

Free Press
YOUTH PAGE
fresh tracks
by Barbara McIntosh

Last week 12 year old Mark Pratt found a one hundred year old snapping turtle just outside of town! Well, actually it was a group effort with Michael Roach, Gary Hannon and David Dunn, and they're not absolutely sure it was a centennial old-timer.

According to Mark, the snapper was nearly three feet across, looked very old, and definitely deserved his picture in the Free Press. Unfortunately, I was too slow and they sent him hobbling back to the pond a half-hour before I returned the call.

It's comforting to hear they still make adventuresome boys with a built-in respect for animals, not to mention senior citizens. Undoubtedly, many would have wasted no time in attempting a home-made turtle shell drum, or headed straight for the nearest restaurant to trade free treats for turtle soup.

I can remember finding a robin once, sprung up by the feet for a little harmless fun, and being asked to come see a friend's baby rabbit, confined in a dark cardboard box in the basement. Just a few weeks ago, my cat Max came home with a posterior full of pellets. I admit Max is no saint, but I fail to see who could find satisfaction by inflicting pain on a fun-loving feline.

Isn't this supposed to be the love generation?

It seems to me it's a simple case of developing a sense of respect for life no matter how insignificant that life may seem. Children who thoughtlessly condemn dumb creatures to a slow death in captivity need to be told. Those who knowingly inflict pain could conceivably grow up to become a real force for violence on a much larger scale.

If that wasn't a one hundred year old turtle Mark and his friends found, it certainly stands a better chance of making it back in the swamp, than it would mauling in a box on some teacher's desk.

Congratulations, boys. You've won the respect of turtle-lovers and flower power people everywhere.

But if I ever get my hands on that fiend who shot Max...



FLYING FORM IN MID-AIR, Bob Andrews took second in the Junior triple jump competition during CWOSSA B Field Day finals held at the University of Guelph last Saturday. Acton won the Junior Boys' division for total number of points. Official results have not been sent to the school as yet. (Staff Photo)

ACTON TIPS

By Terry Curtis

Fashion show tonight

Wednesday May 14, don't forget the fashion show. The theme is "The Teen Scene". All garments are made by the students. Added attraction will be a play "an apple for teacher" sponsored by the drama club. Admission 25 cents students, 50 cents for adults.

Strobe auction

Strobright's A.D.H.S. newspaper committee held an auction Tuesday. All merchandise was forfeited by the teachers, which really didn't amount to much in dollar value, but was valued otherwise. All profits go towards a special Strobright edition.

Student council elections

Campaigning for Student Council positions, has brightened the walls of good old Acton High once again. Speeches and elections start next week.

Cake take

Miss Novak won the chocolate cake last Thursday in Strobe's raffle for extra funds. She shared it with her home form.

Lacrosse

Acton's Indusm lacrosse team played the Oshawa Green Gaels Friday night at the arena. Unfortunately they were beaten 9-8. Better luck next time!

Pedagogues are people

Paul Martindale claims Lions Head in the Bruce Peninsula as his home town. He has been teaching for eight years, the first two at the elementary level. He is head of the geography department.



Mr. Martindale took a survey in one of his classes to discover what they consider their biggest problem in life. Their conclusion was boredom and his conclusion from that was, "school has to become more exciting."

A great believer in field trips and on-the-spot learning, Mr. Martindale feels school boards have neglected this area in the past. "The more we get out of the rut of the open-book-work-pattern, the better. We have to turn second hand knowledge into first hand experience."

In an effort to throw some excitement into the grade nine study of sheep raising in Australia for example, the students visited a tannery where the hide processing is essentially the same. For the study of New York, he brought in a "swamin' native" who gave them a first hand account.

Last summer, he and his wife organized the trip to Europe for a number of Acton students. This was a first in the high school's history and Mr. Martindale can see tangible evidence of its value. "For those who went, geography classes have become relaxation sessions which they enjoy. By seeing other parts of the world, many of them realize the better things about Acton and that it isn't so squareville in comparison."

He feels the government should be helping to finance more trips. One of his prime interests is what he calls urban geography, and he has introduced the first course of study on cities at A.D.H.S. He explains, "Geography is about the real world and three-quarters of the population live in urban centres. If you don't study cities, you are really out of touch with reality."

Mr. Martindale carries his interest beyond the classroom. As a member of the town planning board he has become directly involved with Acton's future development.

He is basically in favour of developing a residential town out-of-Acton and he feels there must be a way to do it without making taxes shoot up.

"After looking at cities of the continent I am convinced that they can be nice places to live. In Helsinki, Finland, for example, 55% of the land is green belt so it's like suburban living in the heart of an urban centre."

His grade 11 four-year class spent nearly four weeks studying Acton in the next few weeks, his students will be doing a door to door survey of what local people would like to see happen around them.

Mr. Martindale started his teaching at the public school level. He then took his Honors Degree in Philosophy and Geography at McMaster University. He is currently doing graduate studies at York University and will have his Masters in Geography next year.

His thesis in historical geography will show how the influence of metropolitan Toronto has changed since 1850. In addition to his activities as a teacher and planning board member, Mr. Martindale is vice-president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation for Halton County. Next year he will be president with the job of co-ordinating the various committees in the organization.

First Sheridan graduation this Friday

Sheridan College will hold its first convocation at its Brampton campus, 98 Church St. E., on Friday, May 16. Some 150 graduates of 13 different two-year programs will be receiving diplomas. Twenty different diplomas, citing differences in division, programs and options, will be given out to the grads.

The Mary F. Hinton ring will be presented to the top graduate of the school. A student at Sheridan School of Design designed the unique ring as part of a competition in the metal and jewelry program. Mrs. Hinton is the wife of one of Sheridan's Board of Governors, former Acton Reeve H. H. Hinton.

"We don't just take off on a Fiscal Communities trip and hope it works out. For represented in the graduating class include Cooksville, lot of talking. They know what Clarkson, Brampton, Brambleton, to expect in the various parts of Streetsville, Oakville, Burlington, the city. They realize they are Milton, Mississauga, Port Credit, ambassadors of the school. The Georgetown, Acton, Toronto, one rule we enforce is common Huttonville, Meadowdale and Cheltenham."



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