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## Shakespearean Theme For Annual Operetta

"In Such A Night" was the title of the annual Operetta presented by the students of the Haileybury High School last Thursday and Friday evenings.

The music, as usual, came from the talented mind of Miss Wilhelmine Keller and the book and lyrics from the equally talented pen of principal G. L. Cassidy.

Haileyburians have known of, and appreciated, over a period of years, the contribution made by Miss Keller and Mr. Cassidy in giving these operettas to the public, but this year their talents have become known farther abroad with the presence at the Friday night performance, of Major Brian McCool, Assistant Director of Music for the Ontario Department of Education, and of Mr. Nathaniel A. Benson, a Canadian poet of distinction and Judge of Verse-speaking in Provincial competitions.

Both gentlemen commented on the excellence of the performance and the unique quality and literary value of the book, as well as the quality of the music. Both were high in their praise of the school for attempting, and achieving, such a production, which is probably unique in Canada.

The members of the string orchestra, which assisted materially in the effectiveness of the play, were pianist, Miss Jeanne Hurst, O. E. Walli and Mrs. C. Donegan, first violins; Mrs. Keller, second violin; Miss N. Craven and Miss D. Hartley, cellos.

The play was divided into a prologue and two acts. The scene of the prologue was a street in Stratford-on-Avon, England, and the time, the present. A group of drama students had been given the opportunity of visiting Stratford to perform two Shakespearean plays there. They, however, were not too convinced that Shakespeare was all he was cracked up to be and a learned professor undertook to set them right.

Those taking part in the prologue were Camilla Melisek as a wealthy widow; Betty Lou Atchison, Harold Hammerstrom and Bob Tyson, drama students; Tony Cassidy, a struggling playwright; David Black, a drama student-playboy; Lynn St. Louis, a drama dilettante; Allen Mikkola, a super-guide.

The first act takes place in the courtyard and garden of the Mermaid Tavern, London on an evening in June, 1556, where the friends and associates of Will Shakespeare and the man himself are found.

Those taking part in this act included Dayntrie MacDougall as the barmaid at the Mermaid and Joyce White and Sally Whitby as waitresses; Bob Ruddy and Keith MacPherson, actors; Allen Mikkola, landlord of the Mermaid;

Camilla Melisek, the landlord's wife; Tony Cassidy as Will Shakespeare; David Black as Kit Marlowe; Lynn St. Louis as Kit's sweetheart; Harold Hammerstrom as the man of mystery; Bettylou Atchison, his ward; William Thompson as Richard Burbage; Bob Tyson as Ben Jonson; David Wigley and Bob Grozelle, Shillington's bodyguards; Ricky Simpson, the Queen's Messenger.

The second act is the same scene three days later when fear and tragedy bring to Shakespeare his trial by fire. His decision provided the climax of the play.

Special musical numbers were a highlight of this act, beginning with an overture by piano and orchestra, followed by the opening chorus, "Merrie England, Here We Are" and "Shakespeare, the Cool Cat," by the Ensemble. "The Mermaid's the Tavern in Town," by Dayntrie MacDougall, Joyce White and Sally Whitby, and "The Barmaid at the Mermaid," by Dayntrie MacDougall was followed by "The Devon Men" by the Ensemble.

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Right Rev. C. H. G. Peto, archdeacon of Muskoka and Temiskaming, who is Commissar for Archbishop W. L. Wright, Sault Ste. Marie, will be in Haileybury Wednesday, April 29, to attend the induction of Rev. Roy Nixon of St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The preacher for the occasion will be Rev. G. W. Sutherland, the rector of All Saint's Parish Church in Huntsville.

A number of other clergymen from the Deanery of Temiskaming and the Diocese of Moosonee will also be present.

## Simultaneous Chess At Haileybury Club

Thirty-five chess players from Northern Ontario Communities gathered at the Haileybury Hotel on Sunday, April 19, to lay the foundation for a Northern Ontario Chess League and to engage in the simultaneous demonstration given by Henry Herbst, a chess master and Vice-President of the Ontario Chess Association.

Mr. Herbst, one of the most active organizers in the province, was the guest of the Haileybury Chess Club over the week-end and was officially welcomed by the President, Dr. W. C. Arnold, who, in his speech recalled chess events in the past.

C. F. Lowery, the vice-president of the H.C.C., presented Mr. Herbst with a desk-set mounted on a base of high-grade silver ore as a typical souvenir to commemorate his visit to the North.

Mr. Herbst expressed his confidence that chess has a future in Northern Ontario, and illustrated his talk on organizing matters with the examples of small communities that became bastions in the world of chess.

One of the handicaps to make chess more popular, he said, is the general belief in a complexity of the game that does not exist. In fact, Mr. Herbst said, the rules are so simple that everybody can understand them after ten or fifteen minutes study, and once these rules are mastered the beauty and the challenge of the game become apparent.

Following his talk, and as a prelude to the programme for Sunday, Mr. Herbst played 14 games simultaneously against the local club members and won them all.

A more rigid opposition was offered him on Sunday afternoon, when he engaged in 35 games

simultaneously against local players as well as those present from Sudbury and Timmins. Following the discussions on organizing matters, the chess master made his first quick rounds along the tables shortly after 2 p.m. It soon became apparent were his moves were answered more resistively as he paused a few more seconds at the boards, and it was not until after 4 p.m. that the first results were scored. The number of games still in progress were then reduced until 6.15 when the last player bowed against the attacking power of Mr. Herbst, who had then used an average of seven minutes for every board he played.

Mr. Herbst did not leave the arena unscathed, however, and in fact admitted a heavier resistance than he often encounters in simultaneous play. Out of a total of 35 boards played he lost five games and drew seven, scoring 76 per cent out of the possible hundred.

The victorious players were Dr. R. M. Buljubasic from Timmins, J. Fajez from Sudbury, Geo. Hamilton, K. Bosch and Mrs. S. W. Bosch from Haileybury.

Draws were achieved by Alphone Burb, Carl Marschall, J. Paransevicus, from Timmins, B. Schiebold from Sudbury, Dr. W. C. Arnold and Dr. W. Sroka from Haileybury.

### THE WEATHER

Week ending April 21, 1959.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	52	30
Thursday	47	38
Friday	51	30
Saturday	59	37
Sunday	47	24
Monday	43	23
Tuesday	59	24

## "Cash for Cancer" Drive Tops 1958 Contribution

Haileybury residents made a magnificent response during the Cancer Society blitz canvass on Tuesday evening, and returns were well over the receipts of last year, and the objective of this.

Chairman Ray De Souza said that \$976.58 had been collected, with additional returns from 16 canvassers still to come, and big businesses to be heard from. The average so far in Haileybury is \$1.53 per household.

In the Tri-Town area the record was just as good. President Lorne Woods reports that returns from the blitz reached \$3,259, with the mail campaign in Cobalt, Elk Lake and Gowganda still to be received.

"I expect we will be well over the \$3,500 objective," said Mr. Woods.

New Liskeard gave \$1,913.13 in a successful drive organized by Pat Bolger, and average of \$1.74 per household.

Latchford also topped its 1958 contributions with \$250 from the In Memoriam cards and \$120 in the canvass.

## Mother's Day Contest

This is for students from Haileybury Schools in Grade VIII and First Form.

"My Mom is the best because . . . . ."

Write your answer to this in 75 words or less and bring it to the Evelyn Shoppe no later than one p.m., Monday, May 4th, and you will have the chance of winning one of the three gift certificates that Evelyn is offering for the three best letters.

Who Knows? Yours may win you enough to exchange for a lovely Mother's Day gift for Mom and something for yourself as well.

The letters will be judged by two Haileybury school teachers.

## Third Body Recovered From Fall Drowning

The body of Fred Durant of Barrie was recovered from the Montreal River Tuesday afternoon, about six months after he and three other persons were drowned on the wind-whipped river.

Rene Garreau and Lawrence Macheske discovered the body floating in shallow water near the Latchford bridge. Constable Don Scanlan and Corporal Sid Daley of the OPP assisted Ken Buffam in taking the body from the water.

Durant was one of a party of four who ignored warnings of ex-

perienced river men and set out on the last day of October on a wild, rough river for a hunting trip. Their overturned boat was discovered the next day by James Livingstone of Latchford.

The body of William Beatty of Barrie was found floating near the boat and that of Mrs. Louise Lee washed up on the shore. An extensive search was made for two men also lost in the tragedy, but it was abandoned shortly before freeze-up. Beatty's father, 45-year-old William Beatty has not yet been found.

## Break up

Although the ice in the lake still looks remarkably solid, we expect it will vanish sometime before next July, (some ardent fishermen are rooting for it to be gone before May 1!) and in the meantime here is a bit of data regarding the contest.

Twenty-five estimates were received, ranging from May 1 to May 17. Broken down into days, there is one each for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. Three each for the 4th, 6th, and 7th, and four each for the 5th and 14th.

So there you are, all you have to do is wait for Neil Fleming to say when the lake is clear of ice.



Ten to one

Haileybury Chess Club held a successful multiple play series in the Haileybury Hotel last week-end, and here the guest "master" is taking on a number of local addicts. The evenings were so successful that the club hopes to make an annual event of the affair.