



CHECKING THE STYLE

Cast for Georgetown Little Theatre's final production of the season, Veronica's Room, are hard at work on rehearsals. Cast members Joe Delguidice, and Simon Joyney watch Susan

McGowan work on Melissa Bell's hair in the scene from the play which will begin April 25. (Herald photo by Maggie Hannah)

GLT presents Veronica's Room as last show of the 1979 season

Georgetown Little Theatre will present its last play of the season, and its last production in the Howard Wigglesworth Public School auditorium, at the end of the month and it promises to be a "thrilling" finish.

"There is no way we can tell anything about the plot without either confusing people or giving something away," said director Neville Worsnop describing Iva Levins' Veronica's Room. "As somebody said, 'It's one of those who did what to whom' kind of plays".

All he will stress is the adult

content of the play both in concept and language and GLT publicity director Pat Joynes is warning parents that it definitely is not a production for children.

FAMILIAR CAST
The four-member cast will be familiar to Georgetown audiences since they have appeared in numerous other productions despite the youth of three of the performers.

Melissa Bell, 16, plays a girl invited to Veronica's room. Ms Bell, a Grade 11 student at Georgetown District High School, was in GLT's Rape of

the Bell, earlier this year, as well as Bye Bye Birdie at the high school. She was also in How to Succeed in Business, last year's high school production. During the past summer she worked in the Halton Summer Theatre Company in Oakville and performed in a couple of well-known plays there, The Matchmaker and Streetcar Named Desire. This is her second year with GLT. She is a Georgetown native, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bell of Reid Court. She takes piano and guitar lessons.

Susan McGowan, 18, plays the female half of the couple seen in Act I. She is a grade 13 student at Georgetown District High School and is, like Miss Bell, a relative new-comer to GLT. She was in last year's Christmas play, The Straw Princess, understudied for Mum in The Anniversary, and had a small part in the Rape of the Bell as well as working behind the scenes on two productions.

She has portrayed elderly women in each of the high school's last three productions, Mammy Yokum in Little Abner, Ethel Krumholtz in How to Succeed in Business and Mae Peterson in Bye Bye Birdie. She also worked in Streetcar Named Desire and the Cherry Tree with the Halton Summer Theatre Company in Oakville last year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. McGowan of Reid Court.

The family has lived in Georgetown for three years. She takes piano lessons and teaches guitar.

YOUNG MAN
Simon Joyney, 20, portrays a young man. He has been a member of Georgetown Little Theatre for seven years and had parts in Billie Liar, The Anniversary and the Wizard of Oz. He is taking his arts degree at the Erindale College, campus of the University of Toronto and has been in Landscape and The Real Inspector Hound during his time there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Joyney of Terra Cotta.

Joe Delguidice has been a member of GLT for five years and admits to being involved in Little Theatre more than 20 years. GLT audiences will remember him for parts in both the group's Summerfest productions and in Murder Mistaken, Branalea Little Theatre audiences saw him in Arsenic and Old Lace, Of the Fields Lately and One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. He was also in Viva Mexico with the Brampton Music Society although he claims to be a "comic singer only". Mr. Delguidice is a salesman for a specialty steel company and he and his family have lived in Georgetown for 10 years. He portrays the male half of the couple.

Veronica's Room runs April 25 to 29 with nightly performances beginning at 8 p.m.

London guest to address BIA

The Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA) is holding a meeting April 17 and is inviting all merchants and professional people in the downtown area to participate. Among the items on the agenda, BIA chairman Lynn Barnard said, is a slide presentation on what is being done in other areas, with guest Glenn Wood of London providing the commentary.

Those in attendance will also be informed as to what the BIA is doing with the money it receives from the merchants through taxation, will provide people with information on funding available from all sources for business improvement.

Mrs. Barnard said the occasion will also provide property owners in the area with information as to what is happening in the area, "with the objective of interesting them in the downtown's future, and emphasizing their role in preserving the healthy business climate is one way of preserving their investment". The evening will also provide a social occasion for members of the BIA to meet with one another.

Mrs. Barnard said a number of improvements in the downtown area have been added recently and more are planned. Construction of three islands on Main Street will begin toward the end of April. Signs are being erected at Mill and Main Streets and Guelph and Main Streets some time

this month, identifying the downtown area.

Mrs. Barnard noted a number of local businesses which have made improvements not only in the services they offer, but in the appearance of their property. Other new businesses have opened recently.

Among the new businesses which have opened up are A.D. Goddard Supply a wholesale food store, a health foods store a shoe store and a lingerie store, in the Old Bank building and a fitness studio for women at 12 Wesleyan Street. The McGibbon Hotel was sold early this year, and the building where Flikkema Hardware was located has been sold, with the new owner planning major renovations. Soup 'n' Such also has new owners.

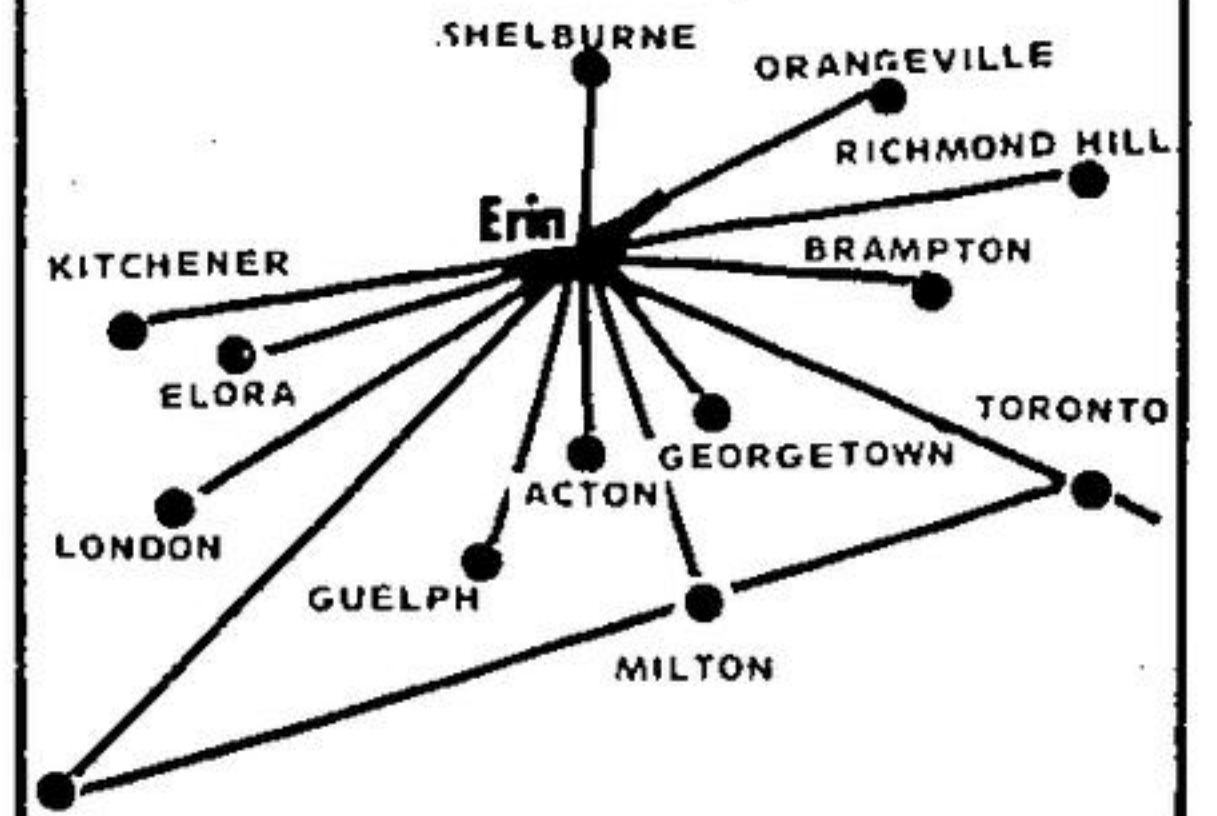
Other owners in the downtown area who have made renovations of their property or added to their stock include George's Mini Mart, Gougeon Furniture, the Helson-Baines law office, Barber and Henley Travel Agency, the Manderson Hyde law office.

The former Barrager's Cleaner's building has been renovated, and a hairdresser's, The Lingerie Boutique and cleaning drop-off will be located in the building.

Among the future plans of the BIA is a request to the town to purchase the lot of Wesleyan Street, and a second lot now occupied by an old house, for additional parking.

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Halton Scouts seeking pledges

By M.J. HANNAH

Herald correspondent
North Halton Scouts Canada which includes Cubs and Scouts from Acton, Limehouse Georgetown, Norval and Glen Williams are once again holding their annual "Trees for Canada" project. The 430 boys in these groups will be planting 10,000 trees April 28.

On April 6, local Scouts and Cubs will start canvassing to recruit sponsors for the 25 trees that each boy will plant. We appreciate the continued support of the community in this project.

"Trees for Canada" is a Canada-wide project designed to give all Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate through action their concern for their country. Three million trees will be planted this year.

"Trees for Canada" is a fundraising project. Most of the funds raised through this project stay in the community to help further Scouting at all levels from Beavers right up to Rovers. Some of the money goes to the International Brotherhood program "Operation Amigo" a program designed to help five South American countries adapt Scouting to their needs.

This year the planting will take place with the co-operation of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority on their Silvercreek Conservation site on the Eighth Line north of Georgetown. This needed reforestation will provide wild-life inhabitants with food and shelter. The Scouts involved will see the results of their work in reforestation.

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