

# Hello, Dolly! *Five big shows planned by college*

Georgian College Music Theatre extension course enters its ninth season with a musical full of sure pizzazz and razzmatazz — the whirlwind "Hello, Dolly!"

Five performances are planned with evening shows on Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26 at 7:30

p.m. and a matinee on Feb. 25, beginning at 2 p.m.

Hello, Dolly! is based on Thornton Wilder's enchanting play "The Matchmaker." It has a glorious score of hits and the refreshing innocence and charm of the 1890's. Dolly goes about her determined

way matching up couples as she finds a rich husband for herself, all in a delightful setting that offers any audience an exciting evening of outstanding entertainment.

Wendy Hicks has directed the course since its inception, and will direct "Hello, Dolly!" as well. She brings to the course an extensive range of experience in theatre and TV. All of the previous shows have had tremendous success and included well known musicals such as "Lil Abner," "The Pajama Game" and "The Wizard of Oz"; and some less familiar such

as "White Horse Inn" and "Little Women". Dolly Gallagher Levi will be played by Sandra Atkinson of Stayner, a school bus driver and mother of four girls. Atkinson has performed in summer stock in

Fredricton, N.B., the Red Barn in Jackson's Point and at the Playhouse Theatre.

Irene Molloy will be played by Margaret Glenfield, an accomplished singer and actress from Wasaga

Beach. Glenfield has won 3 gold medals in Kiwanis Music Festivals and has appeared in many musicals.

Phil Hull plays the role of Horace Vandergelder, the well-

known half-a-millionaire. This is Hull's fourth season with the course. He appeared last year in "Bye Bye Birdie" as Mr. Peterson. Hull is an administrator at Georgian College.

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it's rough on 1 RCR to pit them against armored vehicles and troops while they're on skis and carrying packs on their backs, but "That's the way it could be, in a real operation."

The lack of snow and cold has presented some problems. One of the reasons this area was chosen for the exercises was that it is well-known for severe winter weather and violent storms which make movement difficult.

"We were hoping for more snow and colder temperatures, to train the men for conditions in Europe. The rainy weather makes tents and clothing wet and cold."

The 1st RCR encountered the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise) in a mock battle, on Monday, Jan. 31.

The 8th C.H. moved into the training area last week and travelled towards the battle field in a series of three night moves from Wednesday to Saturday. Then their job was to locate the 1st RCR and engage them in battle.

The exercise is called "Exercise Nordic Runner" by the 8th C.H.

"The troops are told that there is an enemy force located in the area. It is a reconnaissance job," says Captain Rick Dill of 8th C.H.

"Once the enemy is located, Lt. Col. E. R. Nurse makes his plan,

based on information from reconnaissance. The groups will engage in mock battle with blank ammunition. There will be no physical contact between the two groups."

Commanding officers of the two sides evaluate the combat to determine the winner. Sometimes there are conflicts.

"On Monday, a troop of "tanks" (actually wheeled vehicles equipped with a large calibre gun, used as a tank trainer) were attacking a company of infantry near Vasey. The infantry claims they destroyed half the tank troop, while the "tanks" say no way," said Captain Parker. The commanding officers figure it all out later, and in the meantime the troops go on with their next exercise.

"Our normal "modus operandi" for the infantry involves tent groups of two men per group. They are capable of pulling a toboggan with their tent and all the equipment they need to survive in winter on it. They carry hard rations, which may be eaten hot or cold.

"The men are well-trained in setting up camp. They can have the tent up and stove on, heating water, in five minutes. It's necessary to be able to set up camp quickly. In extreme cold, sometimes it prevents serious injuries.

"You can't learn all this at the base. You have to train in the field."

## Opening blind eyes

A special speaker in Midland on Feb. 16 will be the president of Operation Eyesight Universal, Arthur Jenkyns of Calgary, Alta.

At the present time, Operation Eyesight is financing over 50 teams who are treating over half a million patients and restoring sight in approximately 40,000 blind eyes each year.

Operation Eyesight is supported by the governments of Alberta and British Columbia, as well as by the government of Canada. It is recognized by the Canadian Ophthalmological Society and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Operation

Eyesight Universal is a member of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

In 1933 Dr. Ben Gullison, a Canadian medical doctor, started what grew into a small mission hospital on the east coast of India. Recognizing a need, Jenkyns and a handful of Calgary businessmen formed Operation Eyesight Universal in 1963.

On Feb. 16 he addressed the Midland Rotary Club. He is available to speak again in the evening. Inquiries can be directed to Roland Kuerzdoerfer, 526-9154 or 526-7867.

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