

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Corie Maxwell



December 7 was the day of the second report card at Acton High. This report gives the students, teachers and parents more of a specific idea of a student's work as he/she progresses through the semester.

The first report had a letter-based grading system, while this one dealt with marks. This report has shown that, even though students are taking only four or five subjects over a shorter period of time, and therefore more effort is needed for each subject, both in school and at home. A few teachers also, are finding this part of the semester system difficult to adjust to, in that they must evaluate students on class participation, as well as written assignments.

Difficult roles
The last play, entitled "Overtones" showed what people really think. Barbara Pratt and Bonnie McKenzie portrayed two high class women with Glynis Johnson and Yvonne LeRoy as their primitive consciences.

This seemed to be a hard role to play in as much as the high class women were speaking to each other, their consciences were speaking to them also, without these two women seeming to notice.

Much credit goes to the performers and teachers for the splendid work by all.

Approximately 225 people were in attendance and \$166 was earned for the drama club. Producer-director, Mr. Geoffrey Sansom, says of the performance, "a lot of people put in a lot of work and for a bunch of beginners, they did damn well and will do even better in the future."

Comments
"I thought it was very impressive, in that the actors took their roles very seriously. The setting of the stage was dramatic because it was down on the floor. I think the actors were very good." —Janet Van Dam.
"It was effective and the actors were really good." —Beryl McNery.

"Terrific! The kids are really to be congratulated." —Mr. D. Katz.

I'm sure that everyone who attended last Friday's Drama Night will agree with me when I say it was a great success for the amateur acting group.

The show consisted of three performances—"The Witches"; "My Proud Beauty" and "Overtones."

"The Witches" was directed by Sue Powadluk and was performed by Michelle Roy, Barbara Pratt, Sue Powadluk, Janice Gibson and Fran Buttery. Unlike past performances, an improvised stage on ground level was used. "The Witches" was particularly effective since it was, in reality, a windy night and the howling of the wind in the background added to the eerie atmosphere created by this skit.

Good Guy wins

After a short intermission, "My Proud Beauty", directed by Rosemary Lowe, began. This comedy was simple and old fashioned, in that the "good guy" always wins. It was narrated by Tamie Thompson and included Joachim Zinke as the villainous Squire Hardbottle; Barry Breen as Amos Honesty; Lynn Marshall as Mrs. Honesty; Janice Hillman as Maria (her daughter); Susan McPhail as Seth (their son) and Henry Van Stralen as John Manly.

Collect toys

Student Council at the Robert Little School is arranging a collection of new and used toys, to give to others.

\$300 sales

Students of the Robert Little School raised over \$300 profit from their sale of Christmas cards and paper this year. The profit will be divided throughout the school by grades according to their sales.

Good response to interviews

Both public schools had very good parents response for their parent-teacher interviews. The Robert Little school estimated over 95 per cent attended. While the M. Z. Bennett school has no figures, the staff was very pleased at the response.



STAR of "The Witches", Old Mail (Michelle Roy) practices gestures in the make-up room —(Staff Photo)

Jungle Bunnies hockey champs

By Carol Somerville

In house league action at Acton High, Jungle Bunnies won the hockey championship, defeating Juicy Lucy 7-2.

Treth Armstrong paced the Bunnies' attack with two goals and one assist. Harry Lawson scored two goals, with singles from John Hanson, Ian Campbell, Jim McNabb and Jeff Cooper. Two assists were collected by Harry Lawson with others from Treth Armstrong and Rick Bonnette.

For the Juicy Lucy squad, Gord Williams and Gary Moore scored in a losing cause. Steve Marshall and John Fuchs assisted on the Moore goal.

The score is not indicative of the play, considering Juicy Lucy, without a goalkeeper, was forced to keep a defenceman back. In the consolation round, Thor and the Wunder Squad forfeited the game to Underground.

Final standings in hockey are Jungle Bunnies, Juicy Lucy, Underground and Thor and the Wunder Squad.

Boys' total point team standings for all intramural sports are: Jungle Bunnies, Juicy Lucy, Thor and the Wunder Squad, closely followed by Underground.

Girls are presently competing in volleyball playoffs.

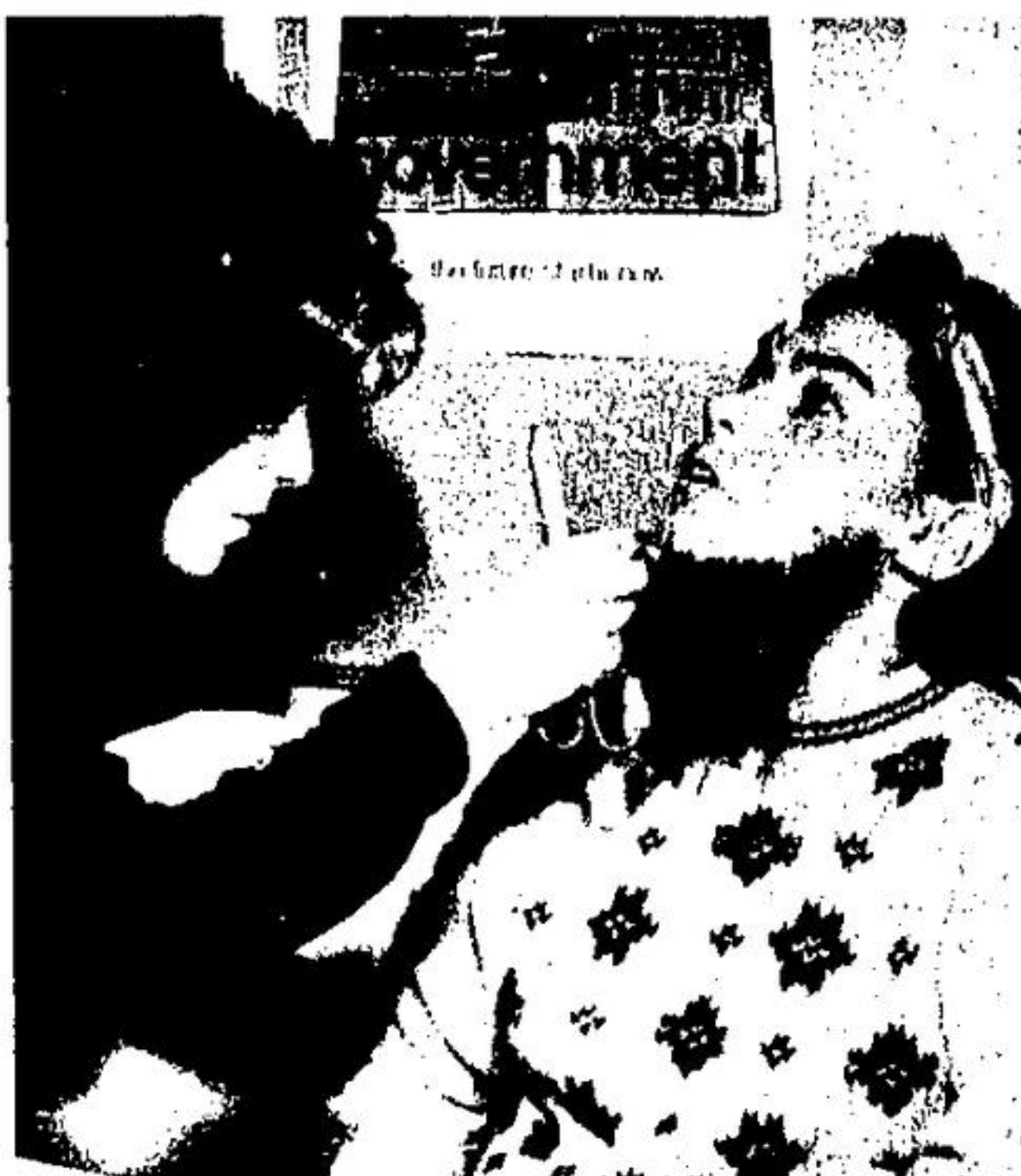
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SKATING parties for R. L. students are being planned for next week at the arena.

M. Z. BENNETT students are looking forward to final assemblies.



MARIA Honesty (Janis Hillman) applies the finishing make-up touches, before performing in "My Proud Beauty" one of three plays staged at Acton High Friday night. —(Staff Photo)



MAKE-UP artist Eva Sansom turned Susan McPhail into Zeth Honesty, brother of Maria in "My Proud Beauty". —(Staff Photo)

Library public venture

The small private library which a group of individuals has been operating in Campbellville for about 13 months is soon to become a public concern. Nassagaweya Township Council on Wednesday, Dec. 8 passed a resolution to make the library public.

The decision was reached after George Goldstraw and Mrs. Thore Robinson, members of the Library committee and Mr. Buckerfield, Chairman of the South Central Regional Library System appeared before Council. \$2,300 grants

Council was told that if the library was made public, it would be eligible for a provincial grant. Grants are based on 65 cents per capita on the population they serve. It was estimated a Nassagaweya library board would receive a grant of \$2,300.

Council intends to pass a by-law authorizing Nassagaweya to operate a library in Campbellville before the new year. If it does not do so, the library will have to wait until 1973 to receive the grant. When the Campbellville library becomes a legally constituted library it intends to join the South Central Regional Library System.

Erosion of authority worries unit

At a recent meeting of the Halton County Board of Health, members endorsed a resolution asking the provincial government to provide funds for local health authorities to organize preventative health programs.

The resolution noted the concern of the city of Toronto and other local boards about the erosion of authority and responsibility at the local health units.

The resolution objected specifically to the transfer of programs such as the raw milk inspection to the provincial department.

Mass fluoride treatment

Dental Director for Halton County Dr. Sam Green told the Halton County Board of Health mass treatment for tooth decay prevention is the thing of the future.

He told the board fluoride clinics and mass brush-ins were being held across the county. He said the brush-ins had good response from grades five to eight and he hoped to extend the treatment to grade four.

Dr. Green indicated fluoride clinics and the brush-ins were good for all of the young people in the schools and said there was no fear of getting too much fluoride. He recommended using both the brush-in, topical fluoride and fluoridated water.

Unfluoridated areas
He suggested fluoride at clinics and fluoride pills were even more urgent for those areas that don't yet have fluoridated water.

He said parents should take advantage of the free topical fluoride clinics because a private man would charge \$10 to \$15 for the same service.

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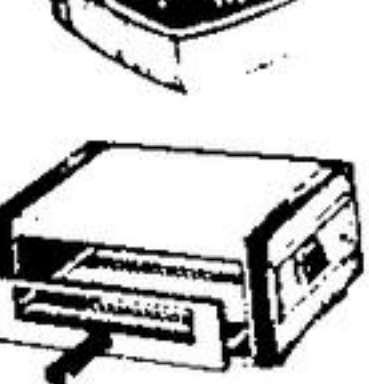
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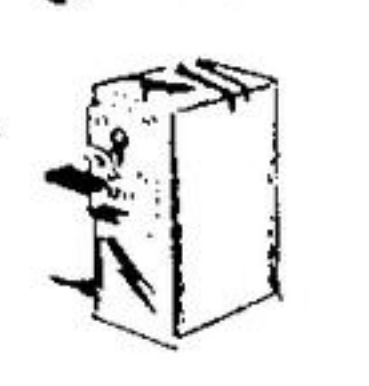
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