

Eno Elbatrop players well received



Sue Alchin transforms Janet Bos to Hattie.

By Dave Pink
Two one act comedies, "Chester, You Owe My Bird An Apology" and "Emil's Leap" were the debut productions of the Eno Elbatrop players, an Acton High School drama club, at the school last Wednesday evening.
Eno Elbatrop players were formed this year from the Grade 12 creative drama class at the high school. They are the descendants of the drama club who have held a theatre night at least once over the past four years. Drama teacher and club co-ordinator Geoffrey Sansom says the club is a vehicle "for people to get experience in the theatre."
Last Wednesday's performances drew a crowd of 185 people and returned \$140 above expenses to the players. Sansom mentioned the two plays produced by the students received "very good reception."
The first is "Chester, You Owe My Bird An Apology", the first of the two plays, featured Bob Wissenz as

Chester, Janet Bos as his sister Hattie and Caroline Merrin as Marjorie. It is a story of an aging bachelor who's life is run from his sister's wheel chair. Chester is unable to break away until he falls in love with a woman equally as stern.
The play was directed by Sandra Denny and featured Mike Albano as the voice of the bird, Belladonna.
"Emil's Leap" is the story of a man looking for a place to jump and finding a camera - happy plumber. The plot is complicated by a young hiker and a very healthy aunt. In the end the plumber and aunt fall over a cliff and Emil falls in love.
The cast included Tom Parker as Emil, Angelo Albano as Leon, Jane Dougan as Joyce and Karen Pierce as Aunt Edna. Shelley Roy handled the directing duties.
The students were offered four plays, said Sansom, choosing the two they would most like to perform. The plays were selected because they were good comedies and have very definite characters.

reaching its peak this year.
A new name for the drama club, the Eno Elbatrop players, was part of the upward trend and increased student management of theatre night is another indication of good things to come.
Sansom said the part he played in theatre night was minimal as he saw only four of the 20 or 30 rehearsals. Preparation of the plays was almost entirely done by the students.
The students, however, thought Sansom's role was a very major one and presented him with the first 'elbatrop' award on stage following the performance and gifts in the dressing room later that evening.
It is expected that the money raised by the club will go toward a portable stage, more risers (platforms on stage) or makeup. Sansom speculated he would like to see the show grow next year and be extended to more than one night. He said that with increased publicity the students "should be able to get bigger audiences."



Angelo Albano as Leon, Karen Pierce as Edna and Tom Parker as Emil.

Scouting around

By John Tost
Perhaps you may remember that in my last column, I had an answer to the energy tax crisis. Unfortunately, the government lifted the tax just before the column was presented and as a result, there have been some implications made that I'm not "up" on my current events.
I would like to disprove this theory by making just a few quick political predictions. I think that in the next 20 years, Upper and Lower Canada will join together and form a country to be known as Newfoundland, and that the next hit song to sweep the music charts in U.S. will be "Bail Out the Chief". (Wouldn't that be impeachy-keen).
Speaking of Scouting
It looks as though the Ballinacubbin Pack is preparing for the day when Scouting's influence spreads to other worlds. It seems they recently had a "space meeting" for which each cub was to come dressed as a spaceman. Apparently Roger Zonnenburg won the space kit for best costume hands down (I heard he pulled a ray-gun on the judges). Congratulations, Roger, and by the way, I think you'd fit right in with my troop because I've long said that several of our members MUST be from another planet!
While the Ballinacubbin Boys were investigating the possibilities of Scouting on Mars, the Limehouse Cub Pack was trying to get a little more familiar with some of the sights here on Mother Earth.
Tour DCs
On a recent trip to Toronto International Airport, they were taken for an in-depth look at the workings of an airport. They had a tour of a DCs and saw the hangars, meteorological office, terminal two and terminal one and then went up to the roof, where I heard the view was windy, but beautiful.
Soon after, this same pack had a trip to the Georgetown Fire Station. While there, they inspected the two pumper trucks, the rescue van and saw some fire fighting equipment. A discussion was held afterward with Chief Bulkema.
Having never personally benefitted from a trip to the fire hall, I thought I'd take the opportunity to clear up a question that for years has gone unanswered. I phoned one of my "inside men" in Limehouse and with the utmost care asked him why a fireman wears red suspenders. The answer "to keep his pants up!" Needless to say, I wish I'd thought of that.
White elephants
Limehouse is also better off for having recently had a "multi-sale". There were handicrafts, baked goods, toys and games, and white elephants. (Not to be confused with the legendary pink

elephants). They made a substantial profit, and had an enjoyable time, but I'm wondering who it was that cleaned up after those white elephants.
The weekend of May 11 saw the second annual North Halton District Explorers hike take place. The route followed the Bruce Trail from the Goodyear Memorial Scout camp in the Hockley Valley (Friday night's campsite), to the finish point at the Forks of the Credit, approximately 20 miles.
Now as we all know, every camp is usually remembered for some event that took place over the course of the weekend, such as the monsoonal rains, the campfire that wouldn't light, the sun that never did rise, the Scouters that never did rise, etc. I think that our Explorer's hike will long be remembered for our small exercise in cross-country hiking, conducted on Friday evening. Allow me to explain this matter in detail.
Urge to explore
In order to get to Friday night's designated campsite, a hike of approximately three miles had to be made. Two miles of this was on the Bruce Trail, and the last mile was cross-country. It was then that our urge to explore the unknown got the better of us.
It seems that every two-man team figured they knew a better way to reach the campsite so as a result we went from a small, concentrated group of 60, to a large, spread out area consisting of

mini-groups of five or six.
The area was not what you'd call "prime hiking territory" because of the very thick growth and the very deep bogs. However, this did not seem to bother "The Hockley Valley Safari Club."
Quote of week
We spent roughly 90 minutes, fighting our way through the trees and it was during this time I heard the "quote of the week". One of our men shouted through the trees "Scouter, I wish I had a machete". Unfortunately, the message was garbled in transmission and the Scouters were heard to reply "Son, you should have done that before you came hiking."
Everyone made it to the site in fairly good time, except for our only lost hiker. However, thanks to Norm Savill's "mobile search" techniques, we quickly found Scouter Jim. We still don't believe his story about being held captive by a band of hermits.
The rest of the weekend went as planned with the only problem being an occasional rain shower.
Congratulations to the 8th Georgetown for producing the winning team and general congratulations to all those who received some stage of their Explorer's Badge. Well done!
ODDS AND ENDS
Congratulations to John Booth of the Norval Troop who recently received his Wood Badge. . . . Scouting is coming . . . anyone interested in forming a "Polish Sausage" fan club is asked to contact Norm Savill.

"They were the best performances I've seen at the high school", stated Sansom and following the plays suggested the players might consider entering either of the plays in a drama festival. He mentioned there was a Simpson Sears festival that included a county competition, which worked up to an area festival which would lead to finals in Toronto. This is a large competition with prizes at stake.
There is also a Halton County competition that was held at Nelson high school, Burlington, this year. It is just a show with no prizes involved.
Take drama seriously
Acton high school students are starting to take drama more seriously indicated Sansom following the performance. He noted that people wanted to help with production this year and that support has been growing.



Bob becomes Chester



Chester



Caroline Merrin and Bob Wissenz as Marjorie and Chester.

OSSTF claims ideas ignored

Teachers did not have fair representation on Halton County Board of Education's committee to review priorities and expenditures, according to two spokesmen for Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.
In a written report to the membership Tom Lightfoot and Harold Pippy said only three classroom teachers were on the committee. They said the teachers were easily outvoted by administration and trustees.
The committee consisted of teachers, trustees, students, members of the public, a caretaker, a principal and a secretary along with a co-ordinator.
Their report indicates that the teachers' recommendations were ignored in favor of recommendations made in the director's report.
A talk on bike safety was given students at M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little Public Schools last week. The visitor was Const. Jim Redpath, safety and information officer of Milton OPP.

"Of course the editorial committee stated on page 108 of the final report that . . . these briefs are on file at the offices of the Halton County Board of Education and are available for examination and review by interested parties." However, nowhere in the 10 major recommendations or ideas from briefs listed on pages 108 and 109 can you find any submitted from

OSSTF. This is either an oversight or an outright rejection of the merits of our proposals." The editorial committee in charge of the writing of the final report included Director Jim Singleton, Assistant Director Em Lavender and secretary to the committee Frank Dana. Dana is assistant to Bruce Lindley, superintendent of business and finance for the board.

Nurse farm hosts two judging schools

By Henry J. Stanley
The following day, May 31, the Holstein Judging School was again held at the Nurse for all the official Holstein judges for this area of the province. There were some 76 in attendance.
The Bruce County Holstein Club brought two busloads to visit Halton last Saturday, June 2.
They visited the farms of the Nurse, Claude Pickett, Georgetown, H. Craig Reid, Milton, Gordon R. Sinclair and Sons, Burlington and Pelletterio Bros., Milton. At each farm they looked over the herd and discussed the breeding, feeding and management of that farm.

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