



The lead characters in McKenzie-Smith's upcoming musical comedy are mad about monsters. These Grade 6, 7 and 8 students are enthusiastic about *Monster Madness*, which will be performed May 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

## McKenzie-Smith students to perform

# Monster Madness

By WENDY LONG

Special to the Halton Hills Weekend

McKenzie-Smith Middle School is mad about monsters.

Grade 6, 7 and 8 students will present "Monster Madness", a musical comedy, May 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.

"It really is a comedy," said vice-principal Deanna Nodwell. "It's all about monsters (including Dracula, Frankenstein and Wolfman) not being scary anymore. They feel they're not scary because everyone is watching too much television."

Monster Madness is a play written in two acts by Val R. Cheatham.

The musical involves over 50 students in cast and crew from all three grades and 20 odd teachers.

"There's about three teachers spearheading it," said Nodwell. The three are Sandra Richards, who is a Grade 6 teacher, Pat Trotter, a parent volunteer and instructional assistant, and Nodwell herself. Over 100 students tried out for the play, said Nodwell, out of a student body of 280.

Nodwell expressed her appreciation of Acton High School, who is

helping McKenzie-Smith's production in terms of make-up, prop lending and dance lessons. Acton High student Mark Sutton is helping coach the kids on their dancing steps.

"It's a really neat way to be able to relate to the kids," added Nodwell. "I like to get to know the kids in a positive way and this is a perfect way to do it."

Nodwell is happy with the enthusiasm and level of commitment from the students involved in the play. Rehearsals began in January. Currently the cast of *Monster Madness* rehearses Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, with upcoming rehearsals outside of school hours.

"It's a big time commitment for them but it's really worth it," said Nodwell. "It will be fun."

McKenzie-Smith will be holding a special presentation of *Monster Madness* to two feeder schools in Acton, M.Z. Bennett and Robert Little, on May 5.

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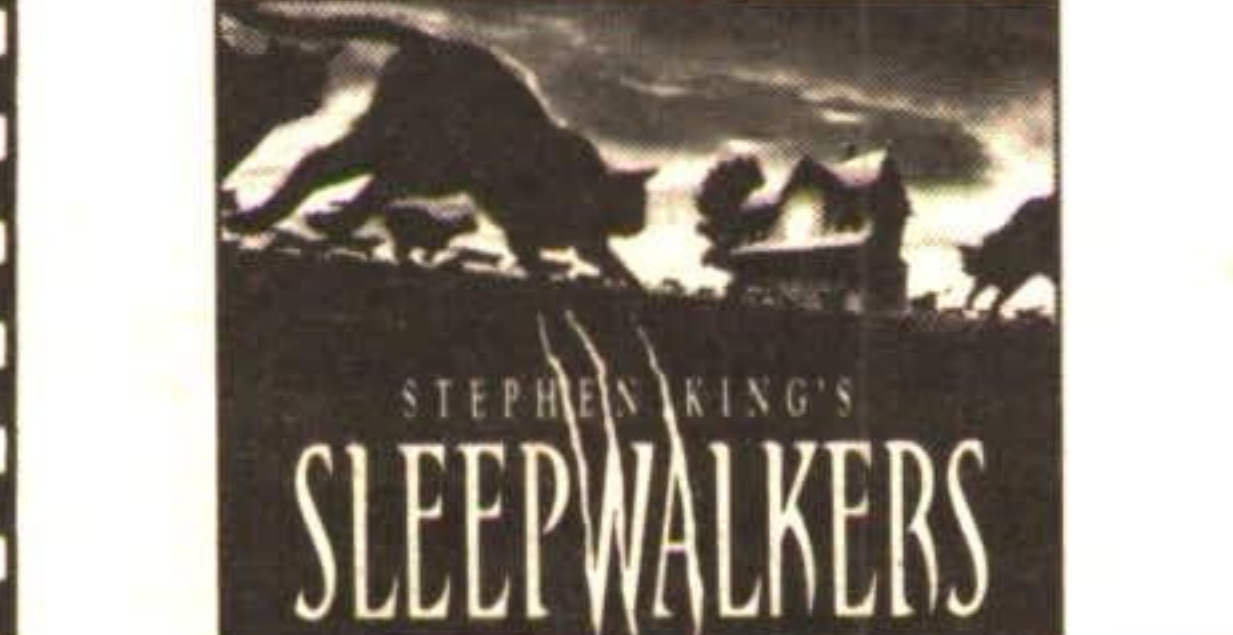
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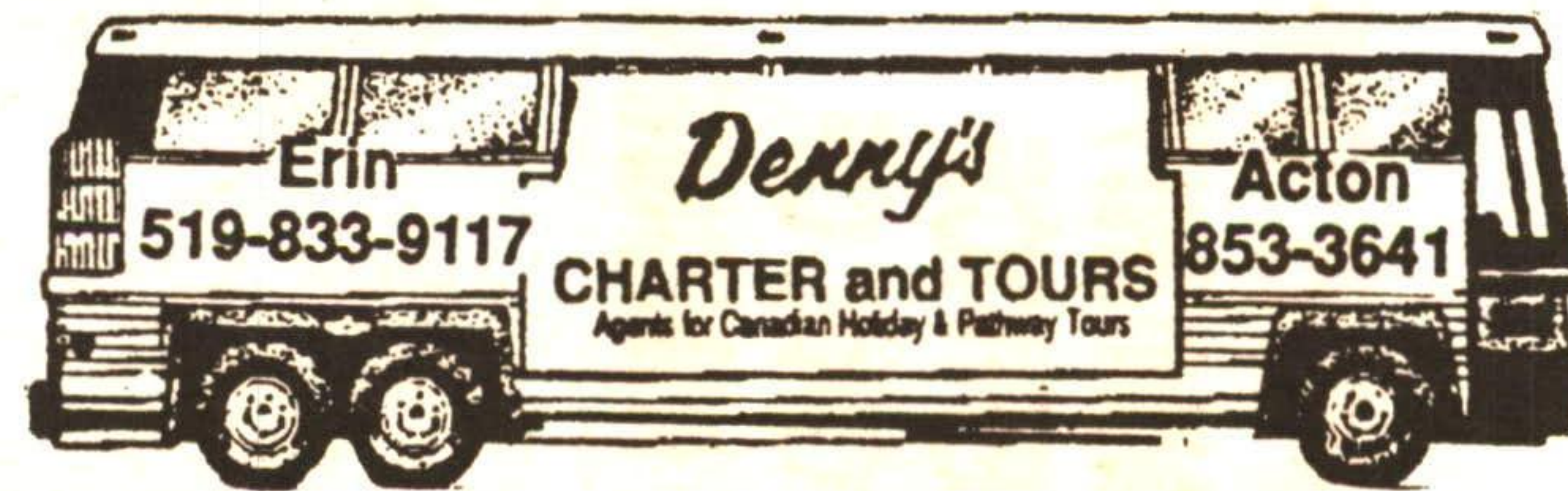
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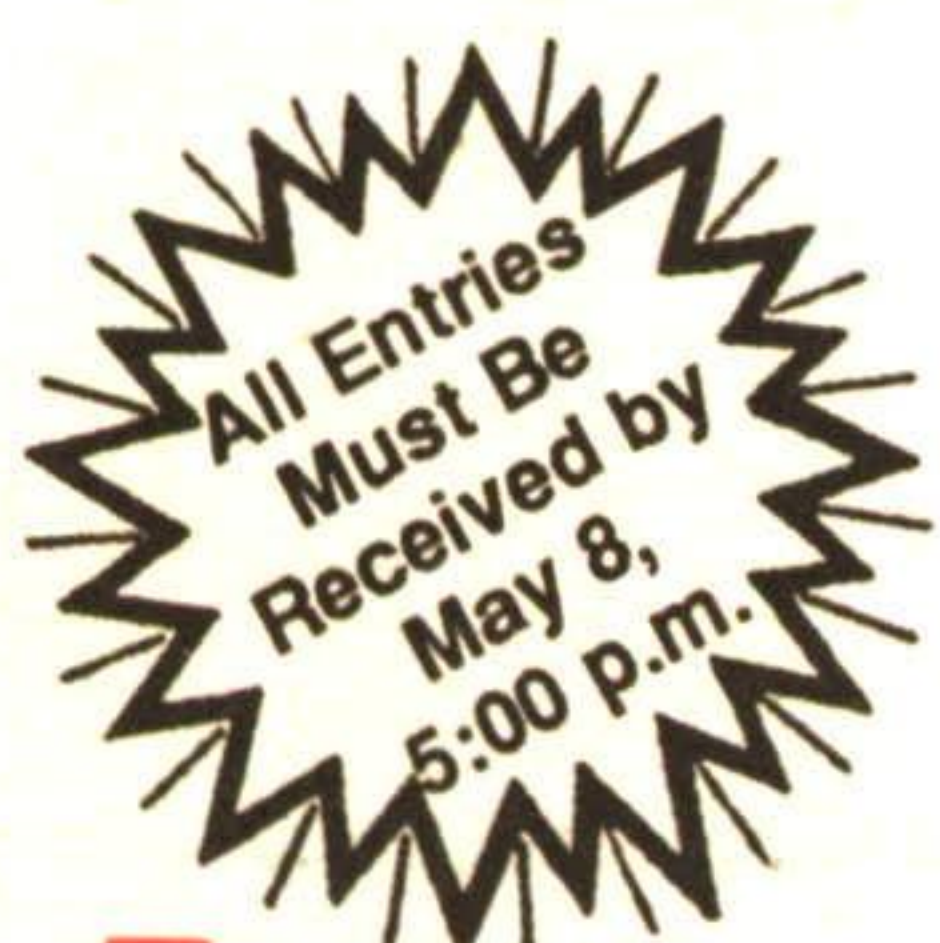
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