

#### FORGING NEW DISPLAYS

Forge Gallery, the Terra Cotta art studio, is opening an extensive summer show running to Aug. 3. This season's event will introduce some new artists to area residents familiar with the Gallery's work. Standing behind one of the displays are (left to right) Jo Walterson, Bev De Jong. Betty Jaworski, Kathy Wood, Agnes Olive and Carl McCulloch. The Gallery is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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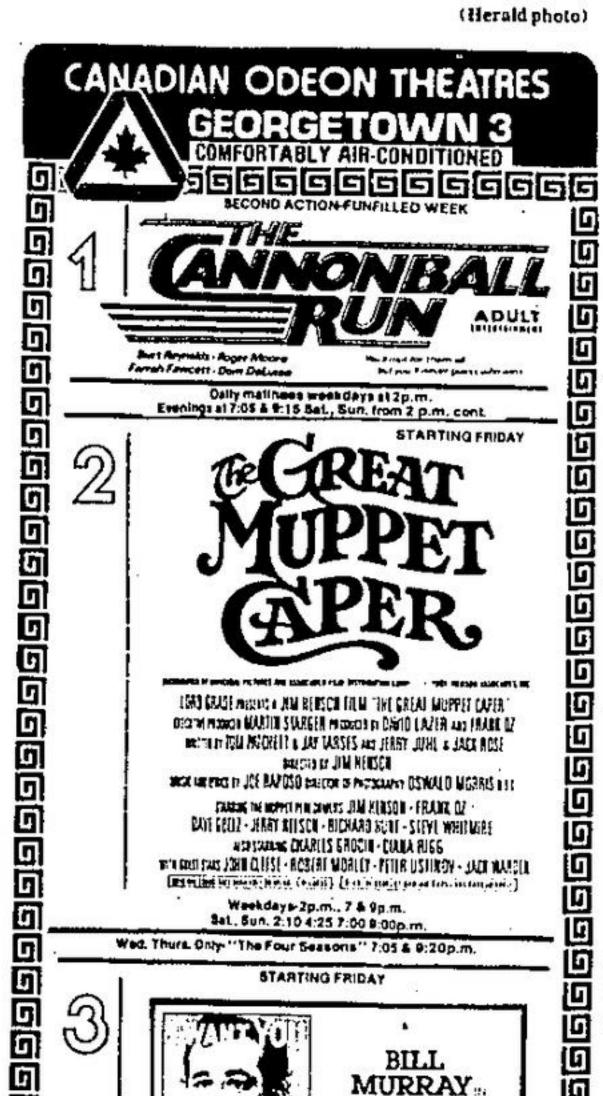
Georgetown residents can make their mark in history simply by purchasing books for the new library.

The librarians of the Georgetown public library and Norman Holt of Oxbow Books on Main Street have developed a Book Builders program through which residents can buy books for the new library. The book they buy will carry the name of the donor on a special nameplate inside the front cover.

The program has been operating since last fall, but the reaction has been disappointing for Mr. Holt. To date, only 25 books have been

Mr. Holt approached the librarians last fall with the idea based on a somewhat similar program implemented in Dundas. The idea was to invite people to purchase books for the new library from Mr. Holt at list price. For each book bought, Mr. Holt offered to donate 20 per cent of the list price to the library building fund. The librarians have given him a catalogue listing all the books they need.

If organizations or individuals wish to buy books that aren't in the catalogue, they may do so as long as they clear it with the librarians



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## Billy Bishop's one-man 'dogfight' soon to barnstorm over Halton Hills

By CHRIS AAGAARD Herald Staff Writer "Off we go, into the wild,

blue yonder..." For two and a half years, the Canadian musical hit "Billy Bishop Goes To War" has salled to lofty heights in the review pages of North American and British newspapers, amazing audiences and stunning usually pencilsharp critics with a unique look at war through the eyes of Canada's top World War I

flying ace. Now it appears that this one-man "dogfight" written by playwright John Gray will swoop over Halton Hills later this autumn for a barnstorming performance shortly after the opening of the library-cultural centre in

Georgetown. The local Rotary Club is sponsoring the one-night performance Nov. 14, and, fully realizing the popularity of Billy Bishop through the press (the Toronto Star's Gina Mallet voted it one of the best theatre offerings during the 1978-79 season) and wide acclaim by word-of-

mouth, Rotarian Ralph Ursel told The Herald Friday that people interested in attending the show had better book early for lickets.

After the rent is paid for, using cultural centre and the contract agreement has been settled with the performers, money raised from ticket sales will be added to the Club's \$30,000 fund-raising effort for the building. Don't let the one-man show

format fool you into thinking you'll have to stare idly at actor Cedric Smith playing Billy Bishop. Actually, the show involves a number of characters - all played by Mr. Smith -- Including Bishop's classmates, and adversaries, prompting Saturday Night reviewer Martin Knelman to call it the "maybe most densely populated two-hander in

modern theatre history". The show was also well received by critics in New York, although its Broadway opening run was, compared with other musical hits, largely ignored by that city's theatre lovers.

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About a year after the show first opened in Vancouver, featuring actor Eric Peterson and planist-writer Gray, Mr. Smith and planist Ross Douglas took over while their colleagues went overseas with the show to the Edinburgh Festival in August, 1980. Not surprisingly, "Billy" was received appreciably by British audiences, too.

Born in Owen Sound, Ontario, in 1894, Bishop shot down 72 enemy aircraft during the course of the war.

just several short of the record set by German flying ace Baron Manfred von Richtofen, Nevertheless, his flying career is comically sprinkled with military reprimands for damaging

planes at his own aerodrome (troublesome landings). Bishop died in 1956.

If you are interested in getting tickets for the show, call Mr. Ursel for more Information at 877-4078.

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