

UP AND OVER GOES young Tim Taylor, one of Acton's acrobats. Tim performed a mid-air somersault for the small

us and get to know each other.

Dances successful

Y week were very successful and

well-attended, maybe because

people didn't have to become

involved or commit themselves

to the effort of attending

something on a regular basis.

Dave Whittaker is doing a good

job developing the gymnastic

program with the boys. We would

like to see some girls and older

boys participating in the

gymnastics class which is held

Tuesday nights from 8 to 9.30.

Who knows?

The two dances we held during

Y.M.C.A. News

and Happenings

GLORIA BROWNE

Y.M.C.A.

Program Co-ordinator

Y week didn't go off with a

The kids enjoyed it, the leaders

enjoyed it, but where were the

parents? We had hoped that at

least this once the parents would

have come with their children

3-F club came Saturday morning

get to meet any of the parents of

The Y's Menettes had an

almost average turn-out of

patrons for their book sale on

Saturday afternoon but had a

Same faces The annual general meeting was attended by the same faces

who year round put their shoulder to the wheel and keep

the Y operating but none of the voting members who were invited bothered to show any

I have given up trying to

We have worked very hard to establish a craft class for teens and adults. We have three ladies that come. Yet on all sides I hear

people mouning there's nothing to do in this town. We want to offer a variety of interesting hobbles plus a pleasant, friendly night out but where do we find

We have invested in fine

fencing equipment, have an excellent instructor. Ted Newman who feels that fencing is

exciting, stimulating and health-ful. He would like to share his

skills with teen agers and adults

if they would only come and join. There will be fencing on Wed-

nesday night this week because Mr. Newman will be out of town

on business from the 15th to the

22nd. We sincerely hope that

some people will arouse them-

selves from their mid-winter

apathy and come along and

participate in the craft and fencing classes. Both will be on

Wednesday from 7.30 - 9.30 or

We would like very much to

invite new people who have

A special committee of the

Halton County Board of

Education trustees and senior

administration will study a dozen schools in Halton County that

were built prior to 1937 in an

effort to see that they measure up

Four of the 12 schools are in the

west education area, six in the

Robert Little

Georgetown and Robert Little

The committee will report back

FRED A. HOFFMAN

Optometrist

The two schools in the north are Chapel St. Public School in

east and two in the north.

10.00 p.m. this week.

Will study

old schools

to standards.

School in Acton.

prior to Sept. 30.

friendly, interested people?

interest.

understand why.

to their open house but we didn'

the boys in the youth club.

great many books left over.

The mothers of the girls in the

instead of only sending them.

bang-neither did it whimper,

just a soft sigh.



crowd at the open house held at the Y.M.C.A. last Wednesday (Photo by D. Gibbons) night in conjunction with Y week.

### School diamonds belong to board made a written request to the

Ball diamonds at the Robert Little and M.Z. Bennett schools are under the jurisdiction of the Halton · County Board of Education, Acton Parks and Recreation Committee declared Monday night.

The committee decided to moved into town to come and join explain the situation in a letter of reply to the Acton Minor Baseball Association. The AMBA had

committee that diamonds be

repaired and benches built at

Councillor Orv Chapman

suggested it might be a good idea

to have a board representative

attend a future parks and

recreation meeting to review

existing agreements between the

both schools.

will be up \$55 over last year. Council held a brief discussion on the problems of locating rural homes and it was mentioned many township residents are not able to quote their lot and concession number in an

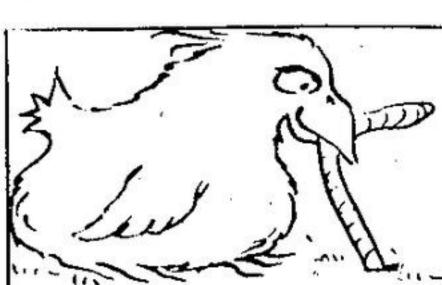
two bodies. Report 64 fire calls

A report on the Acton Area Fire Department's 1972 activities was filed with members of Nassagaweya Council last week by council's representative on the fire area committee, Councillor Cal McIntyre and committee member Percy McGillivary. There were 64 fire calls last

year, 39 in the rural area and 25 in town, they told council. Esquesing and Nassagaweya share the expenses of the brigade with the town of Acton and the rural areas own one 1958 pumper. The 1973 budget for equipment

emergency.





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## Free Press Youth Page

# Student reviews Touch of the Poet

By Cathy Hinton Fleld trip to St. Lawrence Centre to see A Touch of the Poet by Eugene O'Nelll.

As we took our seats, very close to the stage, we could see the beautiful setting of a New England tavern, set for July 27, 1828. It was cheerful and friendly looking, with dark tables and chairs set on a wooden floor, an old-fashioned writing desk with a high stool in front of it, a fireplace and some wooden cupboards, filled with wine glasses, and a mirror in one corner.

The three major characters, the Melody family, appeared in the first two acts. Cornelius, the father, was a tall, distinguished looking "gentleman" of America. but formerly from a poor Irish family. There was "a touch of the poet" in him as he faced the mirror and recalled his brave past, of wars and loves in Spain, through Byron's poetry, and then drank to the richness of the future. The part was played by Edward Binnsh, who was excellent.

Wife strong

Nora, the wife, was an old tired-looking woman. She sald to her daughter "Love is giving all of yourself to someone" and she certainly did give to her husband. She gave her body through working in the tavern and her soul through living with his drinking and his arguing. She appeared weak, during the first

#### Salmon loaf for Grizeldas

The third meeting of the Greenock Groovy Grizeldas was held at the home of Barb Upshall on Thursday, Feb. 7. Roll call, your favorite fish dish, was answered by all. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Mrs. D. Milton's on Monday Feb. 12.

The ways fish, flesh and fowl can be bought and cooked were discussed. Anne Garner and Lydia Gates demonstrated how to make salmon loaf. This was served with tea biscuits and chocolate milk.

loved her husband.

also at times, showed great concern for him.

Central conflict

One of the central conflicts was son to Sara because of their social alien land, in which he now lived He was ashamed of his poor past, myth, he was defeated by reality.

The major theme centred around the author's tragic family and life. From his readings of Greek tragedies, Ibsen and Strindberg, and from his insight into character, he showed in A Touch of the Poet as in his other works, a sense of pessimism for the future, a sense of gloom.

I thought the play was worth while seeing. The actors were very good and the setting and costumes were interesting. But I must have a touch of the poet in me, as I don't really enjoy

Hinton's 5c-\$1 Store

few acts, but towards the end, we saw her as a woman who kept her family together, and who still

Sara, the daughter, was a pretty girl, in love with a rich Yankee who was resting at their inn. Her past life was a hard one too, as she was waitress and financier of the place. Throughout the play, she scorned her father and his dreams, but

between Sara and Simon's (Yankee) mother, Deborah, a gracious but strange woman. She questioned the marriage of her differences, and even warned her that Simon could make life very hard for her, but in the end, it was Sara who was to make that final choice. Another central conflict was between Cornelius and the in Ireland and sought to find that great "American dream" of richness and happiness, but after

Sense of gloom

O'Neill's reality.

Acton High as the contestants must not bite By Janice Gibson the sucker. The school was quiet this week

Notes from

This year, as well, we are except for a trip to the St. holding the first annual paper Lawrence Centre in Toronto. airplane contest. The entry must However, this is not to continue be made from paper and must as starting Feb. 14, Acton High Is use only one paper clip for Ookpik III will get under way

Thursday crowning Brutus features at the dance Thursday night. To top off the evening the crowning the

Carnival Queen will occur. Friday, the school will be closed because of Professional Development Day. Friday night, the parade leaves the high school and ends up at the park where all kinds of things will be going on. On the whole it looks like we are in for an exciting week.

#### Study French in Europe

Halton County Board of study. Students will leave July 8 Education approved a plan and return July 29. Thursday whereby up to 40 Halton grade 12 French students can travel to Europe for a four members wondered if it may give

beginning its winter carnival.

with a slave auction. "Slaves"

will be sold to the highest bidder

for use during the school hours of

Wednesday night, the five

finalists for Carnival Queen will

meet and have dinner with the

judges. The five girls are Dianne

Timbers, Roma Kuchmak, Judy

Thibodeau, Kathy Fuchs, and

Ann-Marie Luty. Thursday, a

Charms Eating Contest will be

held. This is a tough competition

February 15.

advantage of the course \$575. couldn't have been held in a part Students will spend five hours a of Canada where a French day for 13 days in Switzerland in environment could be found.

While the board endorsed the course and the project, some

en unfair advantage to families who can afford to pay the price. It will cost students taking Some wondered why the course

#### years of being the hero of his own Waterproofing three days at Y

Workmen with Vulcan event in Y week. Waterproofing worked three days last week at the Y on on the around the outside edges in the contract to repair the leaks in the basement and inserted tile before basement. Their arrival was an making repairs. Council had unexpected and unscheduled authorized the work.

The men broke up the floor

#### More students

universities has decreased, but increased. The university has the number of students at the over 8,000 enrolled now. .

many University of Guelph has

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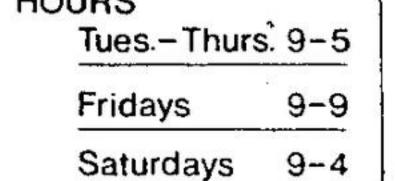
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