

Centennial play

The enchanting Wizard of Oz

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Consider visiting a land of enchantment next week and beat the lingering winter blazes.

The Centennial Public School musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, is playing at the John Elliott Theatre March 9 to 12. The school has assembled its largest cast ever for these performances. In all, 130 students are participating. That is 25 per cent of the student population, said Paul Brisley, the coordinator of the project and a music teacher at Centennial.

Two entirely different casts are performing the musical. Two visits to the theatre means two different performances. Even the choruses for the two performances are different.

Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 make up the cast. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. They can be picked up some evenings at the John Elliott Theatre box office and at Centennial Public School where the telephone number is 877-6976. A family pass for \$9 is also available.

As of Friday, tickets for the Friday night show were sold out and the Thursday performance was almost sold out. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Two matinees will be performed for the students only.

Rehearsing for the musical began Jan. 6. Depending on their part, some students have been practising as many as six hours per week. "It's starting to flow. We're not ready yet, but we will be," said Mr. Brisley Friday.

The Wizard of Oz is the sixth major musical the school has performed in the last six years. It was chosen because there are so many parts for students. "Musically it is very melodious and appropriate

for children this age. The public can also relate to it," Mr. Brisley said.

Mr. Brisley enjoys working with young performers who he said, are "extremely creative and open minded". Students playing munchkins were asked to come up with their own costumes. Using props like flower pots and other household items they developed some great ideas, Mr. Brisley said.

Playing the part of Dorothy for three performances each are Kerri VanDe Volk, Grade 6, and Lisa Sheppard, Grade 8. There is a tremendous amount of dialogue to be remembered by these young girls, and Mr. Brisley is impressed by their ability to do it. With that amount of dialogue you don't know what will happen," Mr. Brisley said.

There are many different stage sets for the play which takes the audience from Kansas, through Oz and back. Preparing those scenes required a great deal of work. To accommodate problems of so many scene changes, some scenes will be new to even the most dedicated *Wizard of Oz* fans.

Instead of a castle, the witch lives in a cave. To make use of the dancing talents of the children, a crowd dance has also been added.

The music for the production is live. Mr. Brisley will be playing the synthesizer and a parent, Marilyn Mickettwaite, will play piano. Many parents and staff are part of the production.

Teacher Sue Barrow worked on the choreography and teacher Ray Denny helped with the stage crew. Stan Cathroe helped build sets, Linda Roe helped paint those sets, Jean Horton was involved in set design, Mrs. Duke is doing all the make-up and Mrs. McViti is responsible for props.



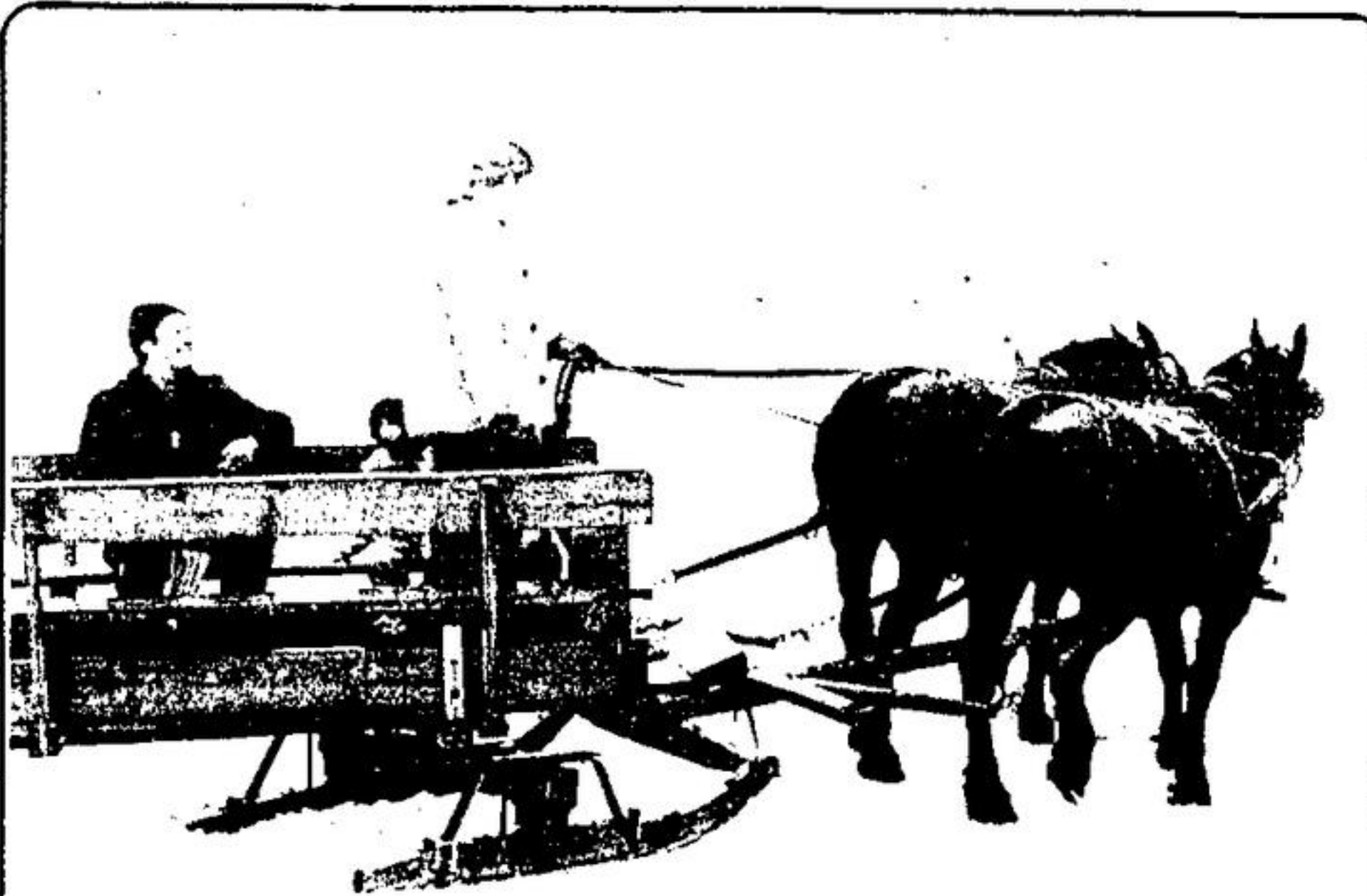
THEY'RE OFF: They're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz. Centennial school students are performing the popular musical

beginning next week. Seen here are (from front) Lisa Sheppard, Angie Cook, Leanne Inglis and Paul Gardner. (Herald photo)



SHIVERS!: There are some scary parts to *The Wizard of Oz* and Dorothy doesn't find a yellow brick road wherever she travels. Here, Dorothy (Lisa Sheppard) is con-

nered by the Wicked Witch of the West (Louise Williams). (Herald photo)



It was still foggy, but once the rain stopped Sunday, the horses and sleigh were able to take to the trails at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre to trolley visitors to the part of their Maple Syrup Time program. (Herald photo)

Running of the sap

Sugar bush tours in Halton

Looking for something exciting for your group during March Break?

The Halton Region Conservation Authority's Conservation Centres will be operating their Maple Syrup Activities during March Break (March 16-20).

Both the Crawford Lake Indian Village and Conservation Centre and the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and Conservation Area are excellent places to explore and learn about the outdoors. These Conservation Areas are located just south of Hwy. 401 near Campbellville at the Guelph Line exit. They are a ten minute bus ride apart. You will discover there is plenty to do in a morning or afternoon at each Area.

Listed below are the guided activities available in addition to the scenic hiking trails.

—Crawford Lake Indian Village and Conservation Centre:
"Thanks to the Maple Season" (Feb. 28-April 20)
Guided tours of the longhouse in the Indian Village.
A maple sugar demonstration on how native people made maple sugar. Presentations at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Films and displays in the Conservation Centre.
Indoor food concession.



Maple syrup goes great with pancakes, as three-year-old David (Gangbar found out Sunday at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. (Herald photo)

Lunchroom capacity: 60.
—Mountsberg Wildlife Centre and Conservation Area.
"Maple Syrup Time" (Feb. 28-April 20)
Horse drawn wagon or sleigh rides to the Sugar Bush.
Guided tours of the Sugar Bush at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., ending at the modern evaporator in the Sugar House.
Maple syrup products for sale in the Candy House.
Pancakes and sausages for sale in the Pancake House.
Films and displays in the Interpretive Centre.
Indoor food concession.
Lunchroom capacity: 60
HOURS: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
DAILY PASS: \$30.00-bus \$5.00-car
A daily pass may be used to enter both Conservation Areas on the same day. Maximum number in group: 150 at each Conservation Area. For groups over 150, we suggest dividing your group in half and spending a morning and afternoon at each area.
Due to the nature of the Conservation Area, the Halton Region Conservation Authority requires a supervision ratio of 1 to 10. Bookings must be made in advance by calling (416) 336-1158.

Restaurant could lead to plaza: councillor

A new restaurant is being proposed for the Highway 7 strip into Georgetown, and council is concerned it will turn into another strip plaza.

Feb. 23, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said she had concerns about the proposal by Roostworth Developments Inc.

"The part that bothered me was, this is a stepping stone to something else," Coun. Serjeantson said. "It seems like we're going to have another plaza on Highway 7."

She asked the town's planning department for a report on how the recommendations of the town's Highway Corridor Study of 1980 affect the recent planning decision to allow this restaurant.

The town's committee of adjustment approved the restaurant subject to a number of conditions, including that the building be on the easterly half of Lot 79 only. It cannot be more than 4,000 square feet in size.

The town's bylaw spells out that a restaurant be "accessory to a principal manufacturing or industrial use."

Asthma program

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Duplicate bridge

Duplicate bridge is offered, for those interested, at the Georgetown Legion (upstairs) every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. except when a holiday falls on a Monday.

There are refreshments and partners if needed. Free play will be given for winners in first place.

The winners from last week are: first place Dot Warren and Velma Charney, second Mike Loruso and Rene March and third Elsie Whitham and Sojan Graden. The players also celebrated Harry Arbie's 80th birthday with a cake.

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Regional council rules for building rural homes

About a dozen people turned out last Wednesday morning for a public meeting on residential development in the rural areas.

An eight-part amendment to Halton Region's Official Plan was being introduced for public comment.

Called Amendment No. 13, the amendment spells out how non-farm dwellings are to go up in the rural areas of the Region.

The Region's current policies permit non-farm homes only in hamlets and rural clusters. Regional planner Peter Langdon said if a developer wants to build rural estate homes, the plan of subdivision must not be for more than 20 homes, subject to the water and sewer resources of the area.

In the hierarchy of local and Regional Official Plans, the local is permitted to be more stringent on allowing new homes in the rural area, Mr. Langdon explained.

Although the size per property isn't specified for rural estate homes, they can be anywhere from one to three acres in lot size, he said. Beyond that size can get very costly due to water supply and sewage disposal reasons, it's unlikely the lot sizes will ever get less than one acre in a plan of subdivision in the rural areas.

The local municipal plan and zoning bylaws determine the minimum frontage new housing in the hamlets must have, Mr. Langdon said.

Asked by a Milton woman if a rural estate development could be put up against the boundary of a hamlet, he said no.

Mr. Langdon explained it could cause hydrogeological problems to allow that. The area would have to be studied prior to allowing the new development, and it would be studied as an expansion of the hamlet boundary.

"If a municipality wants the hamlet to grow, it can consider expansion of the hamlet boundary rather than allowing plans of subdivision willy-willy all around the hamlet," Mr. Langdon said.

Coun. Sheldon said she was concerned over what kind of pressures this could create in the agricultural areas, if there are a number of rural estate developments all around. She said it would be better to have about 10 developments, than to allow fragmented developments in the rural area.

"I'm thinking of taking the pressures off the agricultural area," Coun. Sheldon said.

There's no limit on the number of units in a plan of subdivision, Mr. Langdon said. The effect of the Official Plan is to concentrate rural development in the hamlets or rural clusters.

"If that 20-unit size is increased, then by default you start developing hamlets and rural clusters in the rural areas," he said. "Local municipalities have the option of establishing rural clusters or hamlets."

A secondary plan to the Official Plan should be undertaken once you get more than 20 homes in a development, Mr. Langdon advised. He said the preparation of a secondary plan is to regulate development.

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