



AMUSING AND colorful musical play presented by grade three students at Brookville school was entitled Danny the Dinosaur. That's Danny (Bill Manes) bemoaning his luck in the early moments of the story.—(Staff Photo)



BEAVER STEVEN DAY asks Danny why he feels so sad but all Danny can do is weep. The dances and musical numbers end with Danny saving the entire cast from a storm and he winds up happy.—(Staff Photo)



DANNY THE DINOSAUR (Bill Manes) is comforted by Buzzy Bee (Lynne MacNaughton) in one of the most melodious sequences of the Brookville school fantasy.—(Staff Photo)



STORYTELLER, who filled in the sequences of the Brookville musical was Ricky Agar. His voice came out of a knothole in the old tree adding another dimension to the delightful fantasy.—(Staff Photo)

Danny the dinosaur delightful musical fantasy

A delightful musical fantasy about Danny the dinosaur delighted two audiences at Brookville school over the past week.

Presented by Mrs. Susan Wolniak's grade three class in the school auditorium, the musical play told the story of petulant Danny the dinosaur who

continually moaned over his lack of talents compared to other creatures of the forest.

Imaginative costumes, blended well with colorful scenery and pleasing renditions of the character songs.

Danny the dinosaur was played by Bill Manes, Lynne MacNaughton played Buzzy Bee,

Joanne Windmoller was Susan Swan, Paul Bowen was the Skunk and the Beaver was Steven Day.

Story teller was Ricky Agar. Stage manager was Joe Currie and Ricky Wunder acted as master of ceremonies. Danny Melancon and Betty Paylor

looked after sound effects which included a summer storm in the forest. Barrie Trail and Vickie Williams looked after lighting.

Daffodil dancers were Cindy Brown, Les Chamberlain, Caroline Dempster, Barbara Eagles, Leslie Knight, Karen Tuffin and C. Tracey.

Grass dancers were Peter Cannon, Brad Hitchcock, Bruce Kennedy, Jim Pearson and Willie Wild.

The chorus which provided the narrative in song for the fanciful tale had Ken Black, Carol Hunter, Marilyn MacLeod, Cindy, Marc McKerracher,

Marie Murray, Linda Ramsay, Susan Reynolds and David Stanley.

Mrs. Lenore Vickery, music teacher, provided the piano accompaniment. Mrs. Wolniak directed the production which was much enjoyed by students and parents.

Improve parks

Grand River Authority to spend \$828,000

The Grand River Conservation Authority will spend \$828,000 on its 25 conservation areas in 1969.

Sixty per cent of the money—\$496,000—will come from the province in the form of grants. The remainder will be

raised through the general levy against the 74 municipalities making up the authority, as well as special levies against

benefitting municipalities. Biggest project is at the Chicopee Hills Conservation area near Kitchener, where \$285,000

will be spent. A year-round chalet to cost \$180,000 is already under construction. Another \$56,000 will be spent on construction, engineering and

instruments for a dam built there last year.

Rockwood park will have \$20,000 spent on it for general development work, including ground improvements, boat docks, picnic tables and temporary buildings.

Other conservation areas and improvements planned are:

Belwood Lake, near Fergus, \$38,000—road and parking lot construction, a floating footbridge, boat launching ramps and docks, boat-mooring facilities, washrooms, and reconstruction of superintendent's residence.

Byng Island, near Dunnville, \$49,000, Conestogo Lake, Near Elmira, \$30,000.

Elora Gorge Park, \$75,000—interior finishing of the beach house built last year, construction of a new beach area, washrooms, a workshop and garage, and general development including clearing of brush, fencing and providing picnic tables and comfort stations.

Laurel Creek Park, on the outskirts of Waterloo, \$50,000; Luther Marsh Conservation Area, north of Arthur, \$80,000; Pinehurst Lake, South of Galt, \$70,000; Puslinch Lake, south of Guelph, \$62,000; Shade's Mills, near Galt, \$20,000; Taquanah Wildlife Area, near Cayuga, \$15,000.

General development work totalling \$34,000 will be carried out at the other 13 smaller conservation and wildlife areas operated by the authority.

Last year a total 411,605 persons visited the authority's six conservation area parks—Elora Gorge, Pinehurst, Byng Island, Rockwood and Belwood Lake. Total revenue in 1968 from the parks was \$128,893, about \$26,000 more than the previous year.

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In keeping with St. Pat's

Fairs on 'ould sod' once a month

Each year around St. Patrick's time, Catherine Graham of R. R. 1, Limehouse, writes a story especially for the Free Press, recalling her youth in Ireland. This year she has an Irish look at fairs.

We all enjoy fairs, whether we are old or young. Fairs have been held in most countries for hundreds of years and can be traced as far back as the Greek and Roman empires. They can be simple such as country fairs, or as elaborate as World fairs.

The fairs I want to speak about are the 'Irish Fairs'. They were held once a month. We often helped father on a fair morning before we went to school, to drive his cattle to the fair in KielKeel. We did not get to all fairs when we had to attend school, although we would have liked to. In those days one was inclined to do what they were told.

We did get to go to the two largest fairs the 'May Fair' and the 'Hallowtine Fair' when we bought the butts and apples for Hallowtine. Vendors had the traditional stalls on either side of the street and one could obtain anything from a needle to an anchor.

The delph made the best display. It was put right on the steps that led up to the stores on Greencastle street. Unfortunately, a stray bull would at times make havoc amongst the dishes.

Then there was the candy man with his licorice twists, cabbler's wac, and yellow man. We were never too far from this one.

The linen stall was a great favourite.

Quantities of linen could be bought here at reasonable prices.

Around the turn of the century those that attended fairs were familiar with the men and women that supplied the products of their respective trades. The 'leesom man' made bushes from the wild heather bush that grew on the mountains and hillsides. Of course, all these old timers disappeared years ago. Modern methods put them out of business.

Making a sale at the fair was a treat to behold for the bentering, bargaining, jitting on the hands, wise-cracks from the bystanders before the price was reched and was enacted right on the sidewalk.

It was fun to stop and listen to all the noises that could be heard on a fair day: the lingo of the auctioneers, the sound of excited voices, the cry of lambs, the bleating of sheep, the quarrelling and barking of the farmers' dogs, and the roaring of cattle at the end of a perfect fair day.

Irish men and horses have always been a good combination. Indeed, at times, the horse was more that a good friend, for if his master had over-indulged a little more than he should, the horse took the initiative and brought the master safely home to his door. Here we can see the superiority of the beast over the modern machine.

Fairs are still held in Ireland, though on a smaller scale. The cattle are now processed through the larger marts at Belfast and Newry.



Better weather improves Golden Age attendance

By Mrs. Elsie Reed

Fine weather invariably improves that attendance at the Golden Age Club and on Tuesday last, a jolly crowd of Senior Citizens gathered in the Luxton Hall for a pleasant afternoon meeting.

The usual reports were given.

Mrs. Fryer called attention to two beautiful cushion covers on display, on which tickets were being sold for a draw at a coming meeting.

Volunteers were asked to help at the Blood Donors Clinic in the Legion Hall March 10. Offering their services were Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Reed and Miss Akins.

All were reminded the pot luck supper was to be March 18 at 6.30 p.m., an hour earlier than the usual meeting time. It would be most convenient if all are punctual and ready to be seated by 6.30. Each brings the food their fancy dictates. Dishes and cutlery will be provided.

Owing to lack of transportation, lateness of the hour and slippery sidewalks, few attended the public meeting authorized by the town council

to review the proposal of O. H. C. for senior citizens' dwelling. Mr. Kingsmill gave an interesting report of this meeting.

Seven tables of euchre and three tables of crokinole were enjoyed.

Prizes went to euchre ladies' Mrs. J. Lambert, Miss McGregor; Gents' Mrs. A. Mooney, Bob McEnery; crokinole ladies' Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Warno; gents' Mr. Warno, Mr. O'Hara.

Mrs. Cozart and her committee served a tasty lunch of cheese and crackers and buttered quick breads.

The Birthday Song was echoed for Mrs. Bob McEnery, whose birthday anniversary it was; also for Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Shoemaker and Bob O'Hara.

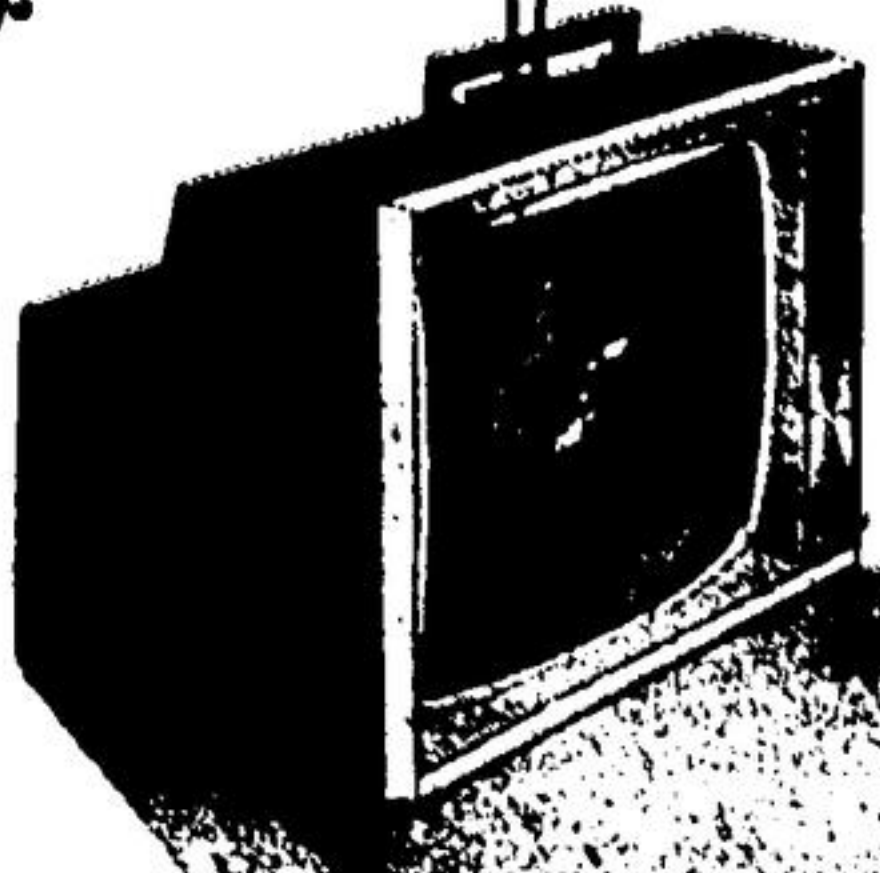
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