

Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" Curtain Club's Fall Production

Charles Considine is in a unique position. Living with him in his house near London are his wife and his deceased wife. To add to the confusion, an eccentric, middle aged spiritualist comes to visit. This in brief is the background of Noel Coward's fantasy "Blithe Spirit," the Fall production of the Curtain Club. Often considered Noel Coward's best and funniest play, "Blithe Spirit" had a long run on London and Broadway stages later being adapted into an extremely successful movie with Rex Harrison and Margaret Rutherford in leading roles.

Appearing as Charles the befuddled husband is Ron Solloway. Mr. Solloway has been with the Curtain Club only one year and has already been seen in two of last year's productions "Happiest Days of Your Life" and "Kind Lady." Wanda Trott and Mary Monks 'spar' in the roles of Ruth and Elvira the present and past wives of the hero. Mrs. Trott will be remembered for her starring roles in "Marriage," a former festival success, and "The Jailgate." During the past year Mrs. Trott appeared with the West End Playseers in "The Curious Savage" and

"Dear Mr. Editor"

British Election Results
Dear Mr. Editor: The gospel according to Paul Delmer dealing with the result of the British general election which appeared in last week's "Liberal" presents a curiously biased view of British politics.

Utilizing statistics on a grand scale he points out that more people voted against the Conservatives than for them (by the relatively small majority of 369,839 votes out of a total of 27,862, 708 votes cast). The Socialists were lost into power with a much larger majority voting against them - did Mr. Delmer bring up these objections at that time?

Proceeding from this fact he suggests that a system of proportional representation would have reflected a more accurate picture of the election. Going along with Mr. Delmer's argument we see that if a system of proportional representation was currently in operation in Britain, the Liberals, representing only about 8% of the electorate, would now hold the balance of power and would be in a position to dictate Britain's domestic and foreign policies, would this be an accurate picture?

Mr. Delmer also makes great play of the fact that the boundaries of the various constituencies are so set up as to be detrimental to the Socialists. The last revision of these boundaries was carried out during the Labor government's reign - and apparently they're still not juggled to the Socialists' satisfaction.

Dealing purely in mathematics and statistics causes Mr. Delmer to neglect (conveniently?) the real factors behind the Conservatives' success at the British polls.

The British electors were faced with a choice (excluding the Liberals) between the Socialists and Conservatives:

The Socialists offered a pie-in-the-sky platform of "good times for all and to hell with the expense" coupled with a somewhat less than imposing past record.

The Conservatives offered a further five years of responsible government at home and abroad coupled with a record of achievement which included the Herculanean task of re-instating Great Britain as a world power from the depths to which she had sunk in 1951.

Can we really call this a choice?

Mr. Delmer's hindsight view of this vital election seems to have been influenced more by sour grapes than clear thinking.

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HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

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School News
The rain finally held off long enough for School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, to hold their Field Day at Thornlea Public School on Tuesday afternoon, October 13th.

The following contestants from Henderson Avenue Public School were successful in totalling 10 points at the Area Field Day:

Jr. Boys 75 yd. dash - 2nd, Rod Snyder; Sr. Boys 100 yd. dash - 3rd, John Bonnici; Sr. Boys High Jump - 3rd, Art Chomiak; Sr. Boys Running Broad Jump - 3rd, Art Chomiak; Jr. Girls High Jump - 3rd, Andrea Schofield; Sr. Girls Running Broad Jump - 2nd, Pat Wren.

While the Senior Grades from 6 - 8 were holding their Field Day, the Junior classes, Grades 1 - 5 were participating in a "Play Day" at the Henderson School grounds. Fourteen teams competed in seven different events, namely, dodge ball, potato race, bean bag relays, skipping, and cracker eating contests. Five points were given to the winning team in each event. The players in the leading 3 teams were given 1st and 2nd or 3rd ribbons.

The pupils on the winning team were Astrid Pregel, Michael Jones, Lloyd Peters, Arlene Walker, Dianne Wokey, Doug Turner, Nancy Wenger, Susan Walker, Gloria Harrow, Linda Thomson, David Mason, Debbie Oliver, Dorcen Boal and Larry Fallis.

Despite the coolness of the day and the uncertainty of the weather, it was agreed by all spectators and participants that Play Day was a most successful and enjoyable enterprise.

The Home and School Association are holding Fun Fair at Henderson Avenue School October 24th at which time you may be able to pick up a second hand Halloween costume for your youngster at a very reasonable price.

This Halloween many children in the Henderson Avenue School Area will be visiting you as "Spooks or Goblins" carrying U.N.I.C.E.F. Boxes. Please be prepared for them with pennies or nickels so that they may share their Halloween treats to help "all the world's children, through the United Nations Children's Fund. This is sponsored by the Henderson Avenue Home and School Association.

U.N.I.C.E.F. means United Nations Children's Fund. This is a fund by which U.N.I.C.E.F. assists children of many nations who are much less fortunate than we. By U.N.I.C.E.F., the mothers are taught sanitation in the care of their babies. More than 20,000 maternal and child welfare centres have been set up. In many parts of the world, yaws, malaria, trachoma, leprosy and TB wreck millions of lives almost before they are begun. Children can be and are being saved through medical programs aided by U.N.I.C.E.F. Millions of children suffer for lack of milk, a most vital food for growing children. Through the supply of powdered milk and the construction of milk processing plants, the proteins essential to life are provided. Mothers are taught to make the most of available foods. In many countries children think the word for milk is "UNICEF."

When shelling out to the children this Halloween it was suggested at the Home and School

meeting that you cut down on the candy treats and share our abundance by placing a penny in the UNICEF container offered you by each child. If 50 children come to your door with a UNICEF box in their hands, you will only have to give 50c in all to UNICEF. Please have your pennies ready. Ten cents provides 50 glasses of nourishing milk to these undernourished children.

Clinic
The Well Baby Centre is holding its monthly clinic on Wednesday, afternoon, October 28th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Thornhill United Church. Adults are also able to obtain Polio Shots at this clinic, free of charge.

Scouts and Cubs
The second Thornhill Cub and Scout Packs are now organized in the community and have started their weekly meetings at Henderson Avenue School. Harry Johnston is leading Scouts and is assisted by Bob Old along with Jr. Assistant Dennis Buckingham. They meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30.

The Cubs Akela is Lou Barton with assistants Roy Simpson, Chas. Stocking and Bill Gage. The Cubs meet on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 8:45.

Despite the cold wet weather on Saturday, October 17th, the brave Cubs and Scouts with their bare knees were out selling apples to raise funds for their work during the year.

The boys will be out again on Saturday, October 31st, collecting pop bottles, fruit baskets and newspapers. Residents are asked to bundle and tie their papers and leave them on the front verandahs for the boys.

The Scout and Cub Mothers Auxiliary are holding their first meeting of the season on Tuesday night, October 27th, at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Trudel, 58 Woodward Avenue.

Guides
The Tanager Patrol held a private sale of home made candy at their meeting on Tuesday, October 13th to raise a little more money for their tent fund.

On Saturday, October 17th, Guides from this area, Mrs. Jewitt, Mrs. Morrison, Brownie Leader Mrs. Barrett from Crestwood Road and District Commissioner Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan of Thornhill, attended an Area Training Conference in Bowmanville. Approximately 80 guides and leaders from as far away as Haliburton were in attendance.

Plans for the new plaza at Yonge and Steeles Avenue are going ahead and work is expected to begin on it next spring. The present Loblaws store at Steeles Avenue proposes to remain open when the plaza is built, as long as enough business is maintained. This plaza is to be one of the largest yet built in the Metro Area and will dwarf that at Don Mills, when it is completed.

The new Biff Burger restaurant at Meadowview and Yonge St., opened for business on Thursday, October 15th and many mothers lacked at least one child at the dinner table as he was out trying the new Biff-burgers and free chips that were offered on opening day.

Double congratulations are in order for Patsy Harris of 39 Woodward Avenue who celebrated her birthday on Monday, October 19th. Patsy also celebrated the receipt of a diamond engagement ring very recently and plans to be married next fall some time.

Need Direct Line Too Much Delay Obtaining Help
by Mrs. D. Darley
Are we orphans in this South-west corner of Markham Township? Does no one care about our existence except to collect our taxes? We need a direct line to police and fire departments. Our homes and our lives are valuable.

On Thursday, October 15th at 6:45 a.m., Mr. Norman James of 16 Grandview Ave., Highland Park could not get heat from his furnace and consequently phoned a furnace repair man. When the repair was completed, the service man switched on the furnace which caused flames to shoot beyond the furnace itself. Apparently the furnace had been pumping oil without a flame and when it was repaired, the flame ignited the excess oil which had been pumped into the furnace. The fire got out of hand and the service man advised Mrs. James to phone the Markham Township Fire Department.

Mrs. James dialled the emergency number, AV. 5-1103 and found the switchboard was busy. It remained busy for quite some time so that she could not reach the municipal office by phone. Frantically then Mrs. James called North York Fire Department who came, and in turn, phoned Richmond Hill Fire Department, who also answered the call. During this time, of course, the fire was getting further out of hand in the basement, causing extensive smoke damage throughout the entire house. Insurance adjusters blamed the furnace repair man and he in turn placed the blame on Mr. James for not telling him the oil was in the furnace.

This great delay in reaching police or fire department by telephone, however, directly points out the need for a direct line to police or fire department from this area. The number AV. 5-1103 only reaches the municipal offices switchboard at Buttonville. From there the police are informed and then the fire department. When the switchboard is busy, as was the case when Mrs. James phoned, North York has to be phoned and they do not feel responsible for our calls from Markham Township. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. James for the damage done to their home - but the next emergency may mean a life or lives.

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