by Wendy Thomson

On the bottom of the freezer, sitting all alone, is one rib roast. Every week I eye it wistfully but decide to leave it for an emergency (like when we've had nothing but peanutbutter sandwiches for a month and Gord is threatening to leave.) There's comfort in knowing it's there.

It's ridiculous really. Here we are with 67 pigs in the burn, two heifers in the field, and no meat to eat. Every shopping day I try to figure how to make one pound bacon, one pound wieners, one pound hamburg and one pound sausage lust nine meals (seven suppers and two weekend lunches.) Once I figure it out I'll let you know.

Gord's talking of not only putting in a garden this year f my enthusiasm knows no bounds) but also of obtaining some sort of meat on the hoof (or foot or whatever) to run around out the back.

I'm a little dublous about the whole thing, from past experiences. Our first project involved 10 young chicks. A low-lying fog and two lowcreeping dogs closed in on them together one morning. Scratch 10 chicks.

Next venture The next venture was pigs, three of them in the reinforced chicken pen. That was 'round the time I caused Gord's ankle to be broken, so It fell on me to be chief pig-

The real work came the wings. whenever Gord wanted to check over his livestock. He'd done in one of a variety of fold his 6'2" into the ways and the third is all the wheelbarrow, haul in his cast, remaining scraps added to market at a gallop!" soup stock made with all the

stagger off down the drive recipe last night. with him. If he had the pail of water in there with him it made things quite interesting.

- next few years. Having even cooked or raw five or six outside kept us hopping with their ad- 3 thsp. cooking oil . ventures. And often there was 2 thsp. soy sauce a bit of beef idly munching 1 cup green peas around the pasture.

Chleken bit Then Gord decided to try 112 cups stock or water the chicken bit again. It was a 2 cups sliced mushrooms ' pretty sad affair. We seemed 2 tsp cornstarch to be running a self-serve counter for wild animals and hawks. One in particular , would sit in a tree down by the creek where I could see him heavy frypan till golden from the kitchen window and brown. Dash I tbsp. soy sauce I'm sure he stuck out his over the chicken and mix. , tongue every time I looked his Add peas, celery, 1 tsp. salt.

enough and thought I'd just simmer 4 minutes. Add flx him right in the tail Menthers. I got Gord's gun, 'tonded it, and was down at the thsp. soy sauce with cornpen before it registered that I'd loaded with a slug rather into chicken mixture till the than birdshot and I'd for got- sauce is thickened. Serve hot ten how to unload.

That hawk seemed to know my predicament and just sat. I got so mad I let fly with the slug and almost knocked myself flat with the recoil. The hawk flew off, and I'm sure he just about killed himself laughing. Now there's a

thought. Anyhow, lately we've been buying chicken from one of our neighbors, nice blg eight pound, raised-outside, goodtasting ones. Instead of serving a large platter of meat like in the "old days" I ration it out quite carefully.

Starters The first meal consists of five portions-two drumsticks, two thighs, and then both wings are one serving. feeder and water-carrier. . The kids take turns having

Second meal is the breast That was my signal to bones. We had the following

> CUBED CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS

Pigs were the thing for the 3 cups cubed chicken, either

112 cups sliced celery 112 tsp. sugar 11 cup cold water

Season the chicken with salt. Saute it in oil in large sugar, and stock or water. One day I'd had about Stir, cover, bring to boil and mushrooms, cover and cook 4 minutes. Mix the remaining 1 starch and cold water. Stir

with rice. 4 to 6 servings.



THE ICE is out at the community centre - right out onto the ground. Heaps of slush are still colored with the red and blue paint of hockey markings as they gradually melt away.

Easter services

Timely sermons, special music and flowers -- and large crowds-meant Easter at the town's churches on Sunday.

other days as well during the which led the singing.

terdenominational Holy Week services at Knox were well attended. The innovation this There were services on year was the 60-voice choir





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W.I. life membership presented to Mrs. Fryer

last Mon., April 8, when a life Women's Institute provided membership in Acton many services to the com-Women's Institute was munity when and whenever it presented to Dorls Fryer of was required.

Church St. Miss Dorothy Simmons of Bower Ave., Institute hriving membership when the president, made presentation to Mrs. Fryer, who records faithful service in the Acton group for over 30 years, having served in all offices including especially those of secretary and president

Mrs. Fryer's only afbeen with the Acton branch. She feels that their group their motto, 'to serve home and country." She recalls how, over the years, they managed to assist the needy

Others awarded She recalls the days of the W.I. was an important function in the Acton district, but sees that television, mothers working, and organizations in the district have taken their toll on Women's Institutes both locally and elsewhere.

Although the Acton filiation with the W.I. has membership has dropped considerably the group continues to meet the first have attempted to live up to Wednesday of every month at the Acton library.

Only four ladies in the recorded history of the Acton W. I. have received the by supplying coal when it was special life membership scarce. "We have also award including Mrs. assisted by supplying Margaret Davidson, now blankets and quilts for bur- deceased, Mrs. Lily Wilds, ned-out families," said the Mrs. Elvina Wilderspin who

Special tribute was paid worthy lady who feels that the was honored only recently, and now Mrs. Fryer. Monday's presentation was

made at Mrs. Fryer's apartment home on Church St. as she is recovering from recent hospitalization and could not attend the regular meeting. Also on hand to view the presentation was another Acton W.I. member, Myrtle Lambert.

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Lionettes hold successful euchre To conclude the evening,

Acton Llonettes first euchre venture was a success recently and proceeds for the event are slated for the Lions

McEnery.

swimming pool campaign. The cuchre was held at St. Alben's parish hall on Fri., April 15, and 15 tables were filled from 8 until 11 p.m. High scorers were Mrs. R. McEnery and Hec Lambert; prices for low scores were taken by Jean Precious and

Papillon were co-conveners who served lunch assisted by other Lionettes.

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A LIFE MEMBERSHIP was the award

presented to Doris Fryer last Mon., Apr. 8, by

Acton Women's Institute president Dorothy

Simmons, for a president who has served over 30

years of faithful membership. Afternoon tea

culminated the pleasurable meeting conducted

at the Church St. apartment of Mrs. Fryer.

The Y's Men held a "bunny hop" dance at the music centre Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Timbers enjoyed a trip to Great

Lakeside chapter members are working on a special centennial quilt, which will be the sought after reward in a draw later. Blocks are being embroidered by some of the talented members.

Mr. and Mrs. William Doll of Riverton, Manitoba, are visiting with the Rognvaldsons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rognvaldson of Elliott Lake are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tatton and family.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Onions are taking a trip west to settle on a retirement home. There'll be replacements in the United church pulpit for a couple of Sundays.

Yvon Gionet of Guelph, visited with Mr. and Mrs. at Wardsville on Good Friday.

Former Actonian Cathy to raise money for the mentally retarded.

Best get well wishes go

Best wishes from many friends go daily to St.

Free Press Grace Nelles attends Personals historic installation

from an Acton lady put her in good stead when last Monday a morning phone call confirmed that a ticket was being held at Queen's Park, Toronto, for Grace Nelles to attend the formal installation Wednesday of the province's

Lieutenant-Governor of

said the entire ceremony was

Seated in the House of

Commons, Mrs. Nelles says

she had a marvellously informative person, the nurse

in charge of Queen's Park ail-

ments, seated next to her.

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first woman Lieutenant-Governor. Grace Nelles had applied in person at the Parliament buildings to view the installation when she first learned that Mrs. Pauline M McGibbon, a former national president of the I.O.D.E., was to replace the retiring

Ontario. She was informed it was not likely she would be able to attend as many applications had already been made. Her name and address were taken, however, and last

structed to be in her seat Wednesday afternoon by 2.40 p.m. sharp but said she was so excited she hurried in Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon earlier so she wouldn't miss any of the proceedings. She

and Dean, with Mr. and Mrs. James Gardener and family

Masson. Georgetown, was one of 500 swimmers in a marathon swim in Brampton

Bill Mainprize had a marvellous two week trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

from many friends to Mrs. Colin MacColl, who's in Toronto General Hospital.

Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, where Henry Harbers is lodged for awhile. Come back soon, Henry, and get the ads in the Free Press straightened out!

On a buying trip from Bangladesh, Bruce Eaton visited his mother, Mrs. Lilian Eaton, and attended Easter Sunday church service here with her.

A pre-Christmas request Her friendly neighbor was felt quite at home as many of able to simplify the parliamentary proceedings by giving a running commentary

those attending were acquaintances she had met at the conventions. She's a former regent of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. "We "Wouldn't have missed it couldn't have a finer firstfor the world," said Grace lady Lieutenant-Governor." Nelles who has attended said Mrs. Nelles who feels the national I.O.D.E. conventions ceremony was one of the most for many years and knew moving and exciting she Mrs. McGibbon. She said she could ever hope to attend.

Florida tickets prizes

A hospitable event at the there were other prizes and curling club was the draws. Hospitality bonspiel, sponsored by Bowen and Zuccala real estate. Club members brought guests, many of them from out-of-town, for the three day event two weeks ago. Ab Robinson's team won the Hospitality trophy and Monday morning she the mospitality from and received the exciting First selfers

Mrs. Cecil Nelles was in-The first golfers of the season were out at Acton

Meadows Friday.

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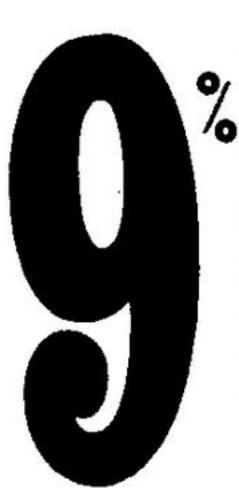
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Sun 'n Fun bonspiel and this Saturday the winning team will be presented with four tickets to sunny Florida. There were so many entries the two full days of qualifying began two weeks ago. Eliminations began last night (Tuesday) and plenty of good curling is expected before the last rock is thrown Saturday.

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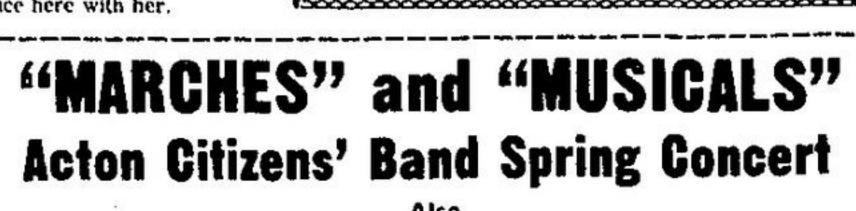
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