

'Roles within roles'

AHS drama club presents 'Done to Death'

"Done to Death" is different from musicals performed by the Acton High School drama club, so expect a surprise, says teacher-director Susie Beber.

Assisted by Jan Penick, Ms. Beber has been working with the 17 members of the cast in this mystery comedy thriller since October when auditions first began.

Three practices per week have given way to practices every day now that the performance is so close. The two act play begins April 28 and continues to April 30.

"Actors had to develop roles within their own roles. It's a sophisticated play with lots of humor," Ms. Beber says.

The play doesn't always feature direct humor so you have to be on your toes, she says.

Done to Death is written by Fred Carmichael and was first performed at the Dorset Playhouse in Vermont August 5, 1970.

"Ingenuously hatched into the script is a parody

of every mystery, plot, hero and villain created in the past 50 years," states the Vermont Banner.

"The story alternates between reality and imagination as five mystery writers wrestle with the problem of writing a television mystery," states the Banner review.

"All around them murders occur and each writer takes a turn at solving them in his own style." Some cast members play a couple of roles while others play a character within their character, Ms. Beber says.

There are some special effects such as people getting shot and typewriters blowing up, she says. Some of the set was done by well known local artist Gene Neubacher, she says.

One by one the deaths mount and the mystery grows as to who's responsible. Acton High School students are putting on a mystery comedy by Fred Carmichael called "Done to Death" April 28, 29 and 30. Tickets are available by calling the school.



Mary Welsh has 'personality plus'



By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

It's all go when you have seven bosses. Smith and Stone secretary Mary Welsh, 31, bubbles with enthusiasm, nevertheless, for her job and co-workers in the sales and marketing department of the Georgetown company.

"It never stops. In the beginning it was like, 'Argh, give me a break, now, it's alright,'" she said in her thick Scottish accent.

Secretary for almost enough bosses to make up a baseball team, Mrs. Welsh has been working two years for Smith and Stone.

"It's a busy job, but I like to be busy. I'd rather be busy than sitting twiddling my thumbs," she said. "The days just fly by here."

Doing dictaphone work, typing, sorting mail, handling phone calls, giving distributors price information, sending out catalogues and price lists, using the word processor, compiling mailing lists and making travel and hotel arrangements for six men and one woman don't give Mrs. Welsh much free time.

NOTE: "The guys make most of the coffee. Yes, I have it made for me when I come in mornings. They do it for me. I just don't have the time," she said with a laugh.

From a little village called Blackridge in Scotland, half-way between Glasgow and Edinburgh, Mrs. Welsh came to Canada three and a half years ago with her husband and two daughters. Originally coming for a holiday, they decided to live in Georgetown where her husband had relatives.

However, she said she misses the social life, her family and friends back in Scotland, and though they've been back for visits, it hasn't been enough. Mrs. Welsh said

her family intends to move back to Scotland in the summer.

Prior to coming to Canada, she said she used to work as a secretary in the personnel and training department of Pye

ed up," Mrs. Welsh said. "I don't mind. Sometimes I shout at them, but they're usually very good," she joked.

She has an easy, comfortable relationship with bosses Jim Del Greco,

ence for him and that it's done quicker than expected.

"It's her bubbly, enthusiastic sense of humor that's her strong point," Mr. Kuzemko said. "I don't think you'll have anybody say anything bad about her."

Clive Hannan agreed wholeheartedly.

"It's amazing she can co-ordinate it all. She doesn't keep anybody waiting very long. It shows she's very well organized," he said.

Mr. Hannan pointed out the occasional weekend or evening Mrs. Welsh has come in to do extra work.

"She cheers everybody up every morning," Mr. Hannan said. "It's a real shame she's going to be leaving us. We're all happy she's doing what she wants to do, but sad to see her go."

Secretaries Week

Telecommunications, a company that produces telephones and radio equipment.

"I enjoy secretarial work. I like typing and dealing with people," Mrs. Welsh said. "I get satisfaction out of it."

A slim brunette, Mrs. Welsh is cheerful and energetic, with a zest for her job that seems unending.

She said being a secretary in Canada is not much different from being a secretary in Scotland.

SIMILAR "Obviously it's different being in a sales department than in the personnel department, but the main duties are similar," Mrs. Welsh said.

Although skilled in Greig's shorthand, she seldom uses it, she said. Her bosses rely on dictaphone machines.

"If I had to sit and take dictation off of all these people, I wouldn't have the time to type it too," she said.

There used to be two secretaries doing Mrs. Welsh's work, until the other one left prior to a layoff last Christmas at Smith and Stone, she said. "I was asked if I would handle it till business pick-

Doug Crowe, Clive Hannan, Barb Carney, Ed Power, Bill Briggs and Jim Kuzemko. Two of them were in the office and willingly shared their opinion of the secretary they share.

THE BEST "I think she's the best and we couldn't do it without her," Jim Kuzemko said. "She's got personality plus."

Praising her manners and efficiency, Mr. Kuzemko said Mrs. Welsh often does correspond-

UWC PRESENTS, Musical Zoo

"A Musical Zoo" with The Lampton Puppet Theatre and the Community Winds Quartet concludes this year's University Women's Club Super Sunday Series.

The performance is at the John Elliott Theatre on May 1, 1983. Limited tickets for the 3:30 p.m. show available at the door.

Advance tickets for the Super Sunday Series to begin in the fall of 1983 will be available at the May 1 performance.

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Registered ActiVan riders numbered 193 last year, 66 more people than registered the year before (104).

Not operated as a profit-making venture, ActiVan service revenues fell far short of expenditures for a deficit in 1982 of \$36,525.

Shared by the town and the province, the deficit cost the town \$12,825, \$3,800 less than the deficit council anticipated when it set its 1982 budget.

Revenues are generated by donations and the 60-cent fee paid by riders last year. They totalled almost \$11,000 last year. Donations have been set in a separate account and are used to cover the costs of extra service, not normal operating expenditures.

Death-trap

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ney's lawyer, deflects some suspicion from the other characters, as he eventually comes under the wrath of mysterious Heiga.

The set of Death-trap deserves praise for nicely portraying the inside of a historic household laden with guns, knives, cross-bows and other implements of destruction. Antique furniture and a well designed backdrop complement the casual and comfortable setting for a playwright at home in his country estate.

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Appearing May 2, high school students from A.N. Myer Secondary School in Niagara Falls will be playing dixieland jazz, big band nostalgia from the '30s and '40s and eight player combos.

The school band is directed by Gordon Smallwood, 23, a grad of Georgetown District High School in 1967. Mr. Smallwood has been teaching music at A.N. Myer since 1974.

In May 1982 A.N. Myer won three gold and one bronze at the Canadian National Stage Band finals in Hamilton in an unprecedented sweep.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Hospital Gift Shop and Barber's Jewellers. For information call 877-4802.

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