



# the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

I'm not going to spend the next two months writing about the new litter of pups, although I'll probably have to sit on my hands to stop doing it, now and then.

However, something happened last night that I thought was kind of strange and it makes for a thought-provoking kind of tale.

For the past week, I've been getting very little sleep with the mother dog wanting to drink, feed or go out, and the pups wanting mother to stop sitting on them. And every now and then a baby makes its way off the nest then sits on the bare floor and cries.

So last night I headed to bed early (8.30) after doing all the feeding and letting out I hoped would be needed. But at 11, persistent crying woke me. In the den I found two puppies on the floor with Sue looking on worriedly.

After settling them back with the rest of the litter, I lay awake for awhile trying to figure how to take the wooden camper off the back of the old wrecked truck and turn it upside down to make a box for Sue and her family. It would be quite large, but better than nothing.

Then the phone rang. It was Lorraine from the Free Press office. Her first question (and what a one for 11 o'clock at night!) was "Could you use a whelping box?"

She must have wondered why I sputtered a bit before answering, but that question coming at that time shook me a bit.

Anyhow, the Meadows in Rockwood (who have Black and Tans of their own) had offered the use of one if I needed it.

I lay awake for another little while after hanging up, thinking that there must be some sort of moral to the tale, but was too tired to think what it might be. Maybe just coincidence?

With the snow on the scene once more, I've been digging out soup recipes. The following are some that turned out a little better than usual.

**SPLIT PEA SOUP**  
2 1/2 cup dried split peas  
1 large hambone (or 1 large beef bone plus 1/2 pound back bacon)  
1 cup chopped celery and leaves  
1 bay leaf  
Soak peas overnight in 1 quart water. Next day, in

large pot, put remaining ingredients, cover with water and simmer two hours.

Add the split peas and 3 chopped onions  
3 finely chopped carrots  
2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper.

Simmer, covered 1 1/2 hours. Discard bones and bay leaf. Save and dice ham or back bacon.

Mash or puree vegetables in blender. Meat may be pureed or left in cubes (I put it through the blender too for a nicer flavour right through the soup).

Heat and serve as is, or add up to 4 cups of milk depending on how thick and strong you like your soup. We leave as is. It's especially nice with crotons.

**TOMATO SOUP** (Blender)  
1/2 onion, minced  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 (13 oz.) package cream cheese, cubed  
1 (25 oz.) can tomatoes  
3 cups milk  
1/8 tsp. garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
1/3 tsp. baking soda

Saute onion in butter till smooth. In large bowl, mix it and remaining ingredients. Pour half of mixture into blender and blend till smooth.

Empty into saucepan and repeat with remaining half of mixture.

Heat, stirring constantly but do not boil. 6 to 8 servings.

**CROTONS**  
Spread dry bread slices generously with plain butter or butter with a few shakes of garlic powder mixed in. Cut into cubes and brown in 350 degree oven.

Pile into warm bowl to serve with soup. (Note: I used to cut the crusts off before buttering, but in these budgeting days I use the whole thing.)



THREE PEOPLE WHO returned to Acton after years elsewhere were welcomed at the Baptist Thankoffering meeting by president Marjorie Landsborough. On the left is soloist Norman Gibson, on the right the Rev. and Mrs. J. Rudd. Mr. Gibson has lived in England since the war. The Rudds are on furlough from India.

## Rev. J. Rudd guest speaker

A large attendance turned out for the Marian Rudd Mission Circle thank offering of the Baptist church held Monday evening, November 11.

Those attending were from Hillsburg, Georgetown and Cliftonham as well as the local churches.

The special speaker for the evening was Rev. James Rudd, a former pastor who recently returned on his second furlough from India. He showed slides and spoke of the work being done in the area around Beersheba where they lived.

## Obituary

### Lifelong resident dies at his home

A lifelong Acton area resident, John Mortimer Near, died in his home at 104 Mill St. E. on November 18.

Mr. Near moved into Acton five years ago, from a farm at R.R. 2, Acton. He had lived there since his birth on September 26, 1895, and was the son of Henry Near and the former Lavina Mauve.

Senior pallbearers were John Lightle, Acton; John Van Den Brink, Acton and Andy Morden of Arthur. All were friends of the deceased.

Pearl Bessey of Hillsburg, Mr. Near's sister, is his only survivor.

Funeral service was held on November 21 at the Runley-Shoemaker funeral home with Rev. Nelson and the Rev. Fosbury officiating. Interment was at the Fairview Cemetery.

Flowerbearers were Ross Bessey, R.R. 2, Belwood, Elgin Bessey, Guelph and Gordon Pines, Orton, all nephews.

Production resumed at P. L. Robertson plant in Milton Monday following settlement of a 45-day strike.

Flowerbearers were William Near of Acton, Ernest Near of Toronto, John Lightle Jr., Acton and Clarence Gamble also of Acton.

A delightful time of fellowship was enjoyed in the basement of the church at the close of the meeting with tea being served by the social committee.

## Layoffs at Ford

Acton residents will be affected by the layoff of about 200 employees of Ford of Canada. Sales are down 25 to 30 percent.

## Plans

Churches are making plans for their Christmas services and concerts already.

## Liquor

There were three liquor seizures by Acton O.P.P. during the week.



WHITE BARS painted across roads in town indicate the best places to walk. The new marking takes people across Bower Ave. to the post office. White centre lines were also painted on main streets.

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## September ceremony for Bosch - Brooks

On September 21 in St. Alban's Anglican church, Susan Gail Brooks and Roy William Bosch were united in marriage by the Rev. Ewing.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks of R.R. 2, Acton and is employed by Simpson's at Shopper's World Brampton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bosch of R.R. 2, Guelph. He is employed as a carpenter for Toft Construction.

Mrs. Betty Oakes was the organist during the double ring ceremony.

a complementary corsage. On leaving for a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, Toronto and Georgian Bay, the bride wore a black velvet pant suit and a cream colored blouse.

The mother of the bride made the wedding dress and veil. The groom's aunt and uncle from Holland were special guests at the wedding.

Other guests attended the wedding from Brampton, Toronto, Cambridge, London, Listowel, Hamilton, Guelph, Erin, Limehouse and Malton.



SUSAN GAIL BROOKS and Roy William Bosch became husband and wife on September 21, at St. Alban's church.

**Showers**  
Prior to her wedding, the bride-elect was guest of honor at three miscellaneous showers. The first one was held by Susan South, Janet Boss, Marie Caswell and Rosalind Fryer. Mrs. Marie Brooks held the second shower and a third was held by Mrs. Remy Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are now living at 32 Eastern Ave.

**Gown**  
The bride wore a gown, with puffed sleeves and a fitted waist. The skirt was full in panels of lace and hammered silk with a deep ruffle around the bottom. She wore a full length veil trimmed in a white daisy lace held by a Juliet cap. She carried a nosegay bouquet of daisies, light blue carnations and baby's breath.

She was given in marriage by her father.

**Attendants**  
Susan South, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Friends Janet Boss and Marie Caswell were bridesmaids. Michelle Heard, the groom's niece, was the flower girl.

The bridesmaids wore matching gowns of baby blue polyester crimp and white hats. They carried bouquets similar to the bride's. The flower girl wore a long white dress with printed light blue tiny flowers. She carried a basket of daisies.

Frank Oudelay was his friend's best man. Other friends Malcolm McMillan and Bill Diczok were ushers along with the bride's brother, Harry Brooks and the groom's brother Ron Bosch.

**Dinner, dance**  
Following the ceremony, a dinner was served at the Parish Hall and a dance at Acton Meadows Golf Club.

The bride's mother received for her daughter wearing a blue floral gown and a complementary corsage. The groom's mother received for her son wearing an autumn colored gown of gold and orange. She also had

**Music**  
The special music was given by Norman Gibson, a former Actonite who is back from England for a year. He and his wife Eve are residing in Milton. His solos were How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings and The Stranger of Galilee.

The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Chapman and thanked by Pastor Das Sidney. The president Marjorie Landsborough presided for the evening.

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## TAG group hears of trip

Trinity Activity Group (T.A.G.) held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Marion Patterson. The president Mrs. Deanne Butler conducted a short business meeting. Secretary, Mrs. Cathy McGillivray read a note written to the group, from former minister's wife, Kay Onions. She reported that they are in good health, enjoying retirement and missing Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Patterson then entertained the ladies with a most interesting travelogue of their recent trip to the British Isles. Their slides, anecdotes, pamphlets and souvenirs fascinated the entire group.

## First sand

First sand went onto icy streets the past week.

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