

the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

I'm usually behind the times, when it comes to typing out recipes using seasonal fruit. By the time I buy something like strawberries, brew them up into a fancy dessert, then write it up, the strawberry season is over. This year, I'm planning to do better (I hope). To begin with:

STRAWBERRY CREAM TORTE

Cream 2 cup shortening, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/4 tsp. vanilla, 2 egg yolks. Beat well. Sift 3/4 cup cake flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder. Add to egg mixture alternately with 1/4 cup milk. Pour into well greased 8" square cake pan. Top with meringue.

Meringue: Beat 3 egg whites till stiff. Add 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar. Beat in 1/4 cup sugar gradually. Spread over top of cake batter. Bake at 250 degrees for 25 minutes. Increase heat to 350 degrees and bake 20 minutes longer. Remove from oven and cool. Top with 1 cup cream, whipped until stiff then mixed with 1/2 cup sugar and 1 cup sliced strawberries.

Note: The topping that is left over will freeze and keep quite nicely.

And for the long hot days that must be coming, three long, cool, drinks.

FROTHY GRAPE PUNCH

In large container, mix a 24 oz. bottle grape juice, 1/2 cup sugar, and 1/4 cup lemon juice until sugar is dissolved. Gently pour in a 28 oz. bottle club soda (chilled). Makes about 10 (6 ounce) servings.

PATIO PUNCH

In very large container mix 2 orange and 1 lemon Koolaid or Freshie (unsweetened), 3 cups sugar, 1 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice, 1/4 (6 oz.) cans frozen lemonade, and add water or gingerale, or a bit of both, to make 5 quarts.

SPICED ICED TEA

In a teapot, put 5 whole cloves and 3 tea bags. Add 4 cups boiling water. When well steeped, pour into jug. Add 1 or 2 more tea bags to pot and add another 4 cups boiling water. Pour into jug when steeped. Dissolve 8 tsp. sugar in it. Add a 6 oz. can frozen lemonade and a 6 oz. can frozen orange juice. Mix well and chill.

SHRIMP SALAD

Mix 1/4 cup mayonnaise, 1 Tbsp. lemon juice, 2 Tbsp. shrimp juice (drained from can). Add 2 1/2 cups cooked peas (I like to use frozen ones that are barely cooked, but of course the fresh ones would be even better!), cans shrimp (drained and rinsed), 3 sliced hard-boiled eggs, and 2-3 cup thinly sliced celery. Mix well and chill for an hour or two.

OATMEAL ORANGE LACE COOKIES

Sift 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, 2-3 cup sugar together. Add 1 cup soft shortening, 2 eggs, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1 tsp. grated orange rind. Blend thoroughly (even though it does sound as though you're putting things together backwards). Fold in 1 cup rolled oats, 1/2 cup shredded coconut.

Drop from tsp. 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet and flatten with fork dipped in water. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. Remove from sheet immediately or they'll stick fast.



COWGIRLS DANCING at the Georgetown rodeo last weekend were Bonnie Bristow, instructor Joyce Carpenter, Diane Bousfield, Barbara Pratt, Kathy Turkosz, Cathy Ashley, Karen Hilfman and Bonnie McKenzie. Over 6,000 people

enjoyed the two-day show. Organizer Hugh Graham of Limehouse pronounced it a huge success.—(Photo by Jack Carpenter)

Poem on W.I. read at meeting

Mrs. R. L. Davidson's poem on Acton Women's Institute was read at the district annual in Acton.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

In 1897 the Women's Institute was founded, For "Home and Country" friendship and cheer, Each branch a link, a smile, a tear, Across the world, bending closer soul to soul No matter how hard or heavy the load, Sweet is the journey on friendship's road.

ACTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

Sixty-seven years of service, The Women's Institute has given you, Beautiful cemetery gates, fountain at Y, Water trough, trophy cabinets, money coming through.

Red Cross, the Retarded, clock at library, Christmas Cheer, Armistice wreath, and shield when the festival draws near. Trees put in cemetery, flowers for Decoration Day, And always help when things come their way.

A - is for action, and there's action in Acton, C - is for courtesies and the celebrations, T - is for treasures, true memories of friendships, O - is for our sixty-seven years of obligations, N - is for new members, new friends we love, Put the letters all together and what do we find, Acton! - Our branch, that is faithful and kind.

Margaret J. Davidson.

Free Press Personals

Mr. Bob Laughlin is home from hospital and convalescing well.

Mrs. Frank Toth and daughter Lisa Toth returned home May 29 after spending a month in England and Wales visiting family and friends.

Attending the annual Ontario-Quebec district convention of Lions International in Kingston were Mr. and Mrs. Art Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bristow, Acton club president Neil Miller, Morley Allen, Tom Fountain, Don Gordon and Bob Smart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Storey have returned home after visiting with Mr. Storey's sister and family, Mrs. Edna Marshall at Vancouver for the past two weeks. They flew on the new 747 plane.

Acton racing enthusiasts Bill Yundt, John Hoare, Jon Hurst and Larry McAfee travelled to Indianapolis, Indiana last week where they watched Al Unser win his second consecutive Indianapolis 500 race Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston spent the weekend with relatives at Port Colborne.

Before the Metro Stompers played Sunday night at the United church, they and their families were the guests of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hilfman and family, R.R. 4. During the afternoon the teenagers of the church confirmation class also went out to meet the Stompers and hear them play. The Hilfmans had about 60 to dinner before coming to the service in the evening. Mrs. Hilfman assisted the Rev. Turner with the confirmation classes.

Those who remember Mr. Harold Wiles from his many years as a Mill St. merchant were sorry to hear he was back in hospital.

Mrs. Doreen Nicklin of Guelph, Mrs. Willard Britton and Mrs. J. M. Steele attended the memorial service of Mrs. Alex Ross a former resident of Acton in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Brampton on Sunday.

Harold Townsley, Don Price and Robert Price successfully completed their course in administration at the University of Guelph. The week-long course was held in the middle of May, and they received word this week that they had passed.

Convener seeks white elephants

Acton's representative on the Friends of Halton Museum committee, Mrs. Earl Cooper, will be very happy to hear from any more prospective members. The Friends are a kind of "auxiliary" to the museum, doing special projects or helping as needed. A new executive has just been named. Their main project upcoming is a festival at the museum July 10 and 11.

Table convener Mrs. Cooper is in charge of the White Elephant table and would

be pleased to receive donations for it. Anything will do, she says, similar to White Elephant tables at local bazaars. The articles don't need to be antiques.

Last year the Festival was the only big project of the year for the Friends. A donation of \$200 to the museum went toward the restoration of an old log home from Nassagaweya which has been transported in pieces to the museum grounds.

The Friends membership comes from all over the county.

Silver anniversary presentation

Their silver wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Braida Monday evening, May 31, at a dinner held in their honor in the Parkview Motel, Guelph.

The sales staff of Beardmore and Co., relatives and other guests were present at the dinner. There from out-of-town were Mr. Doug Waugh, Mr. Tony Flavian, Mr. Jules Lareau and Mr. Lou Cabana, all of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Draper of Toronto.

Gift presented Mr. and Mrs. Braida were presented with a beautiful set of silver candle holders.

They have received many beautiful gifts and flowers, several messages and cards of congratulations. Actual date of the anniversary was June 1.

Clearing out summer clothes

The Swap Shop hosted many shoppers and swappers Tuesday. To clear out summer clothes before shutting up for the hot weather, the shop will be open next Tuesday and Wednesday and then Tuesday, June 15 in the afternoons.

It'll re-open shortly before school opens, but clean fall and winter clothing will be accepted now.

New families move to town

Not many new families have moved to town recently, but the Hi Neighbor Welcome service called on two in the last couple weeks. Mr. and Mrs. S. McPhedran and youngster have moved from Esqueving township to 147 Main St. S. Mr. and Mrs. K. Chappel and two young children came from Crewsons Corners to the Seneca Apartments.

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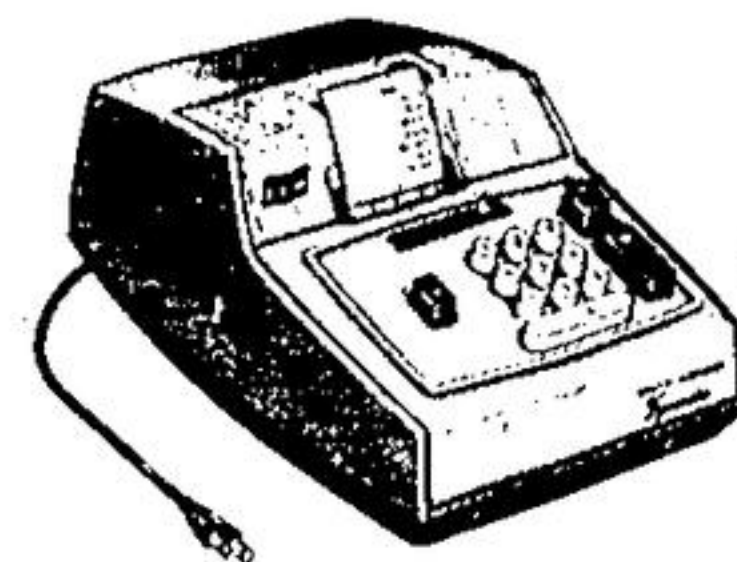
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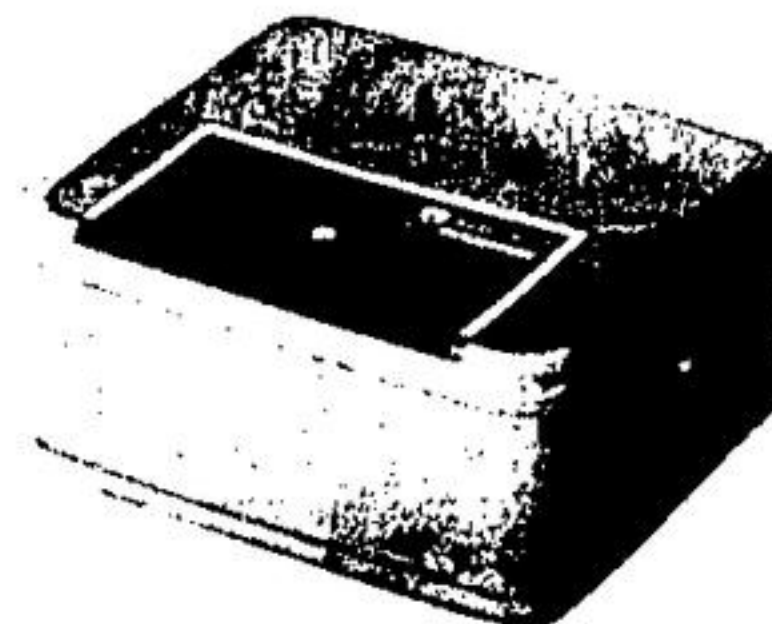


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