



McPhee sings songs of being lonesome

incidents but will type on, hoping they'll come to mind.

Well, the coonbound pups are two months old now; some are sold and gone. All the time we've been fussing over and watching them, it's been hard not to keep writing 'puppy stories'. I'd figured on saving them up to use all at once. However, now the time has come, I've forgotten the

One day, I had the radio on

spelling's right) discussed the

possibility of Mr. McPhee

As I walked into the living

room, slowly over the box's

run began to rise a round,

shiny, shoe-polish black dome

Still, if Gord could call the

Yes, she's mine. Being

owner of the papa of the

brood, I got "pick-of-the-

we called "The Christmas

puppy" is in Newmarket, and

McTavish (grown to a good

Kungston.

size once he got started) is in

Mcl'hee could have gone to

either Campbellville or Nova

she and the remaining pups

where, anytime. We never

patter of puppy feet and our

Besides, the corners on the

Anyhow the house is quiet

bit dull. I wonder if I can

During the CBC weather

report on TV Saturday night,

the commentator reported a

common temperature from

Kineardine to Acton and

commented "That's perogic

Research discloses a perogie is a meat-filled, deep-

tried pastry. It's a Ukrainian

day, the skiing situation

we've a mind to.

I guess the last pup story day on he flourished. Then was about the whelping box came McGregor, McBurney, and that was long ago. The and MacDuff. surviving nine pups fived in the box happily shredding in the darkroom at the Free paper and chewing holes in Press when Max Ferguson old socks until one adventure- and Allan McPhec (I hope the some soul found she could book her paws over the outside of the box rim and dyeing his hair coat black. It balance on her belly long must have still been in mind enough to get a rear foot up when I arrived home. cas long as nobody was

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chewing on it).

Then she was out and away, and my first amused thought dashing madly to the centre was 'Good Heavens! It's a of the room then back to stand McPhee!" And "McPhee" it mournfully outside the box, stayed, which I will admit is causing a great aproar inside. an odd name for a little girl. Gradually all nine got the kunck and the only way to temple redbone bound he

keep them made was for once had, "Pedro", I can call someone to stand alongside my pup "McPhee". with the flyswatter and give each a tap on the head when it started to scramble out.

Nasty nine This caused great distress: latter," and she stays here. to the rest of my family who Others are gone though, some caught me putting the pups to to homes in this area, but one bed that way. The 'nasty nine' would line up at the box edge. watching me with their beautiful slate-colored eyes, incredulous that anyone could bring themselves to speak barsh words (like "Quiet!", "Lie down" and "Go to Scotia but for the time being

Gradually, one by one they are in the barn. Once free of would sink out of sight below the box, they took over the the box rim (with unblinking living room and recently eyes held stubbornly open) they'd been turning up anyand melt into a pile of puppy which finally stilled and knew when there'd be a slept for a few hours.

Quietly

ankles and knees would be I found the whole episode overwhelmed with love. very much like having a human baby in the house—the dash for the phone before it furniture were showing signs could wake anyone; the tipof teeth. And maybe it made a toeing around the kitchen at difference that my husband six in the morning hoping with his broken foot was off they'd sleep just a few work while I was AT work, minutes longer; the adand he had to man the newsmomilion to visitors to "just paper and towelling brigade look QUIETLY", and not on his own. rouse the crew.

If the pups did wake, every now. The cats and the parent body would be mutually dogs can lie on the floor witheestatic for awhile, but when out the horde pouring over the visitors left, I'd have to them. So can we, I guess, if calm the babies who were wide awake and ready to Yes, it's peaceful - and a

More than once the room sneak McPhee into the house reverberated with loud, long for a while tonight. songs of lonesomeness, till one of the family picked up the distressed one (or two or Not Acton three) and lufted them to

The radio helped, though. Since they were especially fond of classical music, turned the CBC on every afternoon I was home. Their hour of classics was followed by the Max Ferguson Show.

This the pups liked, I think, because of one familiar word no, not "Quiet", "Down" or "Sleep" but "McPbee". That's an everyday-household-family word here, these

Magic word I should explain When, the No snow pups were small, the littlest seemed to have not much going for him so we figured crowds for the popular winter we could at least give him a sport. However, until Mongrand name. We called him "McTavish" and from that looked a little green.

Dear Sirs:

Our readers write

Re: your editorial "Whither goes the mail "I am pleased some people receive

I just received my December 23rd issue

their paper in a reasonable period of time.

today, Thursday, January 9, 1975.

Orillia hospital school gifts sent to children

Julie Conroy, treasurer Mrs.

The last meeting of L'Arche 1975 was held, and is as Auxiliary for 1974 was held at follows: president Mrs. the home of Mrs. Gail Shirley Beerman. Mrs. Shirley president Mrs. June Bouse-Skeggs, the president, opened field, secretary Mrs. Christhe meeting with a prayer for Steen, corr. secretary Mrs.

the mentally retarded. There were seven members Ruby Laustsen, scrap book

presents and two guests. Gifts received Mrs. Steen reported on the Cook, publicity Mrs. Julie Christmas gifts for the four children in the Orillia Hospital school, and the one little boy in the Christopher Robin Home in Whitby, and sald all the gifts had been purchased and mailed. Some of the children would be spending Christmas at home in Acton with their familles and these children had their gifts delivered to their homes.

Mrs. Conroy reported on the Talent Show, and said forms had been sent to all the public schools in the North Halton area, but no response had been received, except from the children at the Robert Little School, More was to be reported when plans were tipalized, hopefully at the January meeting.

Night changed It was decided to change the meeting night from the fourth Wednesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday, as some members found it rather difficult to attend the meetings on the Wednesday.

Mrs. Conrov also reported on the Dog Show, that was tentatively discussed at a previous meeting. She hadn't received any additional information to date, but was hopeful of receiving some for the January meeting.

The election of officers for

Conroy, Flowers of Hope Mrs Skeggs,

Members are looking forward to a very busy and interesting year during 1975, and anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary will be made cery welcome. Next Mrs. Gail Beerman, telephone convener Mrs. Shirley meeting is at the home of Mrs. Julie Conroy Jan. 28.



WINDS GUSTED at 30 miles-per-hour Saturday evening but seemingly played little bavoc with the tresses of one fair Acton maiden. Cathy Upton appears to have no difficulty keeping her hair in place. She confessed however, to having just had it recently set.

Free Press Family Page

Fair display duration discussed

The lady directors of Acton report of the nominating 10 S. Morrison, auditor Mrs. Agricultural Society met at the home of Mrs. S. Matthews Thursday evening, Jan 9 with president, Mrs. Smith, in the chair. The president of the tair board, Ken Murray, and the first vice-president, Russell Murray, presented suggestions to the ladies concerning the displays in the hall being kept over for Sunday showing. This was discussed and voted on later

in the meeting. The secretary read the minutes of the Nov. meeting and December's Christmas pot luck supper. Business arising from these minutes was discussed. Roll call was answered with the payment of fees for the year 1975.

The past president, Mrs. E Archibald, then took the chair for the election of officers. Mrs. Coldham was appointed secretary for the election. Mrs. Linham presented the

Firefighters are taking a course in first aid this winter.

committee. The Jollowing officers were elected president Mrs. Vivian Smith. first vice-pres Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, second vice pres Mrs G M Coblana. sec treasurer Mes. C. J. Aitken, press reporter Mrs.

G Wallace Mrs. Smith then look the chair for the cemainder of the meeting A bountiful karch was served by the hostess and committee and Miss Elva Pearen was courtesy con

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Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin H. Soyster of Seattle, Wash. laive returned to their home after spending a holiday with her sister Mrs. W. D. Talbot and family.

Miss Elda Fryer is in the Guelph General hospital undergoing surgery. She was bospitalized Sunday, Jan. 12 and operated on Monday evening. She is presently doing well and her many friends wish her a speedy

Friends and neighbors of Betty Oakes will be pleased to know she returned from the Guelph General hospital last Sunday. She has been a natient since New Years and is now at home recuperating Invorably.

Mrs. Jean Middleton is back from Baden-Solingen, Germany, visiting with her mother, Mrs. Edgar Lidkea. Her father died recently after a long illness, Jean will fly back to her husband and children this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Knechtel from Humbercrest United Church, Toronto and Mrs. Marion Nurse from Brooklin United Church have transferred to Trinity United church here in Acton. They were welcomed Sunday

Acton residents will be watching with interest the CBC television special documentary this coming Sunday at 9 p.m.

The show is entitled "Encounter with Cancer" and tells of the latest developments in the scientific and medical fight to find a cure, and also of the light by some men and women afflicted with cancer to survive.

Mrs. Marjorie Hall unfortunately spent Christmas in Guelph General Hospital. She fell after attending a special Christmas church service in Toronto, and has been suffering from an injured knee. She is home again

P.E.T. course set

course in Acton in the spring. An advertisement in last week's Free Press announced similar course Georgelown. It however, is

not the same. Concern has been ex- same training. pressed that Actonians might Brillingers have already advertised their course and held an introductory session

in the high school library.

Margaret and Bruce given the course very suc-Brillinger of Park Ave. are cessfully in other places. still planning to run a Parent. They are professionals in Effectiveness Training teaching this communication

> (hange The name of the Georgetown course will be changed, as the person in charge doesn't bave the

The Brillingers were he confused, since the concerned at first that Actonians might mistake the course advertised last week for theirs. However the Georgetown course is already The Brillingers have taken filled with only four in it from courses drawn up by the Acton The Brillingers still originator of Parent Effect expect to have sufficient liveness Training, Dr. enrolment here to offer Thomas Gordon, They have P.E.T. in the spring.

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ACW plans sales, tea

Women met Jan. 8 for a pot items in a 1911 Parish Guild back supper with 25 members - records book. Also mentioned and three guests present. A was the spring tea and bake delleious menl was enjoyed and a short meeting was opened by president June

lunter. **Business discussion con**cerned a rummage sale February B. The Indies enjoyed a nostalgic look at

The Anglican Church prices and costs of various sale and a fall bazanr.

The ladies enjoyed a social evening of court whist Winners were Susan Lee and Marg Creasey Marg Creasey also won the bicky chair



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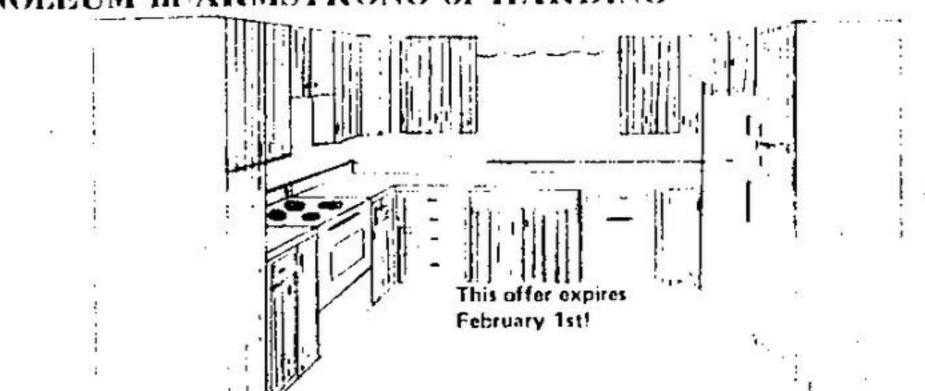
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