

# 'Dear Liar' to lead the way for more Nornic presentations

From small beginnings, which nevertheless represent new heights for Halton Hills' cultural achievements, Georgetown's Nornic Studio for the Performing Arts hopes to lay the groundwork for theatrical productions of a calibre which promises to make the community's future library-arts complex all the more deserved.

"Dear Liar" debuts April 30 at Knox Presbyterian Church hall on Main Street, featuring two seasoned, semi-professional actors whose combined talents will bring quality theatre to the community in a simplistic stage format.

The intensely intellectual and emotional relationship shared by British playwright George Bernard Shaw and actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell during the first decades of this century provide the character backdrop for "Dear Liar", an endearing, fast-paced, often witty drama by Jerome Kilty.

The play, based upon correspondence between these two historic names of the theatre, is a popular entry at the annual Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where Nornic Studio administrator Enid Williams and creative director Bev Nicholas saw the production and decided its simplicity of design and high quality of writing made it a natural for Nornic's first major presentation.

Mr. Nicholas, who is directing the play in Georgetown, is also in the midst of planning "Murder in the Cathedral", a drama by T.S. Eliot which Nornic will present next November inside Knox Church. With "Cathedral" already half cast, Nornic is anticipating a much broader approach and a much greater public response to a major production for which "Dear Liar" is laying the foundation. Rehearsals for "Dear Liar" began March 18 on a twice-

weekly and now twice-weekly basis, ready for its run through April 30, May 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 and 10. Information about tickets and other aspects of the play can be obtained from Mrs. Williams at 877-0702.

Director Nicholas considered Florence O'Connor a "natural" for the role of Mrs. Patrick Campbell from the start, having become acquainted with her through their mutual involvement in the Bramalea Little Theatre. A participant in theatricals since high school, Ms. O'Connor appeared in that company's production of "California Suite" recently.

Glen Tarlin is another Bramalea Little Theatre member, who worked with Mr. Nicholas on "The Hand that Cradles the Rock" and has developed much expertise as a character actor in several productions. In "Dear Liar",

he becomes Bernard Shaw, casting Mrs. Campbell (Ms. O'Connor) in Pygmalion and, more importantly, undertaking a then-scandalous relationship of correspondence with the actress that spanned some 40 years.

Neville Worsnop is stage manager and lighting designer for "Dear Liar", assisted with

lighting by Tom Johnson. Mike Edwards is in charge of sound. Members of the Halton Hills Arts Council, to which Nornic is donating its proceeds for the first few performances of "Dear Liar", and the Knox Church Ladies' auxiliary will be handling front-of-house and refreshment chores during the play's seven-night run.

George Bernard Shaw (Glen Tarlin) and Mrs. Patrick Campbell (Florence O'Connor) rehearse Shaw's play, "Pygmalion" in the Nornic Studios production of "Dear Liar". The play, which opens April 30, details the intellectual and emotional relationships between Shaw and Mrs. Campbell. The play is based on the correspondence between the two which lasted 40 years. (Herald photo)



## Count Dracula coming to town

Count Dracula is coming to Georgetown next year, and he's bringing with him The Last of the Red Hot Lovers. The two hit plays are among the four productions chosen last week for the Georgetown Little Theatre's (GLT's) 1980-81 season, which begins next fall. Marie Cleaton will direct The Last of the Red Hot Lovers, the smash Broadway comedy written by hit-making playwright Neil Simon, for the GLT's season opener. Hans, the Witch and the Goblin, directed by Bev Nicholas, follows at Christmastime, presenting youngsters of all ages with their annual pantomime treat. Ted Tiller's spine-tingling update of the vampire

legend, Count Dracula, comes to the stage in late winter under the capable direction of Neville Worsnop. The play will be the GLT's festival entry in an annual competition for community theatre groups. Next season ends in spring, 1981, with Bedroom Farce, the Alan Ayckbourn comedy to be directed by Derek Joyne. Additional information about season tickets and the four new productions can be obtained from GLT publicist Mary Rae Main at 877-0605. For more on the GLT's current production, Relatively Speaking, which debuts Friday night at Sacre Coeur Church hall, turn inside.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing.

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after he is served with the notice, or, when he is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is

The Minister of Transportation and Communications  
c/o Mr. T.G. Smith  
Regional Director  
3501 Dufferin Street  
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by:

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Minister of Government Services

#### NOTES:

1. The Expropriations Act provides that,
  - (a) where an inquiry is requested, it shall be conducted by an inquiry officer appointed by the Attorney General;
  - (b) the inquiry officer,
    - (i) shall give every party to the inquiry an opportunity to present evidence and argument and to examine and cross-examine witnesses, either personally or by his counsel or agent, and
    - (ii) may recommend to the approving authority that a party to the inquiry be paid a fixed amount for his costs of the inquiry not to exceed \$200 and the approving authority may in its discretion order the expropriating authority to pay such costs forthwith.
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3. The expropriating authority, each owner who notifies the approving authority that he desires a hearing in respect of the lands intended to be expropriated and any owner added as a party by the inquiry officer are parties to the inquiry.

R.R.O. 1970, Reg. 285, Form 2

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON THE 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 1980.

#### SCHEDULE "A"

ALL AND SINGULAR those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being partly in the Town of Milton and partly in the Town of Halton Hills, in the Regional Municipality of Halton (formerly in the Township of Trafalgar, in the County of Halton), in the Province of Ontario, being described as follows:

1. Part of Lot 15, in Concession 4, New Survey, of the said Township of Trafalgar, now in the Town of Milton, being those portions designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Ministry of Government Services Plan 853-172L, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton (No. 20) as Plan 20R-4570;
2. Part of Lot 15, in Concession 5, New Survey, of the said Township of Trafalgar, now in the Town of Halton Hills, being that portion designated as Part 1 on Ministry of Government Services Plan 853-180L, being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Halton (No. 20) as Plan 20R-4670.