

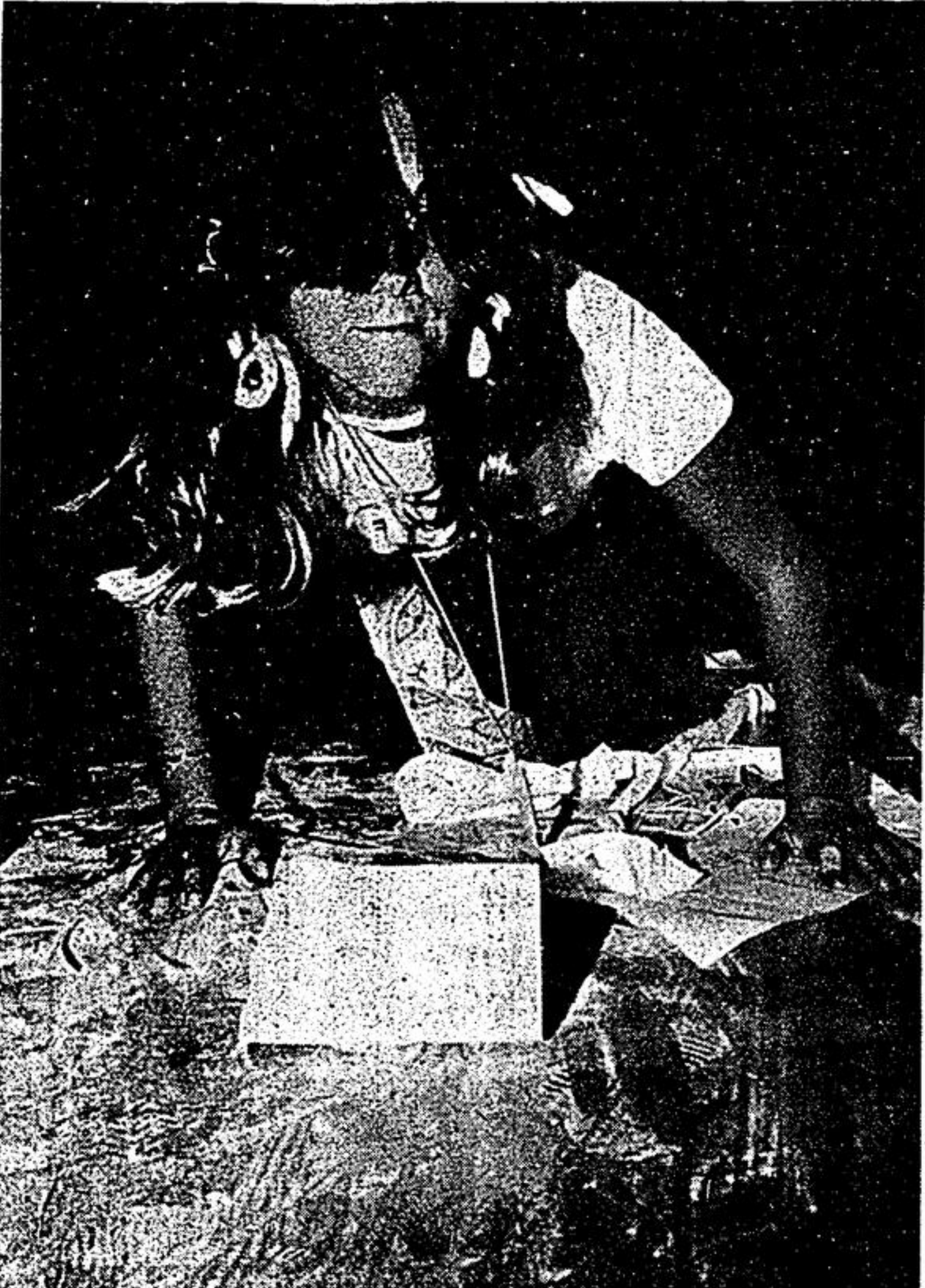


He's making her an offer she can't refuse — all grade nine students have to do as they're told on initiation day, even if it means biting into an onion. In the picture on the left it's almost impossible to tell the girls from the boys. The new boys had to wear girls tops stuffed, curlers, and nylons and the girls were glamorously attired in long johns,

shorts, work boots and as many pigtails as the hair would allow. Both sexes were also equipped with a toothbrush and a cleaning cloth, and of course, a sign that read 'I'll shine your shoes, I'll wash the floor and love this place forevermore.'



Green grade niners get full treatment onions, flour, toilet tissue at initiation



The gym at SDSS looked like a bomb had hit it after some of the more exotic activities had taken place. Here a grade nine girl stoically attempts to roll her toilet tissue down the flour-covered floor towards her teammates.



"Wagging their wieners as they sing the Oscar Meyer song, these grade niners ignore the hazing of the Initiation Committee

members who keep demanding that they sing louder.



It's amazing how fast you can crawl when you have an onion in your mouth. Students didn't need any urging to hurry in the relay race — they couldn't wait to pass the nasty vegetable to the next person.

Dennis Lee signs books

Author big hit with kids at library

By John Montgomery
STOUFFVILLE — "Do you like disgusting poems?"

"Yeah," came the enthusiastic high volume reply from the children gathered Saturday morning at the town library to hear children's poet Dennis Lee read aloud from *Alligator Pie* and the new book he is promoting, *Garbage Delight*.

"This one is really 'yechy' continued Mr. Lee, eliciting an even louder affirmative response. "This one is so horrible, I don't think we should," he warned. By this time there were echoes of "Please, Please," floating about the room, so he launched

into *Suzy Grew a Moustache*. Suzy grew a moustache, A moustache, A moustache, And Polly got a bomb. Now Suzy's face is smooth again, Smooth again, Smooth again, Suzy's face is smooth again. And Polly's face is gone. "For some reason you guys are very good at

disgusting poems" the bearded, flashily dressed Mr. Lee complimented the kids. Mr. Lee's verses, irreverent and funny, are refreshing in that they avoid the type of treacly pap often foisted off as children's literature. Another poem he recited is a paean to Being Five. Five, according to Mr. Lee, is the

right age because you're old enough to ride your bicycle around the block but still young enough to suck your thumb. Also to the delight of the children he recited *The Last Cry of the Damp Fly*. Bitter batter boop! I'm swimming in your soup. Bitter batter bout: Kindly get me out!

Bitter batter boon: Not upon your spoon!

Bitter batter bum! Now I'm in your tum! Mr. Lee hauled youngsters up on his lap to jostle, bounce or twist their noses at the appropriate part of the verses.

If the brisk sale of his books at the library Saturday is any indication, his new book will be as popular as *Alligator Pie*, which is regarded as a children's classic of nonsense rhymes. The writer autographed copies.

The only disappointment was that the book's illustrator, Frank Newfeld, didn't appear as promised.

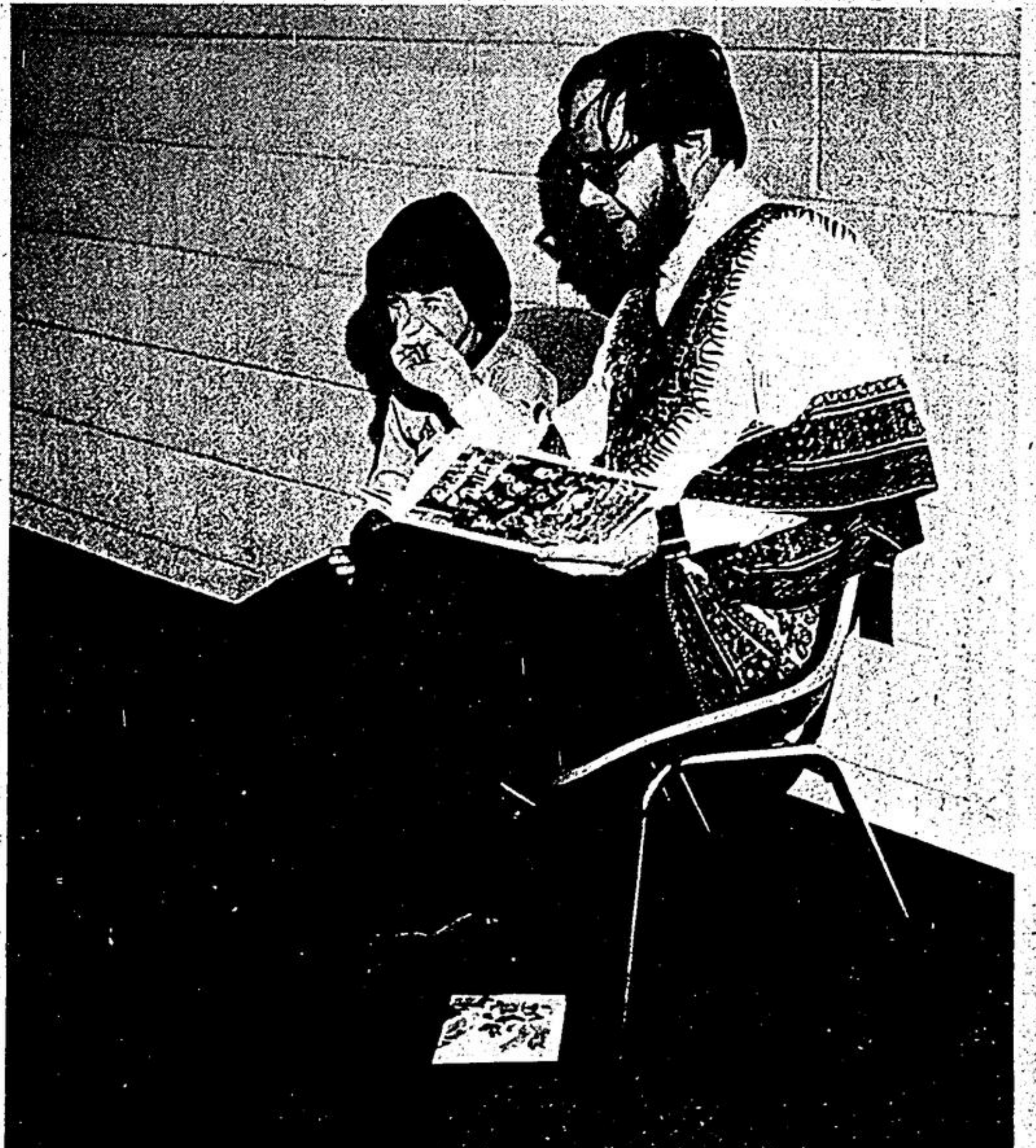
The book is published by Macmillan of Canada.

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Children were fascinated by the antics of Dennis Lee, the author of *Alligator Pie* and *Garbage Delight*. The

writer was at the Stouffville Library to autograph copies of his latest book.



This youngster's nose was tweaked to aid Dennis Lee in illustrating a particularly telling poem, *Inspector Dogbone Gets His Man*. The poem is about the Inspector who attempts to apprehend a criminal who eats

himself. The nose was grabbed to emphasize the line, "His smelly schnozz had vanished down his smelly jaws!" The Inspector, who always gets his man, was reduced to arresting himself and so ended up in the Don Jail.