

"Any Way You Slice It"

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Series Lecturer

Sonia Henie is in town again and it brings to my mind an evening a couple years ago on which I took my wife and eldest daughter, who during the winter was making her first attempt at ice skating, to see the famous Sonia Henie Ice Show at the Olympia. Jan was in the kindergarten that year and I had been taking her down to Quanton Lake frequently to teach her the fine points of skating. She scooted around quite well on her double runners and had graduated to a more difficult type of skates by the time Sonia and Company came to town.

I was raised in a northern Michigan metropolis of some 2,000 souls, most of whom knew how to stand erect on the thin blades and many of them could even cut a dido or two. Most of the boys learned to skate well enough to execute a number of fancy maneuvers, and I was no exception. I jumped a barrel or two in my day, and could turn sharp in either direction. I could skate backwards, do jump turns and a few one-kate balancing tricks.

To say the least I never was a Michael Kirby or a Freddie Trenkler and by now I have forgotten or have become rusty on most of the capers I could execute as a boy. Even so, I guess I appeared to be wonderful to my small, daughter who accompanied me to Quanton Lake when the ice was right. You know, it doesn't take much skill or ability to impress youngsters when daddy is doing the performing.

We finally were seated in the Olympia on that Saturday night two hours ago and daughter Jan was all eyes. What with the extravagant settings and luxurious costumes, she didn't quite realize at first that all of the people in the show were on ice skates. She was so much impressed with the overall extravaganza that it took her a while to notice the skating of the cast.

Finally she got around to noticing the skating ballets and some of the chorus routines. She reacted by shouting at the top of her voice, "my daddy can do that!" The people for several seats around her were very much amused, naturally, and about the third time she shouted the phrase they were laughing out loud. I didn't know whether to climb under my seat or bask in the glory. My wife chose the former and I settled by pulling my hat down over my red ears. Jan was sincere, even though she didn't know what she was talking about.

Anyways, the show wore on and as the skaters glided through the performance, Jan repeated her boast from time to time. By now, the folks around us were pretty well used to her and were either convinced that there was a skating gnat in their midst, or else were satisfied that I was just an overrated father.

The show was nearing an end when the queen of the ice herself put a finish to her magnificent act by executing a whirling pirouette with the roll of the snare drums adding tension to this extraordinary feat. There was Sonia in the middle of the arena, spinning like a top on the toe of one skate while a bright spotlight made her sparkling white costume glisten.

All eyes were upon her and Jan's were more intense than anyone's. She rose to her feet in silent admiration. In a voice that was inspired by awe, but was still audible she breathed, "O o o o o. My daddy can't do that!" I guess she hated to let me down, but in order to be strictly honest she had to admit it. The crowd was hushed by the death act that Sonia was performing, but those within earshot littered with glee.

That was the first of many things which my three daughters either have discovered or will discover that their daddy can't do that other people can. It's a bitter pill for them and me to swallow, but we're all getting used to it by now. Even so, when we go ice skating, they still think I'm pretty good.

Pierce Cub Scouts Get Lesson on Tools

Due to the coal shortage in Birmingham, the last meeting of Pierce school Cub Scouts was held in the First Baptist church.

Donald Flisk showed motion pictures for the boys on the proper

use and care of tools. Each boy also was presented a book on the subject.

A representative of the coming Sportsman's show was present and spoke of the several attractions which will be of special interest to Cub Scouts.

Pack awards were also made at this meeting.



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Ask City to Close Oakdale Dead End

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Signed by Carl L. Brady, 620 Ridgedale, and Leonard P. Anderson, 592 Ridgedale, the petition was referred to the city plan commission for a recommendation.

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Obituary Notices

Mrs. Sarah Campbell
Mrs. Sarah Campbell, 84, 1405 Ward road, West Bloomfield township, died after a long illness in St. Joseph Mercy hospital Sunday morning.

She was born in Pickering, Canada on March 20, 1865, and on April 12, 1887, was married to William Campbell at LaMotte, Mich. Mr. Campbell died several years ago.

Mrs. Campbell was a resident of Birmingham for about 40 years. Six years ago she moved to Ionia, and a few weeks ago went to the Williams convalescent home in West Bloomfield township. She was a member of the First Methodist church here.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. I. T. Crockett of Detroit and Mrs. Clayton Stokes of Lake Orion; two sons, Frank Campbell of Saline and Thomas E. Campbell of Birmingham; and one sister, Mrs. Frances Doherty of Marlette. Twelve grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren also survive.

Services were held from the Manley Bailey funeral home yesterday afternoon, with burial in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Arnold Runkel of the First Methodist church officiated.

Thomas O. Markey
Thomas Oscar Markey, 64, died Thursday at his home, 17869 Huebington road, Southfield township.

Mr. Markey is survived by one brother, Harry E. Markey of Birmingham.

The body was taken to Milwaukee for services and burial.

Herbert H. King
Services were held from the Bell funeral home Saturday morning for Herbert H. King. Mr. King, a resident of Detroit, died last Wednesday in Grace Hospital after a long illness. He was 55 years old.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Boynton King, and a sister, Mrs. Henry A. Manley, both of Birmingham.

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