

21 complete special training

Three OSD grads to college



Three of the 21 graduating students at Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, will be going on to higher education at Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. It was announced Friday evening at the school's third annual graduation dinner.

John Hemingway of Hamilton, Kathy O'Neil of Wallaceburg and Sharon Tufts of Brantford have passed the difficult entrance examinations and have been accepted at Gallaudet. It is the only college for the deaf in North America. Last year OSD sent three students to Gallaudet, the first OSD grads eligible for enrollment.

Remaining grads will go out to find work in a variety of trades following successful completion of about 14 years of academic studies and vocational training at OSD. Most of the grads began their education at OSD Belleville and transferred to the new OSD in Milton in recent years.

Miss O'Neil was chosen class valedictorian and despite her handicap gave a valedictory address that was clearly heard by the 250 guests and school officials in the senior dining room.

She thanked all who had helped prepare the students for graduation and said they will always remember the hard work and the social life of the school. "We are ready to begin our new life, we hate to say goodbye," she said. She urged the graduates to "be your own master" and solve their own problems without leaning on others for assistance.

Brenda Neeb of Kitchener, a commercial student received the Superintendent's Award presented by superintendent Don Kennedy for the greatest achievements in academic and/or vocational studies.

Halton East MPP Jim Snow was present to make the Stanley L. Hall memorial awards for excellence in vocational school studies. The awards went to Mike Smith of Kingsville, an auto body course graduate, and Connie Henning of Listowel, a com-

mercial class grad. The awards are given annually by friends of the late Mr. Hall, who was Halton MPP from 1942 to 1962 and who was quite instrumental in having OSD locate in Milton.

Others in the graduating class were Anne Podratsky of Guelph, beauty culture and home economics course; Bryan Stewart of Owen Sound, Robert Waugh of Woodstock and Gary Whelpdale of Oakville, cabinet making and carpentry; Yvette Daabous of Windsor and Beth Robitaille of Penetang, commercial; Stephen Byers of Burlington, Jimmy Cripps of Galt, Don Crowe of Elmdale, Karl Sugden of Galt and Billy White of Guelph, graphic arts; Greg Crockford of Sarnia, Norman Durham of Burford and Peter Kah of Port Colborne, metal trades; and Helen Stubbs of Newbury, sewing.

A 1969 graduate who was unable to receive his diploma at last year's graduation, John Wilder, was also present to accept his certificate of graduation.

Most of the graduates have found work and others are expecting to find jobs in the near future, superintendent Kennedy told the audience.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Arthur Hazlitt, a graduate of OSD Belleville who manages a silkscreening plant. He is president of the Ontario Association for the Deaf and a director of the Canadian organization, and described as a leader in the deaf community. He commended the grads and especially those who will be trying to obtain a better education. "Your education never ceases, you will still learn all the time," he said. "You have to keep cultivating your mind just as a gardener tends his garden."

Letters of congratulations were read from W. K. Clarke, director of schools for the blind and deaf with the Ontario Department of Education, and Lorne Johnson, assistant deputy minister.

Dr. John Boyd, a former assistant superintendent of the

Milton school who is now principal of the teacher education centre at Belleville, also commended the students and suggested they had "more than justified all our efforts." Reeve Ron Harris brought greetings from the town of Milton. "We from the town of Milton," certainly admire the graduates' spunk, enthusiasm and determination to make good, and hope they carry this with them when they go out into this new world," said the reeve.

Other guests included

placement officers from the Canadian Hearing Society, the clergy of the churches in Milton, and members of the OSD staff. As the dinner drew to a close, superintendent Kennedy offered his thanks and appreciation to assistant superintendent Gary Bunch, who leaves the school this summer on a two year leave toward higher education. "He is a scholar, a wise administrator, and he has been a wonderful help to me during the past three years," said Mr. Kennedy.



ONTARIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF'S 1970 graduating class included 21 students from various parts of western Ontario. They were honored at the annual graduation dinner at OSD on Friday evening, before heading out into a world of work and higher education.—(Staff Photo)

THREE OF THE GRADUATES at Ontario School for the Deaf received special awards during the graduation dinner held Friday to honor the class of 21 grads. Connie Henning, left, and Mike Smith received Stanley L. Hall Memorial Awards for showing the most ability and promise in their vocational training, while Brenda Neeb, right, won the superintendent's award for the greatest

academic standing in the class. Shown with them are assistant superintendent Gary Bunch who is leaving this summer for two years of studies, Halton East MPP Jim Snow who presented the Hall awards, guest speaker Arthur Hazlitt of the Ontario and Canadian Associations for the Deaf, and OSD superintendent Don Kennedy.—(Staff Photo)

Brookville school

Students write, produce own play



Thirty grade seven and eight students at Brookville Public School presented "Hey, Boss, We Fooled Them!", a five act play written and conducted by the students assisted by language arts teacher Harold Mahatoo.

The play is a western comedy centred around the old theme "the good guys, the bad guys and the forlorn damsel". The students made all the costumes as well as the scenery and props.

Actors were Jimmy Ferrier, Robert Maly, Matthew Jarvis, Grant Gibson, Kirk Harvie, Elva Newton, Danny Hitchcock, Reid Kennedy, Denise Daigle, Brad Martin, Dennis Mitchell, Kevin Bayton and Carmel Real.

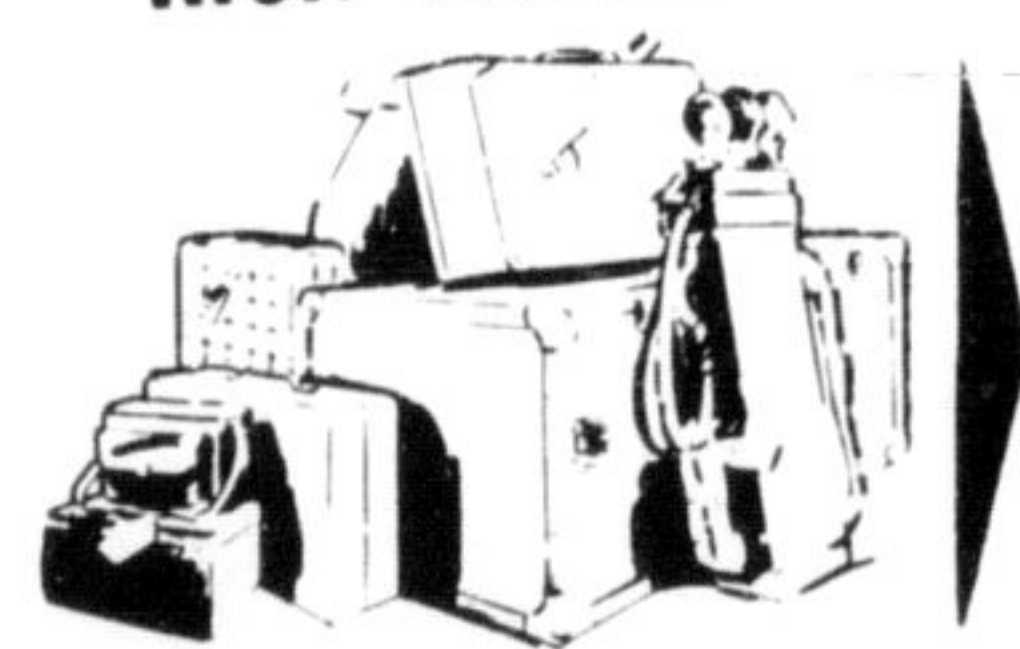
Other credits were scenery, Helen MacLeod, Carmel Real; lights, Willy McLaren, David Mitchell; make-up, Debbie Butchers, Shirley Ramsay, Alex Pitt, Garry Martin, Mark Munro; costumes, Mark Munro; program, Glen McArthur; music, Reid Kennedy, Grant Gibson, Mr. Mahatoo; stage management, Cliff Deumer, Brian Trail, Danny Hitchcock; assistant director, Matthew Jarvis and director Mr. Mahatoo.

THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD. Cast members of "Hey, Boss, We Fooled Them!" pose for Champion photographer, harassed by the mischievous lad in the background. Cast members included Elva Newton, Danny Hitchcock, Grant Gibson, Robert Maly, Matthew Jarvis and Carmel Real.—(Staff Photo)



"HEY, BOSS, WE FOOLED THEM!" was presented by 30 grade seven and eight students at Brookville Public School on Friday. The students wrote and directed the play and made their costumes, assisted by language arts teacher Harold Mahatoo. Shown left to right in a bar scene are Denise Daigle, Brad Martin, Reid Kennedy and Robert Maly. Two showings at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. invited the student body and parents to view the play.—(Staff Photo)

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