

OUR READERS WRITE:

Play raised no "Hair" on Bob

Dear Mr. Editor:
Who is Mrs. L. Pratt? Could she be a sweet character from "Little Women"? I see that (Mrs.) Pratt - as her name designates is married. Why against nudity or has she never been?
So far as the nude play Hair is concerned - more power to our "good" Mr. Stanfield - to be broad-minded enough to see Hair (he has little of his own) along with several other of our provincial and dominion cabinet ministers.
Does Mrs. Pratt condone our prime

minister Pierre osculating every pretty female? It certainly won him the votes - maybe "Mrs." Pratt has never been osculated - poor soul!
Hair is a play, as I saw it, depicting, Peace, Brotherhood, Love - the nude scene was so brief that if you blinked your eye - you missed it.
Mrs. Pratt you've gone flat!!

An Irate Reader,
(P.S. I blinked)

Sees many changes in U.S.

R. R. 1,
Lrnehouse, Ont.

Dear Sirs,
Recently my daughter and I visited the U.S. It was 25 years since I had been there and I must say I saw many changes especially in the large cities, which seemed to have deteriorated a lot, especially New York City.
New York State is very scenic; this is due to the mountains and the Hudson River, which we followed most of the way, as we were going to Newburgh, N. Y. This is a small city about 80 miles north of New York.
Near here is West Point, built right along the Hudson. This is an immense establishment with new buildings in the process of being erected. It was Sunday afternoon, and the young cadets, were out walking with their friends and relatives.
It was pleasing to see such well-groomed,

well shaved and shorn young men - no long hair here.
The next day we took a ride through the fruit belt. The farms here are mostly owned by Italian and Spanish people. In front of the many neat farms were religious statues which not only added to the beauty of the countryside, but gave it an air of stability and serenity.
We passed through a small town (forgotten the name). We stopped to look around. Here was located one of New York State's Teachers' Colleges. The seminars were in session.
I must say we were amazed and very disappointed to see the unkempt and shaggy look of the teachers. Comparing the two groups, teachers and cadets, it would seem the emphasis is still on war, and the prospects of war, not a very happy thought.

Catherine Graham.

Taxpayers' interest counts

Dear Sir:
Nassagaweya's councillors seem in a quandary over hunting regulations. As I know that few members of our Council are hunters, or have hunted, I will take the liberty of informing them of the "pros" and "cons" of hunting.
Men and women hunt for many reasons:
1. For sustenance.
2. To pit their skills against the natural ability of an animal.
3. To prove their marksmanship.
4. Men sometimes hunt to prove their masculinity, women to prove they are equal to men.
5. To eliminate vermin.
Taking each category in turn:
1. I don't think anyone in Nassagaweya is so hungry they have to shoot game to survive.
2. Pitting one's wits against an animal is "stalking". The hunter uses wind, natural cover and stealth to approach within shooting distance. This calls for wide open areas of land. Nassagaweya is not stalking country. Dense bush and houses make

hunting hazardous. Most open fields are grazing areas for domestic cattle.
3. Marksmanship can be proven on the range where the public is protected against stray shots, ricochets, etc.
4. I don't think that we in Nassagaweya need to prove our masculinity, and as for equality, I think our Reeve can attest to that.
5. To eliminate vermin. Many people in Nassagaweya board, breed or own horses; and I can see that groundhogs, etc. can be a menace to these people and their rights and interests should be considered.
I would, as a taxpayer of some 15 years standing in Nassagaweya, hope that the members of Council will continue to look after the best interests of the taxpayers of Nassagaweya, and not the interests of various hunting organizations or individuals who are not residents or taxpayers of Nassagaweya.

William A. Johnson
R. R. 2, Rockwood

Need confidence in trustees

Rockwood, Ont.
Sept. 24, 1970.

Editor of the Acton Free Press
Acton, Ont.
Dear Sir:
I have noticed the Acton Free Press is giving considerable coverage to current events in Rockwood. You may be interested in my opinion of the current discussion concerning water and sewage systems for Rockwood.
It has been interesting, to say the least, to observe the various incidents, proposals and outcries, which have accompanied the establishing of the Rockwood and District Ratepayers' Association. I still have trouble trying to figure out why such an association is needed in the first place.
We have three elected officials to conduct the affairs of the village. I think that three elected officials, for a population of less than 1,000 people, gives us excellent representation. These trustees are residents of the village and are familiar with local problems and opportunities. They do not have to work alone. In addition to the services of employed staff, trustees can be approached by any resident who seeks information or offers suggestions or criticism. The trustees are also able to seek outside assistance on major problems, as they have done in enlisting the aid of the County Health Board and the Ontario Water Resources Commission to help solve the present problem.
Once elected, trustees are obliged to conduct village business in the interest of the whole village. At the same time, village ratepayers in electing trustees are obliged to accept the fact the trustees are, in reality, acting in the best interests of the whole village. The need for a ratepayers' association is only apparent because of the failure of citizens to accept their own responsibility in the election of their trustees.
The place to question the actions and intentions of village trustees is at a nomination meeting and also at an election.

It seems interesting that just a few short months ago, at the last nomination meeting, we just managed to raise the three trustees necessary to fill the office so that an election vote was not required. I suppose that at nomination time, the autumn chill brings a forboding of winter that makes it hard to get warmed up to talking about a water and sewage project that seems to be so far off in the future.
The present situation has not just been sprung upon us since the last nomination meeting. It has been going through study and development stages for several years. Trustees have been familiar with these developments and any citizen could also keep informed if they desired. I believe that two facts have been accepted here for many years:
1. Rockwood would some day be required to install water supply and sewage disposal systems.
2. Costs for these services would be high because of local conditions.
Now that the time seems to be drawing near when these facts may be realized, apprehensions naturally seem to rise.
This is no time for citizens to withdraw their civic responsibility as electors. I feel sure that anyone can easily talk with one of the elected trustees, in order to find out first hand, how certain areas may be affected, what decisions have been made and what questions remain for decision by the Trustee Board.
That final decision may be difficult enough to carry through to a working success under the best conditions. I do not believe that we can effectively plan and complete village projects, when facts and statements are distorted by pressure groups, and issues are clouded by over exposure to the glare of publicity.
What we need is a little extra show of confidence in our elected officials, and while we're at it I think we could all probably stand a little more confidence in ourselves.
Yours truly
Stanley C. Harris.

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler
Student Council representatives from each home form were chosen last Friday. Three students from each room were nominated to run for the office by members of a nominating committee consisting of students from that home form. By popular vote, the classmates chose their representative. In the event that this person is unable to attend a meeting, the person with the second highest number of votes is required to attend.
Those who were interested in joining the Student Council Working Committee did so last week. Students on this committee

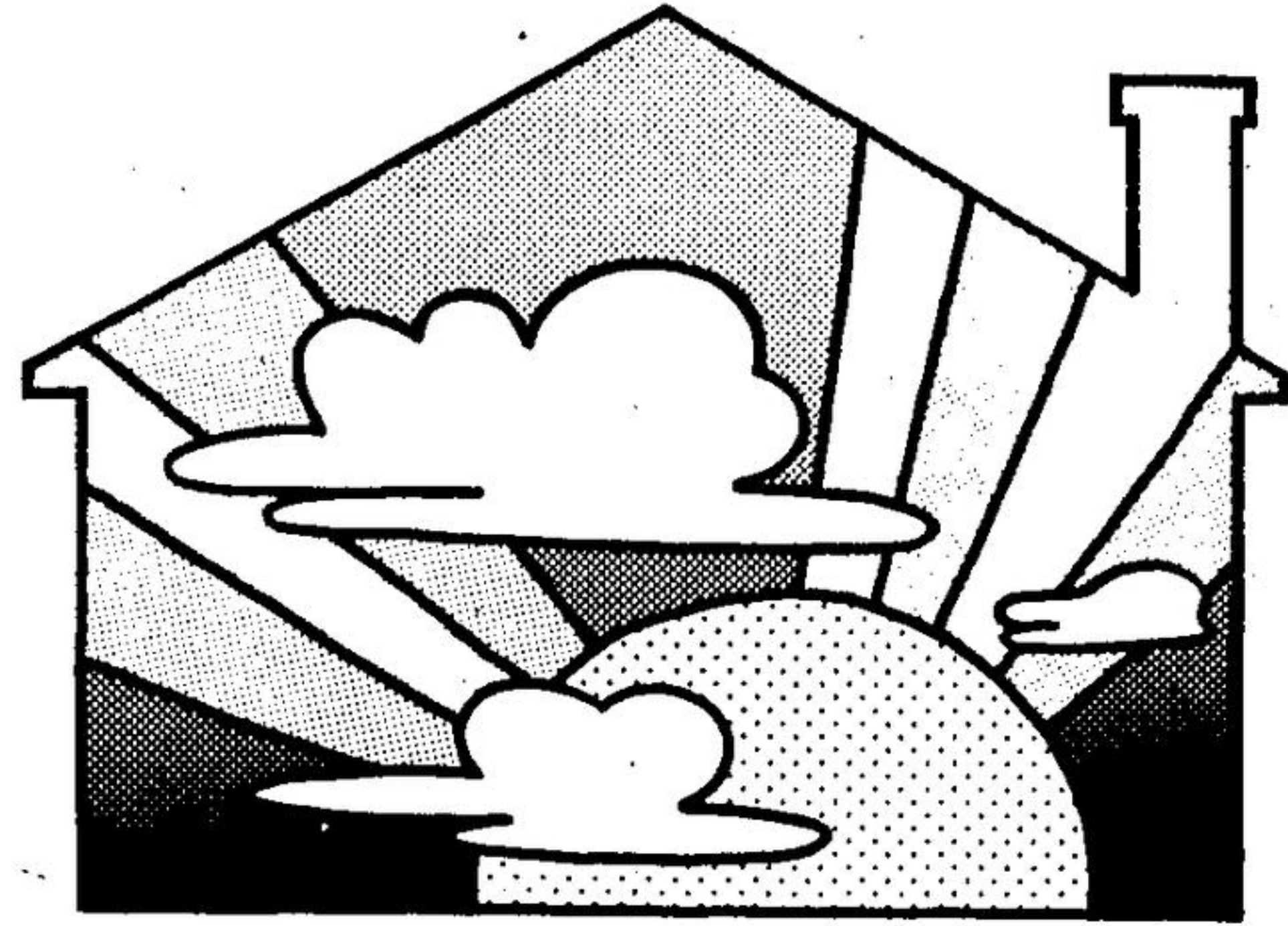
will be helping at dances, school movies, assemblies and other events that will arouse school spirit, and involve the student body.
Year book pix
Individual school photographs were taken Monday. These pictures will be used in the Oracle and also on your new Student Cards. Editor of this year's year book is Debbie McGiloway. Mr. Sansom is the staff advisor.
Student Cards are still on sale during the noon hours at the Book Store. They will entitle you to reduced rates at school dances, reduced rates on school sports events. So get with it, and pur-

chase your student card.

Plans for the first edition of the school newspaper, "Strobelight", are in the making. Mr. B. Skerrett, head of Guidance, is the staff supervisor. This year's editor, Lorie Lefebvre is hoping to have a group of 20 students to assist her.
This Friday, September 25, will mark the date of our first school dance for the 1970-71 year. The music will be supplied by "Buster Crab". This dance, sponsored by the Student Council, will begin at 8:30. Dress is casual, but no grub. A guest list is in the office. Please note that one may only sign in someone of the opposite sex. The admission rates are as follows: Single \$1.50; single (student card) \$1.00; \$2.75 couple; \$2.25 couple (both with student cards).
Hope to see you there!
Remember, the proceeds from this dance are going towards the support of our Foster child Aurore, in the Philippines.



IT'S ACTON FAIR or bust - and they made it during Saturday's parade.—(Staff Photo)



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