

Tessa Talented Like 'Liz' — But She's A Goat!!

BY FRED SIMPSON
Tessa is a talented young actress from Maple who has the star potential of an Elizabeth Taylor.
There's just one problem.

She doesn't look like Elizabeth.
She's a goat.
But while Tessa has probably forsaken ever crashing the limelight as a love,

interest for a Marlon Brando or Gregory Peck, she's doing pretty well for herself at the O'Keefe Centre these days.

She's playing the part of a hot-blooded Roman in the Italian musical spectacle "Rugantino."

And it's true she doesn't exactly look like an average Roman. But being a method actor has taught Tessa that you can convince yourself of anything — except being a goat, that is.

How did it happen?
It's not as tragic as it may seem but it did begin about two years ago at the RR 3 Maple home of Mrs. Bridget Douglas-Crampton and her husband, Daniel.

"We decided to get our children a goat for Easter," said Mrs. Douglas-Crampton without a flicker of emotion. "So we travelled down to Hamilton and purchased a 10-day-old one."

"What kind of a goat?"
"A nubian goat."
"Horns?"
"They don't have horns." A sigh of relief and all

visitors take their backs away from the walls.
"But she likes to butt the children, playfully, of course." Backs to the walls again.
Mrs. Douglas-Crampton agrees that butting can be a painful problem although her own two children, David,

14, and Nicola, 12, are big enough to roll with the impact.
"It's the little children," she explained, "they're smaller than Tessa. When she (good naturedly, of course) rises up on her hind feet and butts down at them . . . well . . ."

Everyone coughs nervously and starts looking around for Tessa. But she's at the O'Keefe Centre these days. Tessa, when leading a comparatively normal life at home, sleeps in the barn with Morning Glory.

"Another goat?"
"No, a pony" assures Mrs. Douglas-Crampton. "She's one of our other pets."
And there are a few others who share the good times at the 30-acre farm along with Tessa.

Namely: Nana the St. Bernard dog, Winnie the guinea pig, eight ponies, Golden Fleece, Jody, Dina, Beaver, Monty, Star, Kewia, and Morning Glory. There's also a mass of hamsters and 10 birds along with some ducks, Canada geese, a few chickens and a Dutch rabbit who speaks nothing but English.
"Oh yes," continued Mrs. Douglas-Crampton, "when my husband and I first came to Maple about eight years ago we brought along 12 Huskie dogs."
"But they used to howl a lot and there was no place

to race them so we don't have them any more," she concluded.
But getting back to Tessa. "She's very temperamental," pondered Mrs. Douglas-Crampton. "She wants to get in the house all the time."
"Is she . . . aaah . . . house broken?"

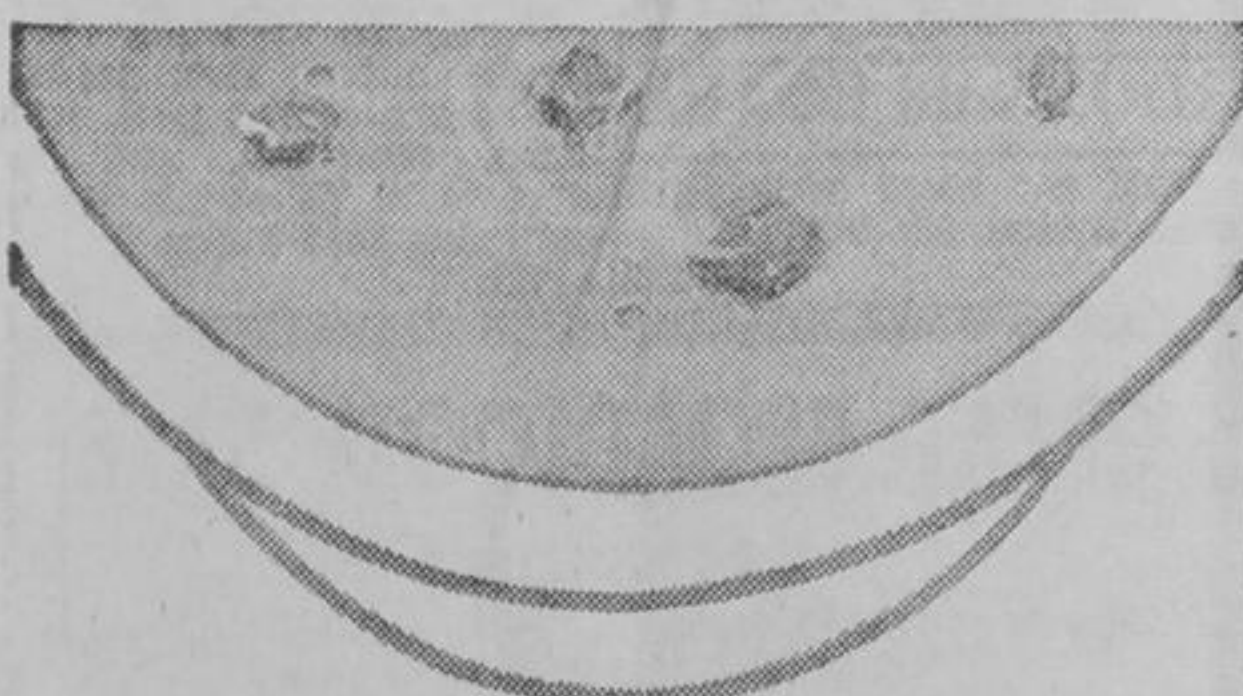
"She doesn't get in the house."
"Is it true that goats have a taste for tin cans?"
"No. Tessa eats hay and oats with the rest of the ponies."

As for Tessa's acting talents and her debut at the O'Keefe Centre.
"Oh, Tessa's been on stage before," stated Mrs. Douglas-Crampton. "She played in two versions of Teahouse of the August Moon at the Richmond Hill Curtain Club and in Port Credit."

"As a goat?"
"Certainly."
"Type casting, eh?"
But Tessa's biggest break in show business came shortly before the Italian musical opened at the O'Keefe Centre.

"I heard there was an opening for a goat and we took Tessa down for an audition. She won the part." It's a fairly small part but rumours have it that Tessa made the most of one of her performances but the sweepers quickly rushed to the scene.
"What happened?"
"Well, she . . . she . . . aah . . . well!"

It seemed like an excellent time to conclude the interview.



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Elgin Mills - Jefferson Happenings

Jefferson Community Club

The regular monthly meeting of the club January 29 was very well attended. The meeting was opened by Mrs. D. McDowell. She read the letter of resignation of Mrs. C. Whelan who has been president this season and who is leaving the district.

At an earlier executive meeting, Mrs. D. McDowell was appointed president for the remainder of this term and Mrs. Hazelhurst was appointed treasurer.

It was voted to make a donation to the Richmond Hill and District Swimming Pool Fund.

The undertaking to provide care for an orphan child was presented and the question of whether to "adopt" a Canadian child (such as an Eskimo or Indian) or a child from a foreign land was discussed. The members were asked to give their subject their consideration and bring any suggestions to a future meeting.

The outside lighting and the outside water tap at the school will not be in operation this year but everything is in readiness for an early start next year.

Two members of the school board, Ross Jolliffe, chairman of the management committee, and Lorne Wells, chairman of the finance committee, gave informal talks on the duties of their positions on the school board. A question and answer period followed after which the board members were thanked by Mrs. H. Hallgren.

Presentation of a wall plaque

and two matching candlesticks was made to Mr. and Mrs. C. Whelan by Mrs. Hazelhurst on behalf of the club, as an expression of thanks and appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Whelan's many years of service to the community. A special farewell cake was served during the lunch period.

Cubs and Scouts News
At the Cub meeting last Thursday in St. John's Parish Hall, an investiture was performed to enroll five new chums into the Cub pack as Tenderpads. These were Mark Williams, Ronny Ingles, David Gadsby, Kelvin Mabee and Bradley Morris. Parents attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gadsby and Mr. and Mrs. Mabee. This means that the boys are now full members of the Cub pack. Congratulations Tenderpads.

St. John's Church News
Saturday night, Mr. Hall spoke to the young people of St. John's and showed slides of his parents' work in India. Mr. Hall's parents are on the Methodist missions board and are in charge of a tuberculosis hospital. Tuberculosis is rated as the biggest killer in that country.

Chitter-Chatter
Congratulations to Mable Louise Robertson who received her lieutenant's warrant at a Guiders' meeting in Orangeville last week. Her mother, Mrs. H. Robertson, was present at the ceremony. Mable Louise has organized a group of girls from Hockley Valley into a Guide Company and is acting captain (she is not old enough to be a full captain).

Several parents of grade 8 students of this district attended the meeting in Bayview Secondary School January 29 which provided information about courses available in the secondary school programme. A question and answer period was very helpful to many.

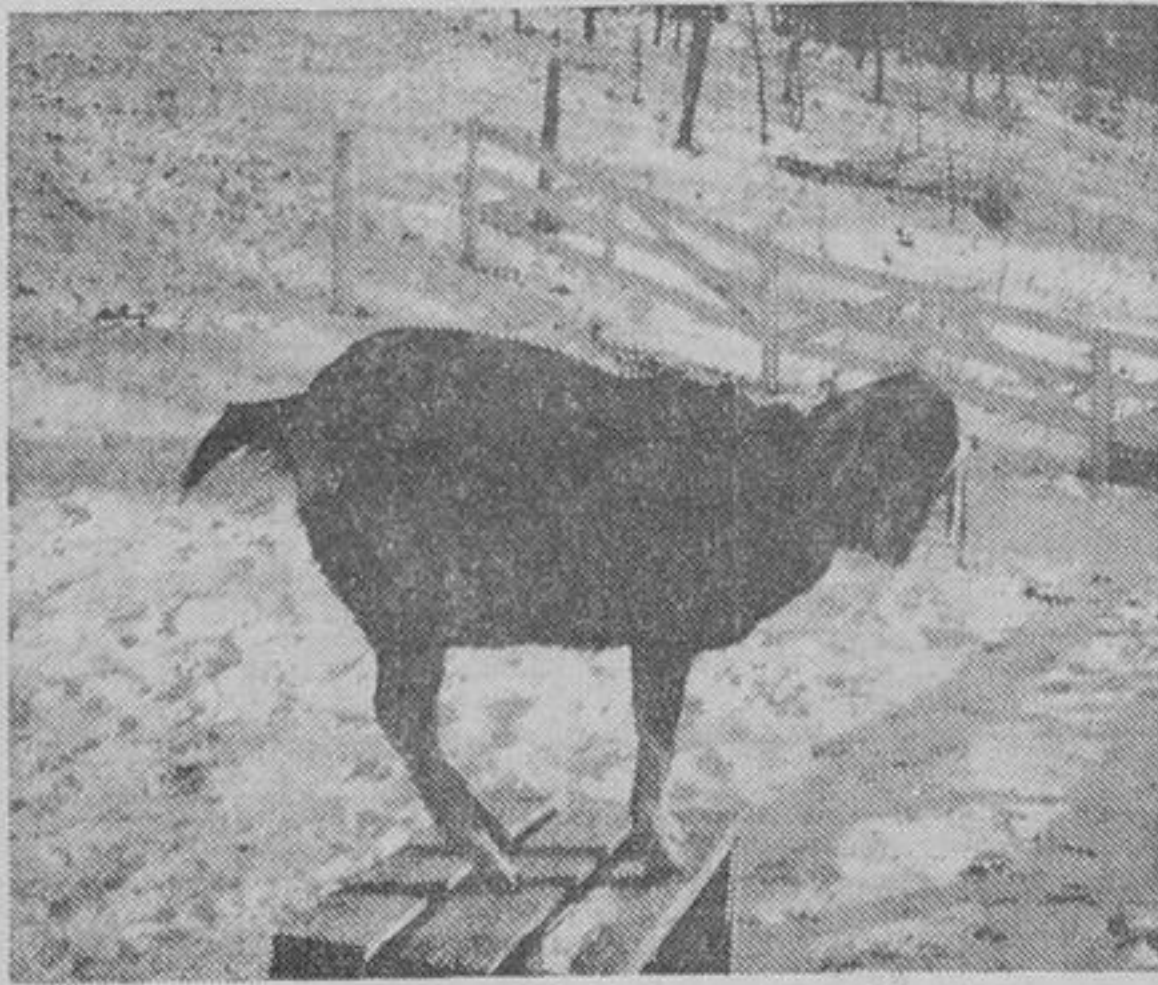
Marilynn Moon, Elgin Mills Road, was married in Oshawa on Saturday. Her mother Mrs. W. Moon, her aunt Mrs. Jack Shepherd, her grandmother Mrs. Burns and her sister Betty attended the wedding.

Friends of Manuel Wolfe, Brookside Road, are pleased to hear that he is home from the hospital.
Mrs. Neill Dibb, Jefferson, returned home Sunday evening from Oakville where she has been visiting friends for the past week.

A new baby brother, Carl Michael Boyle, for Colleen and Gary, arrived at York Central Hospital on January 31. Congratulations to the proud parents, Mr and Mrs Lyle Boyle.
Miss Sonia Wilson, recently from England, and Eric Jones from Wales, were dinner guests of Bruce Waters last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Waters.

Birthday greetings to Heather Smith and Blake Jones who celebrate on February 5; many happy returns of the day to Larry Marshall whose birthday is February 10.

Candlemas Day
Don't put away your goloshes and snow shovels yet! Mr. Groundhog who (according to legend) emerged from his hole on Sunday last would see a well-defined shadow in this



Tessa "Good Luck" Charm To Italians

Church Of St. Gabriel Holds Vestry Meeting

The annual vestry meeting of the Church of St. Gabriel was held January 27. The congregation was well represented and all present were much encouraged and inspired by the report of Rector Rev. R. McLennan. The financial report also was very encouraging indeed and the list of appointments seemed to meet with unanimous approval.

The following appointments were made: Rector's Warden H. Danter, People's Warden J. LeMaine, Deputy Warden B. Jackson, advisory board C. King, L. Prosses, T. Rye, A. Alder, K. Ellis, E. Nokes; treasurer R. Weller. Vestry Clerk Mrs. J. Plummer, Auditors T. Johnson, E. Lomax, Envelope Secretary L. Kimbell.

Lay members to synod J. Haggart, T. McKeage, Mrs. A. Price; parochial tribunal Mrs. V. Cox, B. Jackson, R. Weller, great chapter C. King, W. Lazebny, E. Lomax, A. Snaith, R. Weller; diocesan world mission J. Haggart.

PICKERING: The rather drab interior of Pickering Council Chambers is to have a facelift this spring when walls will be panelled and floor tiled, councillors decided.

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