



Students from Centennial Public School sure looked the part as they portrayed orphans in the musical 'Oliver'. The grade 6, 7, and 8's had been working on the production since January with the result being a very enjoyable performance.

(Herald photo)

## Musical Oliver

# Dickens would approve of Centennial's version

By ROBIN BAKWELL  
Herald Staff

From the opening act, with over thirty voices singing "Food Glorious Food", it was obvious Centennial's production of Oliver Twist was to be no slouch.

For such a small guy, Mark Micklethwaite, who played Oliver, had a lot of stage presence. Apart from his "Please sir, I want more" line in the first act, Oliver was led around with no other lines until a couple of scenes later.

At that point not only did he prove his acting ability but also his singing qualities with "Where is Love?" which was well received by the audience.

In fact, the whole production was well received, and rightly so.

Music teacher Paul Brisley and Lois Barrager had been rehearsing with the approximately 70 kids in the musical since early January.

Sets were built by shop teacher Stan Cathrae with elaborate backdrops designed and made by art teacher Jean Horton with help from

Linda Roe.

A scene of the old city streets of London was particularly impressive, with the old cobble streets and antique looking shops.

Costumes, which were largely made by the students themselves, depicted the era well. Looking and acting the part of orphans they were dressed in tattered torn attire complete with suspenders and even the occasional chimney-sweep hat.

Music was provided by three keyboards, percussion, and periodical guitar and flute work led by Terry Champ. The music complimented the young actors' and actresses' voices and was never overpowering.

Fagan (Mary-Lynn McVittie) and his gang, which included Richard Sowers as the Dodger, even went as far as to learn some of the London cockney for the production.

If Charles Dickens was around today he too would have written a good review on what proved to be a very entertaining afternoon at the John Elliott Theatre.

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## HALTON HILLS ARTS COUNCIL

By PAT HRETCHKA

There are signs out there that spring is coming, really coming. I know that many of you are like me. You need the thought of spring to get you through the winter. But this is not just wishful thinking. I really think this time spring is on its way.

What are my signs of spring, you ask. One is the arrival of the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's Spring and Summer Brochure. I grabbed it eagerly when it arrived and thumbed through looking for any programs involving the Arts. Drama Club is it again.

Another sign of spring was the arrival of the Summer Sale Catalogue. Of course the Spring and Summer one arrived before Christmas. The seed catalogues were also out obscenely early. However the sure sign that spring is on the way, in our house has occurred. My husband has ordered his seeds.

My advice to everyone who is sick and tired of this lousy winter, is hang in there. Spring is truly on its way. If you are looking for a way to enjoy yourself while waiting for it, the Rotary Club has a great evening of music and fun planned.

They are presenting Felix Possak and his Banjo Palace Band, March 23, 8 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. Many will remember the excellent program Felix presented by himself, when he appeared here a few years ago as part of a Trillight series of concerts.

You name a type of music and Felix Possak can do it and do it well. If the winter blues have you fed up and you are looking for something to brighten your outlook, you owe it to yourself to catch this concert.

If Felix can't cheer you up with his humor and music, perhaps you need professional help. Come on out and have a great time.

For tickets call 877-4078.



## At the movies

By DANNEY RUSSELL

Jonathan's party is going to have some unexpected guests - 'Ghoulies' they'll get you in the end.

By now we've all seen the advertisement that shows the little green guy coming out of a toilet bowl - Believe me, that's where this movie belongs.

## Spaces for handicapped

There'll soon be two handicapped parking spaces adjacent to the Mountain Dew Restaurant on Guelph Street in Georgetown.

The owner of the restaurant received permission to designate the parking areas for the handicapped. The town is responsible for ensuring the designation isn't abused by other drivers.

## Peace meeting

Brampton and Area Peace Council will meet Wednesday March 20 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of Cardinal Leger High School, 75 Mary Street Brampton. Everyone is welcome, 453-0268.

'Ghoulies' is supposedly about satanic worshippers who conjure up a bunch of stupid looking demons called 'Ghoulies'. It's an attempt to imitate 'Gremlins'.

The little creatures were neither scary nor cute. Despite the movie's title, the actual movie was not about the Ghoulies - but instead the guy who moves into the house and starts practising black magic - or something like that.

The plot of the movie didn't go into enough detail or explanation to fully understand (or enjoy) 'Ghoulies'.

Believe me, it was a real chore to sit through this movie. 'Ghoulies' is not a horror movie (despite what the ads say). I've gotten bigger scares eating lunch from my school's cafeteria; and more laughs.

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If you, or someone you know is handy with a brush, help would be much appreciated. For more information call Lucie at 845-9430, ext. 356.

**Swim register**

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department would like to remind residents of the Acton and Georgetown areas that swimming lessons will be offered at both of the swimming pools beginning in April.

Registration for these classes will start March 18 - so mark that date on the calendar, and we will see you at the pool after 6 p.m.

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