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A children's play with a difference



There were over 20 winners in the Remembrance Day poster contest sponsored recently by the Royal Canadian Legion in Georgetown. Among the winners collecting their certificate of achievement were (front, left, clockwise) Andrea Schneider, 11, Julie Holmes, 14, Michelle Green, 16, Darlene Johnson, 20 and Glen Caldwell, 11. The awards were given out Thursday night in the Legion hall.

Standing ovation for Journey from AMU

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Last Tuesday night in Milton, an enthusiastic audience of nearly 300 gave a standing ovation to the cast of the entertaining and delightful play Journey from AMU.

Cable, Paul Punyl and Maureen Rooney) played a wide assortment of colourful characters in this appealing tale. The play unfolds when princess Merlana from the planet AMU (All Mixed Up) comes to earth to find out about touch. Using her magic powers Merlana finds herself in a variety of different situations in which she learns touch can be pleasant, caring and feel good or it can be unpleasant, confusing and feel bad. Merlana asks children in the audience for advice in each of the different situations and children learn along with

Merlana - personal safety rules such as:
1. Never go to a park or shopping centre alone
2. Always tell someone where you're going
3. If someone grabs you, yell as loud as you can
4. Trust your feelings.
The play is sponsored by the Metropolitan Chairmans Special Committee on Child Abuse and is part of a preventive education project to be introduced in Halton.

Both Lynn Clark of Georgetown's Block Parents executive and Janet Still of Georgetown's Streetproofing Your Children thought the play was "super". Both would like to see the play in Georgetown schools.

The program is already in use in over 70 schools in Toronto and over 30,000 children kindergarten to grade VI have seen the play. Catherine Stewart, a member of the special committee, co-authored the play with Marsha Barber and David Craig. She said the committee "knew that a lot of children were suffering and they wanted to find a way of helping these children at an early age." Twenty-five per cent of children who are sexual-

ly abused, she said, are abused before the age of seven and according to the Badgley Report published by the Federal Government, one out of two women and one out of three men will have been sexually abused by the time they reach adulthood. "Children are not safe," Ms Stewart concluded. "We have failed them in the past and we must start believing children. We cannot let this injustice continue." To this end, the Special Committee has implemented the preventive education project.

Success in the States

Jerseys from Hornby collected some successes at the All American Open and Open and Junior Shows held in Louisville, Kentucky recently. In the largest-ever edition of a special Jersey Jug Futurity Class, a Hornby entry finished a strong fourth. Rock Ella Starfire Amella, from Rock Ella Jersey Farm Ltd., Hornby received recognition as the highest placing animal owned by a junior exhibitor (Marvin Ella) in this 54 head class.

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