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fresh tracks
by Barbara McIntosh

FAREWELL

By press time next week, I should be air-bound over the mid-Atlantic with my 40 pounds of luggage and plans for a summer of trooping around Europe semi-hippie style, so I'm devoting my last column to a review of my year in Acton.

Over the past twelve months, I've left my noon-hour soup cooling in the bowl to follow a fire truck; gone out at 11 at night to get a bowling team picture, been the only girl at a Lions Club meeting; got my knees slashed at an industrial league hockey game trying to get a close-up action shot; silently suffered with a seat full of slivers during an inspection of 200 St. John Ambulance volunteers in the arena; and been loudly referred to as a "stupid broad" by an angry father because I missed a picture of his son's best save in goal.

On the brighter side, I had my hand kissed by Trudeau during last summer's election campaign, personally talked with Mr. Leonard who created "Twiggy", enjoyed free food at the Beardmore Christmas party, got the inside, unprinted story on most of the year's local scandals, and had a free hand to write whatever I felt like in my columns. It has all been valuable experience for me and a year in which every day held something new.

In the true spirit of small towns, I've been associated for the most part with friendly, sincere people who have proven invaluable to this green journalism graduate.

Among those who stand out in my memoirs are Acton's Mayor and Reeve who always found time to explain things I didn't understand or translate my scribbled notes after a meeting; the staff at the high school who cheerfully endured personal interviews for the youth page; that unknown fireman who pulled me out of a snow drift at my first winter barn fire; Charlie Thomson who faithfully collected the score sheets for me while I was writing sports and provided my defense against nasty wisecracks from the bleachers when I showed up on the diamond for baseball pictures; fire chief Mick Holmes who kept the facts on the latest fires in his pocket for my last minute phone checks; the hydro commissioners who made me feel a part of their meetings and are now forgiven for not inviting me to their venison feast at Christmas; and, of course, editor Hartley Coles who endured my outbursts of temper and fits of silence when I didn't like assignments, and religiously corrected my spelling mistakes.

I would also like to thank all those angry people who complained to Editor Coles about things I've written instead of assaulting me personally. I cry easily and I hate to be caught in public with my mascara running.

Yes, Acton holds a lot of good memories for me, and it will undoubtedly be a source of many stories to tell when I'm a declining grandmother. Besides, I'll have to come back and visit since I'm boarding my six-foot philodendron in the Free Press office.



Miss Novak in high places



Mrs. Tamblin's dog watched



Hansen checks the color with Lavender

Painters with B.A.'s white-walled

High school students can look forward to white walled halls this fall, thanks to a color-conscious staff willing to take up a brush for a good cause.

It seems the County School Board had hired professionals to paint lockers in the main halls dark blue and green, but overlooked the faded, yellow wall-space above the lockers. Contemplating the end result, several staff members decided the color combination would be too hard to take on a Monday morning and requested to have the walls painted as well.

Unfortunately, the Board concluded that the extra work would mean a new contract and new tenders. The entire job would no doubt be delayed. So, as an alternative, the teachers volunteered to do the painting if the Board supplied the paint.

All last Wednesday, they painted, pausing briefly for a promotion meeting with Mr. Lavender, Superintendent of Schools in North Halton.

Commenting on the situation, Mr. Lavender said he felt it was an outstanding example of staff morale in the school.

Grads A.D.H.S. successful students

The list of Acton high school graduates, released yesterday by principal E. A. Hansen, includes two Ontario scholars with averages of over 80 per cent. Twenty students will receive honor graduation diplomas.

Lists of successful students follow, with two asterisks marking the Ontario scholars, and one asterisk marking honors. Secondary School Honor Graduation Diplomas for 1969 will be presented to Wayne Barber, Robert Bonnette, Claude Champagne, Terri Dowding, Ria Duker, Ann Gordon, Raeleen Hotchen, Dietmar Kuhn, Bill

Landsborough, James Lee, Jo-Marie Marchment, Gail McHugh, Alex Muselius, Susan Perry**, Gordon Reed**, Ray Saitz, Kathy Sinclair**, Pat Synnott, George Wallis and Paul Youngblut.

Secondary School Graduation Diplomas, 1969, in Five-Year Arts and Science—Brian Binnie, Brian Fisher, Barbara Frost, Mary Fuchs, Sylvia Hanousek, Olga Hnativ, Mark Hurst*, Thelma Kirkwood, William Landsborough, William Lasby, Patricia Last*, Linda Lawson, Cheryl Lee*, Kathryn Lynch, Marsha McKenzie, Nancy

Morris*, Roberta Nesvet, Jackie Palmer*, Don Powadnik, Benita Pries*, Gail Ross, Patricia Synnott, Marie Timbers*, Annie Volk*, Debbie Winter*.

Secondary School Graduation Diplomas, 1969, in Four-Year Arts and Science—Robert Andrews, Harry Bares, Archie Binnie, Jenny Bishop, Robert Blyth, Beverley Brunelle, Earl Butler, Ted Curtis, Terry Curtis, Joe Cyganek, Heather Dumars*, Fred Hismik, Linda Gordon*.

Jean Hiseock, Edgar Karn, Mark Kowall, Rod McEachern, Bill Pendleton, Irene Severinski, Lloyd Smallwood, Clive Stewart and Robert Waller.

Secondary School Graduation Diplomas, 1969, in Four-Year Business and Commerce—Marge DeWilde*, Sharoh*, Dowling, Judy Dwyer, Janice Jordan, Linda Pierce, Brenda Ramsay, Robert Turkoz, Anne Watson.

Four grade 13 students had early admissions to the University of Guelph and so did not complete their year here—Brenda McKeown, Barbara McEachern, Susan Allan and Victor Funk.

Wellington girl 4-H delegate

For two district young people, the 4-H provincial conference was a challenging experience. More than 75 outstanding 4-H agricultural club members from across the province attended the week-long conference held at the University of Guelph June 23-27.

Only two people from the entire area of Wellington county merited the award of this trip to the provincial conference, Miss Thompson and David Gordon, also of R. R. 2, Rockwood. These two young people won for

outstanding achievement in 4-H club work from the standpoint of background and work contribution to the organizations. This is the first year in which girls have been allowed to attend this particular event and so with a complete total of 75, only 14 were girls.

"We were supposed to keep up with them -- and we did," said June exuberantly.

"I even played in the boys' ball game without a mask," said the girl athlete as she proudly sported a broken nose and two black eyes.

Area students visit University of Guelph

Sixty grade five students from Brookville Public School visited the University of Guelph recently.

D. L. Waterston, Director of Information, welcomed the students at the model of the campus of the University and pointed out the various buildings and their uses.

Under the direction of student guides from the University, the group visited the modern

McLaughlin Library and the Arts Building. A tour of the greenhouses, arranged by Dr. I. Nonnecke, Department of Horticulture, and a visit to the dairy barns, arranged by Dr. J. C. Rennie, Department of Animal Science, completed the tour. Arrangements for the visit were made by Miss Sherry Prentice of Brookville Public School.

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