



DOREAN BOSS AND NEVILLE WORSNOP

GLT comedy revue set to go in just one week

With only one week to go to its appearance on the Georgetown stage, tickets are still available for "A Bit of Both of Us" - the original new musical comedy revue which has played to sell-outs elsewhere.

Neville Worsnop - the unforgettable Charley's Aunt in "Where's Charley?" - and Dorean Boss - often regarded as Brampton's First Lady of Musical Theatre - join forces in a collage of musical numbers and comedy sketches designed to elicit smiles, chuck-

les, and guffaws from beginning to end. Says Neville: "The show is meant to be light entertainment. People don't have to think - just sit back and watch!"

There is a touch of political satire, a bit of amusing and friendly rivalry between the Canadian (Dorean) and British (Neville) factions, and a lot of comedy - including slapstick. Add to this their renditions of some of Gilbert and Sullivan's musical highlights, presented in a way perhaps never intend-

ed by GLT, and it is not surprising that the show has enjoyed such unqualified success.

Judging from early ticket sales, there will be quite a large number of Brampton residents, who missed the show because of full houses when it was presented, who will be at the two Georgetown performances - February 3 and 4.

The revue, which is being staged at Howard Wrigglesworth school, is being presented by Georgetown Little Theatre as a special added attraction, with all proceeds after expenses going toward matching a Wintario grant the group has been awarded to purchase new sound equipment.

Benefit nights on behalf of worth local causes have become a tradition with GLT and in the last three years Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, the Adult Rehabilitation Centre and most recently the Georgetown 'Y' have each received \$600.

Acton Y rent hike before town council

The anticipated increase in rental fees for the Murray Memorial YMCA building in Acton, which currently has town council, the building's major tenant, wondering where the extra money is coming from, is not yet confirmed, according to Acton Y director Gord Chapman.

Mr. Chapman, in his report for the finance committee, told members at the Y's annual meeting Wednesday that the proposal to increase the town's rent from \$160 to \$360 a month has not yet been approved by the board of directors.

The final decision, he said, will depend largely on whether the community's three-man detachment of the Halton regional police decides to move into the building alongside town employees.

The town's rental charge has remained unchanged for the past ten years, however, and warrants an increase, he commented. Mr. Chapman called the impending opening of a young people's coffee-house in the building's basement "one of the more spectacular events of the year in terms of the public's use" of the structure.

Five new members were elected to the board of directors last night. As recommended by a five-member nominating committee.

They are: Cynthia Blades, Kenneth Grubbe, Keith Rob-

Take positive approach toward planning: Planner

Today's planning has too many negative aspects to its use and should become more positive in outlook, a University of Guelph professor says. Dr. Fred Dahms, former chairman of the university's geography department, says present practices make planning a reactionary process and involve negative attitudes toward what can and can't be done within a community.

"I think planning is deciding what you want to have happen to your community and taking positive action to make it happen," he told about 60 members of the Norval Community Association at the group's third annual meeting. He suggested that planning

become the sole responsibility of the local elected official "local wisdom," who would be responsible to the electors for long-range goals of a community. But he said voter apathy toward municipal politics may show that people don't want that kind of responsibility to be at the local level.

"We are content to make planning a reaction to a developer's proposal and the only time we scream is when it affects us directly and only then when we scream and hand together to object."

He said the local council should have the right to designate these areas for priority development, but admitted that a workable policy on how to implement such a plan has not been worked out to provide for lowered or increased property values.

"Planners don't really plan," Dr. Dahms said. It is the developers, builders and architects who actually plan a community. "The planning department is usually rushed off its feet to react to these plans."

Offices addition to start by 1981

Members of the special building committee set up to look at the need for an extension of the present Halton Hills administrative headquarters decided last week that an addition must be started not later than 1981.

Their committee recommends council approve a bylaw to allocate lot levies toward the cost of the addition and to set up a reserve fund into which will be put the proceeds from the sale of municipal property or buildings except for those on which there are already existing commitments.

A total of \$276,520 in lot levies can be built up in the next three years if present trends continue at the anticipated rate, town treasurer Ray King said in a report. He suggested that council set aside \$270,000 in 1978, \$291,600 in 1979 and \$314,920 in 1980. He also noted, however, that the council elected next fall would

not be bound by such a bylaw unless it wished to follow it. Mr. King said in his report that if the addition is to be started this year the only way to finance it is by debenture and with the current restraint policies the Ontario Municipal Board would look very closely at this type of expenditure before granting permission for it.

Committee chairman Coun. Pete Pomeroy reported that staff do not indicate any need to start building the addition immediately.

Town engineer Bob Austin suggested that it might be useful to have the planning department look for rented accommodation until the addition is completed. He noted too that staging the addition would increase the cost and be very disruptive. What he felt staff wanted, he said, was a committed date so that the financing could be started this year.

While large public interest groups have achieved some success in dealing with planning proposals, seldom does the average person hear about debate on planning proposals. About 90 per cent of the

time the citizen doesn't hear about any objection which might be made or placed before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Usually, he says, the public learns of a proposal involving a zoning change, official plan amendment or a minor variance through word of mouth and rarely through the advertisement which is carried in a local paper.

"Planning consultants don't plan at all," he told the group, dispelling another favorite myth the public believes. They just make projections into the future and primarily

"they baffle us with their marvelous computer print out." Usually the consultant's report data "will not be very well based" or the result is a "projection of the status quo multiplied by 10."

"People generally hire consultants to put their stamp of approval on a scheme dear to their hearts. . . (and) . . . nine out of 10 planners in the community could say the same thing, but the Ontario government seems to expect consultant reports."

And the reports will be defended. These reports are "important to many people but when you pay \$500,000 you will be impressed with it and . . . you will defend it to the hilt."

He also suggested that local municipalities remove planning boards made up in some cases of people with vested interests and replace them with elected representatives. Halton Hills planning committee is composed of all members of council.

IODE meeting held

The January meeting of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. John Armstrong.

The Regent, Mrs. June Dean opened the meeting. The Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Sanderson read the minutes of the November meeting and Jean Mackenzie presented the Treasurer's report.

Reports on Services at Home and Abroad were given by Mrs. Hazel MacMillan. The progress of the bridge Marathon was reported by Mrs. Doris Barber.

Two visitors, Mrs. Freddie Burton and Mrs. Joan King, who were members of I.O.D.E. chapters in the Montreal district, were welcomed and gave interesting reports of the work their Chapters had done in Montreal.



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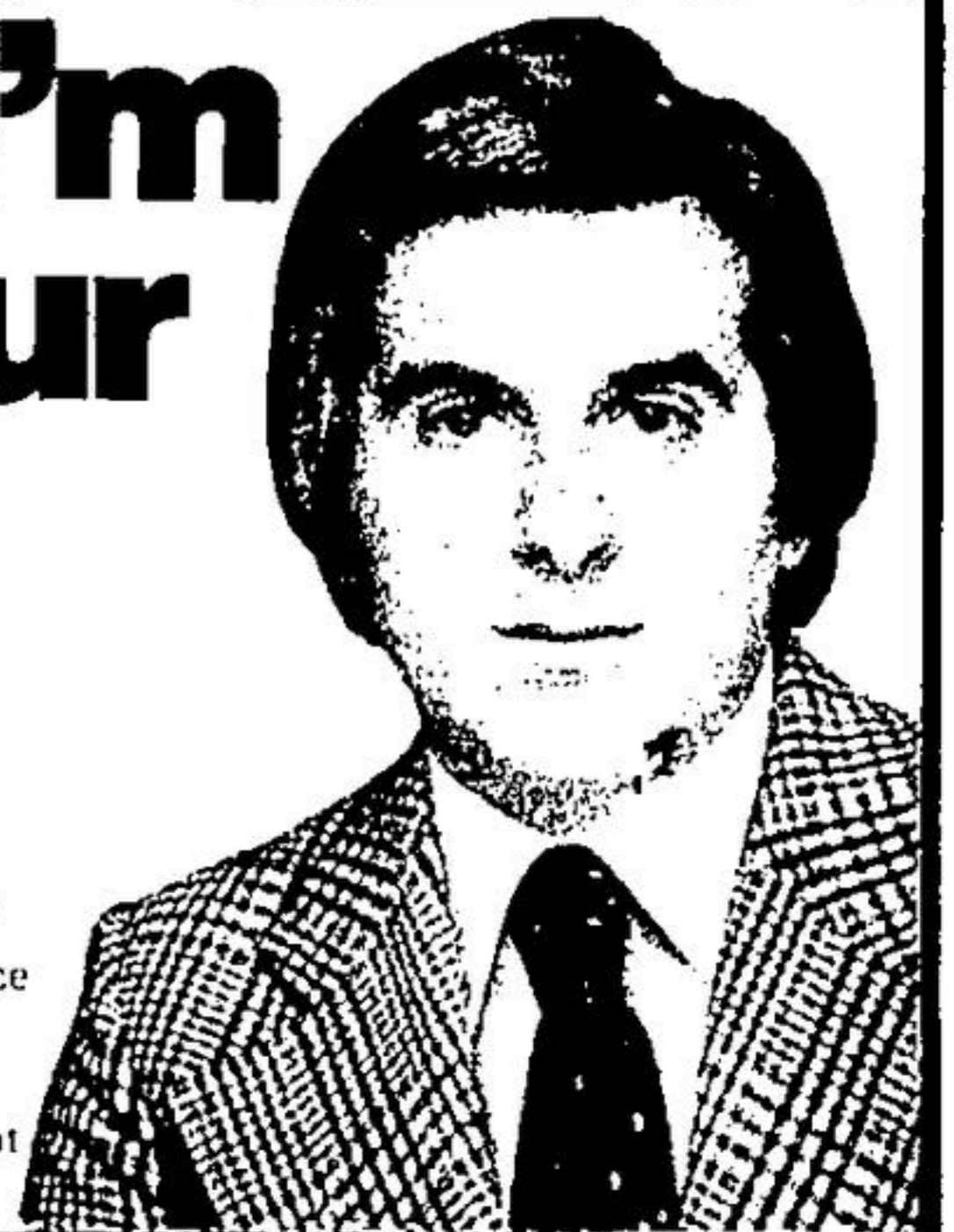
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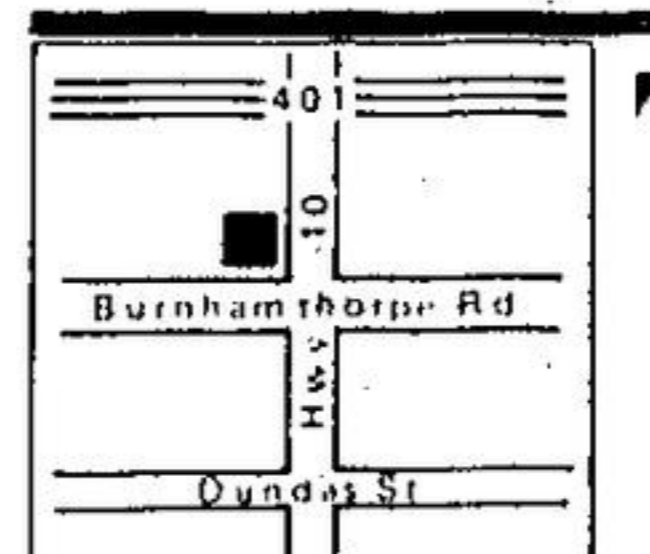
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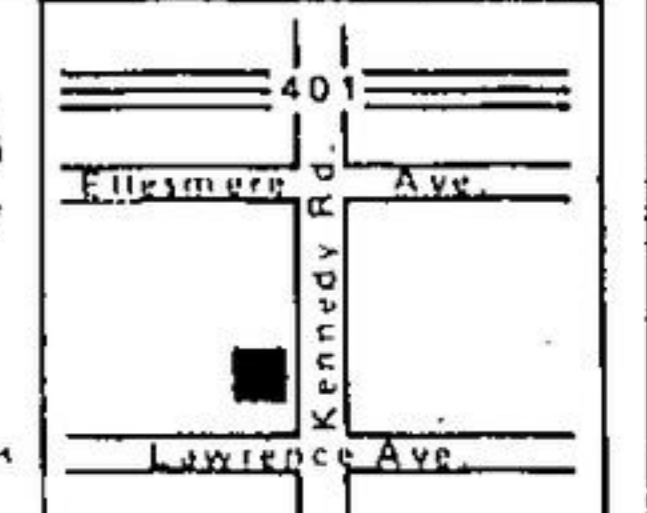
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