

Real life hits the musical stage

By Oksana Buhel

For a few minutes, real life will twin with stage life in the Brampton Musical Society production of Oklahoma.

Jo-Ann Brownsey and Bill Cook, who play sweethearts Ado Annie and Will Parker in the production, will tie the knot on stage, following the last show this evening. The hero and the heroine, Curley (David Shrubsole) and Laurey (Debbie Tilson), will be standing up for the couple.

Both artists are natives of Halton Hills. Shrubsole is an Acton teacher, and Tilson was born and raised in Georgetown.

The couple's relationship began and progressed on stage, and the wedding is simply a continuance of their "stage life."

Brownsey and Cook met during an audition of Anything Goes in the fall of 1989. Cook proposed to Brownsey while she was on stage at the Nottawasaga Inn. And now they are getting married on stage.

"We were engaged for a year-and-a-half, and everyone was asking us when we were going to get married. We kept telling them that when neither of us was doing a show, then we'd do it. But we were often in shows together, so we thought, 'Well, if we're always together now, we may as well get married,'" Cook explained.

Their wedding will coincide with another important date. The



Bill Cook and Jo-Ann Brownsey, playing sweethearts Will Parker and Ado Annie in the musical Oklahoma, being presented by the Brampton Musical Society, will be getting married after the final performance this evening.
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Brampton Music Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and is celebrating by performing Oklahoma.

Both Brownsey and Cook work full-time during the day. Does this interfere with their acting? "Not at all," insists Cook. "It's a symbiotic experience. We lose the stress of

our jobs when we perform."

The performance will take place at the Lester B. Pearson Theater, 150 Central Park Dr. in Brampton, and will run tonight, tomorrow, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m.

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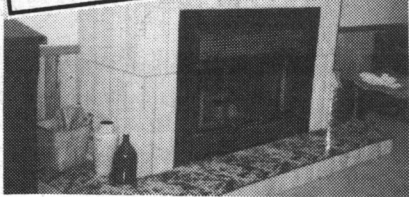
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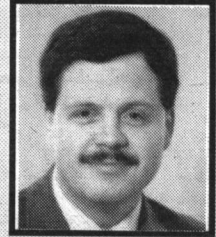
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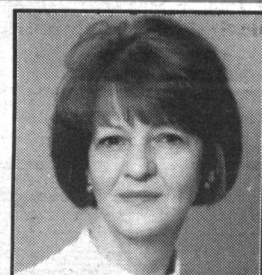


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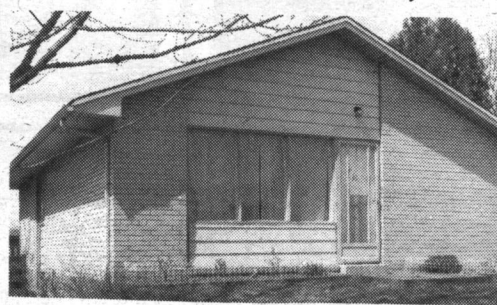
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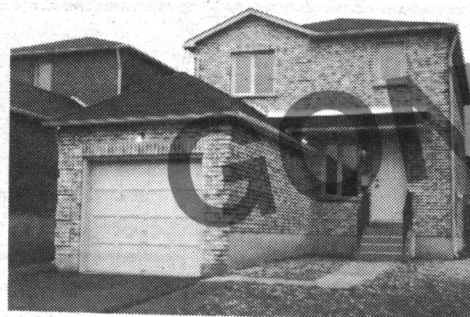
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