So Runs the World Away theatre production unusual

Hy Sandy Holmes

On Friday the Thoutre Hour Company performed the world of Shakespeare in a novel and unusual way. The title was "So Runs the World Awny."

The play revolved around four people and a fool, Francis. The four awake, never having seen each other before. They are in a foreign world - Francis' world - and though they are at first not aware of it, they can speak only the words of Shakespeure.

hour, then a question period was held. The company includes Inn Wallace, who played Francis, Dana Still,

Wendell Smith, Rhona Gold, Zoe Alexander, and stage manager, Nancy Carson. They travel around Ontario in a Greyhound bus with their stage and costumes. The group travels for six months at a time performing at different schools. Later the personnel changes, pats on a new play and goes on tour

Most of the teachers talked to said they really enjoyed the performance. Some of the students liked the humor in the play even though they really did not understand the Shakespeare. The play lasted about an I enjoyed it even more because of the way the performers put their hearts into the play. Here are three reports from grade 0 students.



Six months to write

Hy Susun Mellor

The Theatre Hour Company is a group of prolessional actors and actresses who go on tour throughout Ontarlo performing in High Schools. Each your the members are changed and the script performed is also

Our school had the pleasure of seeing the company on. December 7 when they performed the play, "So Runs the World Away." This particular play is written on the

basis of some of the famous Shakespearean plays.

It took four writers six months to choose the phrases and ideas from Shakespeare and work them into a play that was suitable for a high school audience. The reason for having such a play as this was to give the audience some of the highlights from the famous plays by Shakespeare in a very short time. The acting was very good

and at the beginning, extremely funny. It was dramatic in later parts.

THEATRE HOUR COMPANY DESCENDS ON ACTON HIGH

Windsor designs

By Maureen Salt

On Friday December 7, Acton High had the pleasure of meeting and watching five actors from the Theatre Hour Company. We watched these professional actors put on a selection of well-known lines and phrases from Shake-

Their props were designed by a woman from Windsor, and included a carriage with a chest. The main prop was a stage with two rows of stairs on either side. At first a man came out from behind with a long cloak and then four other actors (two men and two women) came out of the front part of the stage.

It was a hit from the opening scene and got a lot of response from the audience. The theme of the play was about the world's position in the universe, and a man's ego. All the way through the play the actors received plenty of laughs from the undience, and rounds of applause at the end.

Questions come last

By Jacqueline Smith

It was December 7, the auditorium buzzed with student volces. Ripples of laughter change? o roars as a man in a worn clock and outlandish clothing capered around the room, excited over various new discoveries. We later found that he was Ian Wallace, a member of the Theatre Hour Company. He kept us well entertained for quite a while before being joined by his fellow performers in a very surprising manner. Ian Wallace and four other young actors kept us in suspense with an exaggerated play based on Shakespeare. The applause was lengthy and loud.

A question period followed the performance and for several minutes the young cast satisfied our curiosity as to how long the company had been together, etc. It was, for all, a very enjoyable mor-

AHS chess





By Ann Vanderlaan

Last Wednesday the Acton High School chessmen defeated White Oaks to earn second victory. The score was 4-3. Winners our team were Eric Dubuc, Gary Pickles, Alec Pitt and Ian Coats.

After this victory Acton now has two wins, two losses. The next game will be played Thursday in Oakville-Trafalgar.





CAST OF THEATRE HOUR COMPANY PERFORMS

School program

A musical evening, with presented Monday and 18. week. The concert will be play as well.

given at the M.Z. Bennett combined choirs of both school on Dec. 17 and at the supervisor Elaine Diggle Is public schools, will be Robert Little school on Dec. preparing the program and

holding extra practices with

ABOUT WISE MEN

near the end of their lives.

Except for the words of St. Matthew, legend accounts for the little that is known about the wise men. One of the legends says that the star appeared to them once more,

Tomorrow former Hamil-

ton Tiger Cat, now District Recruiting Officer for the Bank of Canada, John Michaluk will appear at our Spea-

Acton

High

Notes

By Junice Gibson This week we had some

visitors all the way from

Timmins. This is quite a distance to come to have a

look at the way we run

semestering here at Acton

Christmas will be here very

shortly and at the High School

things are getting very busy.

Choir contests, limerick

contests, room decorating auditions, rehearsals and

letters to Santa are all in-

dications that Christmas has

decorations will be judged.

The students are then

responsible for making sure

that their bome rooms are

cleaned up before school is

The Closet is aponsoring a

Limerick Contest this year,

Students are invited to write a

Ilmerick on a Christmas or

Acton theme and the winner

will be awarded a prize at the

Choirs

organized and registered for

Next week an assembly will

be held to judge the winners.

Auditions and rehearsals for

the skits making up the

programs of the assembly.

next Friday, are also under

way. Students have entered

whole heartedly into the

Christmas spirit this year and

it is this participation that

makes this season a suc-

cessful one at the High School

Performance

The Theatre Hour Com-

pany was at the school last Friday. In the morning they put on a performance for the

whole school and during the

afternoon conducted a work-

shop for interested students.

Ten choirs have been

got a hold on the school.

This Friday,

dismissed next Friday.

Christmas assembly.

the contest.

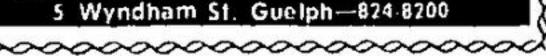
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Pictures were missing from last week's Free Press, when a film was completely lost. Technical difficulties. . . but Guide presentations and other pictures were unusable.

John Campbell, Mr. Comp-

own teachers here at Acton

Roland Michener School

Roland Michener High

School is presently on a pro-

gram called Flexible

Modular Scheduling, a

system similar to open

operating in some of the

Quelec schools. They hope to

adapt their program to the

semester system, thus oh-

taining the advantage of both

brothers-in-law.

Junice Gibson

ker Series. He will talk about

pro football as well as bank-

Last Thursday, we had

some visitors in the school

from South Porcupine, a town

about four miles outside of

Timmins in northern Ontario.

The principal of Roland

Michener High School, Karl

Glacier effects studied

On Tuesday morning, the grade 11 geography classes Webb was accompanied by and Jim Goring went on a another member of his staff, field trip to study features of continental ginciation. They bell is related to one of our looked at moraines in Blue Springs, mlafit-atream High School. Ian McGillivray features in Eden Mills, ar and Mr. Campbell are esker southeast of Guelph, a drumlin at Eramosa, a recessional moraine and an Other teachers from erratte north of Acton and Acton's Three Sisters for-

attended Lord Elgla High School and St. Thomas Moore The students took notes for High School in Hamilton that use later in geography class, day. Friday, they went on to and reported that they had a two schools in Toronto Thisgreat time. tletown and Newtonbrook.

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