

Halton Hills Arts Council

Tom-toms drum up play support

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Herald Special

Dec. 13 tomtoms will be heard throughout Halton Hills heralding the opening of Georgetown Little Theatre's production of Bungalooosa. Bun-ga-loo-sa: if you say it over and over again, you can actually hear the drums of this unique Indian tribe.

According to the play's creator, Ron Hill, to name the tribe Mohawks or Iroquois just didn't sound right because these names didn't have the right beat, that of the tomtoms.

Ron Hill, who has acted and directed with GLT for many years, is well known to the theatre going crowd. Bungalooosa is his brain child or perhaps rather his labour of love.

For two years his idea for a musical grew. Ron wanted the show to be original, funny, appealing to all ages in set, script, and musical score. To quote Ron, "it is a satire on everything!"

Once the play was written, he approached Ralph Ussel, who taught music at the Georgetown High School, and Charlie Crimes, who played bass with the Georgetown Orchestra (yes, we had an orchestra once!) to collaborate on a score for Bungalooosa.

Then the three men went through the play taking one of Ralph's songs here, one of Charlie's songs there or combining some songs together. Ron is still amazed at how close the composers had come to rhythms that had been running through his head when writing the play.

Human rights day

Along with the rest of the world, Halton Hills council proclaimed Dec. 10 International human rights day and Dec. 9 to 15 human rights week.

Council made the proclamation Monday night, paying tribute to the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family.

Bungalooosa opened in 1976 to great applause, including an award from professional adjudicator Don Fleckser, for best original script, music and lyrics to Ron, Ralph and Charlie, and a nomination for best visual production.

As is often the case, changes occurred even after the first show. Ron was so pleased with the reception of the character of Paul Loser that he embellished it further into a major role. There will be some changes in this year's production too, but only minor ones, like the lengthening of some songs.

This is a delightful Canadian play, written, scored, directed and produced by talented individuals of our community. A show that you and your family will really enjoy.

As it is the season of merriment, you will delight in this excerpt from one of Bungalooosa's songs.

VERSE:

"The Russian drinks his vodka,
The Jamaican likes his rum,
The Scotsman scoffs his whiskey, but
When all is said and done,
As you're driving homeward,
over you may be,
But you know that you did nobly
When you answered, "I'll take tea."

CHORUS:

Indian or Chinese
Or plain Cingalese,
Blended or branded or anyway you please,
The drink that refreshes,
As you take your ease,
is TEA! TEA! TEA!

ARTISTIC NOTES:

-Don't be disappointed! Get your tickets now for Bungalooosa from the box office at the Cultural Centre, Dec. 13 - 7:30 p.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. performances on both Dec. 14 and Dec. 15.

96% of Sheridan College grads find work

Ninety-six per cent of 1985 Sheridan College graduates have found jobs in the past six months - the highest percentage in the history of the College, according to Placement and Career Education Director Rob Till.

The 1985 Placement Report indicates that 96 per cent of the 1,594 graduates available for work found employment by Nov. 15. That

represents a five per cent increase over last year.

"These statistics are typical of all College divisions - there are no weak areas across the board," Mr. Till said. "We have seen a vast improvement in the job market for the past 1 1/2 years and all signs indicate this trend will continue," Mr. Till said.

employment, 86 per cent found work related to their field of study, which

represents a 3 per cent increase over 1984.

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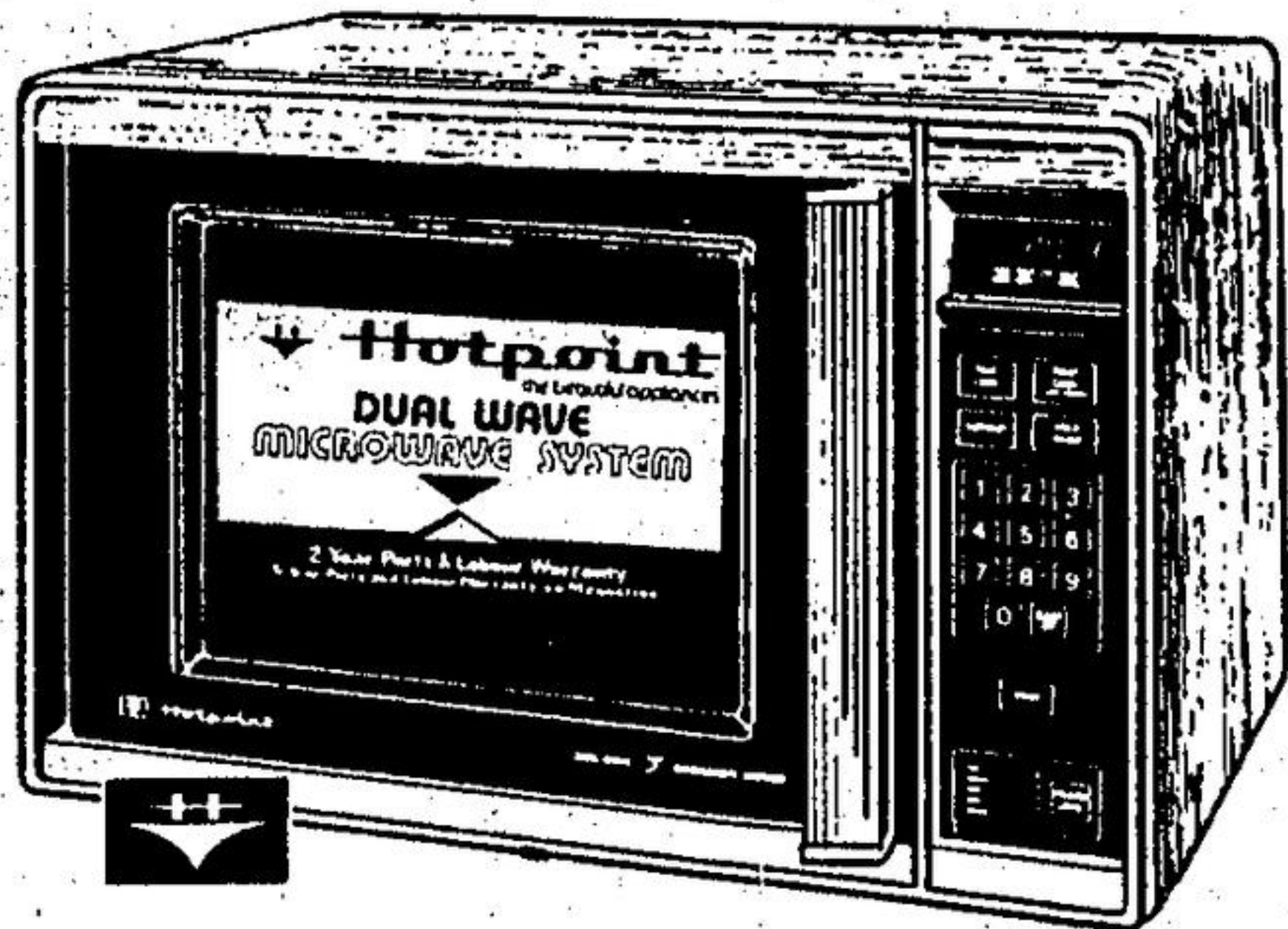
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