It's spring! And the (potential) patter of little feet is once again a big thing in our household. No, it isn't another Easter rabbit, although I did get a bit of

sound of a cat making a nest in three o'clock hello on our bed)

a jolt recently when I opened the back door and found two large rabbits calmly finishing off the dogs' food. I promptly accused my the bedroom cupboard. Pattyhusband of bringing in some cat was 'way in the back of the

just passing through.

spring entertainment, but it shelf holding bath towels and

turned out the bunnles were sheets, studiously re-arranging them to suit.

But that night we were Evidently it didn't (suit), for awakened by the distinctive her next stop (after a brief

Something was wrong.

ejected.

and wanted to be up early. of bed, grabbed a quick break-

on the head, but Patty figured

someone (Jim) should wake

on. (This was her first litter).

crawl under the covers and

kitchen sink to wash my hair.

was in son Jim's room. He my ear made me twist around and will often wake up long Patty sitting in the sink beside cat hair over everything.

enough to give a cat a few pats my head. twice. Both times she was up and tell her what was going back in the sink faster than I

Barring that, she wanted to the water on. Finally I shut her in the chen uttering plaintive mews was born. bathroom, promising I'd fin- with each step. make her nest in there.

Needless to say, she was ish my hair in there. She then decided to give up rolling rollers, she lay on the sink top, purring. Her rotund the idea of having kittens, and settled down on our bed for a belly, sticking out each side, kept giving independent This suited me fine, as the heaves and kicks, and she day was a busy one for me; I

turned around to glare at it was photographing a wedding now and then. everything out and loading it me.

fast, then stuck my head in the back up with flashes, films, cameras, and cat.

taps, a soft purring close to feat of fitting her bulk into a me appearing at the wedding day, July 8.

Just as I reached for the again, trying the impossible

doesn't mind a bit of purring and look, upside down, at shedding liberal amounts of cat toddling along behind.

I removed her once. And first with David and then with went into labor. I carefully Jim. Although she was ob lifted her into the box I'd previously getting close to her pared and, knowing she'd could get bent back over with time, she wouldn't stay put follow if I left, sat and rubbed and came back into the kit her back till the first kitten

And the whole time I was Miss Kitty who had just work on the new arrival, awakened and was cleaning cleaning him from end to end, her face in the middle of the rolling him over and over in floor. Grabbing Kitty by one spite of vigorous squawking on ear, Patty tried to drag her out his part. of the room, presumably to act

With hair done, I started in I took pity on Patty and went all the cat hair out of my Seven o'clock I bounced out on my camera case, taking back to bed, taking her with camera case,

We lay talking for an hour with no signs of a birth being Cat? Yes, there she was imminent. I drowsily rubbed

six-inch square compartment, with an extremely pregnant

However, with a very I took her out, put her in bed surprised look, Patty finally

With a look that obviously This time Patty headed for dismissed me, Patty set to

And, dismissed, I was left to as "mid-wife". Kitty objected. go back to my own To keep peace in the family, work-starting with cleaning

The ladies' fair board is her stomach and visualized planning a reunion for Satur-

Obituary

Frances Hurst dies in Aurora

former school teacher and native of Acton, died May 21 career at Richmond Hill high

Home, R.R.2, Aurora. Miss Hurst was born in and loved by many students Acton, the daughter of Sarah McClure Newton and Francis Hurst. She attended Acton public and continuation schools, Guelph Collegiate, and the University of

Toronto. She also took several

Mindenwya,

art courses at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto.

Miss Hurst began her teaching career in Acton, and then taught at Richards Landing, St. Joseph's Island,

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Frances Beatrice Hurst, a inuation school. She spent the Perrott, Newton Hurst and ormer school teacher and last 19 years of her teaching Ted Robbins. at Willow Estate Nursing school. She was highly

during her long career. member of the University Women's club, in which she held many positions. Miss Hurst travelled to Australia and Japan as Canadian representative of the club.

She was also a member of the Lakeside chapter of the IODE in Acton. Funeral service was held May 24 in Acton, with the Rev. A. McKenzie officiating.

She is survived by brother Joseph of Acton, and sisters respected by fellow teachers Mrs. Lawrence Frowe (Vera) of Bobcaygeon and Mrs. Thomas Wylle (Adelaide) of She was an honorary Rockwood. She will also be

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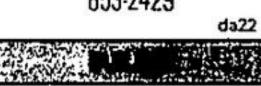
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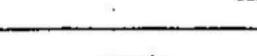
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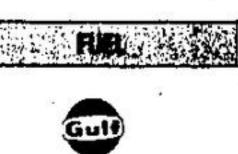
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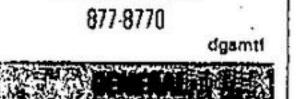
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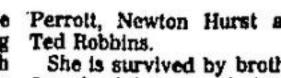
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