

John Grosvenor Famous For Ability To Coach Amateurs

Perhaps the most dynamic personality in the Curtain Club is that of John P. G. Grosvenor, currently directing "Rebecca" by Daphne du Maurier, to be presented as the Club's premiere public performance in the Lions' Hall February 4th and 5th.

Four or five evenings a week John Grosvenor spends rehearsing up a sequence here, smoothing a "rough spot" there, until the players function as a team. Exits, entrances, the lighting of a cigarette, the timing of an arranging some flowers, each and every detail must be fashioned to exactness.

In the cast of "Rebecca" are Elizabeth and Gordon Lewis, Marguerite Grosvenor, Stuart Parker, Paul Morley, Joseph Rabinowitch, Cicely Thomson, William Ferguson, Warwick Butt, Frieda Lagerquist and A. J. McLatchy.

John Grosvenor's reputation as a director is enhanced by his ability as a coach of amateurs and as an actor himself. Prior to three years sojourn in Ireland he was very prominent as an official and instructor in the British Drama League, and organized the Thames Valley Dramatic Festival.

A Gold Medalist at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, he received the acclaim of the Evening Herald of Dublin (home of the famous Abbey Players) for his role of Danny in "Night Must Fall" a play which he also directed.

A premiere of "This Happy Breed" by Noel Coward with ten out of the cast of twelve making their stage debut, brought this comment from a reviewer: "after seeing this premiere one can look forward to more good shows from the Grosvenor Players".

The Dublin Evening Mail says of the stage version of Emily Brontë's "Wuthering Heights": "High praise goes to producer (director) John P. Grosvenor." Directing the play in Toronto for the Rapier Players three years later, John Grosvenor also played the part of Hindley Earnshaw and won acclaim.

Working with him on the production of "Rebecca" is George Sweeney as stage manager.

glimpse backstage on opening night will find the Stage Manager in charge of the whole running of the play from the opening chords of "God Save the Queen" to the final curtain call. As Stage Manager he not only is responsible for seeing that "the set", that is, the scenery, is complete and in place, but also for the actors being ready to come on stage at the right moment.

At the present time George Sweeney is in charge of the construction of the many odd-looking frames and scaffolding that suddenly and almost magically will look just like the scale model stage setting designed and painted by Don Leno for "Rebecca".

Working under the Stage Manager and Director are assistants, each with his or her own responsibilities. Two Moroccan costumes please! Doris Leno and Renee Parker (in charge of wardrobe) have to be prepared to take this in their stride as well as outfitting the rest of the cast of eleven.

Before the ball when Mr. de Winter calls, "Frith bring in the champagne", the perfect English butler will enter carrying a silver tray, on it delicate glasses of bubbling "champagne", the champagne bottle nestled in its cooler. Jean Thomson and Muriel Gillard will have supplied his "properties".

Also unseen is Harold Matthews, chief electrician. But while his changing of the lighting for the moods and time of the scenes will be so delicate as to be imperceptible to an audience, the other phase of his work will not be unheard as he will be closely scanning the script of the play for "cues" for doorbells, clocks or music. When the band plays offstage, Harold Matthews will be its "conductor".

John Grosvenor and George Sweeney work together to coordinate at least twenty persons' contributions to the play. All the cast and all the backstage staff are co-operating to form a smoothly functioning team that will bring "Rebecca" as an entertainment to the public February 4 and 5.

Dr. H. Amoss Guest Speaker

Sees Growing Concern For Children's Welfare

Guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Thornhill and District Association for Retarded Children on January 20 at Charles Howitt school was Dr. H. Amoss, B.A., B. Paed., of Hamilton.

Dr. Amoss has worked with auxiliary and retarded classes for a great many years, and acts as honorary advisor to the Department of Education in connection with education for retarded children. Dr. Amoss started teaching in the last century and has seen many changes and advancements. He served as inspector of auxiliary classes for many years and has always shown a keen interest in all associations and school work. He visited the Thornhill and district school last week and was pleased with the progress of the children.

Growing Concern For Children's Welfare
Dr. Amoss said the most apparent change in his years of teaching is the growing concern for children's welfare, in all stages, and the greater tolerance of people towards all types of children. In connection with retarded children there are now 25-30 schools in Ontario established for this group with about 555 pupils enrolled. Many more of these children are growing to maturity with the advances in medicine and this education is making them useful citizens, able to take their place in society. Co-operation of home, school and community towards this group can do much. At home parents should give these children certain duties to train them to accept responsibility. The special schools are bringing companionship and training to them which is vital. Community groups and individuals should show interest in understanding the handicaps of these children and aiding them to obtain jobs.

These children have a vocabulary average of about 300 words which can be built up to 700 or better by special training. Most of their reading is learned by attaching pictures to words and when this is accomplished, the word is much more adaptable. They are taught to count and recognize figures rather than arithmetic tables and this equips them to handle money and other important items in general living. Physical training plays a large part since they learn to handle their muscles and to follow instruction. Music also plays an important part.

The retarded youngsters are generally one of three types — mongoloid, whose characteristics are short and thick fingers, thick tongues and blunt features. These are the happiest in the world and are usually kindly and obedient. There are those who have brain damages either by

birth or accident and these youngsters are in need of special forms of instruction to channel their thoughts. Some have what is called an irritated brain and it is more difficult to find an interest for them to concentrate. However with patience and special training all groups can become happier, more useful citizens.

The roll call next meeting will be answered by an item for the spring bazaar. A committee visited the new school at Thornlea which will be taken over in September and were pleased with appearances. It is hoped to hold a general meeting at the school so all interested may visit the classroom. The association would like to express its appreciation to the Doncaster Ladies' Club who donated \$10.00 to the school for supplies, and to the children of Milliken Ebenezer United Sunday School who donated their birthday gift collection of \$8.78 to the school. The association is still looking for a name for the school and would be pleased to receive suggestions. Thornlea has been the one most favourably received to date.

Miss Ketola, teacher at the school now has three Richmond Hill District High School girls taking shifts in helping her at the school.

Present at the January 30 meeting was Mrs. Gledhill, who taught at the Charles Howitt School last spring. Many teachers of the area were present and guests from the Thornhill Lions who have been strong supporters of the work.

Mrs. Swindle presided at the meeting and Mr. D. McTavish thanked Dr. Amoss for his valuable address to the association.

Chief Of Markham Heads Police Group

Chief Clarence Wideman of Markham township police was elected president of the York County Police Association at the annual meeting held last week in Aurora.

Others elected were Chief Arthur Moody, of King Township police, and cons. Edward Forester, of Vander OPP, vice-president and Sgt. William Hill of Newmarket, secretary-treasurer.

Appointed to the executive board were: Chief Byron Burbridge, Newmarket; Chief William Hill, father of Sgt. Hill, of North Gwillimbury and Cons. Warren Hulse of Vander OPP. Sgt. Charles McGrade of York county police and Cons. Louis Swinghammer of Thornhill OPP, obedient. There are those who are delegates to the Ontario Police association.

HERE'S HEALTH



Every child needs lots of sleep

If his health at peak you'd keep.

His room needs lots of good fresh air

That's fundamental child health care.

Dept. of National Health and Welfare

Reserves Decision

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The road will amount to approximately \$6,000.

Queried as to the Board's choice of site, Chairman McMullen replied that the trustees had made their decision after a thorough investigation. Furthermore, negotiations are in such an advanced state that it would not be practical to change the location of the school at this time.

The Board feels that the important thing at present is to secure an entrance into the property and then to proceed at once with the erection of the school. During the year or year and a half it will take to construct the school the Board had intended to carry on negotiations for an additional entrance.

Future Growth
Turning to the future growth of the High School District, Trustee Dean stated that within the next four or five years the present Richmond Hill building will be required to handle the students from Richmond Hill alone, and that within the same period the new Thornhill School will be needed to handle the students from Markham Township. Therefore, the Board will have to make additional provision for those children coming from Vaughan Township. At present the Board sends all the children in Vaughan Township who reside west of Highway 400 to the Weston High School.

Joint Meeting
As Councillor V. Griffin will be away Council will ask that a joint meeting be requested by Thornhill Police Village and to be held with representatives of the Townships of Markham and Vaughan, scheduled for February 2, be postponed until a later date. Reeve A. LeMasurier will be Markham's other representative at the gathering.

Thornhill Trustees are anxious to hold this meeting in order to discuss the setting up of a fire area, police protection and garbage collection within the village.

Mrs. M. Paxton Dies After Brief Illness

Mrs. Mary Paxton, beloved wife of Fred E. Paxton of Newmarket, died in York County hospital January 10, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Paxton was born at Uxbridge and was the eldest daughter of the late Thomas J. Caufield and Margaret O'Donnell. She is survived by her husband, L. E. Paxton, one sister, Mrs. Frank Mugan, Kitchener, and five brothers, Thomas of Montreal, James of Cobalt, John of Noranda, Quebec, Patrick of Aurora, and Austin of Montclair.

The deceased was an active member of St. John Chrysostom parish where the funeral service was sung by Rev. John A. Caufield, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Noranda, Quebec, assisted by the pastor, Rev. T. J. McCabe, and the Rev. L. Cahill. Many relatives and friends attended.

Interment took place in the Catholic Cemetery at Newmarket on Thursday, January 13.

EAGLE EYE FOR 80 YEARS

Eighty years ago, Canada passed legislation establishing an agency for the protection of the public against unscrupulous or careless manufacturers of food, drugs, or drink. Since those days, cosmetics have been added to the list of products that are watched by the eagle eye of the Food and Drug Act inspection officers. In all areas of Canada, these officers are stationed to carry on rigid inspection of goods on store shelves. They examine cargoes of ships bringing in imported foods, drugs, drink or cosmetics, as well as investigating complaints by the individual citizen, who may have discovered pollution or adulteration in any of these goods sold to him, or misleading statements on their labels.

Whitchurch Names 1955 Committees

Whitchurch Township Council named the following standing committees for 1955: roads and bridges, deputy-revee, Legge councillors Richardson and Graham; finance, the revee and entire council; bylaws and permits, councillors Richardson, Graham and Wallwork; health and welfare, councillor Graham, revee McLaughlin, councillor Wallwork and police, councillor Wallwork, deputy-revee, Legge and revee, McLaughlin.

Conservation Appointments
Appointments were made by resolution to the three conservation authorities, Lambert Wilson as representative on the Upper Holland River Authority; Edw. Logan, the Rouge Authority and L. P. Evans to the Humber Valley Authority.

A request and signed petition was received on behalf of Robt. Maple, pt. west half, lot 31 con. 9 Whitchurch asking for an adjustment in school section boundaries between Mongolia Section and S.S. No. 23 Stouffville, and Mr. Fred Winn was named arbitrator for the township.

Communications were received from the councils of Aurora and Newmarket endorsing the resolution recently passed by Whitchurch asking that the full cost educating outside children in foster homes not be carried as a charge on the township.

A communication was read by the clerk from the Township of Crowland which called upon the Dominion Government to increase unemployment insurance benefits and also give wider coverage, and asking Whitchurch to endorse the proposal. Council unanimously agreed.

Road Costs
Road Supt. Davis reported that road costs in Whitchurch during 1954 amounted to \$94,902.57, for which council will ask government subsidy. The township budget was originally set at \$93,000. It was reduced by the Dept. of Highways to \$85,000 and a supplementary appropriation was later asked for \$11,000.

General accounts passed for payment amounted to \$938.42 for the month and relief accounts \$40.75.

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Rotary To Sponsor Cooking School

The Richmond Hill Rotary Club announces that they will sponsor again this year the annual cooking school to be held February 8 and 9 in the Masonic Hall.

It is expected that the many women who enjoyed it last year will be back again for this year's two-day event.

Tickets are available from any member of the Club.

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Two hundred and ninety years ago, thousands of the citizens of old London died from the Black Death or bubonic plague. It is probable that the disease was taken into England by rats from ships, which had sailed from countries where the plague was raging. Every rat should be exterminated, not only because of the disease they may spread but also because of the millions of dollars worth of food and merchandise they destroy every year in Canada. The drug warfarin has been found an effective exterminator to date. It may be obtained in commercially prepared forms.



Dolorous Dexter who Was unduly sour and grim Discovered the classified Was a super tonic for him.

Spotlight on HEALTH

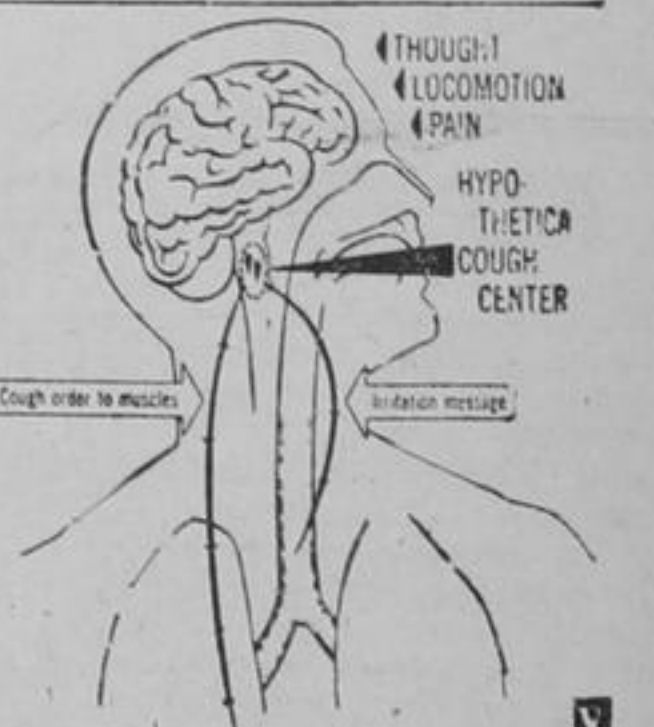
Science Features

Why You Cough . . .
Coughing is caused by irritation somewhere in the respiratory system. But irritation itself will not make you cough. A tiny cluster of brain cells must first order the various muscles involved to provide the explosive force which causes coughing (see illustration).

Science has now developed a drug, similar to morphine but non-narcotic, which can control coughing that has no beneficial value to the human body. This drug, known as dextromethorphan hydrobromide, or, more simply, Romilar, apparently is the first anti-cough specific since codeine was discovered more than 100 years ago.

However, Romilar, being widely used under doctors' orders for the first time this winter, has none of the disadvantages of codeine. It is non-addictive, causes no nausea, dizziness or constipation. Months of tests on more than 775 patients in 28 hospitals and clinics show that Romilar causes no bad effects on patients.

The chart above explains why you cough. Both the "irritation message" and the "order to cough" are electrical impulses carried by nerves. The cough suppressant works by stopping or slowing down the electronic switching process by which the incoming signal sets off the cough signal. Codeine and Romilar seem to work alike, but the latter appears to affect only the "cough center." The new drug was discovered by scientists of Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.



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CARS ARE MY LINE

By Bud Lauria

One of the greatest accomplishments of the automobile industry has been to bring ownership of a car within sight of everyone.

A lot of things have made it possible to put a car, or two cars, in every home. I have a sneaking hunch that just about the most important of all was the introduction of the self-starter in 1911.

It made the car really a family car for the first time, because a woman could then handle it, and she didn't have to take along a chauffeur. That's probably something you've never thought of before, that a woman couldn't take the kids to school, or go shopping, in the family car before the self-starter came on the scene.

The self-starter saved a lot of broken arms, too, and made the car a friend instead of a stubborn, inhuman beast that had to be constantly battled. It helped change the world's whole attitude to the motor car.

Like a lot of things we now take for granted on every car, the self-starter was introduced by General Motors. That famous milestone followed another first in 1910, when GM started the first closed bodies in any volume.

That was really something, because even in 1913 nine out of 10 cars made were still open models.

Sometimes in the hurly-burly of living just for today, we forget the valuable lessons from the past. You can see today the value and the leadership that's been packed into Pontiac, but that becomes a little less surprising when you remember that it's always been that way.



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