



THURSDAY NIGHT operetta lead Debra and Dan McGilloway, Ralph Landborough and Bousfield met four Mexican lads by chance—Bill Tim McIntyre. (Staff Photo)



MAKE UP FOR Bert Venema is speedily applied by Bruce Shoemaker. (Staff Photo)



A MEXICAN rhythm trio accompanied the grade 2 group of limbo dancers. (Staff Photo)

Nassagaweya won't pay County Board

Nassagaweya Township Council objected Monday to having to borrow funds to meet Board of Education requisitions.

The Board has requested a total of \$51,000 from the township; and received \$9,000 in January and a further \$24,000 earlier this month.

Council cited the original plan of the Board included separate tax billing, allowing people to see immediately what amount of their taxes go toward education.

"Now this has apparently been changed," Reeve William Hoey noted, "with no notification except this request for more funds."

To pay the balance of the Board requisition would require Nassagaweya's borrowing \$18,000.

A resolution was made noting the raising of this money creates a financial burden on the borrowing power of the township, while the Board of Education is not borrowing any money under its own name.

It was suggested in the resolution the Board borrow at least part of its required funds until the municipalities have all received their tax income.

Nassagaweya, which has already paid roughly two-thirds of the requested amount, decided to pay no more until their tax funds arrive later in the year.

Operetta attracts 1500 two delightful nights

An estimated 1,500 applauded Behind Castle Walls, the Robert Little school operetta, on four days last week. On Monday and Tuesday all the public school children enjoyed two full dress rehearsals of the two casts, and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings there were sold-out houses of mainly adults in the school auditorium.

The bright backdrops, painted to represent a Mexican courtyard, set the mood for the bright and colorful performances.

Both casts were about equal in ability, commented music supervisor Glenn Banks who accompanied the shows on the piano. The audiences certainly enjoyed every minute of it, from solos to dances.

On Wednesday Bonnie Bristow had the lead as the American girl visiting Mexico, with Peter Buna as a Mexican boy. Bonnie's American friends were played by Louise Harmsma, Sandra Denny, Frank Houston, Jim Krupke, Colin Price and Lorna Sutherland. The other Mexican youngsters were Ian Strang, Kevin Marcoux and Jim McNabb. Danny Manes played the students' professor and Julia Aitken was the market lady.

Changes on the Thursday evening included Debra Bousfield and Bill McGilloway as the leads with Ricky Roehrer, Carol Jones, Sandra Ross, Ken Withers, John Ashley and Karyn Manes as the Americans. Sam Schunop as the professor; Dan McGilloway, Tim McIntyre and Ralph Landborough as the Mexicans.

The same dancers took part each night, with a full choir of 75 directed by Doug Copeland. Some familiar tunes such as Cielito Lindo and La Paloma were included in the lilting music.

Before the operetta each evening, the various classes in the school presented separate numbers, mostly tied in with the Mexican theme. The Kindergarten's Pretty Princess and a limbo dance were among the most popular but each one received rounds of applause particularly from the parents concerned!

Costumes ranged from Mexican boleros and sombreros to flowing white Grecian gowns in one of the dances; in charge of the costume committee were Mrs. J. Bousfield, Mrs. H. Denny and Mrs. L. McIntyre, with many helpers.

Make-up, using R. R. Parker's kit, was swiftly applied on assembly-line basis by Mrs. L. Doby, Mrs. J. Dowding, Mrs. R. Louttett, Bruce Shoemaker and Ross Ribey.

The boys who were in charge of the backstage duties like making the secret door in the castle wall creak open were Rick Wilkinson, Roger Swann, Robert Speaker, Chris Schults and Bob O'Rourke.

The town workmen had created a parking lot and the boys in charge of parking were Henry Toebees, Bruce Swift and Rick Bonnette.

Almost all the teachers were involved in the program, preparing their classes for their charming numbers, or helping with coaching the well-prepared young actors, soloists and dancers.

During intermission Wednesday, Richard Roehrer gave his speech that topped the inspectorate and Thursday Susan Shoemaker repeated her talk

that won second place. (They went on to county finals Friday and were not selected to proceed.)



ROOSTER STANLEY Petric highlighted Mrs. Black's classroom act Thursday. (Staff Photo)



PEDRO IN his sombrero—Bill McGilloway had the lead part in Thursday's operetta performances. (Staff Photo)

Mark Scout week at churches Sunday

Scouts, Venturers, Cubs, Guides, Brownies and Rangers will be participating in church services Sunday to mark Boy Scout Week in Canada.

Catholic members of the movement will meet in front of St. Joseph's church at 10.15 Sunday morning and proceed into the church for the 10.30 mass.

Protestant church service will be held in the Baptist church for the 11 a.m. service. They will assemble at 10.50 in front of the church.

Carnival...

Continued from Page 1) of the roaring 20's injected a saucy note in the program with some appropriate songs and dances from the era.

Another highlight of the first half was a skit by teachers Boris Shean, Harvey Goodman and Bert Turnbull. Their off-beat rhythm and sly references to the underground activity at the school was good for some guffaws and a look at some full-bodied beads.

Joyce Carpenter's dancers led off the second half and they were followed by George Beshiri—a last minute replacement for folk singers who failed to show up. Margaret Slaven, a champion Scottish dancer, danced the Salor's Hornpipe and Joe Petric, a master of the accordion, played a number.

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Song service

An informal inter-denominational worship service was conducted by Father Laurie Doby as part of the high school winter carnival Saturday afternoon. Father Doby is

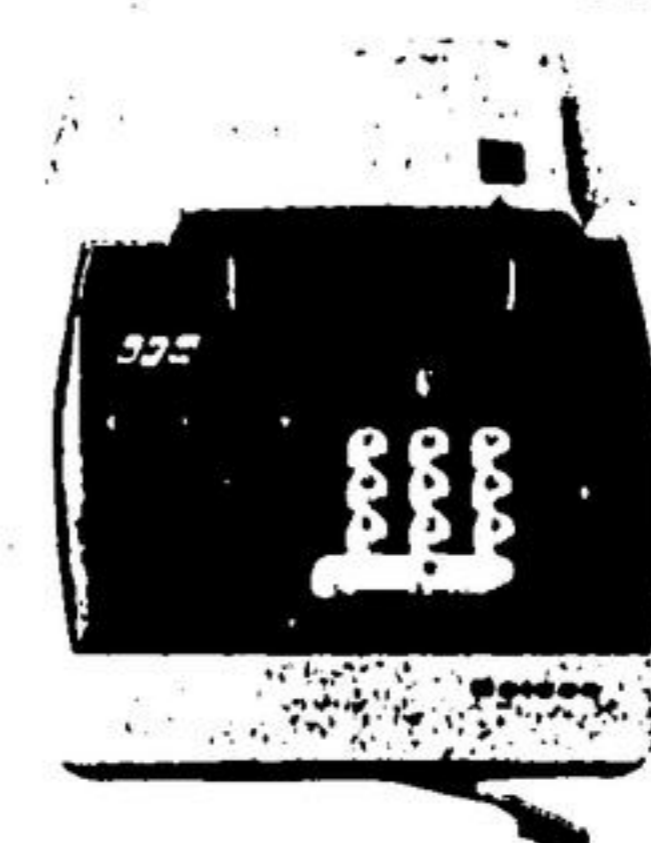
attached to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Welland, and is a 1961 graduate of Acton High. Guitars and bongo drums accompanied the more than 100 who attended the song service highlighted by an informal message by Father Doby entitled "Born Free."

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POINTERS ON how to act like a professor are given to Sam Schunop by principal G. W. McKenzie. Sam—with whitened hair—led the troop of school children in Mexico in the operetta Thursday. (Staff Photo)