

# the painted box



By Wendy Thompson

All over the countryside there's all kinds of farm names, some quite descriptively apt, some a combination of "his and her" names, some quite witty, and some a bit too "cute" or chintzy for my taste. All interesting however.

We see these when out driving, then get back home and look ruefully at our old battered mailbox with the old battered "GJ THOMSON" on it. I don't think we'll change it though.

There were many suggestions given us when we first moved here. There were the obvious ones like "The Willows", "The Cedars" (which are all dying now) "Cedar Hills" and things like that.

Later, somebody came up with "Twin Foal Farm" or "The Pig Place", but we thought we could do without them. One combination of our names was suggested fairly often—"Wendigo Farms", but that sounded too much like "Windigo", the ill wind that blows no good. No use asking for trouble.

"The nursery"

Friends seemed determined to put a tag on the place, but we've resisted so far. If, for some reason, it became a necessity to hang a sign out, the most appropriate name I can think of would be "The Nursery" as there are always baby somethings underfoot (and overhead and on bed, etc.)

Sometimes they keep the place in an uproar, but I enjoy them immensely and can't imagine the house without them for long.

Our purry pile of 10 kittens diminished rapidly due to four families who wanted five (between them), and a dog who wanted one (apparently had a thing about mothering kittens). Another almost went to a woman whose cat wanted company, but that fell through because it was the wrong colour.

So now we have four, and they're at the age where they feel this farm is in existence just to provide a playground for them. "The farm" includes everything on it, animal, vegetable, or mineral; mobile or immobile. Every last thing is fair game as far as they're concerned.

Two are battling in my wastepaper basket right now, a tan and a grey Fluff. Fluff seems to be getting the worst of it, as he's being attacked on two sides.

Tall attack

Whenever the fighting gets frantic, his tail starts to whip around like mad, and he keeps turning away from Tan to grab hold of it, throw it to the ground and subdue it, leaving his front open to another attack from Tan.

And every time Fluff turns to Tan, his tail starts into all its shenanigans again. He just can't understand it!

And that reminds me of a tale which came up from the barn last night. The two boys came in from doing the chores, chuckling, and could hardly wait to tell how a week old pig was throwing my husband all around the barn! That would have been something to see!

And I mustn't forget our latest acquisitions. Gord and the boys were at an auction and somewhere along the line 10 year old David bought two

## R.N.A. grad



**MARILYN BARBER**  
Marilyn Barber of R. R. 1, Acton, graduated from Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, as a Registered Nursing Assistant. Ceremonies were May 18 at the hospital, with 22 in her class.

Attending were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Barber, R. R. 1; sisters Sharon and Kathy, John Roszell and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roszell. The Barbers entertained at dinner afterward at Sammy's Place in Bramalea.

Marilyn attended Speyside school and Acton high school. She is employed now at Guelph General Hospital.

# Nursery school opens this fall



IN SEPTEMBER Honey Pot nursery school will open, and two of the youngsters already registered, Andrew Barton, 3, and Kelly Hutchison, 4, make a test run on the equipment. Open House is being held June 19 (today) so everything is ready for display. Mrs. Lorene Barton is one of the organizers and a volunteer assistant.

After many years Acton is again to have a nursery school.

Five local women have organized Honey Pot Nursery and are holding Open House Wednesday (today) to show other mothers their facilities.

Nursery school was held 20 or so years ago in the Y.M.C.A. Street regulations and lack of interest have kept the facility from being formed here, despite a good response to a council questionnaire a couple of years ago.

The five who are starting the nursery school in the fall are Marilyn Barber, Gail Yukavich, Blane Wilson, Larone Barton and Judy Peterson of Osprey. The first four are wives of doctors and a pharmacist in town.

Site supervisor

They have hired a paid supervisor Nancy Rayner of Guelph. She has taken a three year course at Conestoga College and has had three years' experience with nursery schools and day care centres.

The original organizers expect to help her themselves until there is full enrolment. Then a permanent helper will be engaged.

Location is the basement of Gleen pharmacy which is all prepared for Open House.

The number of washrooms available limits their enrolment to 30.

Half days

Nursery school is different from day care, in that a child only attends half a day. The organizers expect some children will be attending two or three sessions a week rather than each day.

## Lionettes buffet

On Acton Lionettes annual social cutting May 30, a delicious buffet dinner was enjoyed by all at the roof garden restaurant of the Airport Holiday Inn, Toronto. During the evening a lovely silver medal pin was presented by Theresa Matheson to the retiring president of the club, Barbara Trotter, who is moving with her family to Orangeville at the end of the month. The best wishes of all members are extended to Barb in her new home.

A short meeting winding up the year was held on Tuesday, June 4 at Gail Hutchison's, at which time plans were discussed for the proposed entry in the annual fall fair parade in September.



SPRING CLEANING - and that means from toe tip to ear top for this rabbit who finds it helps when the ears are long enough to stuff in the mouth.

## Pot luck supper was UCW meeting

The picnic of the Trinity United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. R. Denny. Mrs. E. Licken opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked Mrs. Denny for the use of her home.

Diet reading

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Radcliff on their 50th anniversary and, to try and discourage the ladies from eating too much, Helen Little read Daffy's Diet. Earlier, Mrs. Bowman read a humorous reading entitled Don't Make Any Candy. Mrs. Shoemaker gave a recipe for Scripture Cake.

The afternoon program was a contest conducted by Mrs. Shoemaker. Mrs. Eaton won first for animals of the world, Mrs. Reed won first again for questions on foods, and Myrtle Lambert was second.

The meeting closed with a delicious pot luck supper.

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