Magician prefers few bunny tricks



Magician Jay Sankey performs for youngsters at Hillsburgh

peoples' nostrils.

Working with

sleeves rolled up, Jay

said there are no gim-

micks, allusions or

Magician Jay Sankey magic. He can pull off tricks right prefers to work alone without the traditional white rabbit. Sometimes, however, he has no

choice. Jay, who has five years of magic under his black hat, entertains adults and children and he wants all that applause for him-

"Your show can be very good, but if you put a rabbit at the end, they will clap for the rabbit, not for you," said the 17year-old.

"I prefer to end off with something strong, but not so strong as to lose the show." During Jay's performance before children at the Hillsburgh Bluegrass Festival no rabbit appeared. He did not use one and the bunny was

not missed. In general a magician can produce, with an audience of young folk, a rabbit any way at all. "Whether you fool them or not is not important." That's not good enough for Jay. He prefers to use the effects he creates rather than rely on a bunny for success.

Sometimes, however, a cilent insists Jay work a rabbit into his happens its off to a form for Jay. He has to rent a creature for the show. Kids like rabbits be-

traditional, according to Jay. Adult audiences, on the other hand, are satissophisticated effects. These include working with decks of cards, mind reading and some illu-

though, resident deavors to sprinkle performances with humor Jay prefers a special class of magic; something he calls close-up

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associated with close-up magic.

Jay is reluctant to admit it, however, he his close-up magic, with its deemands for manual dexterity, to the equally difficult pschology sort that stage magicians use.

Practice largely into Jay's daily routine. He refines his threeshours. Later next month he is off to a magicians' seminary in

Practice is the main tip Jay has for youngsters wishing to perfekt their budding skills.

Not only do magicians have to be good at what they do, say Jay, they have to fool the audience. Other parts to the formula for the successful magician include the gift of the gab and gall. By gall he said he meant having nerve to perform effects which lesser magicians wouldn't dare north-west Acton.

Jay, who uses his middle name-Conrad-as a North Halton Real Estate stage name didn't take to Limited, plans 50 link magic from the first. He semi-detached homes like other youngsters, got and 29 freeshold townone of thoseschildren's houses between the CNR magic kits when he was tracks and Wallace St. on about 11 years of age. He quickly tired of it, and put it away.

Couple of years later, he happened across a part of the kit, tried it out again, and the interest took hold. "I don't know why. Maybe I was ready for something." Jay went on to say he likes acting and he doesn't mind admitting that he likes being at the centre of attention.

Audiences will next have a good chance of seeing Jay perform at the of trees required to 50 Trinity Church in Guelph on October 25.



Don Thompson and Kevin Little of the Halton Hills works staff remove picnic tables from Fairy Lake. The town must waste time and money several times each summer plucking tables out of the lake.

Council approves Nielsen's homes

Halton Hills council gave a greef light to a housing development in

The development, by Main St. N.

Under a revised subdivision agreement the deeloper and the town struck a middle of the road approach to some of the requirements.

The developer, Paul Nielsen, won't have to undejtake reconstruction of all of Wallace St., only the intersection at Danville Ave.

Also there has been a reduction in the number from 88 in exchange for fencing at the rear of the

fencing that the development may end up looking ministry

meeting when the unrevised proposal was under discussion Nielsen indicated there were so many requirements for

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Town price mosquito plan

There will be fewer mosquito bites for people to scratch next summer if-Halton Hills Council has anything to do with it. A program to curb the

flying critters is in the hands of the town's budget committee. Council learned Tuesday that nothing else can be done this year.

The "important man biter" in the Acton area something called Spring Aedes, according to Dr. G.A. Surgeoner of University Guelph's Environmental

Blology Department. "To the best of my knowledge, they (Spring Aedes) are not a health problem. They are a nuisance," the doctor told councillors.

Surgeoner suggested the town set a budget and do everything it can to get the most for its money regarding the control of mosquitoes though, he cautioned that the town will never get 100 per cent control.

of natural Maplehurst resources supervises any Institute, program undertaken by a municipality, provided

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provincial

program depends on the area to be controlled and the degree of control. "I've no way predicting the costs."

"The pesticides have gone through extensive screening and tests. But there is no such thing as zero risk. Given proper uscage, there is no major effect on the environment," Dr. Surgeoner

If council adopted, for example, a spraying program against adult mosquitoes, Dr. Surgeon-er said that to the best of his knowledge there is no method by which the town could force a private citizen to comply with the municipality's

Town engineer Robert Austin told the meeting that there is a worker on staff who is qualified to do the spraying.

In 1976 there was a spraying program, which was funded 75 per cent by the province. The cost to the town was between \$2,400 and \$3,200.

Mosquito larva which

grow in rain barrell is the type which feeds on birds not man, according to the

The man biters grow up in low lying bodies of

water in woods and fields, not marshlands. The Spring Acdes has one set of bables per year. They are in the immature states from mid-April to mid-May. Afterwards they are

pests until the end of

In late May Christine Houston, Churchill Road North, Acton, brought a petition to council with 767 signatures asking for a mosquito spraying

After reviewing ar engineering report last month council decided not to start a spraying program but consider one for next year, and invite Dr. Surgeoner to discuss the problem with

Vandals worry area farmers

Vandalism, dumping of garbage and cars and trucks ruining crops are major concerns of farmers in the area; according to a letter from the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee to Halton Hills council.

The letter from the secretary, Stanley, pointed many problems occurring on land with

absentee owners, and suggests all owners be required to install gates at the entrance to their properties. In other easy access locations committee urges erection of fences.

The letter stated garbage, beer bottles and refuse is scattered over farmland resulting in damage to truck and



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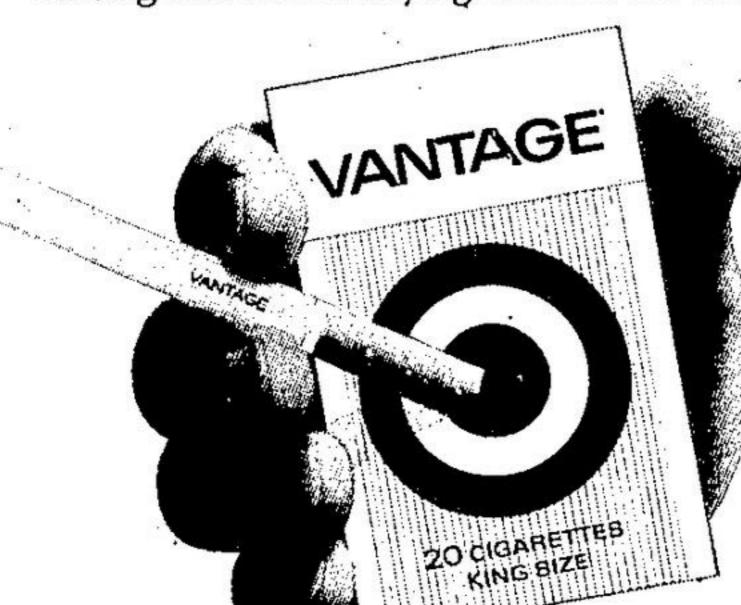
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