



Twin casts perform

Oliver! delights at Kennedy

George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown delighted audiences at the Weber Drive school Wednesday and Thursday evenings with two performances of the popular musical "Oliver!"

With the assistance of school staff and parents, students recreated the hit play based on Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist.

Heading the youthful cast Wednesday evening was Richard Percival in the title role, joined onstage by Ken Jones and as Fagin, Ron McNiven as the Artful Dodger, Kim Daquano as Nancy, Jeff Davad as Mr. Bumble and Janet Micklethwaite as Mrs. Bumble.

Thursday night's performance saw the same roles occupied by Tony Robbins, Ken Jones, Geoff Tyler, Nancy Welsh, Jeff Davad and Lynn Shield, respectively.

Appearing as the Brownlows were Mark Moody and Kim Frerichs Wednesday night and Hans Schmid and Sheri Fiebig Thursday.

Other featured performers occupied the same roles in both casts, including Mark Zander as the doctor, Karl Carlisle as Mr. Sowerberry, Greg Baird as the policeman, Colin Clement as a person, Gail Frerichs as Sally, Tara Burroughs as Bet, Alain Shield as a man,

and Fagin's boys: Kathi Billard, Trent Burton, Matthew Bush, Glen Granger, Ricky Jenkins, Mimi Jones and Jayne Weldon.

In the chorus were Kevin Brisley, Julie Cunningham, Alex Downey, Heather Garrison, Bradley Gillies, Melissa Handy, Beth Harrison, Brian Hayward, Peter Kline, Tina Laroche, Kerry McCashew, Tammy McGregor, Jennifer Melville, Gaby Nagel,

Shannon O'Donnell, Melanie Reed and Tracy Richardson.

The many orphans of London who created the play's integral background atmosphere included: Lee Anderson, Lori Barrett, Marc Bassett, Trina Bassett, Jenny Beecham, Donna Blendell, Heather Braithwaite, Angela Brunton, Sally Burgoyne, Kayla Busby, Andrew Charles, Mike Compton, Diane Corris, Ken Duncan, Louise Ellison, Jennifer

Fancy, Laura Fisher, Wendy Fleming, Jodi Fournier,

Robert Frey, Carol Frost, Tracy Gatterell, Robert Gramada, Angie Gray, Ann Gourlay, Ken Griffiths, Greg Hagan, Brenda Hamilton, Sheri Harms, Jamie Harrison, Lisa Howie, Kendryn Hult, Stephanie Jackson, Jackie Jones, Greg Kerr, Mark Lashley, Adrienne Lilly, Jill Lusby, Paul Lyons, Kathryn Marshall, Sheri Mann, Lisa Mason, Tracey Mau, Tara

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Students at George Kennedy Public School presented the story of the trials and tribulations of the orphan, Oliver Twist, in their performances Wednesday and Thursday of the musical, "Oliver!" Two casts provided tears and laughter as they followed Oliver through his encounters with the Artful Dodger, Fagin, Bill Sykes and Nancy.

(Photo by Jeff Lorrman)

Reed cooler on Tory budget

Provincial Liberal leader Stuart Smith is determined to defeat the Conservative government over its proposed budget, but Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed is more ambivalent about the merits of the budget.

"There are some things I'm encouraged about, and other things I'm discouraged about," he told The Herald this week.

Mr. Reed said he is particularly concerned about the effect the budget will have on pensioners in Ontario. Research conducted by the Liberals on the budget indicates that provincial grants to pensioners related to their property taxes

or rent payments are not being divided equitably, he said.

"The 85 per cent of Ontario pensioners who earn less than \$15,000 per year will receive a total of \$31 million in grants, and the nine per cent earning more than \$20,000 will also receive \$31 million in grants," he said. "They're splitting the pie in half, with one half being divided among nine per cent, and the other half being divided among 85 per cent of the people."

The difference between the new system and the old system is that instead of giving pensioners property tax credits, they'll receive cheques from the provinces, but the net result will be less money, Mr.

Reed said.

LESS IN CHEQUE
"The difference is political, because they'll get less in the cheque with the treasurer's name on it, but it'll seem like more because they're getting a cheque instead of tax credits," he said.

The provisions for energy in the budget have their positive and negative sides, Mr. Reed said. The budget eliminates taxes on alternate fuels such as propane and alcohol fuels, but there are no firms in Canada which manufacture the equipment to convert cars and other vehicles to use of alternate fuels.

"The major company in the United States that does these

conversions is in California, and it's my understanding that they're working flat out now, trying to keep up with the demand from the Americans," Mr. Reed said. "The Ontario Energy Corporation could undertake a joint venture with private enterprise to make that kind of equipment in Canada."

The budget has also dropped the sales tax on a number of energy-saving devices, but there are curiosities in deciding which items will have sales tax included and which won't, Mr. Reed said. For example, wood-burning stoves can be purchased without sales tax, but the stove pipes still have sales tax charged, he said.

CORRECTION

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