

Operetta at R.L. school

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Robert Krul, John Kozell, Adrian van Opstal, Robert Manning, David Pink, James Frizell, Harry Lawson, Riny Schults and Alex Gray.

On stage Thursday will be David Manes as the captain, Cathy Hinton as his daughter, Tim Coker as the sailor; Peter Morrison as Sir Joseph Porter, Diane Bousfield as Buttercup, Diane Taylor as Dick Deadeye, Carol Peterson as Hober and Harry Lawson as the boat-wain.

The multi-nationed centennial show will see a procession of young characters from kindergarten to grade five on stage. Each group is directed by its teacher.

Dutch theme was chosen by the two kindergartners. Chorus the morning class appearing Wednesday and the afternoon class Thursday. Starchy Dutch hats and peaked blue caps bob as they dance and sing. Wish I had a Windmill and There's a Country called Holland.

Mrs. Reed's and Mrs. Gamble's grade ones take the Icelandic theme with Red Wing and some of the braves look scared.

Miss McIntosh's grades 1 and 2 are in mock-leaderbosens and dirdles for Ach, Ja, a German song and dance.

Mexico was the choice for the grade twos, when big hats, sarapes, maracas and even a guitar draw attention. A student burrow has to be crowded off at the end. Teachers are Miss Black and Mrs. Pentilla (Miss Joy Orby until just recently).

Scottish plaids will be the costume for Mrs. Masales and Miss Pugley's grade threes who dance and sing.

A switch to green for the grade fours — Mrs. Mellor and Mrs. Coppel's classes. David Morris (Wednesday) and Christina Harvey (Thursday) play the accordion for Dublin in the Green. Macnamara's band will be there in green satin knickers playing drums, washboard, tambourines and even the spoons. They're led in lively tunes by top-hatted Ryan Reed on Wednesday and John Pink on Thursday.

Then the boys and girls swing into a little go-go dancing to the music of England Swings.

The grade ones of Mr. Coe and Mrs. White depict France with can-can dancers in pink and black skirts and the singing in French of Auguste de ma Bloode. The dancers were trained by Diane Bousfield, Bonnie Bristow and Mary Frances Marcoux.

Old-time minstrel show is the choice of Miss Ellis's 16 special students. In jeans, white shirts and red bows they sing, dance and jive.

The Eyes to Canada, with words and music composed by Actonian Herman Freuler, will have its first public hearing. Chosen to sing the sweet melody and patriotic words both evenings are Bonnie Bristow and Robert Krul.

The massed choir from junior grades sing in conclusion the words of their half, This Land is Your Land.

School board members will welcome the audience each evening, Cyril Bishop on Wednesday and Orval Chapman on Thursday.

Released teacher Miss-Titan is in charge of the attractive scenery. The colorful backdrop was painted by a new method — using sponges.

Festive scenery was under the direction of John van der Kooy assisted by Trevor Swann, Jim Frizell, Tom Pettit and Steven Van Fleet.

The prop construction was under the direction of Ken Marshall assisted by John Pauw, Larry White, Gary Edge, Rich Gordon, Doug Hewitt, Danny Manes, Norman Tremblay, Henry Toebes, Bruce Swift and Charles McGinn.

Mrs. J. Gibson has the help of Mrs. J. Bousfield, Mrs. H. Lawson and Mrs. J. Holmes as well as others in the costume department. The flower-sprigged gowns and big hats of the girls are especially lovely.

In charge of make-up are Bob Parker and Mrs. J. Dowling, with the deft assistance of others.

Miss Riseborough was in charge of the rough drama, learned in the classrooms and then music director Glenn Banks took over as the cast came together. Doug Copeland is music director.

The Robert Little school stages an operetta every other year. Several pictures of the production will appear in next week's paper.

Committee raps

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In defense of Mr. Pearce — he's got problems. Mr. Blanche is finished at the end of February and we've got to get temporary help until the end of the season.

Mr. Pearce told the committee Frank Thompson had agreed to come back on a part-time basis until the end of the season and he was authorized to offer Mr. Thompson the position at an hourly rate of \$1.95 per hour for arena and park maintenance.

In his report the recreation director notified the committee the public school ice carnival would be held Wednesday, March 22 and he hoped committee members would help out. The figure skating carnival is on Saturday, April 1 and Mr. Pearce said it could very well be the last event of the season.

Playground training applications have been sent to schools. A two night training course will be held for applicants, they'll write exams, have an interview and 11 playground leaders will be selected.

Mr. Pearce told of plans for a centennial day program and of the beard growing contest sponsored by Y's Men.

Acting as a parks board the committee discussed possibility of excluding cars from the park, making them use the parking lot around the community centre. A saving of three to four hundred dollars on track maintenance was visualized as well as a much safer park for children.

A account amounting to \$1,035.45 were passed for payment and the preliminary estimates on the year's budget were taken home for further study.

Chairman Goy presided at the meeting with members Helen Otterbein, Earl Masales, Ted Tyler, Brendan Ahnes, secretary M. Cooper, Mr. Pearce and Don Reid, a student from the University of Guelph, also attending.

Other guests at the head table were Mrs. G. S. Moore, area executive secretary and editor of the Acorn; Mrs. J. Presgrave, divisional commissioner; Capt. H. Lowrie, 2nd Acton Co. and district commissioner; Capt. B. Ginger, 1st Acton Co. and her Lieut. Mrs. J. van der

Area commissioner addresses 175 at Guide, Brownie centennial banquet

Head table guests of the Guide and Brownie Centennial banquet were warmer than the tasty dinner served by the Legion Ladies and teen-age volunteers, after all but standing on their heads for the photographers. Tolerant mothers and daughters waited patiently until the camera lenses had eaten up their victims.

The resulting pictures will probably be a combination of indignation and heartburn, declared "Browne" Owl.

After toasting Canada, the guests fortified themselves with food and prepared for the speeches.

It was a pleasant surprise for them when Garnet McKenzie, standing in for Mayor Dwyer, spoke sparingly of preparing yourself to live a full and useful life in the future.

Mrs. I. M. Howard, commissioner for the White Oaks Area of the Canadian Girl Guides' Association, addressed herself to the girls. Her speech was brief and sincere as she talked about the sisterhood of guiding and her trip to Norman, Oklahoma, where she attended a training session for Guides of the Western Hemisphere.

As Mrs. Howard spoke very movingly of the lack of training, books, uniforms and meeting halls for our Spanish speaking neighbors, she brought home the point of how lucky we are to live in Canada with our high standards of living.

The sisterhood of Guiding expands to 72 countries and as the world grows smaller and travelling easier, many more of today's Brownies and Guides will have the chance to meet their sisters in other lands, than has ever been possible before.

Mrs. E. Browne, Acton, Brown Owl of the 2nd Acton Pack, thanked the speakers, Legion ladies and the girls who helped serve the meals.

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Kooy; Brown Owl, 3rd Acton Pack, Mrs. T. Newton; her Tawny Owl, Mrs. W. Eiling; Brown Owl, 2nd Acton Pack, Mrs. E. Browne and her Tawny Owl, Mrs. A. Coombe; Mac Sprowl, chairman of the Scout Hall committee; Mrs. C. Hargrave, representing the Scout and Guide Mothers' Auxiliary; Rev. McKenzie and Rev. McMurray.

Guides and Brownies delighted their mothers with a short program of songs and akits to the kibitzing of the "Browne" Owl, who MC'd the program.

A film record of the occasion was captured for posterity by Mrs. G. Hargrave. The Guides helping to tidy up said it was a good thing she didn't photograph them. They were harried and haggard, and "too pooped to pose".

One hundred and seventy-five attended.

Townships order cost study on water line for Heights

Esqueping and Nassagaweya Township councils took some joint action last week to alleviate the well water pollution problem in the Milton Heights and Peru areas. They jointly called for an Ontario Water Resources Commission cost and feasibility study on the idea of supplying the areas with a water line tapped into Milton's Kelso Well main.

The action was one of three progressive steps the two councils took following a joint meeting last Wednesday at the Esqueping Council Chambers.

They also agreed to hold a joint meeting to view the

Town Line in Milton Heights which needs some reconstruction work due to a swampy area alongside the road, and agreed to view an Esqueping property which both townships might use as a dump site.

Pollution was first noticed in Milton Heights area wells last spring. It affected most of the 97 homes in the area, of which about 20 are on the Nassagaweya side and the remainder on Esqueping's side of the Town Line.

Reeve William Coulter of Nassagaweya, who chaired the joint meeting, explained Milton's water main from Kelso to the town passed within half a mile of Milton Heights. He said if the O.W.R.C. okayed the project, a three mile water main serving the Heights and Peru homes could be tapped onto Milton's line where it crosses the Town Line. Approval would have to be sought from Milton Council, but the townships ordered the O.W.R.C. feasibility study first.

Any water service granted the residents would have to be done on a local improvement basis, it was agreed. Reeve Coulter said he learned last week the O.W.R.C. gives grants on water lines where there is a pollution problem in built-up areas. Further meetings on the three subjects are scheduled, probably in March.

The ideal income is a thousand dollars a day — and expenses. — Lorillard

Annual meeting held by Gideons

The Guelph Camp of the Gideons International held their banquet and annual meeting in the Guelph Bible conference grounds on Monday evening.

The mayor of Guelph and the chairman of the Guelph Ministerial Association, Rev. J. Witzel, spoke briefly and the guest speaker was Mr. Burnham, executive chairman for the Gideons.

Attending from Acton were Murray Coles, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrap, Mrs. H. Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Dr. van der Bent, Rev. and Mrs. Thompkins, Rev. S. Gammorn, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. McKenzie and Rev. and Mrs. D. I. Engel.

Police report

No motor vehicle accidents past week

A complete absence of Motor Vehicle Accidents, but a marked increase in criminal and general occurrences were the highlights noted in Acton Police activities during the week of February 12 to February 18. Eight hundred and sixty-six miles patrolled, during 245 work hours, produced six charges and 17 warnings, all pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act.

Thirteen complaints including one theft, three disturbances, one assault and nine miscellaneous occurrences, all requiring police action. Magistrate's Court in Milton saw 10 convictions registered for offences varying from assault to speeding. Monetary penalties imposed, totalled \$147, while two men received suspended sentences and probation.

Police officers, not unlike men in every walk of life, are constantly attempting to improve themselves through increased knowledge, said Corporal R. Mason. To this end, members of the local O.P.P. detachment attend In-Service Training Lectures each week at District Headquarters in Burlington.

Window display in Family Store

A replica of the Girl Guides' special centennial badge is one of the most striking features of the special window display in Family Outfitters' store. A model dressed as a Guide and another as a Brownie flank the display.

On mock grass are Guide and Brownie books, and attractive little toadstools, fires and modelled hands in the Guide salute, made by Brown Owl Mrs. E. Browne.

The badge-spangled Guide uniform belongs to Cavell Marshall who earned her all-round cord.

The two Guide captains, Mrs. R. Ginger of the First Acton Company and Mrs. Lowrie of the second Acton Company arranged the special display last Saturday.

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

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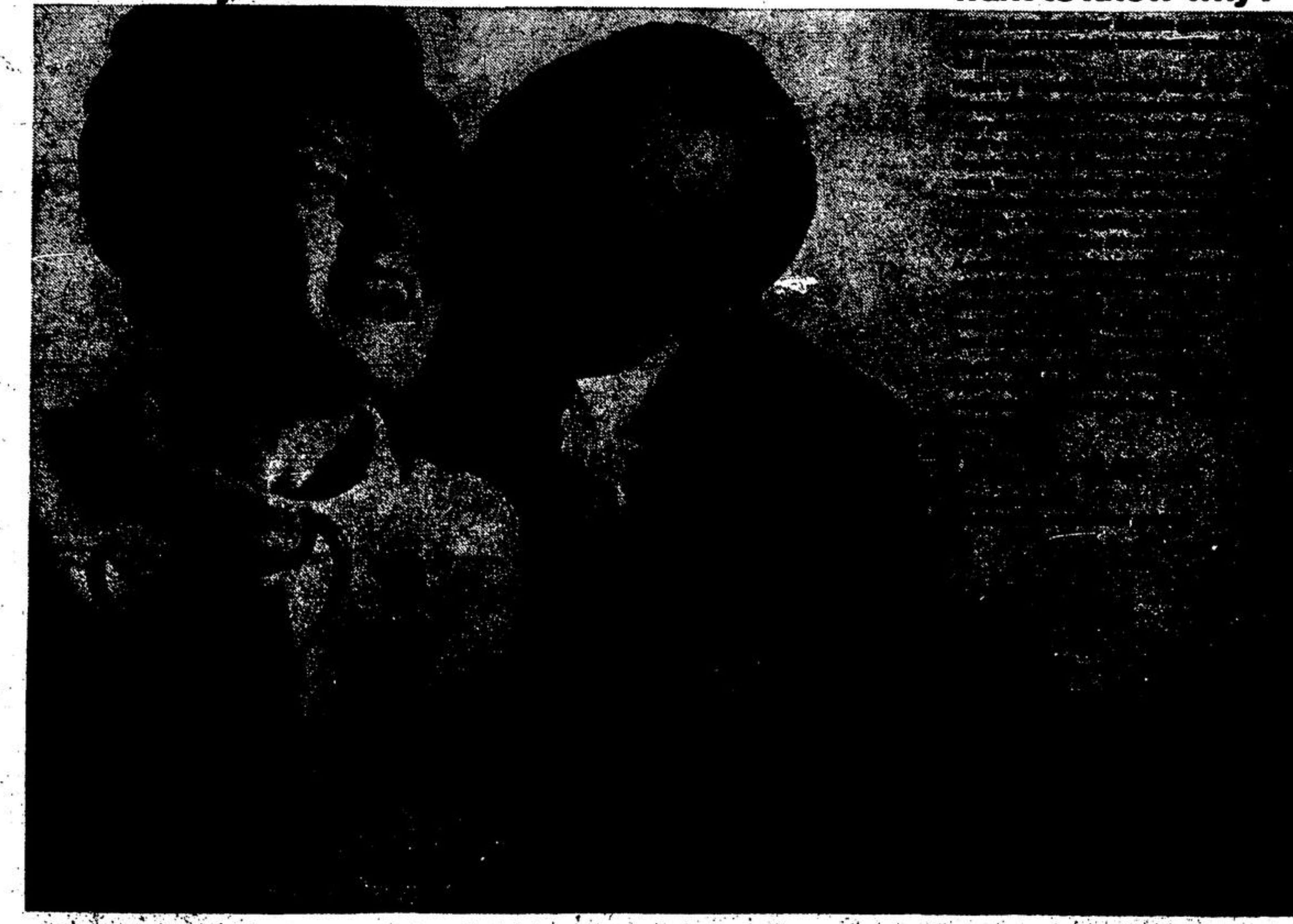
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Free Press Personals

Mrs. Jim McNabb is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Fred Sampson is home from hospital, friends are glad to learn.

Mrs. Jim Thornhill is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott are vacationing in Florida, and Mrs. J. Whitham is keeping the stationery store till their return.

Mrs. Frank Irwin of Kitchener has been visiting Miss M. Z. Bennett.

Friends will be sorry to hear Mr. Koopert Hoeyers Sr., former wife of Acton, is a patient in the Brampton hospital.

Mrs. James McGladrey and Miss Evonne McGladrey have been spending a couple of weeks in Florida. Miss Lila Murdock, R.N., of Palmerton accompanied them.

Mrs. M. Symon held a small bridge party in her home last week attended by neighbors and a few friends when a small gift was presented to Mrs. D. I. Engel, with best wishes for happiness in her new home in Orillia.

Mrs. Art Cooper, slim trim instructor at the YMCA, attended a two day course at Kitchener sponsored by the Dept. of Education. Object of the training course was to educate instructors in the proper way to direct exercises for women.

Don Reid, a student at the University of Guelph, is on a two week recreation training period in Acton with recreation director Howard Pearce. A native of St. Thomas, he is in his second year of the recreation director course.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Rognvaldson and Mrs. C. L. Rognvaldson attended the Centennial project night of the Icelandic Club in north Toronto on Tuesday, February 21. Miss Janet Rognvaldson, attired in a traditional Icelandic costume, was spinning wool in a historical display. Icelandic food was served at the close of the evening. Also attending were former Actonites Mr. and Mrs. H. Thorarinson and Brian Thorarinson of Clarkson.

Two elderly women were trying to outdo each other in discussing their ailments and medications. Finally one announced triumphantly: "I'm taking a pill that has nothing but side effects!"

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