

Dance examiner Yvonne in demand in Peru, Brazil

By ANIPEDEKIAN Herald Staff

Just because someone is fat or lumpy or has a difficult personality doesn't mean ballet isn't for him, a Georgetown ballet teacher says.

Yvonne Oldaker says ballet is for everyone, with benefits for everyone.

"Very often, a lot of shy children get a lot more self-confidence, and almost always do well in public speaking, even though we don't do speaking in ballet," Mrs. Oldaker, owner of the Halton Hills School of Dancing, said of her pupils.

"It's the straight back and coordination they learn from ballet that gives ballet students that extra 'presence'."

When she started learning ballet as a girl, Mrs. Oldaker wasn't very keen on it, she confessed. However,

when she was away at boarding school, it turned out to be one of the few things she enjoyed.

Today, Mrs. Oldaker is a dance examiner with the Royal Academy of Dance, travelling the globe to test dance students. In 1983, her whole family joined her on a trip to the Caribbean where she'd been asked to work.

"The next year, they asked me to go back and choreograph and teach the National Dance Theatre of Trinidad," Mrs. Oldaker said. "It was hard, I had to tailor-make a ballet for them, based on the Comedia de Arte, which is a very old Italian style."

Five years ago, she was in South Africa, mostly examining white dance students.

"There were some colored students, but they don't have the opportunity," Mrs. Oldaker said. "Ballet is a very sophisticated art and it takes a while to get into that sophistication."

In September, she will be leaving



Yvonne Oldaker

for two months in Peru and Brazil, where Mrs. Oldaker and another examiner will test the abilities of dancers. Their air fare and accommodation will be paid for as will their work.

"The pay isn't enormous because we try to keep it low so that as many kids as want to take the exams can," Mrs. Oldaker said.

An enthusiastic and vibrant individual, Mrs. Oldaker is well known in the community for her work with the annual school shows, Georgetown Little Theatre and Georgetown Globe Productions.

Just before going away to Russia in February for a dance study trip, Mrs. Oldaker choreographed Globe's "Li'l Abner" musical, then when she returned, she did "The

Pied Piper" with dance students in the area.

She helped Georgetown District High School students put on "Camelot".

"The kids knew so much about medieval life by the time they did that show," Mrs. Oldaker laughed, her green eyes merry.

At Easter time, it was the Christian production "Seven Last Words". Mrs. Oldaker was involved in it.

"That was a good show, with a special feeling about it because we were pulling all those people from different churches together."

Mrs. Oldaker also does adjudicating at large dance festivals, and recently came back from one in Alberta.

"They (dancers) take them very seriously because they were giving away \$10,000 in prize money," she said.

When dancers put a tremendous amount of time and effort into their production, to them, their ballet is the best because they are the most familiar with it. It makes it difficult sometimes to accept criticism because of that.

"It's not very often difficult to judge. As long as you always stay true to yourself and always be completely honest with yourself from the inside," Mrs. Oldaker said. "It's tiring and it's fierce because everybody is so uptight."

She's received snubs and letters from parents who didn't agree with her comments or decision. That's part of the job.

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Georgetown Alliance

Members break ground on rural church land

It's not every day you build a home for 250 to 500 people. That's the project members of the Georgetown Alliance Church have undertaken.

By the end of the summer, church members hope to have architectural designs of a new church in their hands, and by next spring, the actual construction underway.

Building a church takes lots of organization and many helping hands. The two-month-old building

committee has 12 members on it, including pastor and project overseer Peter Ralph.

In April, the momentum began with a ground breaking ceremony on the five acre parcel of land recently purchased by the Alliance Church on Eighth Line, south of Maple Avenue. It's this \$50,000 property that will be the site for the new church.

"What we're doing right now is

setting up the contractors for next spring," public relations person Laurie Kemp said. "It takes a while to build a building. You can't just put it together overnight."

Church members don't want their new building to have that red brick institutional look, but have indicated their preference for wood, stone, and brick that gives a warm and cozy ambience.

Alliance Church members have been meeting at the Cedarvale Park Recreation Centre for the past couple of years, ever since they sold off their former home on Georgetown's Main Street South to a nursery school. The building is the historic home of the Baptist Church and has a tall steeple that can be seen at quite a distance.

Membership is about 125 with young families making up the bulk. Mr. Kemp said. They come mostly from Georgetown, but also from Acton, Limehouse, Ballinlad and even further north, he said. Neighboring Alliance Churches are in Guelph and Bramalea.

"Our idea isn't to steal members from other churches; it's to attract the people who are not going to church right now Sunday mornings, and new people coming in the area," Mr. Kemp said.

With the sanctuary intended to seat up to 500 people, expansion is definitely on the minds of the parish.

"We figure what's the use of building a new church if we can't look down the road, if we can't handle the flow of people over a period of years," Mr. Kemp said. "We don't want to build it too large, because our congregation will rattle around in there like one pea in a pod."

Committee members are keen on having a large foyer leading into the sanctuary, he said. Church members like to chat after the service and this area would serve that function.

Downstairs, Mr. Kemp said there are plans to have a kitchen, large central area with eight to ten Sunday School classrooms leading off it.

There'll be ramps so the handicapped can go downstairs too. Elevators are too costly to put in, Mr. Kemp said.

Where will the money come from for this building? So far members have raised close to the \$150,000 figure which was their goal before construction gets underway, Mr. Kemp said.

"We're close to that figure from what I understand, and by the time spring comes around, we feel we'll have hit our goal," Mr. Kemp said. Some money will have to be borrowed, but how much and from whom hasn't been determined yet by the committee's finance wizard Bill McCallum, he said.

"It's exciting. How often would you be involved in building something as large as what we're doing?" Mr. Kemp asked. "To the people within the church, it's one of the most exciting times that a church can experience."

In the hills

Divine peace

A series of 29 district conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses has been scheduled in Canada during the summer of 1986.

Arnold MacNamara, spokesman for the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Canada in Georgetown, said 140,000 are anticipated to attend the "Divine Peace" conventions scheduled in 23 different cities.

Wins diamond

Sherry Eastwood of Georgetown has a jewellery box with a little more in it after winning a diamond ring. Ms. Eastwood won the ring in the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary draw June 29. The draw was part of the strawberry tea at the Bennett Health Care Centre.

Nita fund

About \$1,500 has been raised for a scholarship in memory of a Georgetown girl.

The money will be used to help a first year journalism, student finance her education. The scholarship is in memory of Nita Millesse, who died in a motorcycle accident June 1.

You can still make a donation by sending a cheque to the Juanita Millesse Memorial Fund c/o Noble Court, Georgetown L7G 1M6.

"We are hoping to raise \$2,000 before September," said her mother, Jeannette.

Lorne Scot reunion

It's the 50th anniversary of the Lorne Scots Regiment, and you're invited to join in the celebrations Sept. 24 to 28.

The Lorne Scots are having a reunion and expect between 300 and 1,000 people to turn up for it.

It's also the 120th anniversary of the Halton Rifle and the Peel and Dufferin Regiments, predecessors of the Lorne Scots. Members of these two earlier groups are also invited to attend the reunion.

Thirty members of the Royal Fusiliers and 20 members of their military band are coming all the way from England to play at the reunion.

For more information or to register, call Chief Warrant Officer Jack Harrison at 877-4215.

Robotics passe'

By PETER HAGGERT Herald Special

Robotics are passe, says Paul Rutledge.

"Today the catchword is 'systems-oriented,'" says Rutledge, a salesman for Merlan Scientific Ltd. of Georgetown.

In the ever-competitive world of high technology, Rutledge says it's important to keep up with new developments in the field, and to make sure students of high technology are trained to operate the largest machinery.

Merlan's prime trade is the selling of educational systems to schools. Rutledge says probably every post-secondary institution in the country has some form of a Merlan product in their teaching repertoire.

With one ear to industry to find out the machines that are being used, and one ear to the schools, who are looking for the best tools to teach

presently-used technology, Rutledge says his business sometimes acts like a middle-man.

"There's always something new. We like to talk to industry to see what we're doing. And when a student comes out of school he shouldn't just know how to operate a machine, but he should also be able to repair a problem with it."

Industry systems built by Merlan are cost-efficient according to Rutledge. "We're building systems flexible to change. Systems can be re-tooled to meet specific job requirements, faster than ever before."

"What use to take months of downtime now might only take a week."

A flexible system can make a business more competitive, according to Rutledge.

Rutledge displayed his products at a recent Toronto technology exhibition, the CAD/CAM and Robotics Show.



Carving birds for art's sake is what Joe Coutts loves to do. The Trafalgar Road resident has set up a workshop where he makes these lifelike birds using a variety of woods to give the animal's coloring. (Herald photo)

He's the birdman of Halton Hills

When Joe Coutts moved from Vancouver, British Columbia, the movers must have wondered why he wanted to take his collection of gray rocks, driftwood and wooden blocks with him.

To them, it must have looked like materials you could pick up anywhere in Canada, but to artist Coutts, each piece was destined for a new work he could see in his mind.

The movers didn't see the freezer full of dead birds that Mr. Coutts left behind. He gave those goods away to other artists, artists who would know their value.

Lying on Trafalgar Road, just outside Georgetown's urban boundaries since October, Joe Coutts has set up a new workspace for himself in the basement of the house he rents.

He's a sculptor who fashions chunks of black walnut, Honduras mahogany and maple into lifesize birds.

"I realized an awful lot of colors of wood look a lot like the colors of a bird," the lanky man said as he took a seat. "There are some subtle changes here and there but not enough to make any difference."

A great horned owl swings out from the wall behind him. He's a stuffed owl that Joe uses as a model for his wooden owls.

One of his sculptures, perched on a table in the same room, is on an interestingly gnarled piece of driftwood. There are 410 feather pieces on that owl, Mr. Coutts says. It took him five weeks to fashion the 2½-foot nocturnal bird.

Sculpting for Joe began when he was 15, and learning to hunt ducks in

'Brothers' scanned carefully for match

Many men never had the chance to be a big brother when they were growing up.

By volunteering their time to the community, they've had a chance to change all that.

Big Brothers is a growing agency in Halton, requiring more volunteers all the time.

In June, Georgetown and Acton amalgamated with the Oakville and Milton Big Brothers.

The agency has about 100 clients, but Big Brothers are needed in ever-increasing numbers.

Milton is experiencing the greatest challenge, because it is growing so fast, said Executive Director Tordis Coakley.

There are about 170 Big Brother chapters in Canada. Big Brothers of Canada is the umbrella agency for the other chapters across the country.

In Georgetown and Acton there are currently five matches, but there are three potential Little Brothers looking for a friend, the director said.

Why do people become Big Brothers? "Very often people say they have some free time and want to spend it constructively," Ms. Coakley said.

"They're at a stage in their life when they want to give something back to the community," she said.

Big Brothers represent a wide variety of ages and backgrounds, she said. One Big Brother is over 65 and he is one of the best, she said. The youngest age for a Big Brother is 18.

Most important is that a Big Brother is healthy, capable of giving a Little Brother some stability and helping to show him the right way, Ms. Coakley said.

Over the years the screening and assessment of Big Brothers has increased, the executive director said. The result has been better matches and has given the agency a better chance of catching any potential problems.

A fairly new part of the pre-match program is that a Little Brother must undergo a sex defence program which is mandatory.

A Big Brother is checked out thoroughly and must have references from his employer, a blood relation and friends. A medical examination is necessary and police are asked to do a check on the person's criminal record. A personal interview with a Big Brother is very comprehensive and around 150 questions are asked.

The mother of the Little Brother is asked what type of Big Brother she would like to see and her son is asked the same question privately. Sometimes the answers are a bit different, said Ms. Coakley, with a grin.

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