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Li'l Abner

## He's deathly afraid of becoming trapped

Start thinking about hillbillies and barrels of country bumpkin laughs, because Li'l Abner is coming to town.

It's time again for Globe Productions' annual presentation of a musical. "Li'l Abner" opens Jan. 30 at the John Elliott Theatre for an eleven night run and tickets are available at 877-4323.

The group auditioned for parts in early September and has been meeting twice a week to put this rollicking musical together. The cast is Globe's biggest ever with almost 60 people on stage as well as another 40 involved in the orchestration and production staff. The shows of the past four years, Anything Goes, New Girl in Town, Oklahoma and Mame had an average cast of 35, so this is a major undertaking for Globe.

Li'l Abner is a tall handsome hunk of a man and is played ably by Michael Clipperton, a resident of Georgetown and a member of Bramalea Little Theatre. There were three strong contenders for the role and Michael won it with his easy, relaxed style of singing and natural good looks. The cartoon character Li'l Abner is lazy, not terribly intelligent and is deathly afraid of being trapped by one of the female race, so Michael is doing a real

acting job here. He is pleased that a friend talked him into joining Globe and we hope to see him in future productions.

Daisy Mae, the voluptuous blonde who continually pines after Li'l Abner to no avail, is played by Gloria Munro of Milton. An exceptionally experienced actress, Gloria finds playing Daisy Mae a breeze. Gloria possesses a powerful voice guaranteed to send shivers down the audience's spine. She played Bonnie, the gangster's moll, in Globe's first show Anything Goes and won a coveted Thea Award as Best Actress for her performance in Brampton Musical Society's "The King and I". With over a dozen musicals under her belt, Globe is thrilled to have Gloria back as Daisy Mae.

"Li'l Abner" is a hilarious representation of Al Capp's comic strip and takes place in Dogpatch, U.S.A. To find out whether Daisy Mae manages to capture Li'l Abner in The Sadie Hawkins Day Race, come out and see Globe Productions' presentation of this musical, hillbilly style. Tickets are \$7 each (\$6 for students, seniors and groups of 20 on weeknights) and are available from the Walkers at 877-4323.



Tickets are available now for the musical Li'l Abner, performed by Globe Productions. Call 877-4323. Two of the fine actors in the play are Mike Clipperton (Abner) and Gloria Munro (Daisy Mae Scraggs), seen above.

## Amusement rides now regulated

By DOUGLAS ARMOUR  
Toronto Bureau

Consumer Minister Monte Kwinter introduced legislation Friday regulating amusement rides in Ontario.

The legislation, entitled The Amusement Devices Act, is designed to improve safety of amusement rides, particularly go-karts and other attractions used by Ontario consumers.

"There have been instances where accidents have been caused by mechanical failure which quite possibly could have been avoided through a program of regulation, licensing and inspection, such as the one described in the Amusement Devices Act," Mr. Kwinter told the media.

Last summer an 11 year-old Mississauga girl was scalped when her long hair caught in the axle of the go-kart she was driving at Sauble Beach. And in April, a Georgetown man and his 5 year-old son fell 25 feet when their seat dislodged from a ferris wheel on a midway show at a local mall.

At present, municipalities and local authorities have permissive authority under the municipal act to inspect and license amusement rides.

Under the new legislation, safety standards will be established and ride owners will be licensed by the province. Each ride will be licensed and must have a permit to operate.

Rides will also be inspected at regular intervals by provincially appointed inspectors empowered to order repairs relating to safety or close down rides considered unsafe.

In addition to traditional amusement rides and go-kart tracks, the legislation will also cover safety requirements of attractions such as water slides.

Since 1962 there have been ten amusement ride fatalities and at least six serious go-kart accidents, including three fatalities, in Ontario. There are more than 1,050 devices operating in

the province during the summer and fall fair season.

Mr. Kwinter said he expects new regulations governing go-kart track safety to be in place by next spring. Regulations for all amusement rides are expected to be enforced by November 1986.



MARTIN EBLING

### Ski Glen Eden

If cross-country skiing doesn't provide enough thrills, Glen Eden ski area, just outside Milton, may be your type of ski resort.

Featuring downhill skiing on a variety of hills and trails, Glen Eden also provides instruction for the novice. There are a variety of special events planned for January and February, so call now at 878-5011 for your events brochure.

Some of the highlights in the coming weeks are: Molstar racing Jan. 5 and 19. Steve Podborski will be at Glen Eden Jan. 5. A torchlight parade is scheduled for Jan. 24 starting at 6 p.m. The media are challenged in a special day for journalists Feb. 19. For the kids, there is a fun day March 9.

## Winter hazards force our police to issue warnings

By Sandy Campbell  
Herald staff

Traffic laws aren't tougher in the winter. Driving conditions change in the winter but the law doesn't - not until you hit someone. If you are travelling 80 km-hr on an icy road in 80 km-hr zone you are not breaking the law, said Sgt. Gary Bogue of the Halton Regional Police Traffic Bureau.

The police will probably pull you over and tell you to slow down, but they probably won't charge you. "People

have got to be aware not to drive in the winter like they do in the summer," Sgt. Bogue said. "You've got to slow down."

In recent weeks, there have been a rash of serious accidents. Two car accidents have resulted in death or serious injury to passengers. Due to whiteout conditions and a slippery Highway 7, four people from Acton were killed Dec. 28.

In Georgetown, 4-year-old Angela MacDonald was hit by a car while walking on the sidewalk of a bridge Nov. 11. The driver lost control of the car on the bridge and Angela was taken to hospital with internal injuries.

If you haven't been warned before an accident, chances are you will be charged after being involved in an accident. Charges could be for careless driving, following too close or another offense. Rear-ending is a common accident, Sgt. Bogue said.

A car travelling 50 km-hr on dry ground takes 65 to 70 feet to stop. "In bad winter conditions you can almost double that," Sgt. Bogue said.

Sgt. Bogue believes "inattentiveness" is the main reason for accidents. "People have their mind on two or three things while they're driving a ton of steel down the road," he said. If police see someone crossing over the centre line or talking to their friends in the car and not watching the road they will pull the driver over and warn them.

There are many reasons why you might get pulled over and warned. Fast driving on poor road conditions, a driver not up to standards and other kinds of "inattentiveness" are other reasons for being stopped. Last year 4,000 drivers were charged after being pulled over and 5,000 were issued warnings. "Most people will take the advice and thank you for bringing it to their attention," Sgt. Bogue said. "Warnings achieve the same results as fines," he added.

Sgt. Bogue believes the new eye level brake lights will reduce rear-ending. "Wearing a seat belt will reduce death and injury more than anything," he said.

"Drive to arrive alive. If everyone thought that way we would have a big reduction in accidents," he concluded.

## Secrets of artists shared in courses

Don't spend all your time hibernating by your kitchen table this winter. Get out and learn how to make your work a little cosier, with the help of Credit Valley Artisans (CVA) courses.

Five new courses start up this term and you're invited to share in the creative learning offered by the CVA.

Daisy Harris is teaching a course in oriental floral design for two nights this month: Thurs., Jan. 16 and 23. The course runs from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and costs CVA members \$13.50 and non-members \$16.

The proper use of mechanical aids in floral design, called ikebana, will be demonstrated and you'll be encouraged to create at least two designs each evening using fresh and silk flowers and branches. Learn how to adapt this ancient art to modern designs.

Local artist Gretchen Day will be sharing some of her secrets in doing watercolors in a course that begins

Feb. 6 and runs to March 13.

Planning ahead is important, as is being spontaneous and flexible when you're doing a watercolor, Mrs. Day says. Beginner and intermediate students will learn how to control this medium that often has a mind of its own.

You'll also learn the main techniques of wet on wet, even wash, graded wash and dry brush. These techniques will be next applied to a work of art.

The watercolor course runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and costs CVA members \$37 and non-members \$43.

Jette van der Meiden is teaching a beginner's weaving course in the Artisans cottage Jan. 29 to April 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

She'll teach you how to set up a four-harness loom and weave a sample runner using various colors. You'll learn the techniques of tabby, twill, double weave and finger weave. If time allows, an individual project will be completed.

The beginner's weaving course costs CVA members \$54 and non-members \$62. Yarns will be provided.

Want to look really dressy? Janice Smith is teaching a course in silver jewellery making.

You'll begin with the basics of jewellery making, like sawing, filing and high temperature soldering. Then you'll learn how to surface texture in various ways, prepare wax castings, and set a simple oval stone in jewellery. Ms. Smith will also teach you how to solder on earring parts, pin backs and safety catches.

The silver jewellery making course begins Jan. 28 and goes until March 4. Classes are from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and cost \$60 for CVA members and \$67 for non-members. All tools and supplies, plus enough silver for a small first project are provided.

A final winter course being offered by the Artisans is a one-day spinning workshop March 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll learn how to spin, card and prepare fibre for the spinning wheel. Ted Caisan will also introduce you to the various types of spinning wheels and how they operate.

Identifying and working with various fibres is part of this course, as is learning how to blend fibres compatibly. The cost of \$16.50 for CVA members and \$19.50 for non-members includes the cost of fibres.

To register for one or more of these courses, come to the Artisans Cottage in Georgetown's Cedarvale Park Friday Jan. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call Fran Anthony at 877-5856.



GRETCHEN DAY

### Ski workshop

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is hosting a Cross Country Skiing Workshop this Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Jack Smythe Field Centre, Terra Cotta from 12:30 to 4:20 p.m. and the cost is only \$10. This workshop is designed for beginner skiers and also for skiers who would like to upgrade their present skills. It will cover topics such as correction of technique, ski safety and etiquette and is a must for all new skiers.

A second workshop will take place the following Saturday, Jan. 18, for families who would like to bring their children.

You will need to bring your own ski equipment and waxes and be sure to dress warmly and in layers. Registration is limited and we are filling up quickly, so be sure to register right away.

For more information, please call 877-5185 ext. 260.

## IN THE HILLS

### LaLeche meetings

La Leche League of Acton invites pregnant women and mothers with babies who are interested in learning more about breastfeeding to their series of monthly meetings. The advantages of breastfeeding will be discussed at the next meeting Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. at 16 Wilbur Street. Topics to be discussed at future meetings include childbirth, overcoming difficulties, nutrition and weaning. For further information please call Sandra Kenzie 878-4732, Sharon Duff 856-9935.

### Knack for news

If you love talking to people and have a knack for knowing what's going on in your community, there may be a job waiting for you.

The Herald is looking for neighborhood correspondents to write about local news. The newspaper is hoping to strengthen their links with hamlets such as Stewarttown, Ashgrove, Limehouse and Glen Williams.

If you live in one of the communities listed and are interested in writing a bit of news each week, call the editor at 877-2201.

### \$1,000 grant

The changing trends and unmet needs of Halton Hills are to be put under the looking glass by the Halton Social Planning Council.

A recent letter from the Planning Council says it's ready to conduct community needs assessments and catalogue existing services in Halton Hills. "Information that will be extremely valuable to the Halton Hills United Way and to agencies wishing to develop services for the local community."

Recently, the Planning Council conducted such surveys in Milton and Oakville. Undertaking one in Halton Hills will require a \$1,000 grant. Planning Council President George Vallance wrote.

Town council voted to refer the request to the 1986 budget committee Monday night.

### Adult skating

Don't miss this opportunity to learn or improve your skating in a small group setting. Lessons begin tonight (Wednesday, Jan. 8) from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. at the Memorial Arena. Please call 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information.

### Playshop

The playshop is a half day program designed for pre-school aged children. The winter session started this week but there are still openings available. This program is sponsored by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department and runs for 9 weeks at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton. \$27 for once a week or \$50 for twice a week. Call 877-5185 ext. 219, 260 for more information.

### Swim lessons

There are still lots of openings in the swimming lessons that begin this week at both the Georgetown and Acton Pool. For class times, please call the pool after 6 p.m.

## Local volunteer learns some marketing 'magic'

Wendy Lovely, Chairperson of the Georgetown Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario was one of 150 people attending the Foundation's annual conference held recently in Toronto.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario raises funds for medical research and public education on heart disease and stroke through its February door to door campaign.

The annual conference draws volunteers and staff from across Ontario to meet, discuss their work and the future direction of the Foundation. The theme of the conference was "Marketing Magic" and was devoted to understanding the concepts of marketing and how it might be used to meet our needs.

A verbal and poster presentation by medical researchers funded by the foundation included the use of lasers in heart surgery, artificial hearts and eliminating heart disease in children.

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## Farmers surveyed on animal trespassers

A survey distributed to 1,700 farmers in Halton could decide the future of the deer hunt in Halton and whether any action should be taken against other wild animals.

The annual deer hunt is in November, but no hunting was allowed on Halton Conservation Authority property this year. The survey, which was sent out Dec. 30, will give the Halton Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources the information they need to resolve the hunt issue, said Phyllis MacMaster, agriculture representative for Halton.

Ms. MacMaster is on the Halton

Soil and Crop Improvement Association Committee who designed the survey and will be collecting the results. Ms. MacMaster expects to send the results of the survey to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the region in late February. What action they might take, Ms. MacMaster would not say.

"We are hoping the politicians will get an understanding of the damage done by wildlife and by people trespassing," Ms. MacMaster said.

Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., at Milton's Centennial Manor, the region is having a meeting where the deer hunt will be discussed. Should hunting be allowed

on conservation authority property is one of the questions to be addressed, Mrs. MacMaster said.

There is no data on damage deer and other animals do. This is the first large scale survey attempted in Halton, Ms. MacMaster said. There have been surveys available before, but few were filled out. The success of the survey depends on the number returned, Ms. MacMaster said.

Animals mentioned in the survey, other than deer, are: geese, other birds, raccoons, rabbits, mice, groundhogs, beavers, coyotes, foxes, dogs and man.

Sometimes it is hard to tell what animal did what damage, Ms. MacMaster admitted. Tracks and the type of damage done are the best clues, she added.

The kind of damage from animal trespassers varies. Deer eat immature field crop plants and the buds from fruit trees. Geese eat the shoots of grain plants. Raccoons eat crops, especially corn which they husk. Groundhogs eat vegetables and create hazards with the holes they dig. Rabbits and mice damage trees by eating the bark and they eat soybean plants.

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