

Yuletide feature hits your funnybone

By FAN DOUGLAS
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The Georgetown Little Theatre and Peel Panto Players' presentation of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock" is, in the finest tradition of pantomime, a family affair.

Based on reactions to the play's debut last weekend at Bramalea's Lester Pearson Theatre, adults and children alike will find this quick-paced, colorful play a thoroughly entertaining Christmas treat.

Hickory, Dickory, Dock moves to Georgetown's John Elliott Theatre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The differences between pantomime and regular theatre are what make this play fun. The cast does not play at the audience, but rather to them, encouraging audience participation by including them in the play.

And participates they did. The Wizard of Bong, an evil magician with an evil laugh (played by Alan Gibson), and his nasty sidekick, the Black Imp (Wif Brookes) are booed and hissed at loudly as they enter and leave the stage, and each time The Sprite (Ann Baker) scurries onstage asking, "Which way did they go?", the entire audience



A number of chases led right off the Lester Pearson Theatre stage in Bramalea and into the midst of a giddy audience last weekend. In a fine performance of Hickory Dickory Dock, Brampton and Georgetown

players combined their talents for this Christmas pantomime in English tradition. Quick wit, colorful costumes and lots of happy music made for a weekend of entertainment 5,000 people won't forget too easily.

(Herald photo by Harold Bransch)

gladly shouts out the reply.

Spectator becomes participant as members of the audience who have a current birthday are sought out and brought

onstage for a song.

The stage is "projected" into the audience with a number of chases leading right into their midst.

The hapless Willie Winkle (played superbly

by John Thomas) appeals to the kids with his simple-minded cowardice. As suitor of the Dame Foxtrot (played by Georgetown's Ron Hunt), he makes use of slapstick

comedy as well as delivering some of the one and two liners which keep everyone laughing or groaning throughout.

This quick wit is followed now and then by a

drum beat, vaudevillian style, and although the jokes and the Archie Bunker-type word mangling done by some of the characters goes over the heads of the kids, the laughter of their parents at times becomes contagious.

Slap and Tickle (wonderfully portrayed by Marie Cleaton and Julie Reynolds, respectively) provide more visual humor as they stumble their way through the play. Their clumsy antics provide much of the humor for the youngsters.

FALLS INTO Georgetown's Cheryl Mills gives a charming performance as Dame Foxtrot's sweet, loving daughter Mary, who falls into the clutches of the villainous Wizard of Bong more than once.

Most of the songs have a quick tempo and the audience claps happily along with the music. There are only a few individual singing efforts, which is just as well, since Cheryl Mills has the only trained voice in the cast of major characters. Live musical accompaniment is left up to pianist Zubin Austin and drummer John Hartford, but additional music for some of the graceful choreography of the dancing

is recorded.

Although some of the plot is furthered in front of the curtain without the help of scenery, settings such as the court of King Neptune (who's played by John Roe) are effectively presented, but, according to the cast, only 60 per cent of the scenery could be seen by the Bramalea audiences because the stage is only 18 feet wide.

Georgetown audiences will get the full benefit of the scenery (it is 30 feet long) on the wider stage of the John Elliott Theatre.

Five thousand people have attended the performances thus far, and 75 per cent of the tickets

for the Georgetown shows have already been sold. Tickets are still available from the GLT Box Office at 877-3700 for \$2.50 each.

Other Georgetowners in the cast are Fern Slawson as Iris, one of the fairies, and Peter Roe, a member of the chorus.

The GLT's Dorothy Hunt co-produced the show with Moira Lumley and Chris Winsor is assistant stage manager. Ian Oldaker is lighting designer with Darren Harvey operating one of the spots. Jackie Willows assisted the wardrobe mistress, while Neville Worsnop and Pat and Derek Joyes were members of the stage crew.

Local hospital board endorses municipal complex proposal

The Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital board has formally endorsed a proposal to locate a municipal centre on Maple Avenue south of the Trafalgar Road intersection.

After considering the plan announced Nov. 22 at a town council meeting, hospital administrator Fred Morris said in a press release Monday that the board regards it as "good planning for the community" and noted that it would resolve a number of concerns which might arise as the hospital expands.

While council has not committed itself to the centre, it has approved a \$10,000 deposit on an L-shaped 30-acre property adjacent to land owned by the hospital. In announcing the proposal, Mayor Pete Pomeroy said new construction in the area would improve sewage flow, provide better access to the hospital from Maple Avenue or Trafalgar Road and may include hydro administration offices as well.

The hospital, Mr. Morris said, is planning an extended care wing, which when ready by 1984, may include "as many as 118 additional

beds" along with related hospital services.

A review of the hospital expansion proposal has indicated that water problems in the Princess Anne Drive area must be corrected, preferably by installing a looped water supply system. This would provide the hospital with an adequate supply of water for regular daily use and fire

protection if the building were suddenly cut off from its existing water supplies.

Mr. Morris noted that the Princess Anne Drive sewage system is "near capacity" and doubted that it could handle the increase in wastes anticipated when the hospital expansion is completed.

Hospital growth, Mr. Morris added, is linked

with policies in the town's official plan which expects the urban area to grow considerably as new housing developments are built south of Silver Creek in Georgetown. In addition, provincial policies are encouraging more local care for senior citizens.

The need for additional access routes to the hospital (ambulances are

limited to one approach along Maple Avenue) was underlined by the wash-out earlier this year of Maple Avenue following a heavy rainstorm.

"The community needs a good access road from Acton and Highway 7; any road access from Trafalgar Road-Maple Avenue area will be an asset," Mr. Morris maintained.

Good Neighbors Service seeks headquarters

By ROMA TIMPSON
GNS co-ordinator

To date we have no headquarters but we're hopeful that by next week we'll hear word.

I would like to thank those who have been kind enough to send along good wishes to my tireless helpers and myself for a successful campaign for 1982 and the season's greetings. I was happy to see in my mailbox cheques from several generous and concerned townspeople and my sincere thanks to: Ballinafad Church Women \$50; Robert and Betty Duboc \$10; Belle and Bill Garbutt \$25; Floria McNally \$100; Jean Mackenzie \$25; Jamie Clare, \$25; Sam and Margaret Mackenzie; McClure-Jones Funeral Home \$500; Knox Presbyterian Women \$100; Vera Norton \$15; your comments are very encouraging and thanks so much again.

Please don't forget to drop off your good used or new toys to the home of Marny Malcolmson at 179

Raylawn Cres., and if you desire, send a cheque to the Good Neighbor Service, c/o Roma Timpson, 53 McIntyre Cres., L7G 1N5. Or if you wish to phone regarding helping us sort, pack or deliver baskets, the number is 877-9135.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

TAKE NOTICE that Applications in writing to the undersigned will be received until 12:00 noon December 10th, 1982 from any members of the general public who desire to have their names considered for appointment to the following Boards and Committees for the terms indicated:

A. HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT: Two (2) persons who are residents within the municipality who are not employees of the municipality or of a local Board of the municipality, until January 1, 1986.

B. HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: One (1) person until November 30th, 1985 who is a Canadian citizen of the full age of 18 years, resident of the municipality, and not a member of any of the bodies entitled to make an appointment to the Board.

C. HALTON HILLS PARKING AUTHORITY: Three (3) persons until November 30th, 1985 who are residents within the municipality and are not employees of same or of a local Board of the municipality.

D. HALTON REGION SAFETY COUNCIL: Two (2) persons to be appointed for a one year term, until January 1st, 1984, and who are residents of the municipality.

E. HALTON REGION LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE: One (1) person to be appointed, until January 1st, 1986, who is not a member of Regional or Local Council or an employee of Regional or Local Council.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD STATE:

(a) The office for which the Application is made.

(b) The name, address and qualifications of the Applicant and also the telephone number where the Applicant can be reached during business hours.

NOTE: One letter of Application would suffice should the Applicant be desirous of applying for more than one position, however, please state preference.

DATED AT THE
Town of Halton Hills
this 1st day of
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Clerk-Administrator
Town of Halton Hills
36 Main Street South,
Halton Hills (Georgetown)
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Branch 120 news

SICK LIST: Kay Hue, Theresa Harrison, Sam Gibby and George Brayley all in Georgetown Hospital.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dec. 10, Dance and Mini Bingo in the Club Room; Dec. 11, Turkey Shoot at 3 p.m.; Dec. 11 in the lounge, Herb Ruth; Dec. 18, Childrens Christmas Party; New Year's Eve Dance Tickets on sale at the bar.

CAR CLUB WINNERS for Dec. 2: 389 Joey Hatfield, 418 Rod and Myrt McDonald, 494 Judy Quick, 43 John Cummins, 318 Ray Chapman.

LADIES AUXILIARY: December meeting is Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Please don't forget to bring your Pot Luck Supper.

Initiation Team Christmas Practice Dec. 19.

LEGION HISTORY
The president being ill, 1st vice president Arnett Early presided at a special meeting held Aug. 28, 1946 for the discussion of renovation of the building or erecting a new one. It was moved and carried to proceed with the renovations of the building at a cost of approximately \$25,000. This motion was only carried by a small majority over those who favored building.

It was decided that the president and secretary meet with contractor and architect and sign the contract and that the building committee remain in office until the renovation was completed.

Then began that period to last for some many months, and termed by one wit as "a state of perpetual chaos", as the

building was literally torn apart and its use was continued only under decidedly makeshift conditions.

Christmas Tree that year became a big affair with so many new members adding largely to the already big list for Santa's favors. Recommendations were made to council to call the new subdivisions by wartime names: thus came into the districts Normandy Boulevard and Churchill Crescent.

The first veteran to serve only in World War II was elected president when Arnett Early came to office March 27, 1947. First v.p. was Jack Toat, 2nd vice Bob Early and an

executive of G.O. Brown, H. Harlow, T. Pary and Tom Given with 'Bill' and 'Wally' handling treasurer and secretary. Officers were installed by Zone Commander "Dutch" McCartney.

Joe Gibbons and Bob Ireland of the War Recognition committee met with a Legion committee to plan recognition of world war II vets. In April Sol Dewhurst, was hired as steward, a position he held until his retirement in March of 1952.

Nov. 7 was set for the official opening of the auditorium and a gala evening was held that Friday night.

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