

A SURE HIT! We caught these M.Z. Bennett students rehearsing Thursday afternoon for their upcoming production of Acton's Early Days. (Doug Harrison photo)

Acton's Early Days hits the M.Z. stage

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Dave Mashinter, Kevin Waitson and Una Graham wanted their Grade 3, 4 and 5 students to study the community.

They wanted to find references to children in Acton's history and key issues in town.

Mashinter found the source he needed during a visit to the Acton Library. He grabbed a copy of *Acton's Early Days*, a compilation of stories collected, re-written and published by G.A. Dills.

Dills collected stories of the town's early years from the late 1800s and early 1900s, material written by H.P. Moore, the old man of the clock tower, where the old Town Hall sits today. All the printing plates from Dills' work from 1936-39 were preserved and made the book possible.

In the two months of preparation, the number of skits written by the students have been narrowed down to 12, which is the number of scenes for the play that goes under the lights tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7 pm.

From the start, the kids have collected costumes, made props, painted backdrops for four scenes and completed the preliminary skit writing, much of which was completed before for March Break.

"It was really hands-on and exciting," says Mashinter.

A key in the production of the play was the amount of talk generated among the students with their parents and grandparents, who provided old pictures and plenty of stories for the kids to act out.

"It was a great exercise for the kids in script-writing and problem solving," says Mashinter, who adds a special scene involving children in a cricket match pitting Acton against Guelph in which the scorekeeper is busy chiseling the score — which in those days often went into the 100s — into the scoreboard.

"It's been a grand project and a lot of fun."

Tickets at \$2 for adults and seniors and \$1 for children are available by calling the school at 853-0530.

Supermarket wages war on waste

BY BARBARA KERKHOF
The Acton Tanner

"Hometown Proud" is the slogan associated with most IGA grocery stores, but it is also a policy the Acton IGA is committed to.

Last fall, IGA worked with Boy Scout troops to implement a program in which one million trees will be planted across Canada over the next five years.

This year, the Great IGA Hometown Spring Clean-Up will come to town. Organized by IGA personnel, willing citizens will go through Acton to rid it of loose garbage and debris.

David Manes, owner of Acton IGA, saw the success of the clean-up program in Milton last year and hopes for the same here in Acton.

"If it goes all right here, we may look at making this an annual thing," he says.

On Saturday, May 14, Actonites are invited to come to the store at 9 am and sign up. By 9:30 groups of six to eight people will be sent out to cover the various sections of town. Armed with garbage bags supplied free of charge by Glad, they will separate recyclable and non-recyclable trash and bring it back to IGA, where the Town has offered to pick it up.

When the 'garbage gladiators' come back to IGA at 11:30, free hot dogs and pop will be waiting for them. People off the street are also welcome to lunch, but for a fee of \$2 — the proceeds going to charity. Manes is also giving cou-

pons for *Our Compliments* products as a thank you to the clean-up crews.

Manes hopes this project will have far-reaching effects. "Maybe people will start to think before they throw something out the window and have some respect for their community."

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Tomorrow (Thursday) students in McKenzie-Smith middle school's bands will be showcasing their musical talents in a Spring Celebration Concert.

Both the school's Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform new music and old favourites.

A suggested donation of \$2 or \$1 with a canned food item is requested to help support both the band program and the community food bank.

The performance begins in the gym at 7:30 pm.

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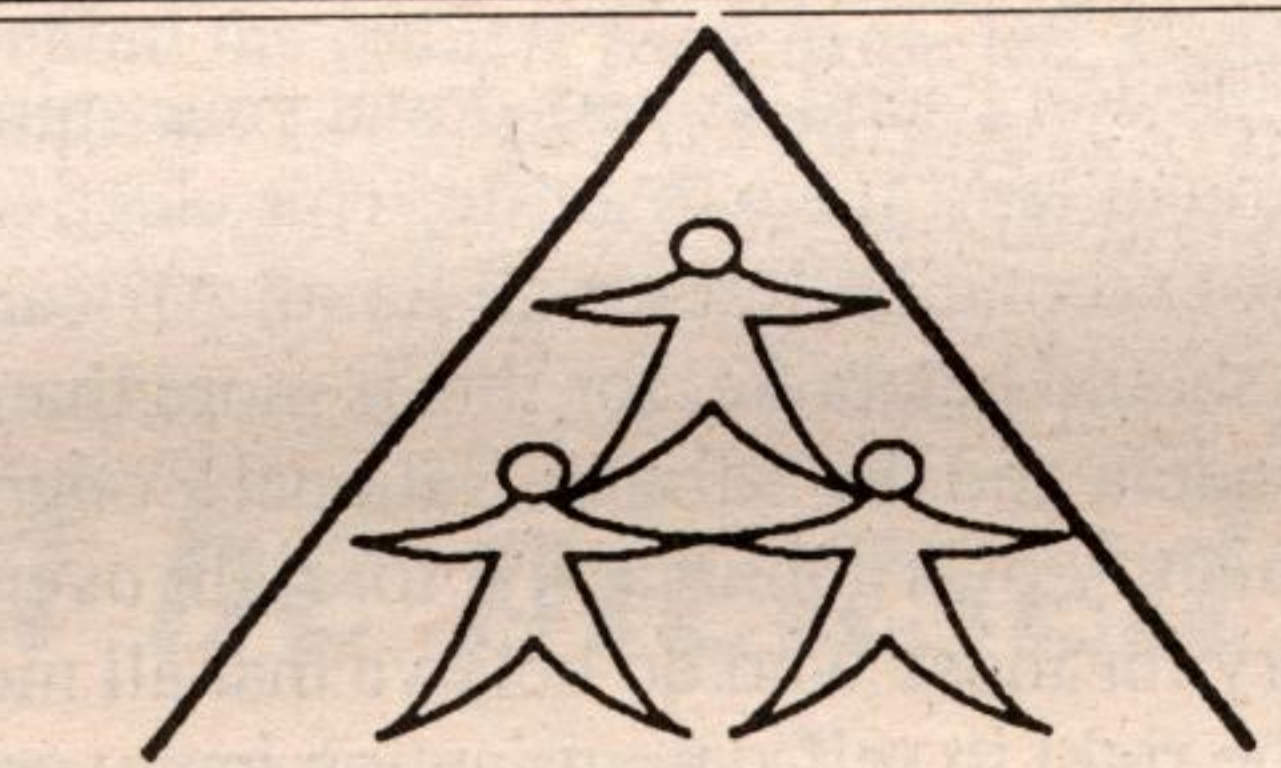
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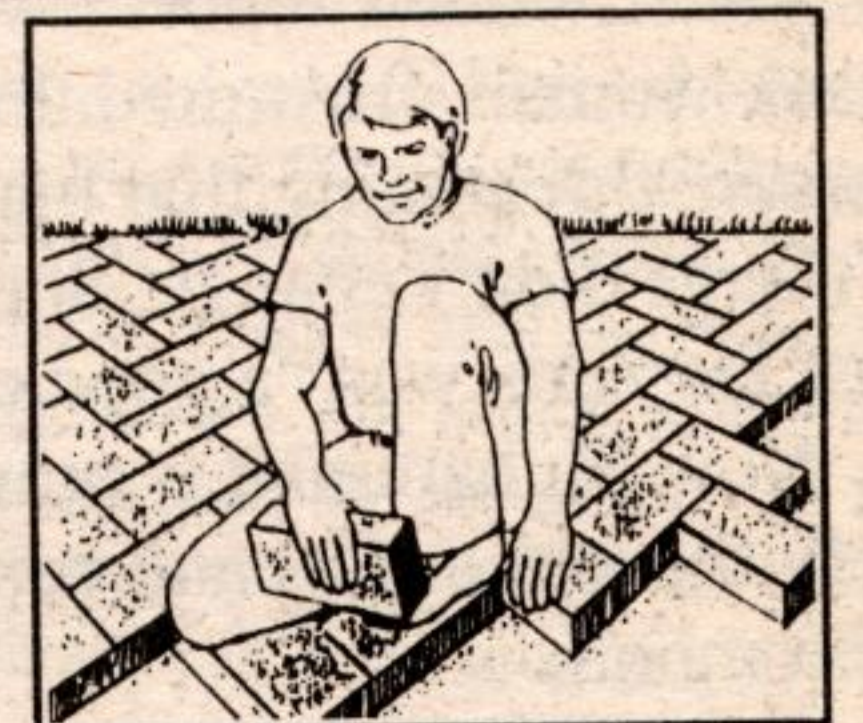
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