

# Bing's amorous adventures cut short

How many of you dog-lovers have had a handsome prized Boston Terrier stand at stud? I did. Once. Then my wife found out.

I was a novice at this sort of thing and so was Flood's Little Bing. We just called him Bing.

Sex was banned from our premises after his one and only love liason that I know about. It took place in the cellar, away from prying eyes.

It wasn't a beautiful boudoir by any means, but Bing didn't seem to mind.

When my wife and I were courting, her father had a Boston Terrier called Pete. I took a shine to old Pete and vowed after we were married I was going to have a Boston just like him.

Several years later we bought Bing from George Flood, a Boston breeder, who lived on Dufferin Street in Toronto.

The next thing we knew, we bought another, and another. Dr. Ballards, Pard and Purina chow sales rocketed.

We were in the dog business.

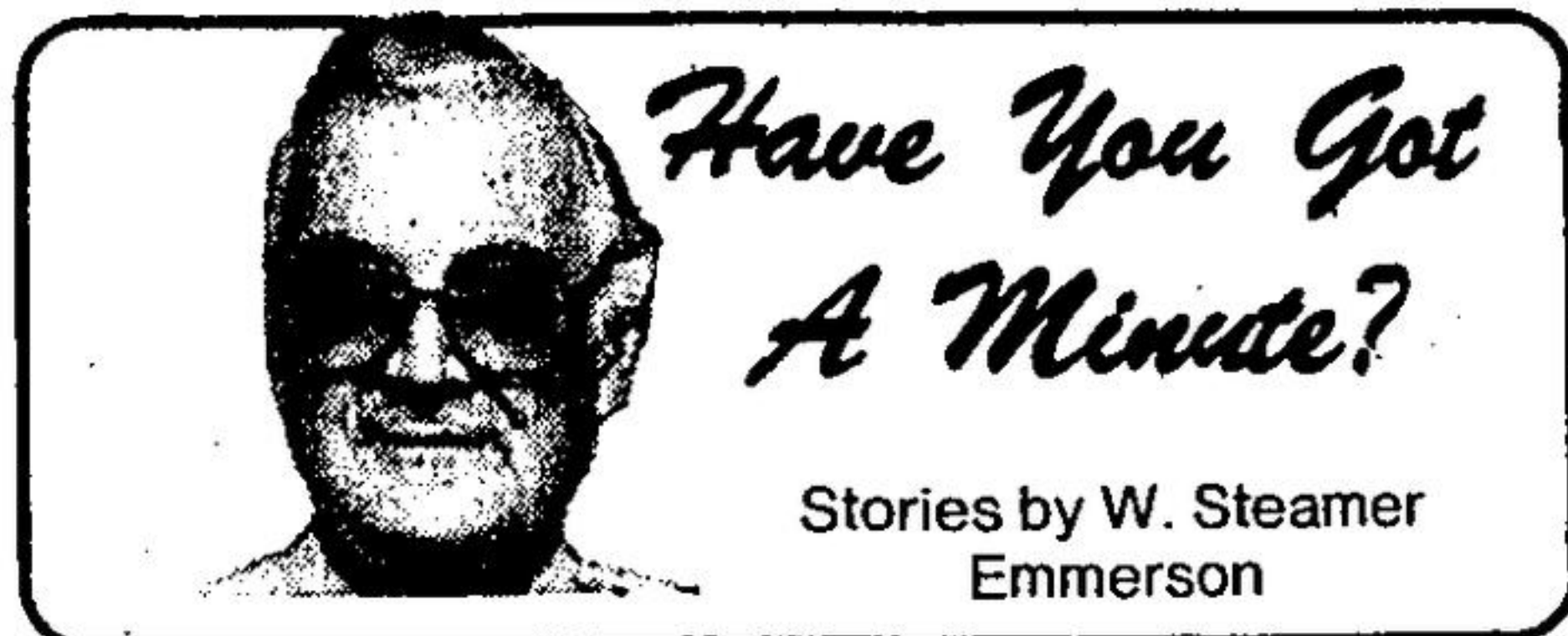
George Flood and his son Jim encouraged us to show our stock. Before I knew it I was in the ring.

I still have some of their old Canadian Kennel Club papers and some of the first place ribbons.

Not for sex, mind you, but for confirmation, looks, obedience, and showmanship.

In those days we had chit nor child so we could spend as much time as we pleased with our dogs.

The trouble started really, when Mr. Flood suggested we had won a few ribbons, our dog



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had matured well, he was handsome, maybe we should consider letting him stand at stud.

It certainly seemed like a good idea to me. The odd \$15 would come in handy, or else I could have first pick of the litter. How could I lose.

You know, and I know dogs just know when you are talking about them and Bing listening in to this conversation was ecstatic.

Unfortunately, although Bing knew what was going on I had failed to mention it to my wife until Bing had an affair while she was away shopping one day.

When she arrived him I excitedly showed her the \$15 and explained what had taken place during her absence.

I was thrilled, Bing was delighted, my wife was displeased. It was at that very moment she banned sex forever. Bing was devastated, I was disappointed, my wife determined.

As a breeder, I was out of business. Bing was out of luck.

You see, I didn't expect Mr. Flood, who was well connected in the dog business, to spread the

word so quickly that Bing could behead.

My wife was no sooner out the door than this blonde lady showed up with her Boston in tow, produced her pedigree papers, \$15, checked Bing's papers then said she was in a hurry.

Have you ever been in such an awkward position? She had that look like she wasn't here to admire the lawn. Her eyes were darting from house to garage and I could just tell she was wondering where the breeding barn was.

Before I could bite my tongue, thrust back the money, I meekly

told her "the cellar."

Bing was already tugging frantically at his lead. She carried her show ring charmmer into the basement.

I thought we would withdraw and let the new lovers do what was expected. She insisted I stay to make sure Bing did what he was supposed to do and she would stay to make sure her \$15 had been well spent.

Goodness gracious, we both had to witness the courting ritual, and finally the consumation.

My wife decided, while I was telling her of my unexpected good fortune and Bing's enjoyable afternoon, that the breeding farm was now out of bounds from that very moment on. No ifs or buts.

Later, the blonde lady phoned to say her Boston had whelped and she has a beautiful Boston Terrier pup thanks to Bing.

The way Bing performed I might have become a millionaire except for the sex scandal, as my wife put it.

I have fond memories of Bing. He was a money-maker.

## Traffic signals okayed

During a Halton Regional Council meeting council members approved a recommendation by Commissioner of Public Works for Halton A.F. Leitch that the go ahead be given for Traffic Signal Installations at Trafalgar Road and No. 10 Sideroad in Halton Hills.

According to a report issued by A.F. Leitch, this intersection has recently met the volume warrant for traffic signals. Council

members passed the recommendation that the tender of Enasco Limited of Waterloo be accepted in the amount of \$55,278 for the project, followed by the receipt of all necessary approvals satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Works.

In the report, Mr. Leitch said Enasco has done similar work for Halton and has the equipment and expertise required to complete the project.

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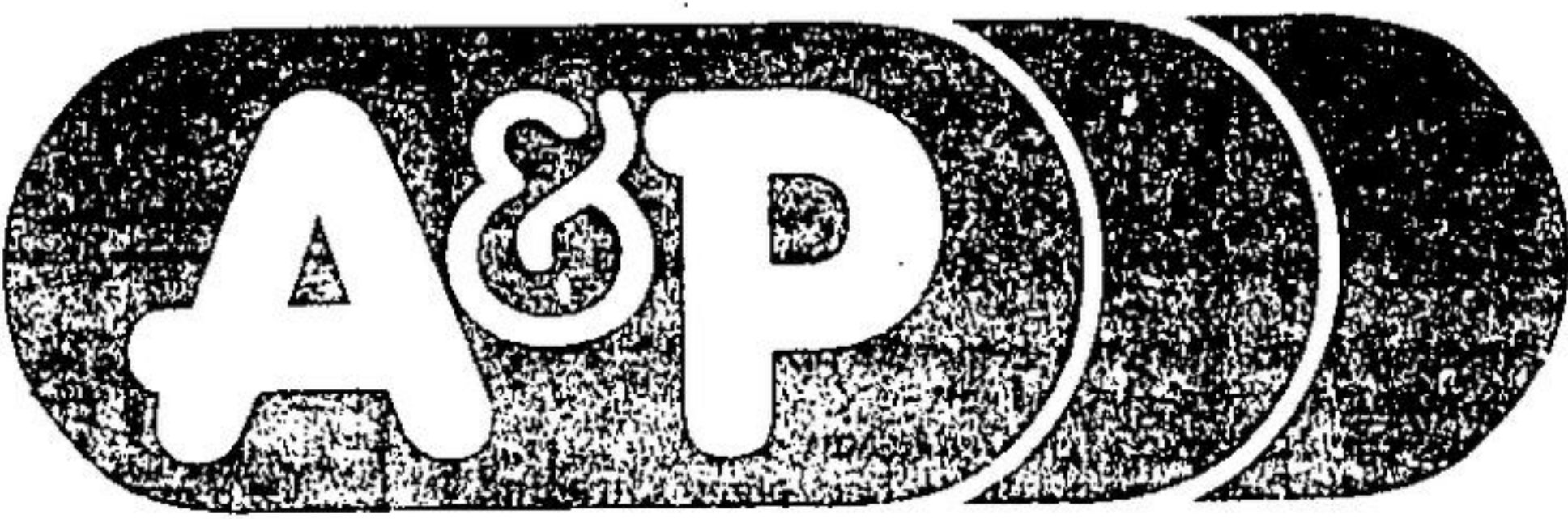
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