



the painted box

by Wendy Thomson

I skied down the manure pile today—twice—laughing at my foolishness and hoping nobody driving by was watching. But after the past month, I was ready for a bit of nonsense.

One Tuesday in February, I wandered around the stores in Drayton Valley with a decision to make, and I poked about the stores uncertainly.

I'd been thinking how handy it would be to have a small TV stashed away in my closet to watch on nights when the family's male majority had the other TV tuned to something I wasn't interested in.

On the other hand, I'd been getting restless from being housebound for most of the winter, and the thought of gliding gracefully across the back 40 on skis was also appealing.

A glance at my reflection in a store window made up my mind—I obviously could do with more "doing" and less sitting.

Before I could change my mind, I was past the TV store and into the ski shop, emerging half an hour later with a book on cross-country skiing, a pair of boots, tins of wax and pine tar, and a bill for skis, bindings, and poles.

They'd be cut, fastened, or whatever, and would be ready by the time I'd finished the book.

It was Thursday when everything was picked up; Friday I set to work with pine tar and brush. According to the directions, the gucky stuff was brushed on and let dry.

My error was in applying it as liberally as I'd always done to horses' hooves, and I ended up in the shed Saturday, wiping the excess off after Gord had heated it to the wipeable stage with his blowtorch.

But when all was done, I had not only neatly tarred skis, but also ones with easily identifiable scorch marks.

And although instructions on waxing were as vague as those on tarring, I ended up with beautiful results. Visitors, however, were startled to find that my ironing job for the day was on skis laid out on the counter top.

After craying on the wax on the bottoms, I did as a friend suggested and ran the iron over it till smooth.

Then I was ready for my great winter adventure. The family gathered around not so much in support as in curiosity, and I refused to budge till they went somewhere else.



WITH TEMPERATURES CLIMBING very gradually upwards, in either Celsius or Fahrenheit, streams are losing their winter covering of ice. They are swollen with the melt-off and it is a good idea to stay away from their banks as Lisa Halliday, Barbara and Beverly Dunn did at the library.

Free Press Family Page

Money and women Greenock W.I. topic

The March meeting of Greenock Women's Institute F.W.I.O. was held at the home of Mrs. Wayne Aitken. Mrs. R. Sinclair opened the meeting. An Easter message was given by Mrs. G. Wallace.

Theta Phi chapter elects new executive

The March meeting of the Theta Phi chapter was held at the home of Joyce Finley, with co-hostesses being Maureen Burrows and Marg Oliver.

Cookie sales for daffodils

Cast your cookies upon the waters, and they will return... as daffodils! The young people of St. Alban's Sunday School will be selling cookies after the 10:30 a.m. service at the church this Sunday morning.

Try a salad

- A touch of spring! Some interesting salads from the Synchronized Swim Team cookbook follow: Carrot Salad: 1 1/2 - 2 sliced carrots cooked until firm. Sliced celery, onions and green pepper. Dressing: 1/2 can tomato soup, 2 tsp. sugar, 2 tsp. vinegar, 2 tsp. oil, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. or less pepper. Combine ingredients for dressing and pour over vegetables and chill before eating. Jodi Duncan

Daffodils to bowling cancer month campaign

The March meeting of the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society was held at the home of Mrs. Rena Arbic and proved to be a very informative one.

The street banner is being put up by the Acton Hydro to herald the coming of Cancer month, and the merchants in town have graciously consented to using our publicity materials in their stores and banks. Daffodil Day will be the week-end of April 7 this year.

Arle White, campaign chairman, has the plans arranged for a Bowl-A-Rama from April 2 to 7 inclusive with the 13 leagues and all profits are to be presented to the Canadian Cancer Society for the annual campaign beginning April 1.

Anne Usher has enlisted the help of McKenzie-Smith shop teachers and 72 students have volunteered to make wooden

toys for young patients. It will give these young people a great feeling of accomplishment to know that their generous help will make several small children very happy.

will be enjoyed by everyone who attends, as there will be lots of lucky draws and great food. A beautiful basket of hope was presented to the group by Marilyn Shean, dance convenor. It is a lovely centerpiece which we will be able to use at our spring dance and for many functions in the future.

President Gloria Coats informed members that the annual pot luck supper will be on May 25 this year at the Presbyterian Church in Acton and the guest speaker will be Helen Cummins. Members look forward to this event very much as it gives them a chance to get together with all of the enthusiastic canvassers, team captains, and hard-working volunteers in every capacity without whose ongoing devotion the Cancer Society could not function. This function in May is always a most enjoyable one.

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IODE now 78 years old

IODE, a national organization of women volunteers, has been involved in the development of Canada and concerned with the welfare of Canadians since it was founded on February 13, 1900. Because the 18,000 members raise and spend more than \$1,000,000 each year, this involvement is visible and practical. Acton has two chapters of long standing, the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapter.

Non-sectarian and non-partisan, without racial bias, stretching from Newfoundland to British Columbia and north across the Territories, for the entire 20th century IODE has been successful in proving that unity through diversity is not only possible, but is also desirable.

In the communities across the country where IODE is established, the interests of the members primarily encompass those concerns which meet the needs of the area, yet each may experience a sense of pride as a participant in a great Canadian endeavour.

All manner of projects are undertaken at the regional level. During recent months, in areas of every province the forces of law and order have been recognized and honored with the National IODE Police Community Relations Award.

As a national endeavour, the gift of 39 watercolors by Winifred Petchey Marsh to the Prince of Wales Museum in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, is the outstanding feature of the current program. From across Canada, members have contributed more than \$30,000 to make this gift possible.

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