

Annaliese found a match box in her letter box and in it was her engagement that had been stolen.

Mark had now passed his law exam and was therefor a qualified Attorney. Mr Bartlett of Espin and Espin asked Mark to first have a talk to them before deciding to go elsewhere. The result was that he remained on to assist the two partners Bartlett and Hutton.

It was late in 1968 that Annaliese and Peter became engaged and the next year Lorna decided to go to England to spend some time with her old Aunt Edith of whom she was very fond at Felixstowe.

Rather than let the house we decided that I should remain on and get a couple to come and live in the house and keep me and pay the light and water. I was to pay the girl. Well we eventually got a Mr and Mrs Parbiton to take on the job. He was caretaker of the Clarendon school and what a hopeless couple they were, and I was glad to get rid of them a month before Lorna returned. The arrangement was that we should stock the food cupboard and meat in the frig and when they left they were to replace the goods. He was born tired and was of the type that bath once a week for he told me gleefully one day that he had just had a nice hot bath. If he was in his bedroom during the day he was too lazy to go to the toilet but used the chamber, which the girl later had to empty. Lorna would have had a fit seeing him feed his dog on the carpet for which I choked him off several times. We had not been told of the dog in the first place. Well I was glad when they decided they had had enough of me. I have mentioned that they were to restock the cupboard. Well after they had gone I went to the cupboard and found it as Old Mother Hubbard had empty. I asked the girl what there was for supper and she said, "There is nothing those people took everything even the one piece of bacon that was left in the frig. Lorna spent some time in England seeing a lot of her Aunt but after a while became very unwell and decided to return home. On her return she had to be treated by her doctor for Tyro Toxicosis, commonly known as Thyroid Gland. She has now recovered but it took nearly twelve months.

Peter and Annaliese decided to get married on the 3rd January 1970. I was rather surprised when I asked St. John's Church to publish the banns but was told that as he was not a member of that church it could not be done. I however pointed out that he were married there and the children both baptised in that church. The reason that Anna did not attend St. John was that St. Seaviour was nearer the Frere Hospital where she was nursing. I was not going to argue so went down to the Magistrate's Office and had the notice of marriage put on their board. Annaliese was however married in St. John's church and we afterwards gave a reception for about 300 in the Carlton Hotel. Everything went off very well and Annaliese looked beautiful in her dress and the head veil Lorna had bought on London.

Peter gave up his job with the C.M.S. and he and Fremman started in business - Personal and Vocational Services where they are doing very well. Peter has now through hard work and hiring his own work built a very fine house with two lounges, four bedrooms and three bathrooms, dining room, kitchen, two garages etc. I asked Peter what he had three bathrooms and he told me that today people want houses with plenty of bathrooms. They now have two very fine daughters, Joanne 3½ and Karen 2 and are very happy with two cars and a very nice garden on which they have both worked hard.

Mark too has done well and is married with two daughters and is in partnership with Hutton in that well known legal firm of Espin and Espin in Grahamstown.

So our two children have turned out trumps which gives Lorna and I great pleasure.

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