

Student wrote, directed and stars in school play

By KAREN SMITH

Milton District High School students will stage a play in a provincial drama competition tonight.

The young actors will close the four-day 1990 Sears Ontario Drama Festival with their presentation of *No Moon Tonight*, written by Grade 13 student Mark Lonergan.

Mark is also directing the production, as well as playing the lead. He wrote the 45-minute, one-act play last year while participating in a leadership course at Hamilton's McMaster University.

"We're very lucky we get to close the whole festival," said the 18-year-old.

Milton District has been involved in the annual festival for high school drama students since the first competition was held two years ago.

In previous years, though, the students entered plays written by professionals. Of the 11 entries in this year's competition, eight are student-written works, Mark said.

The 1990 version started Tuesday at Burlington Central High School.

In the 1988 festival, Mark won an individual acting award, and last year the school won an ensemble award for overall performance.

Staged by a cast of 19 students, *No Moon Tonight* is a serious, hard-hitting and emotional play seen through a teenager's eyes.

"After the close of tonight's Halton district competition, two plays will be chosen as overall winners and move on to regional finals. Winners from that competition will compete provincially.

Mark is looking to take Milton District High School to the finals for the first time tonight.

"I am fairly confident that we have a chance to win this year," he said.



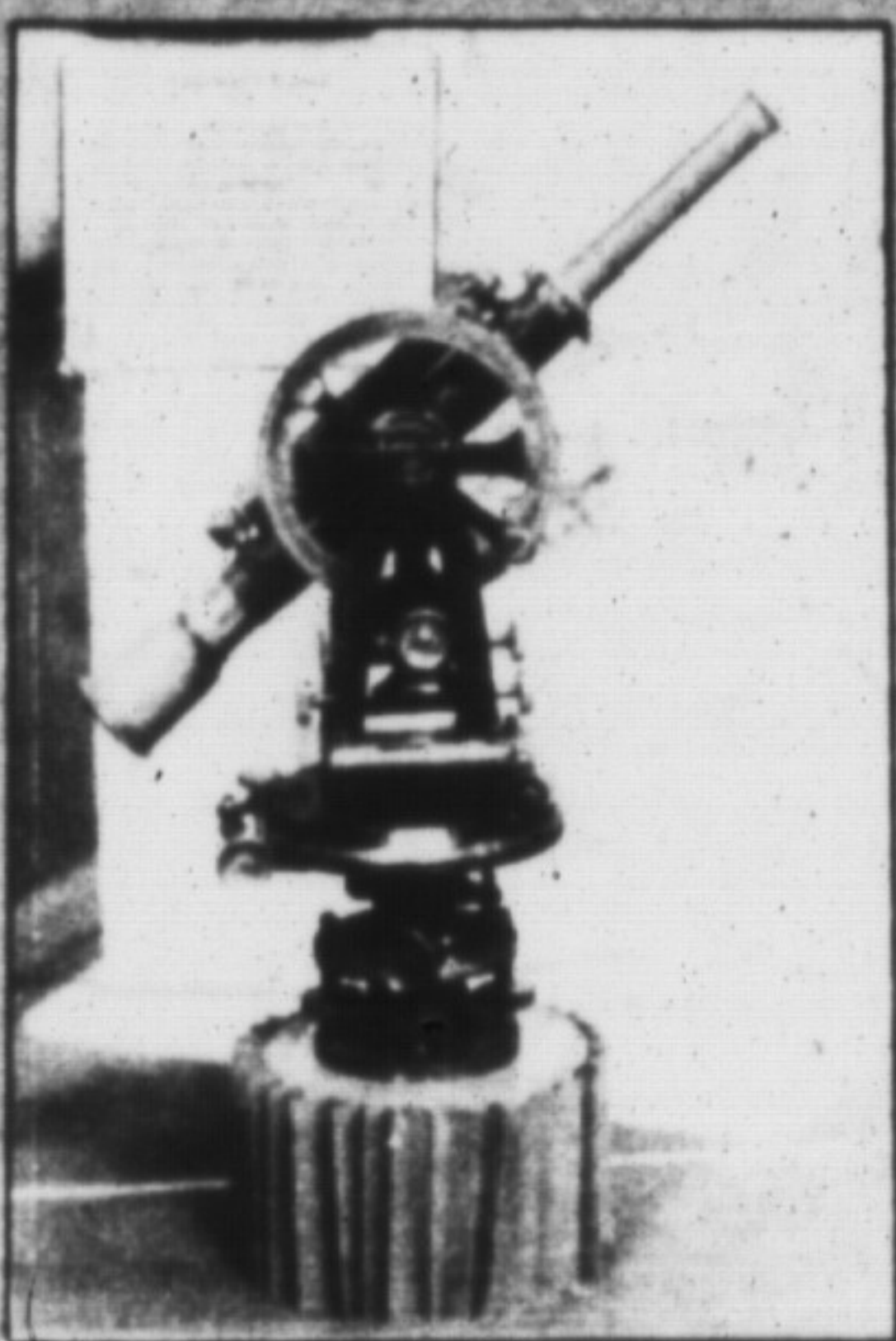
Mark Lonergan

"I'm really pleased with the actors and crew members."

Other awards will be given for outstanding effort in areas such as set design, directing and technical work.

E.C. Drury High School also has two entries — a drama called *E.C.O.P.A.W.S.* and a comedy called *Almond Joy*. Both plays were performed last night.

No Moon Tonight will start at about 9:30 p.m. Tickets for tonight's three performances at Burlington Central High School cost \$4 and are available at the door. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.



Photos by JOHN WARREN

Artifacts dating back at least 8,000 years are now on display at the Halton Region Museum in a new exhibit called *Treasures from the Past*. The exhibit opened Monday during Heritage Week. An Edison phonograph, a washing machine, a seal and an engineer's transit are just a few of the items in the permanent display. Linda Twitchell is pictured above with the phonograph.

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