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Johnny (the Lock) Salvas was one of the local businessmen who set up a display in Midland's Centennial Arena last Friday and Saturday at the

Midland Civitan-sponsored Home Show. Johnny knows locks. Salvas guarantees to open a locked car without damaging it.

Sodturning last Sunday, construction in the fall

The Midland Salvation Army gathered with friends Sunday and turned the sod to celebrate the future building of a new Citadel, at the Army's present location in Midland.

Many guests turned out to speak, and to share the occasion with the Army.

Some of the speakers were Councillor Nancy Keefe, Reeve Bev Day, Councillor Ian Ross, and many of the local

ministers.

Allan McLean, MPP of Simcoe East, was the first to turn the sod. Al Roach, Mayor of Midland, Reverend James Manuel, chairman of the Huronia Ministerial Association, John Bernard, Sergeant-major, Midland Salvation Army Corps, and Major W. Hammond, divisional commander, Ontario North Division, each got a chance to turn the sod.

MAY 29
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A Thurber Carnival receives positive audience reaction

by **MARY HASKILL**
"A pleasant evening...enjoyable...great fun!" was the audience reaction to Huronia Players' A Thurber Carnival last weekend.

Director Janet French is to be congratulated on the skill with which she interpreted Thurber whose style is largely unclassifiable--simply Thurber. His humour has been described as pleasingly gentle, sometimes non-existent, as he took the everyday dilemma, enlarged it and put it in focus.

A Thurber Carnival was staged on raised platforms in front of the regular MSS stage making for an intimate relationship between actors and audience. Seating arrangements provided an excellent view of the action from every angle.

The problem of concealing the necessary Prompter was cleverly solved. Dolly Heasman merely donned a wide-brimmed straw hat laden with blossoms and became a part of the flower garden at the corner of the stage.

The Carnival spirit was established at the beginning with an energetic Word Dance. Punch lines from Thurber cartoons provided enough "groaners" to make one the life of the party for months to come.

One treat followed another as the auditorium filled with smiles. Although audiences were disappointingly small they were appreciative as Thurber's unique but oh so recognizable people came to life.

A Thurber Carnival provided a showcase for Players' talent. Many of the performers ap-

peared in several roles. Stephen Hartnell, Barry Daley, Eric Rothwell, John Scott and Brian Cummings gave their usual fine interpretations that playgoers have come to expect. Galen Vyce was an assured and commentator.

John Kee and Larry Murphy, always dependable backstage, showed a great deal of promise in front of the footlights and can be expected to go on to even larger roles.

Energetic newcomer John Davies proved a versatile and skilled addition to the local theatre scene.

Randy Brown who gave an outstanding performance in two major roles, was erroneously reported as a first-timer with the

Players. Not so. Many people remembered him in "6 Rms. Riv. Vu." and as the astute British Bobby in Midsummer Mink. That was four years ago and it is hoped we won't have to wait that long to see him on stage again.

So much for the Thurber men. I listed them first as Thurber would have done! Now for the Thurber women--Judy Carr, Monica Kee, Anne LePan, Lindsey Martin, Nora Thompson, Joanne Van Luven, May Williams and Rochelle French.

In such an overall excellent cast, it is difficult to single out any one performance but most folks thoroughly enjoyed Judy Carr's "shrewish wife" roles. Judy is a St. Thomas girl who has

come to live and work in Elmvale. She graduated from Sheridan College with a Drama Major.

Rochelle French is growing up with Huronia Players. Four years ago she played Baby June in Gypsy.

A Thurber Carnival will play again next weekend, May 18, 19, at Midland Secondary School. Then the curtain will come down on the 83-84 season for Huronia Players. It has been a good season. In the President's message on the program, May Williams notes that it is also the end of 21 years of live theatre in this area by Huronia Players. "...in the fall," she went on, "music-lights--curtain will make the magic start all over again."

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