



NEVILLE WORSNOP and DOREAN BOSS

## Two benefits highlight theatre scene

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The theatre scene in Halton Hills was alive this weekend with two benefit performances.

Georgetown Little Theatre (GLT) lured the musical comedy revue duo of Neville Worsnop and Dorean Boss for two performances of their original production, "A Bit of Both of Us."

The Acton Drama Club, also calling itself The Pretenders, did a Saturday night benefit for the Georgetown Christian School.

And as benefits go, each was successful and in more than

just box office.

The considerable talents of Worsnop, a 29-year-old veteran on the theatre front lines, and Boss, "often described as the first lady of musical comedy theatre in Brampton," according to program release, were mixed for potent impact at Howard Wrigglesworth school as audiences there Friday or Saturday night will attest.

Accompanying Worsnop and Boss in their finely honed numbers and routines was Derrick Lewis who composed the overture and Entr'acte.

The Acton Drama Club put on a brave performance of Our

Gal Sal, an entertaining pot-boiler in three acts. Standout in the lead role of Sally Skinner a country girl who knows her stuff and can show her city slicker friends a thing or two, was Willy De Jong who led the cast of nine, all of them native speakers of Dutch with English as a second language.

The Acton Drama Club, however, staged their benefit performance without benefit of a director during rehearsals and under conditions at which professional actors would blanch.

For instance, when the curtain hung on string across the stage, had to be drawn, two boys just walked on stage,

pulled it apart with a couple of hockey sticks and returned to their seats, sometimes taking the long way around through the set and between the actors. No one seemed to mind.

Besides Willy De Jong, credible performances of life in a wealthy city parlour were turned out by Ali Kroezen, Thea Krul, Thys Splinter, Wilma Barrens, Alice Scheiber, Henry Venema, Jerry Kroezen and Henry Venema. Cathy Kremer was the prompter.

The benefit turned \$119 over to Georgetown Christian School. At press time the amount raised by the GLT was indetermined.

## REJECTS HIGHER GRANTS Board cuts French immersion classes

Halton board of education Thursday dumped an optional French immersion program for Grade 4 which was to be in September.

A majority of trustees supported Milton Trustee Bill Lawson that the program be withdrawn for further study to resolve the questions of whether it can be afforded and its effect on school organization.

To the issue of costs of a French immersion program, Emmerson Lavender, director of education, told trustees he had just received details of the ministry of education's grant structures for funding French programs.

Most ordinary programs are funded 52 per cent by the ministry, Mr. Lavender said. But in the case of French programs that support was boosted to 70 per cent.

It means that the board could hire 14 French teachers above the 35 it anticipated for a French core program at less cost than for the original 35, he said.

Under the regular grant formula, salaries for 35 teachers are estimated at \$669,865 of

which the board would pay \$314,837. Under the increased grant formula, the estimate cost to the board of 49 teachers would be \$294,000.

"If you don't spend it for French," Mr. Lavender said, "we don't get it."

Mr. Lavender added, however, that the history of ministry grants was "uneven."

that makes long range planning "difficult."

Trustee Fred Armitage said the improved grants for French instruction are "a nice sweetheart deal for this year." But once the program is underway in Halton and accepted by the public, "we can't cut it back."

Trustee H. H. (Bert) Hinton said the board needs to be practical and deal with core curriculum. There is no purpose in diluting the core curriculum merely to add another program.

It is a matter of record that the federal government supports the French program to the provinces, Mr. Hinton said. "And historically the federal government has pulled the rug out from under all the provinces."

And as for the provincial subsidies for the French program, "all the taxpayers are paying the shot anyway," Mr. Hinton said.

French immersion programs are "an elitist situation," Mr. Hinton said. The people who want a program from Grade 4 to Grade 8, "are a group who are a very small part of the region's population."

Trustee Hinton acknowledged that speaking on the subject brought forward criticism that "You're against unity," but students need to be able to graduate from elementary school with a chance of success in secondary schools.

Trustee Judy Alexander said

that in light of the increased grants from the ministry, "We have to say it is worth doing."

Other trustees supported Mrs. Alexander's position in that 14 extra teachers would answer the concerns of teachers and principals about the amount of planning time and teaching time available in the school system.

Trustee Edna Robinson said there are 5.5 hours of instruction daily in Halton schools while other school systems have only five hours. To implement 40 minutes per day of French instruction would re-

quire finding only ten minutes more per day, she said.

"Expansion of the French program should be one of the top priorities this year," Miss Robinson said.

Trustee Cameron Jackson urged trustees to focus "not on bargains," but on the impact of French program on a student "at the critical Grade 4 and 5 level."

Trustee Florence Meares said that expanding the language program serves the needs of children.

But although the board cut the immersion program, it did

vote to set up a 50 per cent

Grade 1 French immersion program at Strathcona public school in Burlington in light of the number of applications for the program received from parents.

The deadline for accepting applications for Grade 1 French immersion was extended to Feb. 10 and the complete figures for cost of the program are to be before the board Feb. 23.

A motion to set up French immersion classes at an Oakville school was tabled until the reports are in.

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The Acton Drama Club takes a bow at the end of its performance Saturday night of Our Gal Sal at Georgetown and District Christian school.

## Town supports ICG, seeks minister's meeting

Halton Hills council has reaffirmed its support of the Interested Citizens Group by asking recently appointed Energy Minister Rueben Baetz

for an independent study of the transmission corridor between Bruce nuclear generating station and Milton. Council has also agreed to

meet with Ontario Hydro representatives to discuss matters relating to construction of the line.

David Patriquin, a community relations liaison officer with Ontario Hydro, told council Monday he wants to exchange information with councillors so they will be better prepared to respond to ratepayers inquiries when large vehicles and cement trucks are in the area to construct transmission towers.

He said he was prepared to discuss Hydro's property appraisal acquisition policies, forestry practice and policies or to arrange a field trip to the nuclear station on the Bruce Peninsula or high voltage dem-

onstrator site at Essa. Council passed a resolution giving the meetings the go ahead for a regular council meeting at which the public could attend but not participate.

Council also authorized the town solicitor to represent the town in an appeal by Ontario Hydro of a land division committee ruling which denied a severance to the public utility to build a transmission corridor on land not zoned for that purpose in the official plan.

The appeal hearing will be Feb. 24. The town is currently awaiting a decision from Ontario Municipal Board on whether the rezoning can go ahead.

### EMBARGO RULED ILLEGAL

An embargo placed on Halton board of education by District 9, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) has been termed an illegal strike and violation of the collective agreement.

Emmerson Lavender, director of education, told the board Thursday he had received a telephone call from the arbitrator that day about the decision and that a written report is on its way.

District 9, of OSSTF placed the embargo Dec. 16, 1978, in an effort to thwart the board's mandatory implementation of high school reorganization which would have all high schools in the region on a chairmanship system rather than headships.

The arbitrator's decision has province-wide implications for the future relations between school boards and teachers, Mr. Lavender said. And because the decision took over a year, it indicates a revision is needed of Bill 100, which regulates bargaining between boards and teachers, "to lighten up the time lag."

Mr. Lavender said the board has not asked for damages in the matter and that when the written decision arrives, it will be studied by the board's lawyers for possible implications.

A spokesman at OSSTF headquarters in Burlington said David Judd, president of District 9, would not be making any comment on the arbitrator's decision until receiving the written document.

Meanwhile, OSSTF filed with the board a notice to begin within 30 days negotiations for the 1978-79 collective agreement.

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