

Packed Houses Greet Musical Storyteller



REV. WELLINGTON — MINISTER — ENTERTAINER

Children streamed from every part of town to Maple Avenue Baptist Church Easter week to see the Musical Storyteller at work. Ten minutes after the doors were opened, every seat in the gallery and main floor was taken.

With the aisles and all available standing rooms filled, Rev. Wellington effectively assumed control as a hush fell over the children.

Holding them spellbound, Rev. Wellington began his program with old time movies speeded up which kept the children laughing. Moving from first a chorus or hymn to a special announcement, Mr. Wellington kept his audience with him for every second of the 90 minute program.

Spinning a story comes easy for the Canadian children's evangelist as he moved his audience from sighs to excitement about George, the little boy who wanted to live a good Christian life.

The adventures of George takes the children to the city and the country as George finally rescues his two best friends from certain death as their boat is nearly whisked away by the strong currents.

Watching the children's faces as they listen intently to Rev. Wellington is sheer delight. They live with the characters of each story, the disappointments and the fortunes.

Each day the crowds of children grew larger as one told another of the program. The culminating meeting took place on Friday night when 175 adults and 250 children packed the lower floor and gallery to see the grand finale.

Children said goodbye to Rev. Wellington with some nostalgia as he would be gone for a whole year but took heart when they knew that he would be back again next year for the Easter Vacation week.

Huttonville Area Residents Oppose Brampton Drilling

A committee headed by L. Burt and representing Huttonville district residents met with Peel's M.L.A. Hon. William Davis Tuesday and presented him with a brief outlining their objections to water seeking explorations by the town of Brampton which they feel could lead to serious problems.

The committee is hoping the brief will bring about an appointment with the Minister of Agriculture, and eventually an order to have Brampton cease drilling.

A committee member said Tuesday afternoon that legal action will be taken to insure protection for the area residents, most of whom are farmers or market gardeners, should they not find satisfaction from the government.

He said they expect a report from Mr. Davis in a week to ten days.

At a public meeting a week ago over two hundred area residents attended a public meeting at which the township was represented by the reeve and deputy and most of council. A. E. Watt of the Ontario Water Resources Commission addressed the meeting on water supplies in the toll.

One of the points he made was that the majority of wells in the area would not be affected, however the land owners were skeptical. They claim the water table may be lowered by the Brampton well which would adversely affect agriculture over a considerable area, possibly as far away as Milton and Caledon escarpments.

The landowners point out that their water supply is already at a dangerous level and the population is denser than in a normal farming area because of the village of Huttonville itself and other clusters of homes between there and Norval.

Mr. Watt told the public meeting that should the Brampton wells affect levels of private wells, Brampton would be asked to deepen its wells or supply water to those affected. The landowners felt that even a temporary restriction could cause hardship and loss. They say that to be without water at all for even a short period would cause them ruin.

In their brief the committee asked that Brampton be asked to seek water elsewhere; that the possibility of Brampton getting water from Lake Ontario or Toronto be looked into; that if water is available in the Huttonville area it should be made available locally; that the cooperation of the Minister of Agriculture be obtained to prevent "dust bowl" conditions; that Brampton be ordered to halt their drilling operations; and that the township be given full jurisdiction over all such actions taking place outside Brampton to protect the rights of the township citizens.

Local Viewers Praise "Sycamore" Performances

The Little Theatre Group showed local audiences their new maturity which captured honours for them at the western Ontario Drama Festival, in last week's production of "Under the Sycamore Tree."

"Despite the realism won elsewhere, just over five hundred were in the audience during the three night stand. That the "Best Visual Presentation award" was deserved, was obvious by the intake of breath when the curtain went up to reveal the ant tunnel under the tree roots, where the ants who become man's civilized than humans act out the satire."

Comments overheard during intermission typified the reaction, such as "I had no idea they could do this so well"; "I've seen professionals nowhere near as good," and "It's too bad they're not putting it on again." The last comment was prophetic, since there have been enquiries from Brampton and Guelph about the possibility of producing it in either place.

Watching Vera MacDonald's portrayal of the Queen Ant, with a critical eye, was a previous Queen Ant, who had been directed by Tony Lloyd in the Cornwall Theatre Club. Also in Saturday night's audience were Hamilton radio announcers and their wives, and Channel 9 TV announcers and their wives.

At a party in the Brampton armouries, to which the public was invited from the stage before the play, a silver tankard inscribed to commemorate the event was presented to director Tony Lloyd from the Group. Approximately 80 friends of the Little Theatre attended the after-theatre party.

Credit for the phenomenal success of this small group in competition with large, well-backed groups must go to the whole organization. First, the director, Tony Lloyd; the Queen, Vera MacDonald; the Chief Stellan, Bill Harvatt; the Scientist, Ron Hill; The General, Chris Fisher; the Boy, Ray Walton; The Girl, Carolyn Dalen; The Brown Ant, Gordon Hunt; The Workers, Betty, Anne, and Dianne Fisher; Production manager, June Gelling; Set Design, Lyne Hyde; Costumes, Mary Goebel and Kitty Hyde; Properties, Jim and Jean Rusdie; Make-up, Gay Lloyd; Sheila Lambert, Yolanda Coucketing, Alpha Gaway; Sound, Danny Wagstaffe; Light,

ing, Tom Tyler; Tickets, Bill Barrett; Publicity, Chris Fisher; Programme, Cathy Hunt; House Manager, Mike Pelschak.

NORVAL

Scouters Camp Out For Easter Week-end

Scouters Ken Elder and D. Fishburn, Patrol Leaders Brian Youmans, Gary Murray and Wayne Guzak, and Scouters Bryan Boydola, Steve Norris and Albert Dempsey spent a training week-end camping beside a lake near Rockwood on Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th. They report that the largest part of their time was occupied by trying to keep warm, cooking and eating, cave exploring and, cliff climbing. The Scouts hiked into the camp site and back out again carrying their equipment for the camp.

Brian Coe spent the Easter holidays at his home and returned to the School for the Deaf in Belleville, on Monday, April 6th.

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Casualties, Firing Heavy In Nine Hour Cadet War

Georgetown High School cadets successfully carried out mock manoeuvres April 1st. Labelled Operation Torch II the scheme involved all members of the corps in an attempt to practice battle tactics. At 0700 hours all ranks assembled at the armory and were issued the necessary equipment. At 0730 they moved out and headed for a selected area just east of town.

Defence HQ and field headquarters were established and at 1100 hours the attack was attempted. A two-pronged light infantry attack on both flanks was partially successful. The defence corps had 10 casualties and 2000 rounds expended and the attack corps

had 7 casualties including two Bren gunners and 1700 rounds. Regrouping for lunch, cadet officers assessed the value of the morning's exercise. At 1315 hours, a new defence force quickly established HQ and contact was soon established between the opposing forces. The attack was seriously impeded by early wounding of a radio operator. At 1600 casualties were so heavy on both sides that manoeuvres were halted.

The corps received valuable aid from Cadet Services of Canada transport division and 'C' Company Leves Scotia. And a special thanks went to the Roberts family who acted as temporary service corps.

town and District Hospital, and Mrs. S. Fishburn who spent a few days there as well.

David Perry of Oshawa spent the holidays with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. Shea. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry came for the Easter week-end, and David returned home with them.

David spent the holiday on the farm of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw, and Helen visited with her aunt, Miss Helen Dunlop of Toronto.



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Blame Heavy Mists for Several Car Accidents

A driver and his passenger suffered minor injuries when a car was collided with from behind Monday.

A police report said Mrs. Robert Bakerville, 15 Normandy Blvd., suffered a bruised nose and Robert Compton of Glen Williams, a sprained neck in the crash.

The car they were in was stopped opposite the entrance to the Delrex Market Centre waiting for traffic to clear before making a left turn when the accident happened.

The driver of the second car, William H. Held, 128 Cornwall St., Brampton, was uninjured. Both cars were westbound.

Col. Evan Rollins placed the property damage at \$250.00 to the 1969 Vauxhall driven by Compton and \$100. to the 1964 Pontiac driven by Held. He reported the time of the collision at 4:30 p.m.

Damage approached the \$500 mark when a 1963 Chev. driven by Robert D. Kelly of 55 Normandy Blvd., struck a cement culvert on Edward St. due to heavy fog early Tuesday.

The police, Kelly reported from Toronto as the visibility was within 100 feet of his car when he ran off

the east shoulder and into the ditch where it struck the culvert. Police said a number of other collisions and accidents of a very minor nature occurred in town as the result of the mist.

NORVAL

Chickenpox Prevalent Over Easter Holidays

Several of the young fry spent the Easter holidays with the chicken pox. A mild epidemic got started among the Junior school children just in time for some of them to come down with the disease for Easter. However, they didn't miss much in the outdoor play anyway as the weather man didn't cooperate by supplying holiday weather, but decided to give Old Man Winter a final whirl (we hope).

Get-well wishes are extended to Mr. Harold Gollop who spent a couple of weeks in Sunnybrook Hospital and will be returning soon for another short stay there. Also, get-well wishes to Mr. Norman Fenley who has been in George-

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