

THE BEAT

JIM SMITH

Skip Prokop stands about five feet six, a deceptive 66-inch package of energy.

Among the international set of professional musicians, Skip is probably the best-known of the domestic entertainers who have chosen to remain in Canada. Among his credits are the excitingly spontaneous percussion on the Al Kooper-Mike Bloomfield unions and the more formal drum work for The Paupers, a Toronto rock band which took New York critics by storm, only to live up to its name and go bankrupt.

Paul Hoffer is a heavy, balding six-footer who made a living writing television and radio commercials, fronting a jazz combo in spare moments. Although specializing in keyboards and vibes, Hoffer possesses unusual ability as an arranger.

Ten months ago, Prokop and Hoffer assembled 11 other musicians—studio brass men, philharmonic string artists, and a rhythm section from other Toronto groups—and formed the world's foremost rock orchestra, Lighthouse. At nine pieces, Blood, Sweat, and Tears ranks a distant second in size and, accordingly, versatility. The idea was to take the entire studio sound on the road to present live to the audience. As Paul phrases it, "If you listen to the average AM record, it uses horns and violins and everything. It's just when the groups go on the road, they go as a quartet and all the kids think it's jive (phony) because it's not what they heard on the record." Lighthouse, on the other hand, produces a spectacular sea of melody in concert, the waves washing in a beautiful, gently stimulating manner against the mind.

After a thoroughly unhappy relationship with their initial record company, Lighthouse convinced RCA to purchase their then-unreleased master. In addition, Victor provided the necessary funds for \$20,000 in electrical equipment, together with a moving van. Victor put the group into Carnegie Hall for one evening and sent them to Los Angeles for several engagements. The result has been that Lighthouse work regularly in the western states, but seldom appears in its home town.

The economic problems inherent in the large size are staggering. The break-even point lies between a quarter and half million dollars a year. Had success not come quickly, Lighthouse would likely have disintegrated rapidly. Now, however, the orchestra finds its size advantageous. For instance, Universal and MGM pictures are employing Lighthouse to provide movie sound-tracks. Commercial instrumentation is another source of funds. With this in mind, Prokop expects the group to expand to about 21 pieces within the coming year.

All Canadian musicians complain about the lack of domestic recording facilities. Lighthouse was acting on this. Prokop plans construction of a 16-track sound studio in the Toronto area. The intense pressures of American studios should encourage international artists to record here. At the present time, Lighthouse must tape the instrumental tracks in Toronto and then add voices and mix in the United States.

The classical backgrounds of several Lighthouse members has inspired a unique project. In the near future, Lighthouse will perform and record, accompanied by such major orchestras as the London and Philadelphia symphonies. The possibilities are staggering—a complete integration of symphonic orchestration and rock melodies.

The final project planned is a full-scale motion picture which would feature Lighthouse members as actors, not musicians. Hoffer enjoys stressing the group's diversified interests. Several of the fellows possess previous acting experience.

Where does Prokop find time for these projects? The suitcases under his eyes reveal the strain of spending all day in the recording studio and all night performing. Inevitably, one of Prokop's projects will have to be a good night's sleep.



PRIZE WINNERS at Acton District High School's Sadie Hawkins Dance Friday night were 1 to 3 Karen Manes, Horst Hoyer and Sherry Prucyk. (Staff Photo)

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler

Last Tuesday, some grade 12 and 13 geography students left school in the afternoon to go to the Ford Plant in Oakville. They arrived about two o'clock, and the guide showed them the various steps taken in assembling cars. The biggest novelty of the trip was the little train upon which they rode.

The kids felt right at home after seeing a few of the Acton residents working there. Former student at Acton High, Ian Stone, was among these.

On leaving, each student was given a pamphlet to review what he had seen. Paul Martindale was the chaperone for this trip.

130 students who had purchased tickets before hand went to Toronto last Wednesday to see the popular movie "2001 A Space Odyssey." The film lasted for two and a half hours, permitting the students to have

an hour break before the three buses departed for Acton again. This time was spent talking about the afternoon over a glass of coke or window shopping. Mrs. Hurst, Mr. Rognvaldson and Mr. Turnbull were present on the trip.

The Planetarium in Toronto was visited by several students of all grades last Thursday. Although all found the film interesting some felt that the accent placed on the Apollo 11 mission made the film "too Americanized." The beginning of the afternoon, before the visit to the Planetarium, was spent shopping or "getting lost in the Subways." Mr. Brears and Mr. Eastwood returned with all students accounted for late in the afternoon.

On Friday, several Environmental Science students made the scene at the Royal Winter Fair. The beautiful flower displays and the specimens, delicately carved in butter, were among the many attractions. The male population spent a great deal of time looking at the new car and skidoo models. Mr. Brears was in charge of the many classes that went.

Last week's activities were topped off with a Sadie Hawkins dance on Friday Night. For those who aren't familiar with the term, this is a dance in which the girls ask the boys out. Everyone agreed that the music of the Medeslee was really great. The group has an album planned to be released in January. It will include at least six original songs. When asked about the Acton crowd and their responsiveness, a spokesman for the group said "Oh, they were pretty good." Proceeds from the dance go to the aid of the Student Council.

A great variety of entertainment has been planned for the Latin Banquet to be held this Friday.

Nancy Abram, Diane Frank, Anita Thibideau and Bob Krul will be singing. Stephanie Merrin will accompany them on her flute. Joe Petric will be playing a number of pieces on his accordion including solos and duets with a partner from out of town. A dance number will be performed by Cathy Ashley, Barb Pratt and Diane Bousfield. Skits written by Michelle Roy and Steve VanFleet will be narrated by Fred Regent and

performed by the first two mentioned. Mark Hurst and Mike Cooper will do a follow up to their wrestling performance done at last year's banquet.

Teachers who have accepted their invitation and will be seen clad in Roman attire are Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Huineken, Mr. Swallow, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Sansom, and of course Mr. and Mrs. Martindale.

A meal of turkey, ham, salad, olives, mushrooms, rolls and fruits will fit the mood of the Roman decor.

Many of the students have now finished their in-car training lessons. The Driver training pupils will attempt their road test on Dec. 9 in Milton.

On Nov. 27, this Thursday, the fourth of the Family Life Education meetings will be held at the gym at 7:30 p.m. The subject of this meeting is "The New Morality." This can include everything from the use of drugs by teenagers to the starting of a Drop In Centre in Acton.

After weeks of hard training the members of the Girls Junior and Senior Basketball teams have been chosen. They are as follows:

Junior Girls: Beryl McEnery, Donna Moore, Heather Buchanan, Cathy Prystaz, Denise Drinkwater, Brenda McNabb, Barb McNabb, Yvonne Matinek, Colleen Vuk, Mary Vuk, and Carol Somerville. The team manager is Debbie McGiloway. Coaches are Trina Vandepolden, Shirley Mitchell, Debbie Slingerland, Linda Perry, Bonnie Jones, Cathy Dunn, Evelyn Vandepolden, Cathy Smith and Cathy Cook.

The Winter Carnival will host a number of activities including a hockey game, snow sculpturing, coffee house dance, variety show, semi-formal dance, torchlight parade, movie and a beard growing contest. The entire community will be invited to take part in all of these activities and those which are not yet mentioned.

Wants Liberal candidates for board of education

Halton County Board of Education and the Ontario Government fell subject to criticism Saturday at the Halton East Liberal Association's annual meeting in Oakville.

David Butler, the Association President said the only way to do anything about the high cost of education in Halton is to run a slate of Liberal candidates in the next board election.

In spite of efforts by the Liberal Association, ratepayers and the press the board failed to cut their budget, he noted. "They seemed to have never heard of participatory democracy," he added.

Butler said association members had attended meetings of the board only to be snowed under with charts and figures.

"The fact is that the people didn't want to pay that much.

It's easy for anyone to flash numbers on a screen and show how they add up to \$32 million. What the people wanted was a new set of numbers that would add up to \$25 or \$30 million."

"What we in the Liberal Party in Halton want is a system that we can afford. And I repeat: that we can afford. We have no interest in building an educational empire for the glory of our administrators and trustees," he said.

Butler said frustrated teachers in the county would not fight the Liberal plans but join with them. He said the Board was arrogant in setting an unrealistic budget and the Queen's Park Conservatives were just as arrogant in refusing to spread costs over a wider tax base.

He suggested if anything was going to be done about the high

cost of education a Liberal slate of trustees would have to be elected in the county.

Butler's dagger wasn't limited to the education people but also John Roberts and the Ontario Government. He scored the government for making a mess of OHSP and their \$50,000,000 advertising campaign.

Butler also urged the annual meeting to work toward the nomination of a Liberal candidate for the next provincial election in the coming year.

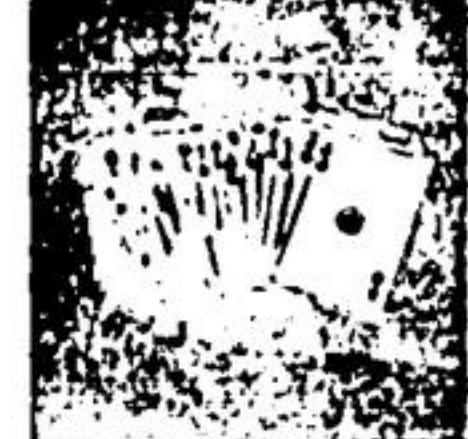
He praised the work that Halton Liberal MP Rud L. Whiting is doing in Ottawa, both for the country and for constituents of the riding. Whiting was not at the meeting. He is currently at the United Nations in New York as a parliamentary observer.

In his review of the year's accomplishments, Butler singled out the work of "the regional government committee which met with other Liberal riding associations in Halton and Peel to discuss possible amalgamation; the estate tax committee, which investigated the effects of the proposed estate tax changes in Halton and recommended changes, some of which were incorporated in final legislation; and the Women's Liberal Association which disbanded during the year in a move designed to work against any possible discrimination against women.

Six of seven social and fund-raising events were successful, he said.

"In spite of all this activity and much more, and also because of it, while we started out the year in the red, following on the heels of the 1968 election expenses, we ended up the year on the black side of the ledger," Butler said.

Bob Stewart is president by a claimant. Four vice-presidents are Elizabeth Robson, Virginia Kennedy, Robert Blake and David Jones. They were elected.



Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

I haven't played too much bridge lately. Seems that I direct more games than I get to play in and when I direct, I don't see too many of the hands. Here is one that I watched a few times at the Bell Telephone Duplicate Club in Toronto.

Some people don't go in for double dummy problems but others enjoy them very much. Try your "hand" at this hand and see if you could make six trumps on any lead except a heart lead.

South dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S-8
H-A K J 10
D-K J 3
C-K 10 6 2

EAST
S-Q J 10 6 2
H-Q 9 4
D-C 8 5
C-A 1 7 4

SOUTH
S-A K 9 3
H-7
D-A 10 8 6 4 2
C-Q 3

Usual bidding

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1D Pass 1H 7S
3D Pass 4C Pass
4D Pass 5D All Pass

Opening lead - seven of spades.

There are several variations that took place in the bidding. South could pass over East pre-emptive jump overall. This would allow North to bid clubs or support diamonds at the three level. South could then try an easy three no trump. One pair ended up in six diamonds and made the contract. Another pair reached six no trump. Can this be made on a spade lead. Try your skill before you read any further.

Declarer wins the spade lead and takes a diamond finesse in dummy. The key play is to lead a low club from dummy. If East rises with the ace, declarer's problems are over. He has six diamond tricks and two tricks in every other suit for a total of 12 tricks.

So let's assume that East ducks. Declarer's queen wins the trick. If the

COMPETENT CHRIS

During his last voyage to the New World in 1502, Christopher Columbus warned other Spaniards of an impending hurricane. They ignored his warnings, and about 20 ships were lost with all their crews. However, the four ships under Columbus' personal command came through safely.



DUBLIN 4-H GIRLS, with leader Mrs. W. Lasby, manager Chuck Auger shown here with the girls, attended a meat demonstration at Acton I.G.A. Store manager Yom Manes provided treats after Wednesday. Meat specialist Bill Gamble of the demonstration. (Staff Photo)

Dublin 4-H club meat demonstration

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 the Dublin 4-H girls attended a demonstration on the various cuts of meat from a side of pork and beef at the I.G.A. Since there was a number of seats which were not occupied, the Home Economic students at the high school were also invited.

The girls were shown the tools used and where each individual cut was made. Following this, they examined the cut of meat after it had been stamped and packaged for the retail market.

Minister to colleague as they gaze out of the church door at the pouring rain: "Once more the golfers have been delivered unto us".

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Emphasize day trips

The emphasis will be on day trips when Halton County Board of Education starts its conservation education programs in conjunction with Halton Region Conservation Authority.

At a board meeting Thursday the conservation committee brought in a report pointing out that programs are the responsibility of the Board, although the conservation authority is offering its assistance with facilities. To date the two groups have not made any financial arrangements.

Meanwhile the board has a teacher Paul Vallantyne studying outdoor education programs in Canada and in England and he is running a winter credit course for 50 to 60 teachers this year. An outdoor school like Toronto Island project is "quite some time in the future," said J. W. Singleton, director of education.

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