Reading Notes

ice box	a refrigerator; originally an insulated chest into which ice was placed to cool and preserve food
Musteline Mammal	a fur-bearing mammal, known for the foul-smelling, oily liquid they eject when frightened or in danger
Genus Mephitis	the Latin name for this family of mammals

Vocabulary

1.	He decided to name the skunk Aroma	scent
2.	That's the last wire soldered and my new radio is finished.	attached with hot metal
3.	The after shave lotion with the distinctive invigorating smell	one-of-a-kind
4.	The after shave lotion with the distinctive invigorating smell	energizing
5.	so he decided to sneak up and investigate .	to examine carefully
6.	who had evidently gone to college and studied zoology.	the study of animal life

Comprehension Questions

- What exciting news does Homer hear on his new radio?
 A local man had won a slogan contest.
- 3. Describe the suitcase used to hold the prize money and lotion. Why is this important to note? It was just like the suitcase that Homer had at home, where Aroma likes to take naps. Later, Aroma sees this suitcase in the robber's hotel room, and because it looks familiar, he climbs into it.

4. Instead of being a happy celebration, the event becomes frightening. Why?

Four men rob the winner of his prize money and after shave lotion.

5. Why does Homer want to help N. W. Blott get his prize back?

Homer wants to get the reward, so he can build more radios and a television receiver.

Quotations

When Homer isn't going to school, or doing odd jobs, or playing with other boys, he works on his hobby which is building radios. He has a workshop in one corner of his room where he works in the evenings.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Using the quotation above, describe Homer. Give reasons for your answers.
- 2. Why is "Aroma" an appropriate name for Homer's pet skunk?
- 3. Briefly explain the classification system of the animal kingdom and the role Latin plays in it.

Enrichment

Focus Passage: Copy the fourth full paragraph on page 18 (beginning *"That, my dear friend ..."*) Focus on correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.