

the HERALD

Entertainment

Li'l Abner

Producer Houston irons out details

By LOIS FRASER
Herald Special
With less than three weeks till opening, Audrey Houston is finishing up last minute details for Globe Productions' "Li'l Abner". The show opens Jan. 30 at the John Elliott Theatre (for ticket information call 877-4323).

This is Audrey's first experience with producing but she is able to manage it quite nicely by referring to her previous business experience. Running a show is just like being president of a mini-corporation with a budget of \$20,000, a staff of 80 and one big deadline - opening night.

Audrey has appeared in all four of Globe's previous shows, with memorable leading roles as Vera, Mame's bosom buddy, in "Mame" last year and as warm, outspoken Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma". Li'l Abner is no exception as Audrey is a chorus member as well as producer.

She finds it helps her keep tabs on the production and how the cast is feeling. In musical theatre, Audrey is considered to be an ideal member - entertaining on stage and a hard worker off stage.

Fortunately Audrey has some talented local people heading up the production team. Maria Jennings is

heading up costumes, which is no mean feat with over 100 to be done. Her children, Tim and Kate, are in the show so Maria figures her involvement helps her children enjoy an interesting hobby.

Ballinacres resident, Gerry Andrew, has built the sets again this year and Breunis Kamphorst of Acton is lending his artistic talents to paint the cloths and scenery that will transform the theatre into the hills of Kentucky for the eleven night run.

This show is a community effort with Linda Parker of Limehouse and Nanci McNeil of Georgetown as assistant producers. All of these people, and most of the other 40 production people, donate their time after a full day's work at their jobs.

What makes them all continue this hobby? Clearly they have been bitten by the theatre "bug" or perhaps it is the audience's appreciation, making someone laugh or cry, forget their troubles and, for a few hours, be transported into a world of fantasy.

If you would like to visit cartoonist Al Capp's "Dogpatch" with Yokum-berry Tonic, moonshine, outhouses, and a whole lot of laughs, give us a call at 877-4323. Tickets are \$7 each, \$6 for students, seniors and groups on special evenings.



Who wants to be kissed by Prince Mishmash the big coward? Yuck. That's exactly how Princess Lorenda reacted during one of the longest kisses ever given on the John Elliott Theatre stage. King Crispin wasn't too pleased about the kiss either. The

three were characters in the Super Sunday Series' last show for children. The Toy Towne Troupers put on an excellent performance of "The Haunted Castle" for a full house Sunday afternoon. (Herald photo)



"The Trouble With..."

An innovative new musical will be making its debut in Georgetown Saturday night. "The Trouble with Growing Up is..." stars (left to right) Jim Broughton, Edgar Thatcher, Dianne Ticknor, Jamie Campbell and Victor Hanson. Featuring contempo-

rary music, the benefit concert is packed with humorous skits showing life with adolescents. Tickets (\$8) can be picked up at Nell's Music Centre or by calling Jim Broughton at 877-4331. Proceeds from the show are going to the Halton Youth Centre.

Halton Hills Arts Council

Plan for busy January

By GRETCHEN DAY
Herald Special
Happy New Year!
Well, it has been two weeks since we entered the new year. Did you make any New Year resolutions? If so, how many have you broken? Like many of you, one of my resolutions was not to burn the candle at both ends. But having reviewed the many Arts activities going on in January and February, my resolve may have to be set aside. I'll let the following events speak for themselves. Have fun planning your winter activities.

ARTISTIC NOTES
—Three new courses have been added to the list of Arts courses offered by the Credit Valley Artisans detailed in last week's paper:

Stained Glass - A two day workshop introducing the student to the techniques of fabricating stained glass articles by the copper foil method. Emphasis will be placed on design. All material for a simple and more advanced project to be completed within this time is included in the fee. Instructor: Roberta Burrows, of The Forge Gallery, Terra Cotta. Dates: Sat. Feb. 1 and 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: CVA member - \$38, non-member - \$44.

Doug Decorating - An elementary course in the creation of artifacts of dough made from wheat flour, decorated with watercolors and baked. Instructor: Joanne Ingram. Dates: A three week course beginning Thurs. Feb. 13, 7-10 p.m. Cost: CVA member - \$24.50, non-member - \$29.

Clay Sculpture - A course for beginners and continuing students giving instructions in both low and full relief using a terra cotta (red) clay. Emphasis will be placed on human anatomy. Material and equipment are included in the cost. Instructor: Dawn Connell. Dates: An eight week course beginning Wed. Feb. 5, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cost: CVA member - \$39, non-member - \$47.

Other courses offered this winter by the Credit Valley Artisans include Oriental Floral Design, Watercolour, Beginner's Weaving, Silver Jewellery Making and a Spinning Workshop. Register in person at the Cottage,

Cedarvale Park, Fri. Jan. 17, 7-9 p.m. or Sat. Jan. 18, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. For further information call Fran Anthony, 877-5856.

—Ticket sales for Globe Productions' Li'l Abner are fast and furious. Don't be disappointed. Get your tickets now at the Box Office at the Cultural Centre or call 877-4323. There are eleven performances beginning Jan. 30.

—Mississauga's Library system's 11th Annual Juried Art Show '86 is fast approaching. Cash prizes will be awarded. Artists can submit up to two drawings, prints, watercolors or works in oil or acrylic, framed, labelled and ready to hang (up to 48" wide), each with a \$3 entry fee. Winners will be notified Jan. 27 with a juror's critique and awards ceremony later that evening.

Works must be delivered on Jan. 24 or 25, from 9 - 5 p.m. at the Central Library Gallery, 110 Dundas Street West, Mississauga, Ont., L5B 1H3, (416) 625-8681. The show will run Jan. 27 - Mar. 6, 1986.

—The Georgetown University Women's Club is celebrating its 15th year with a Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, Sat. Feb. 15, Sacre Coeur Hall, 6:30 - 1 a.m., \$30 per couple, cash bar, catered by Kentners, featuring 50's and 60's music, jive contests, door prizes, lip-synch contest, hula-hoop contest and much more. For tickets call 877-0407.

—Even though it doesn't show until the end of February, already tickets are selling quickly for Georgetown Little Theatre's next play, Agatha Christie's Mousetrap. Plan now to attend. The show begins Feb. 21. Tickets available at the Cultural Centre Box Office.

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Arts concert series

Three concerts, each unique, are coming up in the new year, thanks to the Brampton Arts Council's Spotlight Series.

The Council's series features The Canadian Parlour Singers, Taussig and Enemies and Holly Arntzen.

The Canadian Parlour Singers are performing Feb. 4 and specialize in turn-of-the-century music and melodies of Canadian composers. Their show takes you from the comedy of antique singing commercials to the patriotic fervour of "Johnny Canuck's The Lad".

March 4, Elyakim Taussig of

Non-smokers supported by nurses' platform

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch, has just implemented a non-smoking policy in the workplace.

This policy has unusual implications for the VON nurses who visit clients in their own homes to provide nursing care. The "workplace" for them means not only the head office at Hopedale Mall, but also the familiar VON cars, and of course, the clients' homes.

The nurses also use the multi-

Czechoslovakia does his comedian in the Victor Borge style show, combining popular music, classical masterpieces and humorous commentary. Mr. Taussig was the artistic director of Stratford Summer Music for two years.

The third concert in the series features the winner of the 1983 Du Maurier "Search For The Stars", Holly Arntzen is a singer whose vocal talents range from a rustic sea chanty to lusty blues or mellor reflections.

Series tickets are \$30 and can be obtained by calling the Arts Council office at 793-4110, ext. 140.

service centres in Milton and Georgetown, and have decided that even though other agencies using the centres permit smoking, the VON will refrain from smoking cigarettes while working there.

Carolyn Keyworth, supervisor at the branch, says the policy is particularly important in carrying out home care services. "Some of the VON clients are terminally ill and wish to remain at home for as long as possible," she says.

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Kids' Safety Village ready for September

The Halton Regional Police should have their children's safety village completed by September, 1986, Staff-Sgt. Richard Kivell said.

The village would consist of a small scale town with paved streets. Traffic and pedestrian safety would be taught on the site. One acre of land has been donated for the project. The steering committee is in place and professionals have agreed to donate their time to help with the planning, Staff-Sgt. Kivell said.

Bronte Street north of the Queen Elizabeth Highway in Oakville is where the village will be. "It's as simple as we could get it. It's not every day someone donates land," Staff-Sgt. Kivell said, referring to the Region of Halton's donation.

Progress of the project is slow. Businesses will be contacted to get more support, he said.

Until the village is completed, the Halton police will be reaching children

through the classroom, as always. In addition to traffic safety, police will be talking to children about strangers, drugs and alcohol, vandalism and more.

Tax evasion

A part-owner of Canadian Style Donuts in Acton has been charged for tax evasion.

Milton resident Kay Antonopoulos, along with her former partner Jim Lalotis, were fined \$20,000 each for unreported income in separate cases.

Ms. Antonopoulos was convicted of concealing \$165,627 worth of sales income and evading \$48,722 federal income tax.

She was a partner in the Canadian Style Donuts chain, which operated shops in Milton, Acton, Streetsville, Burlington and Hamilton.

Cash register tapes were being manipulated, according to a release by Revenue Canada.

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