

Show goes on for GDHS play

A Review
By BOB RUTTER
Herald editor
The show must go on as they

say in theatrical circles. And that's exactly what the students at Georgetown district high school did for the



Melissa Bell and Peter Clarke.

opening night performance of *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Mark Robinson, a quick-witted off-stage announcer, managed to shout his final words of opening dialogue when a junction block for the sound system kicked out. His shout from the rafters of the GDHS auditorium managed to cue the performance without many in the audience realizing a problem had occurred.

How To... is the first totally student produced play performed at the high school and as a first attempt it comes off very well.

Producer Paul McGrath and director Susan DeGroot made it an entertaining two hours for those who filled the audience. Employing the theatre-in-the-round concept for set changes, which at times became noisy because dangling microphones were struck, the play which highlights the rapid rise of a young window washer to great heights in business had a continuity which made it easy for the audience to follow.

Much of the dialogue from the original play was updated and references were made to North Halton Sports, a Georgetown sports store, and to such Canadian personalities as Judy LaMarsh.

Probably the most effective number performed by a very professional chorus line was *Secretaries Are Not A Toy*. The 19-member chorus line had good tonal quality and the choreography made it enjoyable to watch.

Edgar Thatcher, who played the president of the World Wide Wickets Company whose building remains the centre of the stage action, again played a strong role. He played a strong role last year in *L'I Amour*.

His strong voice, combined with a sensitive submergence into the role of chief executive, set a high standard for other cast members to follow.

Thatcher teamed with hero Peter Clarke in one of the best duet scenes to appear on stage locally when they sang the *Ivy League* fight song.

Clark also displays a strong acting confidence far beyond his years. He would do well to consider seeking more roles in amateur theatre.

How To... is a very adult production. It requires strong acting, singing and dancing. All these points came across very well during the opening night performance. It proves that the students at the high school have the ability to provide the entertainment which many might consider below their ability.

How To... should also provide the basis for most student participation in the entire production of such future plays. Not only would this provide experience for those involved, but the sense of accomplishment may provide a continual effort for excellence. Ultimately it is conceivable that such performances could, and should, seek competition with amateur theatres across the province and not solely within the realm of student drama festivals.

Other strong performances were provided by Sandy Smith, the secretary who eventually gets her man in the

play, and by Melissa Bell, who portrays the not-so-dumb blonde without any office skills who wamps her way into the organization.

Miss Bell, particularly, provided a natural confidence on stage and carried off her role well.

With the exception of the sound problems which caused some difficulty in hearing weaker voices at the rear of the auditorium, the 1977 production could be rated successful.

One suggestion should be made for next year. If next year's production is to be a similar 90-minute show, the audience should consider bringing cushions. The seats are hard.



NEIL MacKINNON

Another resident awarded medal

Neil MacKinnon is the latest of a series of Halton Hills residents who have received the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Mr. MacKinnon, a senior civil servant with the Ontario government is employed in police communications.

His award brings to 11 the number of local residents who have received the award. Others are: Marilyn Milton, Constable Brian Farrell, Fire Chief Mick Holmes, David Capperaud, Michael Furlong, Connie Nieuwof, Garfield McGilvray, George Leslie, Edith Hilfman and Dr. Frank Oakes.

Norval district news

By DOROTHY MacLEAN
Herald correspondent
Norval Euchre night had 8 tables of players enjoying the evening on Thursday evening, December 1st, at Norval School Community Centre.

Prizes for the high score for ladies were won by Mrs. Shirley Davis and Mrs. Marie Murray and for the men, Bob Davis and Bruce Cunningham. The prize for the most lone hands was won by Mrs. Whitney.

The next Euchre Night will be held on Thursday evening, December 15th. Everyone is welcome.

It was "White Gift Sunday" at Norval United Church on Sunday, Dec. 4. The Sunday School pupils and several of the teachers gave the various readings, stories, scriptures, readings, prayers, etc., of the special White Gift service.

The Teen choir and the Junior choir both provided special selections and nine year old Linda Blair sang a solo.

The gifts will go to St. Luke's United Church, downtown Toronto, where part of their outreach program includes visiting the elderly in that district. At Christmas time they take them food and gifts. They also provide a "Meals on Wheels" service and at Christmas a gift is included.

The film "Martin the Cobbler" was shown at Sunday School previous to the "White Gift" service.

On Sunday evening, December 18th, the three choirs will present a candlelight service at the church. The Teen choir will present "The Cobbler's Quest" in song which is the same story as the film.

The Christmas meeting of Norval Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Harrop on Friday evening, December 2nd, with Mrs. Edna Murray presiding.

The roll call was answered with a Christmas verse or a saying from another country.

Ballinafad news

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald correspondent
It was the second Sunday in Advent and the second candle signifying "Hope" was lit during the service at church on Sunday. The Junior choir sang beautifully, the anthem "I Believe".

It was announced that next Sunday the 11th would be family Sunday. There will be lunch downstairs following the service.

A Christmas Concert will follow when Sunday School children will participate. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shortill, Nancy and Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wright and daughters were at Clifford on Sunday where they had the annual Christmas-time get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow, and two of their sons joined with other members of the McCaig families when they held a family Christmas gathering at a hotel in Scarborough on Sunday evening.

Friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Percy White, a former resident here will be pleased to know she is recuperating at her home in Maxwell after surgery.

Correction

The Herald erred last week when it reported that Glenn Norman's stage play *Filer* will be appearing Dec. 19 at the Royal Alec Theatre in Toronto. The Glen Williams man's play will actually appear at the Poor Alec Theatre. We regret the embarrassment caused to Mr. Norman.

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Focal hearing adjourned

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing concerning a proposal by Focal Properties Ltd. to build 1,840 homes south of Georgetown will adjourn for five months following Wednesday's session, board chairman J.H. Wheeler ruled.

Troubled by the inordinate amount of time spent hearing evidence and arguments since the proceedings began early

this month, Mr. Wheeler conceded that the matter cannot be resolved in the remaining portion of the board's allotted period.

He elected to stop town solicitor Ray Steele as he was about to introduce Halton Hills' first witness, ruling that, because of the time limitations the two opposing parties' cases should be heard separately.

The hearing will reconvene May 1 at 10 a.m. in the town council chambers.

The remainder of the session will deal solely with evidence to be presented by lawyers for the Four Seasons Realty Group, another development firm with land interests in the Georgetown area.

Mr. Wheeler stressed that the board will allocate a maximum of three weeks in May during which the specific issue of allocating sewage treatment capacity at Georgetown's newly-expanded sanitary plant must be resolved.

The issue has become a pivotal point in the proceedings since Focal Properties has demanded that the town honor so-called contracts dating from 1954 through which Focal's proposed subdivision would be accommodated by the treatment plant.

Town council two weeks ago, however, placed the project at the bottom of its priority list for the allocation of sewage treatment capacity.

Depending on the outcome of the May sessions, additional time may be set aside during which further arguments by Focal's lawyer, Robert Jarvis, would be heard.

"I must point out that the hearing will reconvene May 1 only for a continuation of the issue of allocation of services," Mr. Wheeler explained. "As a result, there will be no need to hear from the public at that time. That comes after a determination is made on the issue. I anticipate it could be another three to four months

until the Focal matter resumes."

Mr. Wheeler added that statements would be heard Wednesday concerning the Four Seasons presentation from members of the public not represented by counsel.

The chairman's decision to separate Focal's case from that of the town and region was based partly upon the inability of some participating lawyers to attend all of next week's scheduled sessions due to conflicting commitments.

Mr. Steele, Mr. Jarvis and regional solicitor Richard Arbustler indicated their intentions as to the calling of additional witnesses and the lengths of their remaining arguments and summaries.

Mr. Wheeler also noted that next week's sessions would have been limited to four days because of a board meeting scheduled for Friday.

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