

The 'ghost' returns to Burkevale

Grades three through six of Burkevale School, Penetanguishene, received a special treat on Monday as actor and "ghost" Charles Hayter performed a return engagement of his one man show, "A Taste of Robert Service." Hayter bills himself as the "ghost" of the Canadian poet.

Hayter had performed for grades five and six students from Burkevale last September, and the students were so enthusiastic about the show they, along with grade three and four pupils who didn't see the first engagement,

requested inviting Hayter back.

As the youngsters crowded into the school's library, there was obvious anticipation of what lay ahead, and from the moment Hayter took up his position at the front of the room, he had their undivided attention.

From the opening lines of "Ballad of Bessie's Boyle", the students were laughing and giggling at Hayter's humorous antics and mannerisms.

Poem

After warming his audience up sufficiently with a couple of poems

and anecdotes, Hayter performed the classic Service poem, "The Cremation of Sam McGee," and every action and gesture brought squeals of delight from the excited children.

Hayter's solo show is indeed unique, as is the man himself. Travelling about the country as he does, by bus, with his belongings packed up in several packs slung over his shoulder, Hayter bears a resemblance to Service, if not in looks, then at least to an extent in lifestyle. The life of the rambling actor and the life of the rambling

poet merge fully on stage and as Hayter grabs the next bus out of town, on his way to another show, one wonders if the "ghost" seen earlier in the day is perhaps just that.

Charles Hayter is not expected back in this area in the near future, but one never knows for sure with ghosts, and the possibility exists that he may turn up at other area schools or libraries, if sponsors could be found.

Hayter's program is educational in that he encourages those watching his show to participate by answering questions about

Service and he also makes a point of providing a good history of Service's personal

life as background to the poems he recites.

But as the students of Burkevale School can

testify, the most important aspect of Hayter's show is that it is totally entertaining.

Night school fees set

Evening school fees for persons taking night school courses next winter in Simcoe County

have been set at \$15 for adults and \$6 for students who are enrolled in a 40-hour

course. Seniors do not pay a fee.

Fees for courses of a different length will be on a pro-rated basis. The minimum charge of any course is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The hourly rate of pay for adult helpers will be increased by \$1.25 to \$6.25, \$6.75, \$7.25 and \$8 an hour for helpers with no experience, one year's, two year's and three or more year's experience.

Local talent featured

Midland Y's Men's Club will be holding their art and antique show and sale at St. Marie Among the Hurons next Friday.

The show will get underway at 7:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at Arcade Guardian Pharmacy in Midland for the event that will feature art works of local talents such as Grace Archer, Carl Berdan, Gladys Robinson and Mike Odesse, ranging from oil paintings to photography displays to carvings.

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