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fresh tracks

by Barbara McIntosh

SKI FEVER

People who have never put on a pair of skis find it difficult to understand ski fever. They see it as a kind of blind illogical compulsion that creates Friday night havoc on northbound highways all winter, and keeps skiers returning for more despite the expense and the semi-agony of sunburned noses, muscle strains and broken limbs. But to many it's ski fever that makes winter their favorite season.

Modern ski resorts have become total communities to house skiers of all shapes and types. Among the more colorful is the notorious ski-bum with his cache of liquid refreshment hidden in various hollow trees along the trail. And there's the ski-bunny in her carefully co-ordinated outfit, who rarely ventures more than ten feet from the lodge fireplace or the boys who come in for hot coffee.

Speaking as a skier with a maximum of enthusiasm and brute animal courage pitted against a minimum of skill and a faculty for spectacular falls, I welcome the chance to test my sense of balance against the elements. There's nothing quite like the sensation of speeding down a slope with the wind in my face, or quite by accident whipping past a red warning and pulling off a perfect jump over a twenty-foot cliff.

However, I've found the slopes guarantee a certain amount of embarrassment for the skier who is less than perfect. Nothing is more humiliating than slipping off the tow half way up, or worse yet, falling flat while I'm still in the starting gate.

What could be more discouraging to a girl than to be rescued by a girl ski patrol. It ruins my helpless feminine excuses and plays up the clumsy, unskilled reality of the situation.

With the advent of that atomized mixture of water and air that can be sprayed onto the hill when the temperature is between zero and 28 degrees, the ski season can be stretched out long after the natural fluffy stuff stops falling.

However, there's one aspect of spring skiing that stands out in my mind. Well, actually this week it's standing out in vivid blues and purples on a large part of my anatomy. After close personal contact, I have concluded that artificial snow is not only faster to ski on, but a good deal harder to land on.

On into April, skiers dressed in shorts and shirts for the 70 degree weather, will trudge through mud to reach slopes of artificial snow even where surrounding hills are bare and mayflowers are popping into bloom.

So there's still time to catch ski fever if you haven't already.

Redmen edged out at OSSA finals

As the only 'B' school to make the Ontario finals, the Acton Senior Redmen Basketball team put up a good fight in Peterborough this week. They lost their first game Monday

night 75-64 to St. Anne's Collegiate of Tecumseh, and the second Tuesday night by a heartbreaking 39-35 to Fort William's.

Top scorers in Monday night's game were Harry Oehrich with 18 points, Bob Turkoz with 14 and Phil Dupuis with 11. It was an extremely close game all the way through, but St. Anne's proved to be faster on their plays than Acton.

The 75-64 defeat put the Redmen out of the running for top spot in the tournament. However, they still had a chance

at the consolation prize if they could win their game Tuesday night. The team played well and finished a mere four points behind their opponents.

Twelve of the top teams across Ontario competed in the three-day tournament. Acton was the smallest school represented. As part of the program, the boys enjoyed a banquet and a tour of Trent University on Tuesday.

Coach Brian Skerrett, the Redmen, the cheerleaders and a busload of fans will be returning late Wednesday night.



UNDER THE NET, Redmen George Wallis and Lloyd Smallwood battle for the ball with their opponents from St. Anne's. (Photo Ray Saitz)



STOWING IN LUGGAGE, team members, cheerleaders and fans left Monday afternoon for the three-day Ontario basketball finals in Peterborough. (Staff Photo)



BOB TURKOSZ and Phil Dupuis were Acton's second and third top scorers. Harry Oehrich chalked up the most points for the Redmen. (Photo Ray Saitz)

Curling girls compete at CWOSSA

The A.H.S. Girls Curling Team competed in the CWOSSA bonspiel finals at Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club on Monday.

Although they failed to win a prize, they did defeat the highly favoured just foursome from Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate in their first game by a 6-3 margin. Kitchener then went on to take third spot in the tournament.

West Hill Collegiate in Owen Sound took home the plaque making it a clean sweep for their school following their victory in the boys' bonspiel in Brampton this February.

Acton co-ordinator Mrs. J. Hurst was pleased with the girls' performance considering that Second Jeanette Collins only began curling in November, and Lead Karen Townsley in January. The other two members of the team were Skip Sally Dick and Vice Jo Marie Marchment.

However, the team did not come back empty handed. All non-winners received two boxes of chocolates each donated by the boys' athletic society at Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate.

Bid farewell two friends

The 86 public school youngsters attending last Friday's dance at St. Alban's parish hall, bade farewell to two of their friends. Deb and Ken Anderson have moved from Acton to take up residence in Toronto.

There's another dance at St. Alban's this Friday.

Mothering Sunday

To mark Mothering Sunday, a simnel cake was provided for the congregation at St. Alban's Sunday morning. Mrs. Harold Denny had made the traditional cake.

Sunday school students and members of the Junior Choir all took daffodils home to their mothers.

Dismiss charge common assault

A charge of common assault against Acton arena's assistant manager was dismissed in Milton court last week by Judge David Vanek.

The assistant manager admitted punching a 14-year-old boy in the mouth in an incident at Acton arena last month but the judge said there was considerable provocation. The boy and a group of his friends tried to gain entrance to the arena without paying, when the incident occurred. The group had been ejected several times before.

The court heard that the assistant manager had punched the youth in self defence when the group attacked him. The judge said the official had a right to eject troublemakers.

In dismissing the charge Judge Vanek said that if it were in his power, he would consider some disciplinary action against the group of youths.

New drink laws possibility-Kerr

Halton West M.P.P. George Kerr said in a recent interview that he would support certain changes in the present drinking laws.

Ontario may soon have new drinking laws—possibly within the next six months. Mr. Kerr said he was not sure the legal drinking age should be lowered as some advocate, however.

The Halton West M.P.P., a lawyer, said he opposed the present system because it was ludicrous.

An especially appointed M.P.P. is touring the province seeking public opinion on the matter since the laws are under stringent re-examination.

So far, according to Mr. Kerr, it was obvious that most people felt the drinking laws should be dropped from 21. He's not so sure about them dropping to 18, though.

"What's so magic about this age?" he asked.

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by L. G. Denby
 your telephone manager

I often think of March as a bit of a misfit month as months go. It's not supposed to be winter — we mark the first day of spring this week — still it's a little early to start putting the top down on the convertible.

Seasonal problems notwithstanding, March has had its share of important events — good and bad — over the years. In 44 B. C., it saw Julius Caesar slain; in 1752, the appearance of Canada's first newspaper; in 1794, the creation of the United States navy; in 1912, the founding of the Girl Scouts; in 1938, the German invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Johann Strauss, Albert Einstein, David Livingston, and Johann Sebastian Bach were all born in March. And on the third of the month, 1847, this birth announcement from Edinburgh Scotland: "A son is born to Eliza and Alexander M. Bell, and there is much celebration in the household." Of course this is a most important anniversary for all of us at Bell Canada. We could say many things about this man who made such vital contributions to modern science and communications. But it seems to me that his own words are probably a much better summation of his life and philosophy. I thought you might be interested in them:

"Don't keep forever on the public road, going only where others have gone. Leave the beaten track occasionally and dive into the woods. You will be certain to find something you have never seen before. Follow it up, explore all around it; one discovery will lead to another, and before you know it you will have something worth thinking about to occupy your mind. All really big discoveries are the result of thought."

I came across an amusing telephone anecdote the other day. The boss' secretary at the Stuttgart Zoo answered the telephone five times and five times heard nothing but muffled, heavy breathing at the other end. She had the sixth call traced. The caller turned out to be Mysore, an elephant, who had learned to pick up his keeper's telephone and dial "1" — the boss' office.

Most of us learned the taboo about pencilling books at the kindergarten stage. But I think even the strictest schoolmarm would exempt telephone directories from the rule. Marking your telephone book helps you find frequently called numbers quickly. Why not underscore or circle numbers the first time you look them up. That way they will really leap out of the page the next time you need them.

Lloyd Denby