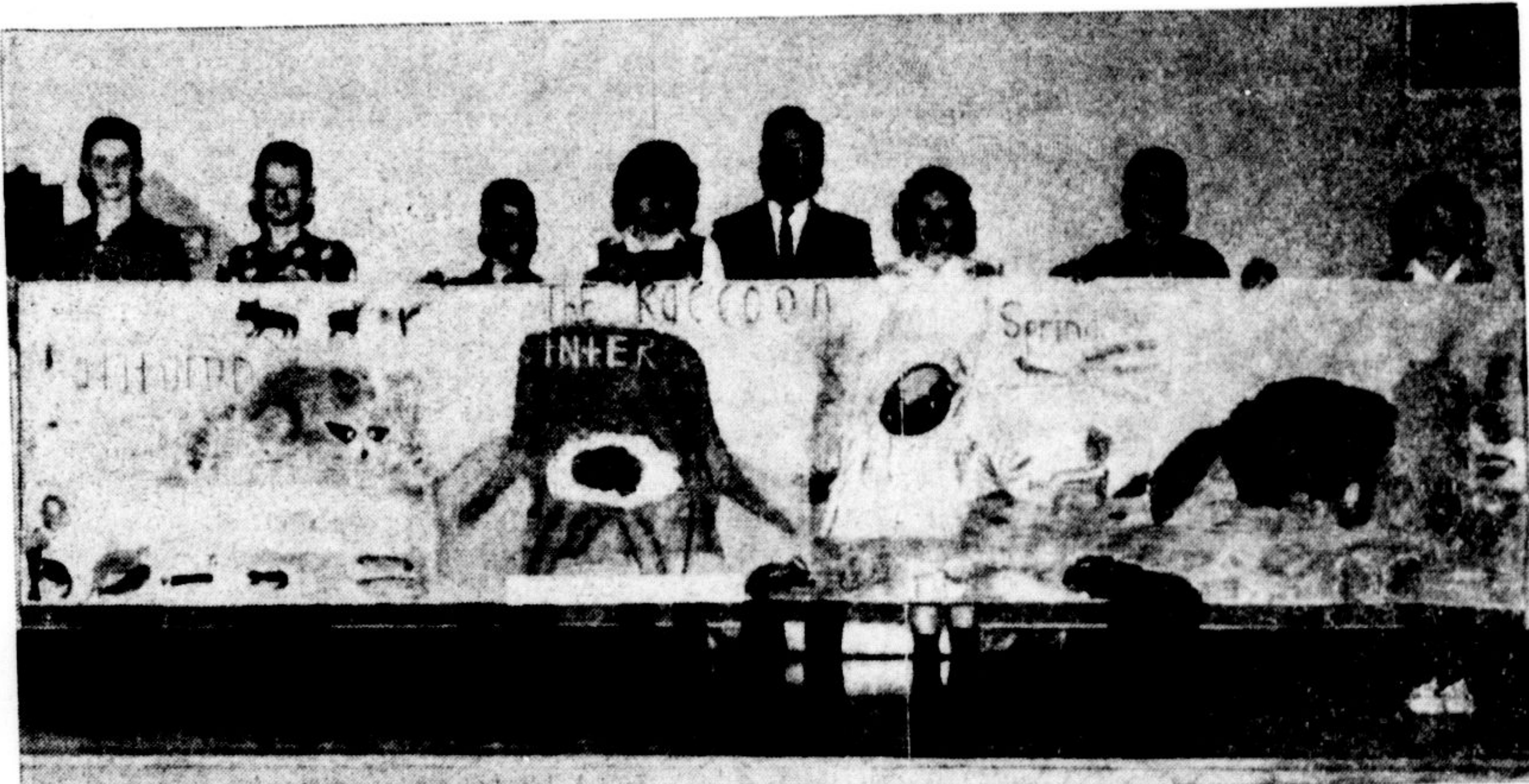




IT WAS "ART WEEK" last week at Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, and on Thursday afternoon prizes were awarded for the most talented and original artwork in several age groupings. Shown with their prize ribbons and some of their work are Billy Gardiner, Timmy Prentice, Karen Ashton and Susan Chick, standing, with teacher Nick Onyschuk who supervised the show, and Debbie McClure, seated. All were first prize winners and received red ribbons for their work.



TEACHER GARY BUNCH'S CLASS won a prize for the best senior age group mural, during last week's Art Week showing at Ontario School for the Deaf, and the students are shown with their four-seasons painting.



THE JUNIOR CLASSES WINNER in the mural section of the O.S.D. Art Week competition last week was Mrs. Joan Best's class. The pupils are shown with their mural.

Reviewing a Revue If You're Going to Play History You May as Well Make it Funny

By Roy Downs

How do you tell about Canada's first century of history in a two-hour touring revue?

Humorously. Tragically. With belly-laughs. With feeling. With roaring fire and sad sobriety. With simple scenery and costuming. With six veteran actors who can sing and dance and act and make your emotions run the gamut from laughs to tears and back to laughter in the space of a few short minutes.

At least, that's how the Canadian Players, our country's national touring theatre did it on Saturday. And the local audience lapped it up and cried for more.

Two Nights?

The Sarah Martin Chapter I.O.G.E. sponsored the Players' review "All About Us" here Saturday. Last year the same sponsors had joined with the John Milton Chapter to bring the touring show to town for a two-night stand and if the Players had a second show up their sleeves, it could have gone over for two nights just as well this year.

The performances of the show's veterans, and the scripting and direction of the basically promenade through Canada's somewhat topsy-turvy history, made it a night to remember for Milton theatre-goers, who never dreamed of such a night in our own high school auditorium.

The play, basically, poked fun

at the foibles of our country's past. But it did this so competently, so smoothly, it made the audience wish the history books could be rewritten to include more of the colorful truths and less of the boring, hum-drum explorer-date-battle-date-politician-date clap-trap they shoved down our throats in school.

Scores a Hit

Bruno Gerussi, a Stratford Theatre veteran who shines more in the serious roles, scored as much a hit in his take-off on John "My Fellow Canadians" Diefenbaker as he did in his magnetic portrayal of the trial and hanging of the half-mad Louis Riel.

The adept Hugh Webster was brilliant in his monologue as the Canadian who's not worried about unemployment, medicare and old age pensions "because up there on Parliament Hill, those politicians will get around to these things as soon as they get all the important things done"; and as the worried Canuck who's suffering from "national schizophrenia" and heads for Dr. Pearson to see if he can learn his true identity.

Pert and pretty Barbara Franklin, only female of the six-member cast, seemed more a sexual adornment during the majority of the evening but did shine in the singing department.

The re-enactment of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham and the Ben Franklin-Oswald skit of "cut-

ting up the baby Canada" were superbly done and highlights of the comical section of the farce. The story of the emigration of the Irish to this barren land and the Riel trial were poignant and turbulent standouts in the dramatic passages of the show.

"All About Us" proceeded to tear down some of our national images, poke fun at our politics, make jest of our Anglo-French conflicts, and hold some other sacred cows up for ridicule... all the while tossing in glib suggestions that perhaps part of the past wasn't so bad after all.

It was a refreshing novelty on the Milton scene, a wonderful evening's entertainment, and it left us thinking... about Canada's past, present and future. And there's nothing wrong with thinking about that!

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OBITUARY

William Allan

A life-long Esquesing Township farmer, William Hubert Allan died at his R.R. 3 Milton home on March 7 following a brief illness. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Allan, he had attended Waterloo School in Esquesing Township and had farmed in the area throughout his life.

Mr. Allen, a member of Boston Presbyterian Church, is survived by his wife the former Emma May Dobbie, two daughters Ethel (Mrs. C. Agnew) of Campbellville and Florence (Mrs. E. J. Parsons) of Campbellville, a son Daniel of R.R. 3 Milton, also six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on March 10 at McKersie Funeral Home, Milton, with Rev. Stanley

Smith officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Currie, Gordon McGibbon, Gordon Rodney, Lloyd Chisholm, John Turner and Ernest Wilson.

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CAMPBELLVILLE

Story of St. Patrick Told to Mission Band

By Mrs. George Inglis

The C.O.C. Mission Band of St. David's Presbyterian church was held on Saturday morning when Anne Mahon presided and opened with a poem, God Speaks to Me.

Cindy Coulter had charge of the devotional period and the offering was dedicated by Wendy Roberts and Deborah Roberts. The birthday song was sung for Susan VanSickle, Deborah Bill, and Wendy Roberts.

Cathy McLaren gave the secretary's report, Patricia VanSickle the cheer report, and Doreen Mahon the financial report. Kimberly Henderson gave a recitation on St. Patrick's Day, then presented each member as they answered the roll, with a shamrock. Mrs. Rogere Mahon told the story of St. Patrick.

The study period was taken by Mrs. Cliff Bill's Junior class, on Holland. The Church In Canada was taken by Mrs. William Elliot for the senior class.

Brenda Cramp closed with prayer. Susan Vansickle and Janice Mahon were pianists and a social half hour followed.

Complete Course
Mrs. A. T. Moore and Mrs. Stewart Cramp completed the local Block Printing classes as instructors to 12 ladies who were interested. Summary Day display will be held at the Halton Centennial Manor April 1.

Mrs. Bryan Essery was hostess to a Sarah Coventry jewellery demonstration on Monday night. Proceeds went to the Campbellville Nursery school.

Two bronze engraved vases were presented to St. David's Presbyterian Church on Sunday by Mrs. James Baynton, in memory of the late Mrs. Fannie Linn.

George Hermanson of the University of Toronto took charge of the Sunday service at St. David's Presbyterian church. He is a former graduate of the University of British Columbia.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Claremont on the birth of a daughter last week, a sister for Bruce.

Girls Group Meeting
Nellie Vandervinde was hostess to the March meeting of St. David's Girl's Group when Ruth Inglis presided and opened with a call to worship. Shirley Mackie was in charge of devotions assisted by the hostess. The roll call was answered by naming their favorite flower. Judith Inglis gave the financial report, and took charge

ers National Association convention in Dallas, Texas this week.

Successful Euchre

Beverly Ella was master of ceremonies at the progressive euchre party held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening. It was a huge success with Mrs. Donald Kennedy, Mrs. R. Kenney, Mrs. James McLaren and Mrs. Omar VanSickle in charge.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. William Elliot, James Baynton, James Shields, Charles Inglis, John McPhail and Mrs. Robert Elliot.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Austin are holidaying in the Barbados.

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