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fresh tracks
by Barbara McIntosh

FOLLOW YOUR NOSE

This Christmas promises to be the smelliest yet.

Just being clean and fresh is not good enough any more if you want to score with the opposite sex. With the complete annihilation of natural B. O. and halitosis in the past few years, the fad has moved on into the world of fragrance. The choice of scent has become an intricate part of the personality, and this year manufacturers have made sure there is something to suit everyone on your Christmas list.

It is THE season to give men's cologne. Make that playboy a legend in his own time with some bottled sophistication, or give the quiet, shy type the key to instant romantic appeal with a power plus formula that comes complete with instruction sheets on self-defence to counteract effects.

One brand promises an exotic dancing girl in minutes, another claims to turn on soft dinner music for a radius of three inches, and several more come in groovy bottles that look great with flowers in them when empty. The choice is wide, but keep in mind, it's hardly fair to subject fathers to hordes of youthful worshippers and highly risky to give a special boy friend too much hunting ammunition.

Perfume has always been a favorite gift for women and now she can dare to be different in an endless array of fragrances guaranteed to cast spells, create visions, instill ideas, and in general boost her morale. Promise her anything, but give her a prestige perfume. It isn't the size of the bottle but the price that counts with the ladies.

And for that hippie on your list who hates to bath, much less perfume, there are unlimited varieties of incense sticks and perfumed candles to sweeten up the atmosphere of any meditation meeting.

High school curlers win trophy in Fergus

Four members of the high school curling club came home with the trophy from the Fergus School Board bonspiel last Saturday afternoon.

Neil Anderson, Paul Youngblut, Barry Buchanan and Gord Reed (skip) combined skills to defeat nine other teams. They had three wins and a plus of 11.

This is the first time Acton has

entered the bonspiel. Teams from Guelph, Port Elgin, Palmerston, Walkerton, Milton, Erin and Fergus competed.

The high school club meets in the community centre on Tuesday afternoons, with Mrs. Joe Hurst acting as co-ordinator. Two mixed teams will be entering a bonspiel in Milton Dec. 21.



TROPHY WINNERS in the Fergus School Board bonspiel last Saturday were Neil Anderson (right), Barry Buchanan, Gord Reed and Paul Youngblut, representing the A.D.H.S. curling club. (Staff Photo)

ACTON HIGH
On police brutality

by Debbie Winter

A few years ago in New York City a civil rights group requested an investigation on why five Puerto Ricans had committed suicide within a city jail in the last year. They made allegations of discrimination, inefficiency, and police brutality. Their request was denied. Why? Because the police department stated that they were not to be questioned in the performance of their duties.

Just what do the words "police brutality" mean? A dictionary definition for brutality is "the act of being irrational, unfeeling, unhuman." A citizen's definition would probably be more like this: the unnecessary use of force, cruelty, discrimination, etc.

Police are prejudiced. Everyone is, whether they admit it or not. No police officer is going to ticket the sergeant's car. If a respected business man stands on the corner too long, he isn't going to get arrested for vagrancy or loitering. This kind of prejudice only hurts an individual's rights. It's the kind of prejudice that leads to a police officer killing an unarmed fifteen year old Negro youth that leads to an uproar.

Do police use unnecessary force when performing their duties? The police force and the public must reach an understanding. A police officer should not have to unnecessarily risk his life. On the other hand the citizen must be guaranteed his freedom and his rights.

In some large cities crime has reached an alarming rate. When the crimes become violent, so do the police. They have a right to. Every citizen has the point of view as long as he is not involved. But when you are suddenly involved our emotions erupt and the cry "Police Brutality" comes naturally.

Police officers are expected to be superhuman. This is the view shared by most citizens. They shouldn't fire a gun unless they are sure. This is necessary, but while they're deciding they have a good chance of being killed. Policemen are only human. They make mistakes and are branded brutal. It is said that "cops always take care of their own", meaning that they chase a "cop-killer" a lot harder than they do the average offender or murderer. This is only to be expected. When someone you know is involved your interest is doubled.

Although there is a high number of policemen who do not deserve to wear a uniform, there are more that do, and I believe that "police brutality" is greatly exaggerated.

Harlem All-Stars score low at A.D.H.S.



The case of the Harlem All-Stars was a mixed up play from the time their agent booked them at A.D.H.S. until the team showed up by surprise last Wednesday night to an empty gym.

Over a month ago a representative had come to the school demanding \$100 down by 4 p.m. that day if the team was to make an appearance. Instructor Bruce Andrews called

a meeting of the boys and girls' athletic societies but found the fund cupboard was bare. An anonymous benefactor agreed to put up the money.

The contract was signed and the agent agreed to send 100 posters and press material by the next week.

A month later nothing had happened no posters and no explanations. Mr. Andrews telephoned Toronto to find the number had been disconnected. Then he phoned Ohio and discovered there was no exchange for the number he had been given. Finally he phoned Chicago which turned out to be

an unlisted number and he was not able to get through. Further calls to schools in Georgetown and Guelph uncovered similar situations there.

"It all added up to a real snow job," commented Mr. Andrews, and the students decided to cancel out the whole thing rather than sell tickets for something they doubted would show up anyway. Georgetown high school did the same thing.

Then out of the snow storm appeared the Harlem All-Stars all set for the exhibition match.

The team had lived up to their contract so the \$100 could not be reclaimed.

Pedagogues are people

Boris Shean is in his first year teaching at A.D.H.S. in economics, marketing, business and finance. He comes from Hamilton and attended the University of Windsor and McMaster University for his B.A. His wife is a teacher at M. J. Bennett School and they live in Guelph.



Boris Shean is a Ukrainian folk dancer, complete with national costume and cossack boots. He joined a folk dance group when he was 15 years old in Hamilton, and even danced the Chaika professionally in Windsor while he was at university.

Needless to say, he has a passion for Ukrainian folk music but adds, "I'm not narrow minded. I like pretty well all

sorts of music." He claims he's been trying to get Mr. McGillivray to listen to country and western and he even dared to introduce him to a Bob Dylan album last week.

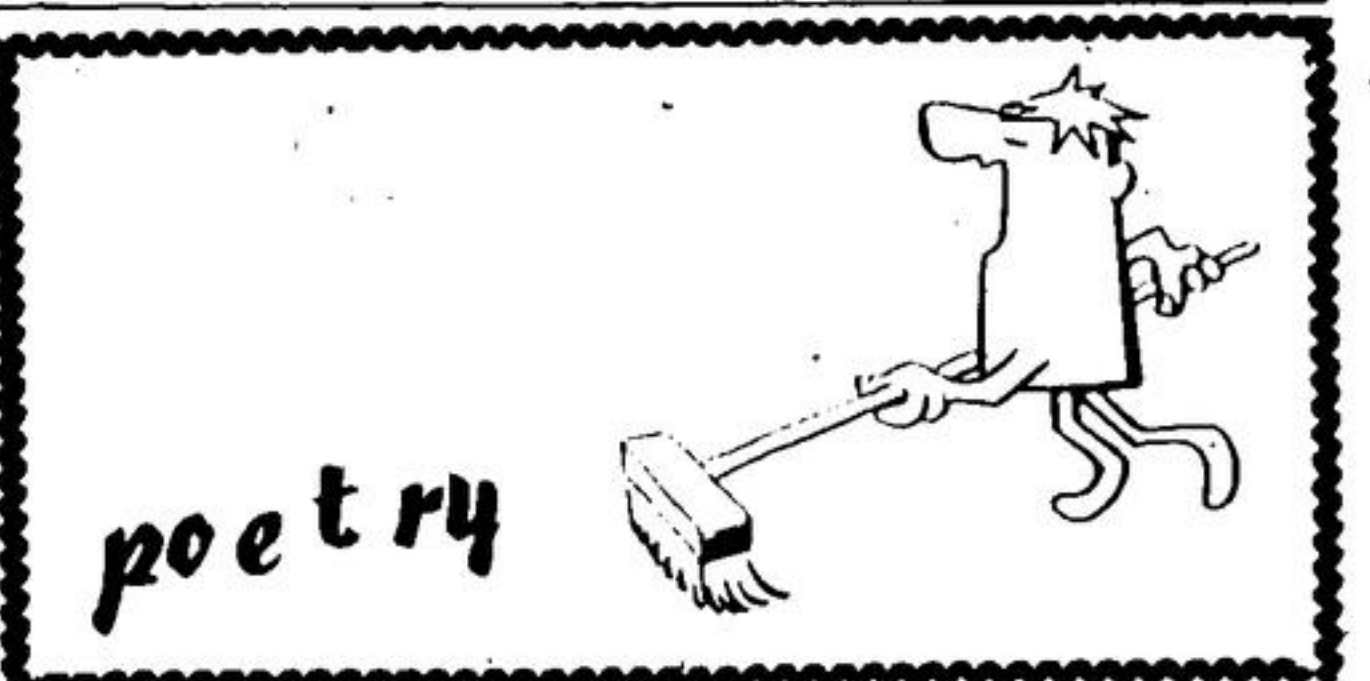
In his first year of teaching, he finds it about what he had expected. "In most cases, any surprises have been pleasant." He feels a disadvantage of the present system is that you get too many different intelligence

levels in one class. He would like to see smaller classes divided on the basis of intelligence and ability.

Mr. Shean has strong feelings on the responsibility of the teacher in student performance. "First the student should show the interest and ambition, but if he doesn't then it should be the job of the parents to come to the teacher to find out what can be done." He does not feel that teachers should have to run after the parents.

As long as students have to stay in school up to a certain age, Mr. Shean doesn't believe full student power is feasible. "Teacher power has to go along with student power," he maintains. He dislikes childish, lazy students who demand more freedoms and then don't live up to their commitments. For student power, there must be self-discipline.

Mr. Shean claims he is not one for hobbies, but he and his wife are planning to take up skiing in the Christmas holidays. He loves Ukrainian food such as pyrohy (potato dumplings), cabbage rolls, and beet soup. Among things he dislikes are cold winter days, hot summer days, and women's hair styles without bangs.



ACTON "HILLBILLY HEAVEN"

By Allan Gordon

O little town of Acton
So lively and so bright
Many comment lovingly
On your very sight.

Others still the useful rogues
Must needs criticize
Yet "nary a one" disputes
The blessings it supplies?

Many comment speciously
On all the things to do and see
The pool hall and the bowling alley
and other things I recount with glee

Acton has the honour, friend
Of having its own Knob Hill
Some even say (though wrongly so)
It's odour smells like

Whoever says that in Acton
There isn't a thing to do
Has never seen a high school dance
And the magnificent Fairy Park too.

In closing, then, I state to you
My comrades all, and friends true
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