



MAJOR CHARACTERS in the school operetta Tuesday night were hardly recognizable after they had makeup applied by R. R. Parker, Bruce Shoemaker, Mrs. Ted Franklin and Rae West. Some of the young actors above are Carol Masales, Nancy Morris, Brian Sampson, Yvonne Yelmen, John Beatty, Sharon White, Clive Stewart, Beverly Norton and Marsha McKenzie.

School Buses to Leave Later For Benefit of Rural Students

The age-old problem of heating the greenhouse at the high school came under fire again at the high school board meeting Mon. evening. It was decided to leave the greenhouse unheated at present and curtail growing specimens to warmer time.

Assistant principal Michael Bevan has fought a one-man battle to have the defunct heating system in the greenhouse replaced and Monday two tenders for installation of a unit were received.

They ranged from a \$300 figure to close to \$1,000. Mr. Bevan told the board that water heating was recommended for this purpose but had a second thought on the problem.

He suggested the board might wish to expand the present home economics room in the future and suggested not spending any additional money on the greenhouse at present. (It abuts the present Home Economics room.) "I would like to see a proper greenhouse in the end," he stressed.

Beginning after Easter exams, school buses departing to return rural students to their homes will not leave at the present 3:45 p.m. time, but at 4:15, following a decision Monday evening.

Trustee Watson stated the bus es were leaving too soon for the rural students to receive the maximum from the school program.

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He claimed it might not be safe for some students having to walk any distance after alighting from the bus in darkness.

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Still Digging ...

(Continued from Page One) was called off after the driver made an attempt.

At noon hour Thursday, local restaurants were extra busy as many workers decided to eat out instead of attempting to get home.

Even some public school students couldn't wade home. A team of curlers heading to Galt for a bonspiel Thursday, travelled by taxi instead of using their own vehicles.

School Out Early

High school students were dismissed at 2 p.m. Thursday to allow rural buses to make the return trip.

Public school kiddies appeared to be the only ones enjoying the snow. Many saw their first such snowstorm.

A scheduled hockey game for the Acton Tanners was cancelled and several meetings were called off because of the storm.

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LEGION NOTES FOR BRANCH 197

By George Ware

Let us pause this week on a very serious matter in the Legion — Dues. Many of us have yet to make our annual payment of \$4. which goes to help the branch and Dominion Command.

During the year your dues go to help many different organizations, of which a few we shall list:

- The Legion contributes \$200,000 a year to the development of young athletes in the track and field program.
- Total value of Legion scholarships and bursaries exceeds \$75,000 a year.
- Value of Legion housing developments now exceeds \$3½ million.
- Latest increases in war disability pensions are in line with Legion recommendations to the federal government.
- In recent years, more than 30 items of Legion-sponsored veteran legislation have become law.
- The Legion's Dominion service bureau alone has helped over 30,000 people obtain \$6 million in war pensions and allowances.
- Some 100,000 youngsters take part in Legion-sponsored team sports. Other activities include 9,000 in scouts and cub; the provision of playgrounds, swimming pools and similar community projects.

With these fresh in your mind, why not drop in to the branch or send a cheque for your Legion dues.

On Sunday afternoon, March 7, approximately half a dozen members of the branch executive will journey to Brampton Legion for the election of zone officers for the coming year. A report of the election will be carried in next week's column.

The Legion-sponsored house league all-star teams will be competing in the 4 Town Tournament in Milton this Saturday and it is hoped they can come home with a few trophies. Why not join in the fun and excitement and make a trip to Milton to cheer the lads on.

Zone drafts will be held in the Acton branch this Saturday and with any luck the boys should be able to call. These bids are subject to Ontario Hydro approval, as well.

The building committee will now investigate the Alice Street lot to determine clearances and bring back a recommendation before the architect prepares plans for the new building, prior to calling tenders.

When recommended revisions suggested by the Ontario Hydro plus slight modifications agreed on by the local commission are adopted, the new sketches which will guide contractors in erecting the building will be known as plan 'E'.

To Aid Centennial Library? A proposal at the end of last year by Mayor Les Duby for the local commission to play a part in the erection of the town's Centennial library by installing lighting of some sort along the walkway, was tabled for future discussion at the time.

Thursday evening, the secretary reminded chairman E. G. Tyler of the matter. The problem of the local commission in making a contribution is mainly the fact approval must be received from Ontario Hydro.

The secretary threw some light on the subject when he produced a copy of a resolution approved by the Ontario United Electrical Association, which stated it did not approve of the expenditure of hydro funds for centennial projects unless the project was of direct benefit to electrical customers.

Mayor Duby was of the opinion hydro consumers required light to read by and the more books they obtained from the library, the more power would be sold. He also noted it was the hope of the centennial committee to establish a park area at the library site by retaining as many trees as possible and this area would have to be illuminated.

Until Ontario Hydro replies on the question, the local commission can take no action.

Present for the meeting were chairman Ted Tyler Sr., Mayor Duby, commissioners Orval Brown, Doug Dawkins and Will McEachern, as well as secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart.

Forest fire destroys everything. The Forest works for you — don't fire it.



SCALE MODEL of proposed picnic area at the Scotch Block farm home of Joe Ross shows how an island will centre the man-made lake, which the owner expects to fill this spring. Work on the property at the corner of the fifth line of Esqueving and the Check Line began in December. The model, built by Mr. Ross, shows part of the seven acre lake and roadway which would extend over a mile through the farm, intended for hay rides and saddle horse trail.

Man-Made Lake, Picnic Island In Plans for Redeveloped Farm

Another recreation area in Halton's pleasant countryside is taking shape this winter at the farm home of Joe Ross in the Scotch Block, R. R. 3, Georgetown. On his property at the corner of the fifth line of Esqueving and the Check Line, he has a scale model of the attractive park and pool he hopes to have ready by hot weather next summer.

In December, he began clearing brush and bulldozing, with Harry Troybridge of Hornby contracting.

A spring fed creek runs through the family farm and its bed has been bulldozed and a dam is nearly complete. When the dam is in operation in the spring, a six or seven acre lake will form, with a depth of 15 feet at places, and an estimated capacity of seven million gallons. He hopes the lake will be full in May.

In the middle of the lake will be a picnic island about 175 feet by 50 feet, where willows and an elm have been saved. The island will be reached by a small bridge.

There will be roads about the property, which is at the back of the farm and not visible from the road. On a high point of land, Mr. Ross expects to have an observation tower, where the view extends for 20 miles.

There is a quarry on the farm and Mr. Ross thinks visitors would like to see it in operation.

Mr. Ross first saw a similar park on a television program and he is undertaking the work himself with no government help or subsidies. He has heard from the government, though, for he must comply with a series of strict regulations. Safety regulations cover boating and swimming.

Possibility of stocking his lake with trout is being considered. Another consideration is turning an implement shed into a dance hall.

Mr. Ross is keeping a diary recording his progress in developing "Russlake". It describes how the colic nipped at the great wheels of the bulldozer at first, but soon became adapted to the noise and activity, which is the forerunner of another fine tourist attraction in the district.

Acton Hydro ...

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Operetta Packs

(Continued from Page One) Square Dance Band: Bonnie Lang, Linda Lawson, Trina Van der Polder, Jane Sterritt, Karen Ashley, Roberta Nesvet, Iris Hymnicki, Jackie Lemon, Carol McCutcheon, Barbara Frost.

Indian Braves — Bob Lovell, Bruce Fowler, Gary Price, John Hopkins, Charlie Doornbos, Gary Crispin.

Deputies: Archie Duiker, Timmy Coles, Dave Pink, Michael Geva.

Boys from "Wayback", Ken Marshall, Bob Waller, girls from "Wayback", Catherine Knippelberg and Diane Frank.

Teachers in Charge: Glenn Banks directed the production and acted as pianist.

Grade eight art students with three teachers, Mrs. Banks, Robert Govenack and Keith Allen, produced the excellent scenery — Leonard Van Der Polder, Bob Waller, Roy Wong, Harry Baren, Michael Marcoux and Fred Flinnick.

Many Help: Handling make-up: Bruce R. R. Parker, Bruce Shoemaker, Mrs. E. Franklin and Rae West. Miss Carol Wharton, who teaches dancing, helped with the operetta dances.

Teacher Mrs. Ena Gibson was in charge of the clever costumes, with the help of many mothers, including Mrs. C. B. Ross, Mrs. H. Denny, Mrs. H. Townsley, Mrs. H. Stewart, Mrs. Ed Jennings.

IF A VETERAN, WHY NOT A LEGIONNAIRE?

Mrs. F. Pink, Mrs. E. Praff, Mrs. C. McCutcheon and student Miss Anne Watson.

Proceeds of the operetta go to purchase something to assist the students at the school.

The production was, at all times, thoroughly enjoyed. Spectators felt that the scenery was outstandingly good this year.

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