs, 1/2 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1 or 2 green onions, chopped. Heat 1 tsp. oil in a very small frying pan, pour eggs into pan and cook as for omelet.

When bottom is cooked, turn carefully and cook other side. Let cool, cut into small squares, sprinkle on bowls of chicken broth as garnish.

Five dances held welcome New Year

A record number of dances brought Acton crowds together to welcome 1971.

The event at the Legion net many years ago was the only dance in town on New Year's Eve and tickets used to be very hard to obtain. This year the dance there was joined by four others.

For the first time a New Year's Eve dinner and dance was staged at Acton Meadows Golf Club, where a lovely crowd saw the new year in.

Last year's first dance at the new curling club was informal; this year there was a band and a buffet served by the ladies.

C. of C. dance

For the first time, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a dance at Halton Heights golf club with

dinner included. Although there had been tickets available all along for this dance, priced the highest of the various events, a good crowd attended and the Chamber happily reports "breaking even".

The music centre was again crowded for the dance there run by the Citizens' Band committee. A buffet supper was served.

Popular pantsuits

New pantsuits and pant dresses were popular for ladies at all the dances, with many long gowns as well.

A few of the men, too, drew comments for their unusual outfits.

There were many houseparties and lights burned late all over town.

40th anniversary for local couple

Councillor and Mrs. Jack Greer quietly celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at home on Poplar Avenue, Sunday, January 3.

The well known couple were married in Acton by the Rev. R. L. Benny. They have three children — Jim and Bill, both in British Columbia, and Joyce at Kingston.

One of Mr. Greer's most vivid recollections of his marriage is the presentation by the Acton intermediate hockey team after they returned from the honeymoon. He was a star defenseman and goalkeeper with Acton Tanners in the years

Mrs. Bayliss

A resident of Acton for 51 years, Ada Eliza Bayliss, 107 Poplar Ave., died in Guelph General Hospital on December 30. She was born in London, England on March 17 1895, married the late Benjamin Bayliss there in 1918 and came to Canada in 1919.

She is survived by daughters Mrs. Dorothy Waller, Mrs. Patricia McCutcheon, and son George Bayliss, Acton; brothers George, Harry and Toff Carr in England. A sister Nellie predeceased her.

Funeral was in St. Alban's church on January 2 conducted by the Rev. H. J. Dawson. Pallbearers were Bob Waller, Ernie Waller, Ken Fryer, Jack Cunningham, Gary McFadden and Chuck Petty.

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ACTUALLY, it's a grapefruit and a lemon, picked during a holiday visit to Arizona, by Ted Tyler Jr. near the home of former Actonians Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wallis in Phoenix. The grapefruit measured 19 inches in circumference at the widest point and 18 inches at the narrowest. The lemon was 14 inches high and eight inches in circumference. —(Staff Photo)

Tylers visit Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tyler Sr., Ted Tyler Jr., Dolores and children Tracy and Angela returned to town this week, after a 10 day visit to Arizona, where they visited Matt and Edna Tyler, Bob and Betty Ann Tyler, Ray and Carol Wallis (nee Tyler) and Dick and Lorraine Gritman (nee Tyler). Bob and Betty Ann journeyed from California for the family get together.

The Tylers flew down on one of the new jumbo jets. They included a one day trip south to Mexico in their visit. New Year's Eve, Ted Jr. made a long distance call to wish everyone celebrating at the Acton Music

Centre a Happy New Year.

Among souvenirs Ted Jr. brought home were a gigantic grapefruit 19 inches in circumference and a lemon 14 inches high and eight inches around. Both were picked near the Wallis home in Phoenix. Temperature during their stay averaged about 68 degrees. "Just a nice warm spring day," Ted Jr. reports.

At the airport in Chicago, the Tylers unexpectedly met Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ridley, who were also flying south to Arizona. The Ridleys now live in Northern Ontario.

Free Press Local News Items

DANGEROUS walking and driving due to ice this week.

NIGHT SCHOOL is back in full swing again.

SNOWMOBILE fans shouldn't miss the notice in today's paper setting out regulations in town.

STORE HOURS are back to normal. There was quite a lot of confusion over the holidays.

THE COUNTY'S new warden will be elected next Tuesday. Dr. Oakes is in the running.

Students were back to school on Monday after 12 days of holidays.

STILL keeping your New Year's resolutions?

MANY COLDS and cases of flu are reported this week.

A SPECIAL Christmas bus service in Milton was very successful, with many residents making use of the temporary service. Tyler Transport did the job for the Milton Chamber of Commerce with Stu Westall of Acton doing most of the driving. In 12 days, there were 2700 free rides given.

A NEW WORD for Canadians is introduced in the Free Press this week — "non-skidoable." The newcomer to the language is an adjective referring to certain Esquing roads.

Free Press Personals

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. Andy Williams is a patient in Guelph General Hospital for a knee operation.

Miss Mary Golem has returned to Acton after working in Toronto, and is teaching at the M. Z. Bennett school. She taught at the Robert Little school before resigning last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKeown had home for the holidays Mr. Tom McKeown from Toronto and daughter Brenda, son-in-law Steven and wee Trevor of Guelph. They travelled together to Petawawa for the wedding of Pte. James McKeown to Miss Linda Eva Margaret Perrone on December 29 at three o'clock in St. George's Chapel.

Penny Bristow heads A.C.W.

The annual election of officers dominated the December meeting of the A.C.W. of St. Alban's church. Following a short business meeting a thank-you note was read from the winner of the quilt at the bazaar, and a discussion of the pot luck supper on January 6. It was decided to purchase plants for the shut-ins for Christmas.

The meeting was then turned over to Rev. Dawson, who conducted the election. Following are the officers for 1971: honorary pres. Gail Dawson; president Penny Bristow; 1st vice pres. Lois Turkosz; 2nd vice pres. Alice Wilkinson; recording secretary Alice Doby; treasurer Joan Pratt; corresponding secretary Mabel Denny; flower and gift convener Louise Lindsay; press reporter June Hunter; Family Life Gail Dawson; Living Message Betty Creasey; group convener Lois Turkosz; kitchen convener Millie Rowles, Jean Lumbers; supply secretary Mabel Denny; supply assistant Alma Sweetman.

A lunch served by the group in charge followed the election, and a lucky tea-cup prize was won by Mrs. Betty Creasey.

There are many ancient and modern rituals surrounding the observance of the Twelfth Night or Epiphany, January 6, which marks the end of the Christmas holiday season.

Epiphany was first observed in memory of the baptism of Christ. It was first mentioned in A.D. 194 and by the Fourth Century was a widely accepted holiday. Today, Epiphany has a three-fold meaning, the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus, and the miracle of Cana when Jesus changed water to wine at the wedding feast.

Mrs. McLean and Jean spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Will McLean, Frances and Earl. Highlight of the afternoon was a horse and cutter ride.

New Year's was a family get together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wilds. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Sr., Eddie and Tommy; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Jr. and son John; Mr. and Mrs. Don Marshall of Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ressel and Karen of Ottawa; Mr. A. Mochrie of Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilds, Sherrie and Donnie of Hamilton; Mrs. T. Mochrie of Brampton; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Titus, Wendy and Wanda; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hepburn, Bruce and Doreen; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce, Gordie and Susan; Mrs. J. Wilds and Mr. John Bruce of Acton.

Mr. William Near is a patient in Guelph General hospital.

Miss Cathy Krul was home for holidays from McMaster University in Hamilton.

Mr. Phil McCristall is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Papillon and Kimberly spent the weekend with her parents at Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thompson spent Saturday at Keswick.

Acton friends are sorry to learn Art Haydon of Toronto, a former bank manager here, died at Christmas time.

New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brydon Hunter and family were Mrs. John Post, Meaford; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Graham and Family, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brunton, Waterford.

Mrs. H. Allison attended her brother's funeral in Markdale on Thursday. He passed away on Monday at Brantford General Hospital at the age of 85 years after a lengthy illness.

Returning home to Halifax after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Paul were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Klassen and baby son Paul. Also spending the holidays at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Don White, Susan and Shelley of Georgetown.

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