



Sears and Switzer with their musician Paul Shilton entertained at Acton High School last Wednesday night, the second show in the Halton Hills Arts Council's Tri-light series.

Sears and Switzer show not really all that funny

by Gord Murray

Sears and Switzer at Acton High School last Wednesday night was supposed to be an act which combined comedy and music. There wasn't much music and not a whole lot to laugh about.

The second show in the Halton Hills Arts Council's tri-light series, Sears and Switzer had their moments when they produced teary laughter from the packed audience. But generally chuckles were restrained and applause just polite.

They poked fun at the Canadian identity, the economy, national politics, modern marriage, farmers, childhood, defense lawyers, today's moral values, extra-marital affairs, labor unions, the counter-culture, the medical profession, women's lib, acid rain and even faith.

Paul Shilton, the musician, is an excellent performer and composer, unfortunately he doesn't really have the chance to strut his stuff in the show.

At times Sears and Switzer seem to be really reaching, or stretching, to make their point of joke. At points the humor seemed forced.

In fairness however, their material is clever, and possibly the problem was they performed nearly 25 skits in less than two hours so with nothing to break the routine much the show becomes monotonous and even in spots somewhat repetitive.

Probably, on a television program

or a performance with other artists, they come across much better because the audience receives the skits in small doses.

Another problem is that the two aren't really singers, it just isn't their element. They should skip the few musical numbers they do perform and stick with the comedy.

Some of their material was quite off-color, not really suitable for a mixed audience in a small town that may not be expecting this kind of a show. In addition there were some children in the audience, and a few skits certainly weren't suitable for them. The off-color material would be suitable in a club in Toronto where customers would undoubtedly be aware in advance through reviews and word of mouth just what the show is like, but parts came as a surprise to some here.

If their performance indeed reflects our world then not only is this country in very deep trouble, but so are our values. Surely the state of marriage can't be as bleak as their skits say it is. In addition Sears and Switzer seem to neglect the fact that real love and romance can be quite warm and humorous, something Neil Simon has made a fortune proving.

A touching moment at the end, which most of the audience missed, was a reunion between performers David and Theresa with the minister who married the couple in Kingston. The clergyman came out to Acton to renew acquaintances.



Marjorie and Lloyd Fisher, fourth and fifth from left, were honored at Lloyd's retirement party Friday night at Acton Legion. Jim McDowell, Bud Snow, Al Duby, Mayor Peter Pomeroy, and Frank Morrette all presented the couple with gifts. Fisher joined the Esquering works department April 1, 1966, and in January, 1974, joined the Halton Hills works department.

No local interest in idea

Merging fairs never officially proposed to Acton's board

A merger of the Georgetown and Acton fall fairs has never been officially proposed to the Acton Agricultural Society and is only an idea suggested by one member of the Georgetown fair board. There appears to be no interest locally in the idea.

Merging the two fairs and alternating the event between the two towns was proposed along with some other ideas for reviving the Georgetown Fair by Betty Wellstead, a Georgetown fair board member, in a recent speech.

New Acton Agricultural Society president Keith Aiken said he wasn't at the meeting when Mrs. Wellstead suggested the merger and the Acton fair board hasn't been contacted about the matter.

He said Acton won't consider the proposal until they are contacted. He understands it is just one person's idea.

He said a merger has never been considered by Acton and the local fair board is interested only "in putting on the best fair possible each September in Acton." He didn't want to comment further on Mrs. Wellstead's idea.

In an interview Mrs. Wellstead said she has mentioned the merger idea to Acton fair board members in the past including past-president Brian Evans, who she said "just laughed at it (the idea)."

Evans said he told Mrs. Wellstead last year that Acton wasn't interested in a merger. While the local fair board would like to attract more members, they have no problem staging the fair each year. There are enough helpers each year for fair week and the weekend, Acton's fair board would simply like to attract more interest and participation the rest of the year. There is also strong fair support in the Acton business community.

"There's no advantage for us in a merger," Evans declared.

The Acton fair, in contrast to the Georgetown fair, is still quite strong and it is the last fair of its type in Halton, a fair with a strong agricultural flavor, Evans said.

The Georgetown fairgrounds wouldn't be suitable for an event as big as the Acton fair. Prospect Park offers cattle ties, the lake, gate facilities and the arena for the big Friday show and exhibits. The only thing Prospect Park doesn't have is a race track, but then, Evans said, Georgetown doesn't really have a race track either.

Poaching trial delayed

The trial of three men charged with deer poaching offenses last fall has been remanded to April 15.

Fred Newell, 92 Churchill Rd. South, David DeForest, RR4 Acton, and Larry Newell, Milton, have all been charged with unlawful possession of game and unlawfully

hunting during a closed season.

The trial was to begin the third week of January, but was delayed because a witness wasn't available. The Ministry of Natural Resources officials confiscated a car, two high powered rifles and additional hunting equipment as well as an entire deer and parts of a second animal.

Obituary Percy Evans

Funeral service was held January 11 for Percy Evans of 48 Holmesway Place who died suddenly at Guelph General Hospital January 8.

Mr. Evans was born in Manchester, England, 82 years ago, the son of Joseph Evans and Nellie

Hinds. Fifty-five years ago he married Irene Duval. He was employed as a clerk at Beardmore.

Father Diadoti officiated at the funeral held at St. Joseph's Church.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery with nephews Wilfred Duval, Kenneth Papillon, Jack

South, Robert Evans, Frank Papillon Jr., and Paul Tyers as pallbearers assisted by Pete Papillon.

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife Irene. He was predeceased by his parents, and brothers Robert Salisbury and Thomas Arthur.

First aid Bannockburn WI topic

by Reina Morrison

The members of the Bannockburn Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Linda Cairns, in Georgetown on January 19.

The meeting opened with a short reading by the president and the roll call was answered with suggestions of first-aid items which could be carried in purse or car.

The motto was given by Mrs. Linham, a poem

entitled "Don't Judge Others Too Hard." The program consisted of questions and answers on how to cope with home emergencies, followed by a film on first-aid. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Institute Ode.

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