

Puppettheatre comes to ESPSS Saturday

by Kathy Gordon

Huron Performing Arts for Children, in co-operation with the Ontario Arts Council is presenting Lampoon Puppettheatre's "Little Blue Hedgehog" on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. in Penetanguishene Secondary School.

This two-person company has a discreet, quiet charm which is very endearing. Puppeteers Johan and Alison Vandergun have spent the last seven years building a repertoire of excellent puppet shows which they perform across Canada.

Johan, a former designer, and Alison, a Fine Arts student, met while working with a larger puppet company. They decided to combine their talents and form their own company, choosing the name Lampoon for its gentle sense of satire.

Since its founding Lampoon Puppettheatre has been critically acclaimed across Canada.

The company has also performed by invitation around the world, touring Poland, and performing in Russia, Holland, Mexico and Hungary, where they received the top award at the International Festival of Puppet Theatres. They have also been honoured twice with a "Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry," awarded by the American Centre of UNIMA, the International Organization of Puppet Theatres.

New Style

For the Little Blue Hedgehog, a completely new style of stage and puppet has been created. Giant Chinese umbrellas are used as the stage and the puppeteers remain visible throughout the show, demanding a little more in the way of participation from their audience than the average and conventional style of puppet theatre. The story is about a

little hedgehog who lives alone in a house near the forest.

Many animals pass by his door each day, but no one wants to play with him. The hedgehog finally decides to leave his house, and sets out on a journey to find a friend.

During the show we see what happens to him on his journey. He does, of course, find a friend - another lonely hedgehog - with the help of a friendly cloud and the children in the audience. Careful attention is given to that audience, and Lampoon Puppettheatre is determined that everyone will leave the theatre with a smile.

Perhaps that is part of the reason that Lampoon has become so popular, and has always been able to rely on return bookings - a fact of which they are very proud. Indeed, many Midland and Penetanguishene area children should remember them from their

performance of "Clowning Around" last year, a very popular success!

In an age when children's entertainment is often predisposed to loud, frantic attention-grabbing business, Johan and Alison Vandergun employ a simple naturalness in their work which is charming and endearing to young minds.

Recommended for children from age three to age ten, the Little Blue Hedgehog shows that small and humble can be as effective as anything loud and brash.

Tickets for the Little Blue Hedgehog are \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.

They are available now at Johnstone's Musicland, Midland Town Centre, Gignac's Children's Wear, Penetanguishene, and Sound Concepts, A and P Mall (Hwy. 27).

Audience size is limited, so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Annual meeting set

by Eleanor Edwards and Carol Graham

Mr. and Mrs. Melvern Isaac visited on Tuesday with Miss Rita and Mr. Fred Woodward of Willowdale.

The annual meeting of the Vasey United Church will be held on Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

It will be a pot luck supper and films will be shown for the children during the meeting.

Visiting with Mr. Les Edwards on Sunday on the occasion of his seventy seventh birthday were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dundas of Port McNicoll, Mr. Bud Edwards of Coldwater and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Edwards.

Mrs. Gladys McLay has returned home after visiting for the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graham and family of Toronto.

Sorry to report that Calvin Edwards is a patient in Huronia District Hospital. Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to him.

The university students of our community have returned to commence another semester of learning. Peter Robinson to Waterloo, Jill Robinson to Sudbury, Joe Rumney to Guelph, Leslie Stewart to Mississauga, and Rodney Jones who is enrolled in the co-op course at Waterloo, is employed for the next four months at Douglas Point.

Glenn Nixon of Toronto spent the weekend with his father Mr. Jack Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare McKeown visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fisher of Collingwood and on Sunday they travelled to Bracebridge to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKeown and family.

Mrs. Tricia Waples attended the 4-H Training school last Wed. and Thursday in preparation for the next unit which will be on the basics of sewing.

Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Faint of Toronto.

Visitors during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Stewart were Janet, Madeline and Leslie Stewart of Toronto and Mississauga Mr. and Mrs. Lane Mace and

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family, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Stewart and Amanda all of Barrie. The family celebrated Amanda's fifth birthday also.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards were Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodrow and family of Coulson, and Mrs. Doug Brown of Barrie.

Kevin Painter of Mississauga visited on Saturday with Lyle and Greer Painter.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvern Isaac visited on Saturday with Mrs. J. Bell at the Bethany Lodge, Unionville and with Mr. and Mrs. Don Raymer of West Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Brent and Rory of Pickering, Elizabeth Walker of Don Mills and Mrs. J. D. Walker of Midland Point visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumney.

The Vasey U.C.W. will meet on January 28 at 1:30 in the Sunday School rooms.

Jill Robinson of Sudbury spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robinson and family.

Mrs. Ross Faint visited in Toronto this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spracklin and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sharp.

Sunday, Laurie Johnston of Barrie and Neil Hickling of Shanty Bay visited with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Edwards.

Mrs. Charles Doekes of Guelph spent the weekend visiting with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards.

Vasey Women's Institute

"It is better to try and fail, than to do nothing and succeed." This was the motto of the January, Vasey Women's Institute meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ken Robinson. Two committees were named 1) Nominating - Shirley Kelly and Olive McCleverty, 2) Program - Irene Vasey and Irene Smitham. We will hold our annual Tulip Tea in April. Ebenezer Institute has issued an invitation for us to join them on Feb. 12.

The Friendship and Flowers Committee reported sending seven cards. Sixteen members and one guest heard convenor Mrs. Olive McCleverty explain the many definitions of the word "Resolutions".

Please remember to make a valentine for the next meeting.

Resolve to attend.

PGH birth

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parent of Wyevalle are the parents of a baby boy, born Jan. 16 and weighing seven pounds, three ounces. The baby was delivered in Penetanguishene General Hospital.



May wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Black of Toronto are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Bridget (Cassie) to Mr. James Meridis

of Midland, son of Archie Meridis and the late Mrs. Meridis. The marriage will take place May 23, 1981, at St. Gabriel's Church, Toronto.



The Law Society of Upper Canada is pleased to announce its appointment of DOUGLAS G. HAIG, Q.C. as Area Director of Legal Aid for the County of Simcoe.

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