

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Corie Maxwell

Parents were invited to the school last Wednesday evening to talk to teachers and discuss their son's or daughter's progress in any subject. This was a good time to learn about any problem a student might have and if a parent could help to solve the difficulty in any way. Even though the weather was poor, it was not a deterring factor affecting attendance.

About 20 students helped in the bottle drive last Saturday morning. Undaunted by the wet and the cold, students walked along the sides of the road between Georgetown and Acton gathering bottles in order to raise money for the athletic program at the high school. Approximately \$25 was raised.

In last week's practice soccer game at the high school, Rodger's Raiders defeated the school soccer team by a score of 2-1. W. Rowley and Rick Bonnette scored the two Raiders' goals, while Gary Copeland got the lone goal for the school team.

Last Monday afternoon the school soccer team played at White Oaks Secondary School. This was their first competitive game of the season and they were defeated 7-0.

Last Friday and Saturday Mr. C. Cayer and Mrs. S. Fleming attended a conference for Ontario Modern Language Teachers Association. It was held at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education on Bloor Street in Toronto. The purpose was to bring all of the modern language teachers in this province together to discuss pertinent points.

Mr. Cayer and Mrs. Fleming heard Frederick G. Howlett speak on the role of television in the modern language classroom and were interested and enthused with its possibilities. Mr. Howlett is the author of the grade 12 grammar material.

Paul Pimsleur spoke about the importance of listening comprehension in a language. Mr. Pimsleur is the author of the grade 12 French literature texts.

The discussion on "semestering and language teaching" was of special interest to Mr. Cayer and Mrs. Fleming. There was a panel of three, discussing the pros and cons of semestering, dealing with modern languages, followed by a question and answer period.

One of Saturday's seminars was on "Individual Foreign Language Instruction". The speaker went over the problems

Correction

In last week's account of a car accident in the high school parking lot, the Free Press stated a student was in her family car when its gears became engaged and it rolled, striking another car. Apologies to the daughter of the owner of the car involved. It was not she but another student who was in the car at the time of the freak accident. Police laid no charge.

and benefits of having a student learn a language on his own. Studies were made and the result of this method of learning showed no improvement.

The next session attended, was one dealing with honor and general courses at University, for a language. At some universities, for example at the U. of T., they are now making no distinction between the two courses.

The last seminar which our teachers attended dealt with different ways of teaching the grade 13 French course. There were three panelists who told of their own separate ways of handling this course.

Overall, this conference was most enjoyable and informative. Mr. Cayer and Mrs. Fleming will now go over the courses for next year with different ideas and new methods, which were presented at the conference.

Television actress gives students hints

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Television celebrity and actress, Patricia Collins who lives in Rockwood, spoke to the theatre arts students last Thursday morning.

Miss Collins answered numerous questions, ranging from training to become an actress, to her part in 'Wojeck',

and the 'White Oaks of Jaina' series. Miss Collins had previously read two of the plays which will be presented on drama night June 2 and gave many helpful hints on the acting and directing of these plays.

The students enjoyed speaking with this talented actress and are looking forward to her generous offer of help in the production of the plays.

Speaker series at noon hours

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Last Thursday George Harding from the University of Guelph came to the high school and spoke to students attending the "speaker series". The "speaker series" is a talk session set up by the guidance department and held at noon hours. This was our third session.

The first session, a few weeks ago, featured Don Amichand from the University of Guelph. He is a foreign student and spoke

of the problems, both educational and social, that he has encountered in this country.

Our second speaker was Jack Carpenter, a free lance broadcaster and co-chairman of the Acton Centennial Commission.

George Harding is the assistant director of student organizations at the University of Guelph. In this series students have the chance to ask the speakers questions relative to their different fields and the discussions have been varied and interesting.

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Trees for Canada project wet, soggy, success

Almost 500 cubs and scouts from the North Halton area assisted in the Trees for Canada reforestation project in driving rain at three district conservation areas Saturday.

Cubs and scouts worked all day to plant 40,000 small trees in spite of inclement weather and oodles of gucky mud at Hilton Falls, Hillsburgh and Caledon. Leaders set up a field kitchen and served meals at the nearby Milton Falls site, near Kelso, as girl guides assisted with the chores.

Now the boys will return to those who pledged trees to advise them exactly how many they planted—and to collect their money.

Trees for Canada has been labelled a resounding success by the four participating groups—boy scouts, conservation authorities, students and faculty of Sheridan College and the Optimists.

Success of this pilot project which was launched with others

in the Mississauga and Windsor districts, will form the groundwork for a province-wide Trees for Canada in 1973. Any profits from the project will be retained by the scouts with the bulk of the

funds staying in this district.

Eighteen Acton scouts and some cubs were sent to Caledon for their tree planting exercise and the weather was so impractical they called the venture off around 12.30 and resumed again Sunday. Leader Murray Harrison estimates they planted between 1,600 and 1,700 trees.

The Acton troop hopes this weekend's weather will be more suitable as they journey to Jamestown, New York, as guests of troops there in a world wide friendship show. The Acton boys will take their Salteaux Indian costumes to the one-day affair. Akela Forbes Cole, some of his leaders and cubs and District Commissioner Gord Douglas will also attend.

Spring seeds at story hour

The pre-schoolers who attend the library's Wednesday story hours have been watching seedlings grow the last couple of weeks. The librarians helped the youngsters plant aster seeds in small containers. Although all the pale green shoots look pretty much alike, the librarians say the children are very certain which are their own.



POURING RAIN, mud and biting winds didn't deter boy scouts and cubs from planting thousands of trees Saturday as part of the Trees for Canada project. Scouts here march through pouring rain with buckets of trees and spades ready for planting at the Hilton Falls Conservation area. (Photo by H. Coles)

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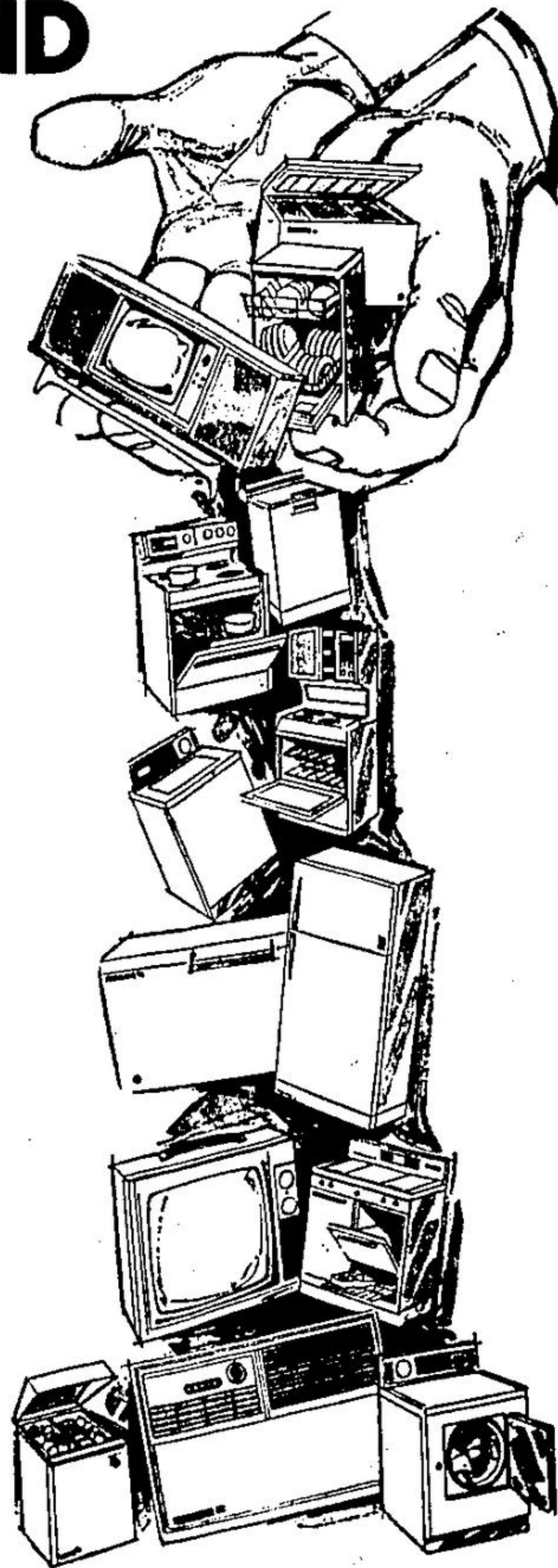
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