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In the Spotlight



By JOAN HAROLD

"I just auditioned for fun — I didn't dream I'd get the part, says Kay Turner of Thornhill, who plays the bouncy, singing barmaid in CFTO's 'Pig and Whistle'...

How did it all start? "I used to live with a dear little Victorian aunt in post-war London, and on a whim I auditioned and won a part in Ronald Frankau's revue 'Ladies Without'...

It was quite a few years later when as a housewife, and mother in search of a hobby, that she joined the Scarborough Theatre Guild. From there she went to lunch-time theatre at the Colonnade...

Mrs. Turner was already in rehearsal for the Curtain Club's production of "Pools Paradise", when she landed the part in "Pig and Whistle". "I thought I would be taxing my family's patience to the utmost, even then, and hated to even mention the possibility of the coast to coast tour, but my husband Alf is being terrific about it, and says it is a chance of a lifetime", she says.

Ten year old Susan is also happy with the idea of her mother's forthcoming adventure. "It will be fun cooking for Daddy, but I think we will often eat at Mario's!"

Mrs. Turner is very thankful for competent help, and will not have to worry about Susan coming home from school to an empty house.

On their return from the tour, the group will take a well earned rest, but not for long, as "Pig and Whistle" has been renewed for next season.

There is now a waiting list of three thousand, many of them English people, who are eager to be a part of the "pub" atmosphere at the tapings, and wallow in nostalgia.

"When you get old pros' like Vera Lynn and David Whitfield belting out the old songs, there isn't a dry eye in the place. I used to feel I had bitten off more than I could chew, but I'm relaxing and starting to enjoy it now". There was a short pause. "I wonder what auntie would say?" reflected Kay Turner, part-time barmaid from Thornhill.

Two hundred energetic children, and their not so energetic (end of holidays) mothers, surged eagerly into the auditorium of the North York Public Library last Thursday. Ten at a time they were ushered by admirably good natured librarians, up to the large trestle table on the platform, where Mrs. Odarka Onyschuk was conducting a demonstration in the ancient art of Ukrainian Egg decorating.

The children watched goggle-eyed as Mrs. Onyschuk went through the whole process, starting with clean, white, uncooked eggs, and with a fine wire instrument, drawing in bees wax the first stage of a design that has been handed down from generation to generation.

All the patterns are based on symbols taken from two main themes, Christianity, and Growth. Some of the designs derived from Spring and Migration can be traced back as far as 2,000 B.C.

Mrs. Onyschuk had on display many drawings of these intricate patterns. Priceless family heirlooms. "Did you make all these eggs?" asked little Jane Thomson, of Willowdale. Mrs. Onyschuk smilingly allowed her to cradle one gently in her hands. On she went, systematically dipping the eggs in vegetable dye, then re-waxing, and re-dipping in all the primary colors.

When the designs are complete, the eggs are put in a barely warm oven to melt off the wax, then pierced and blown out. It was hard to believe that some of the very fragile looking eggs in the display basket were hundreds of years old.

Although Mrs. Onyschuk has had formal art training, all Ukrainian children learn this from their mothers as a matter of course. They look forward to the exchange of the goodwill Easter eggs with their friends and family.

A two week old granddaughter is the next in line to pass on the ancient designs of the Onyschuk family.

The National Theatre School will be holding auditions across Canada during the next few months. Actors applying should be between 17 and 23. There is no age limit for production candidates. Those interested should write to: The National Theatre School of Canada, 407 St. Lawrence Boulevard, Montreal.

Interested in some form of art? Do you have an absorbing hobby. Please tell me about it by phoning 223-8692.

A Garden Is A Joyous Thing

A garden is a joyous thing; A gardener always welcomes spring; So plan your garden while you wait; For snow and ice to abrogate. And when the balmy days come 'round, And sunshine warms the waiting ground, You'll know just where to plant the seeds. And just the type of soil each needs. So that your Marigolds and Mums Will indicate your greenish thumbs, And neighbors will be happy to Look over and enjoy the view.

Rome wasn't built in one short day, And growing Hollyhocks or hay Always requires work and thought; So you will find your garden plot Repaying you for all your care. By spreading beauty everywhere, And in the glory days of June 'Twill set your little world in tune.

Robert D. Little

Letters to the Editors

First Class Facilities For Mentally Ill

Dear Mr. Editor:

On behalf of my colleagues here at the national office of the Canadian Mental Health Association as well as on my own account I would like to express our appreciation of your editorial of February 22 about our York County branch and its request for a grant from the York County Council.

The clear and pointed way in which the case was stated as well as the deep concern for the disturbed children cannot have failed to make a very strong impression, and we sincerely hope that some positive action will result.

Editorials like this are perhaps the most valuable assistance and co-operation that CMHA receives as it pursues its challenging task of securing first-class facilities for all the mentally ill and emotionally disturbed.

Please do accept our thanks.

Sincerely, LEONARD CRAINFORD, Director: Information Services, CMHA.

CRACKPOTS AND VIETNAM WAR

Dear Mr. Editor:

The behaviour of the York Central District High School Board toward the York Committee to End the War in Vietnam is both absurd and alarming! — What has become of our civil rights?

How can a member of the school board be so discourteous as to use insulting terms to a group of people asking to rent the high school auditorium? I would like the person who called the members of the York Committee "crackpots" to define this word.

Now that hundreds of thousands of people, among them eminent citizens, both of Canada and the United States, have come to realize more than one pressing need for ending the Vietnam war, would the above mentioned member of the school board call them ALL "crackpots" — or would he consider the people "crackpots" who were, in his opinion, "crackpots" a few weeks ago?

DOROTHY HOBDAY, 709 Carville Road, Richvale.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Dear Mr. Editor:

"I have a deep sympathy with war, it so apes the gait and bearing of the soul. It is a pity that we seem to require war, from time to time, to assure us that there is any manhood left in man."

"Men have made war from a deeper instinct than they keep peace. War is but the compelling of peace."

"When the world is declared under martial law, every Esau retakes his birthright and there is in him does not fail to appear. He wipes off all old scores and commences a new account. The world is interested"

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City Of The Future

(Ettobicoke Advertiser - Guardian)

As 1984 approaches with alarming speed, visionary ideas are being proposed to solve the problem of where to put all the people.

Some of the ideas seem wild, until you take a close look and find that maybe they make pretty good sense... if we can give them a try.

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, just held in New York, Dr. Athelstan Spiihaus unveiled plans, now in study stage, for a new experimental city to be built "from the underground up" in Minnesota farming country. Dr. Spiihaus proposes completely new cities which would make full use of every new techniques of science, systems analysis, transportation, construction and organization.

Highlights of the proposal include:

● Dispensing people by building new cities in relatively empty areas with a population of perhaps 300,000 set amidst some 40,000 acres of surrounding farmland, parkland and forest.

● Elimination of noise by underground construction methods using prefabricated materials, and by routing all vehicles to underground tunnels.

● Elimination of air-pollution by sending air pollutants from tunnels and from factories into an underground "fume sewer" for treatment at an airscrubbing plant.

● Elimination of water pollution by complete treatment of sewage and industry pollutants.

● Elimination of traffic congestion by making everything above ground for pedestrians only, with efficient public transportation and small "people pods" to carry a few people, via automated rail, to whatever destination they desired within the city.

In a sense it would be easy to shoot holes in such idealistic scheme. There will be plenty of problems if these ideas are translated into reality — but what human venture doesn't have problems? And if we are to accommodate double our population by 2,000 AD we need both and perhaps brave solutions.

Trail Papers To Archives

On January 10, 1862, from Lakefield, Ontario, Catherine Parr Trail addressed a letter to her lawyers, Messrs. Cockburn and Stanton, concerning the estate of her late husband, Thomas Trail.

Last week a representative of the provincial archives, Hugh MacMillan, called at the Richmond Hill home of Mrs. Mary Harding to receive the letter and a number of other documents relating to the Trail family.

Catherine Parr Trail's descriptions of early Canadian life and her work as a botanist have won her lasting fame. One of her books, "The Backwoods of Canada", was recently reissued in paperback form.

She is greatly admired as well for her outgoing personality and a courage maintained in the face of great hardship.

Mrs. Trail came of a literary family. Her sister, Susanna Moodie, is the author of "Roughing It in the Bush" and "Life in the Clearings". Another sister, Agnes Strickland, was well known for her writing in Europe.

Their brother, Colonel Samuel Strickland, whose signature appears on some of the documents presented, was an associate of John Galt and "Tiger" Dunlop. He wrote a two-volume account of his experiences entitled "Twenty-Seven Years in Canada West".

As a Trail descendant, Mrs. Harding has acquired a detailed knowledge of the family and the area in which they lived. Her interest in Canadian history is, however, not confined to the Lakefield area.

She began some years ago by investigating accounts of cholera among emigrants and has since enlarged her reading to include the history of most of the counties of Ontario. Much of this reading was done in connection with genealogical researches undertaken on behalf of interested friends.

"We need many more like her," was the comment of Mr. MacMillan, whose job it is to collect items for the provincial archives. He explained that individuals who take the trouble to learn a little of Ontario's history can be of inestimable aid in ensuring that documents and objects of historical value are preserved for generations to come.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

What Went On In 1912

Everybody talks about the high cost of living. They did the same in 1912. The Ladies Home Journal that year ran a series of letters from a son in answer to his mother's questions concerning the important issues of the day.

In her letter, the mother writes: "I wonder if you realize, you who live in the big world of things, how little a woman like myself living quietly up here in the country really knows of the great questions that seem so vital and throbbing to our country."

"I suppose I am like hundreds of women who would keenly like to understand these problems but newspapers are too verbose and prejudiced and who is there to tell us, simply, clearly and briefly the truth. Tell me son, what is the truth about the high cost of living?"

THE TRUTH OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. The son replies: "You ask me a hard question. Let's take a single item like meat because it's used in such large quantities."

"Some years ago, the government found that out of every dollar spent for food by the ordinary economical family, more than 15c went for beef. Beef cost more than the amount of tea, coffee, sugar, molasses, rice and potatoes or for all the flour, corn meal, bread and milk bought."

"A comparison of 1910 with 1900 shows in that space of time, beef rose more than 25%. Bread rose one-third, milk one-third, potatoes and smoked ham, one-half."

The foodstuffs which took the biggest jump were bacon and lard which just about doubled in price, and the only food that didn't rise was sugar and it actually dropped a little.

"What happened to food, happened to clothing. Flannels went up in price about one-sixth, gingham from one-fifth to one-third, boots and shoes, one-

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Support Lions Easter Seals

As spring weather invites youngsters to play outdoors, most of them will be enjoying cycling, warming up on the ball diamond, or testing their energy on playground equipment. But there will be some on the sidelines, watching from wheelchairs or on crutches.

To this latter group the Easter Seals mailed last week to Richmond Hill homes by the local Lions represent new hope that they may some day be able to trade a crutch for a bat, a wheelchair for a bicycle, a brace for roller skates.

Richmond Hill Lions have conducted the annual Easter Seal campaign locally for almost a quarter of a century and have set a return of \$3,500

as their target for 1968.

Half of this amount remains in Richmond Hill to help local youngsters and at present there are 15 names on the Lions' list, from the town and its surrounding community.

Help from the fund has taken concrete form in provision of artificial legs and arms, braces and other corrective appliances which are very expensive. If a child needs this type of help, the child gets it — and your returns make this possible.

Seals should be regarded as annual reminders of Easter, which heralds spring — and of those who can only watch from the sidelines. Be generous and return the pink envelope with your donation today.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

RHHS Prom Queen

Queen of the Prom for Richmond Hill High School this year was Cathy Bowman. Above, last year's queen, Signe Snary crowns her at the prom dance held February 29 at the Murray House, Steeles Avenue.

Plan Public Affairs Fall Lecture Series

Fifty subscribers are required by the end of March for the York County University Women's Club lecture series for next fall and those interested are urged to enrol immediately.

The lecture series is arranged through the University of Toronto Extension as a public service. Six speakers will be heard from the following list of outstanding personalities: Lister Sinclair, Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, Globe and Mail journalist Charles Taylor, James M. Minifie, the CBC's Gordon Hawkins, Editor of "The Commentator", John Gellner.

Price for the six lectures is \$10. They will be held the first Monday of each night from October to March in Richmond Hill Public Library.

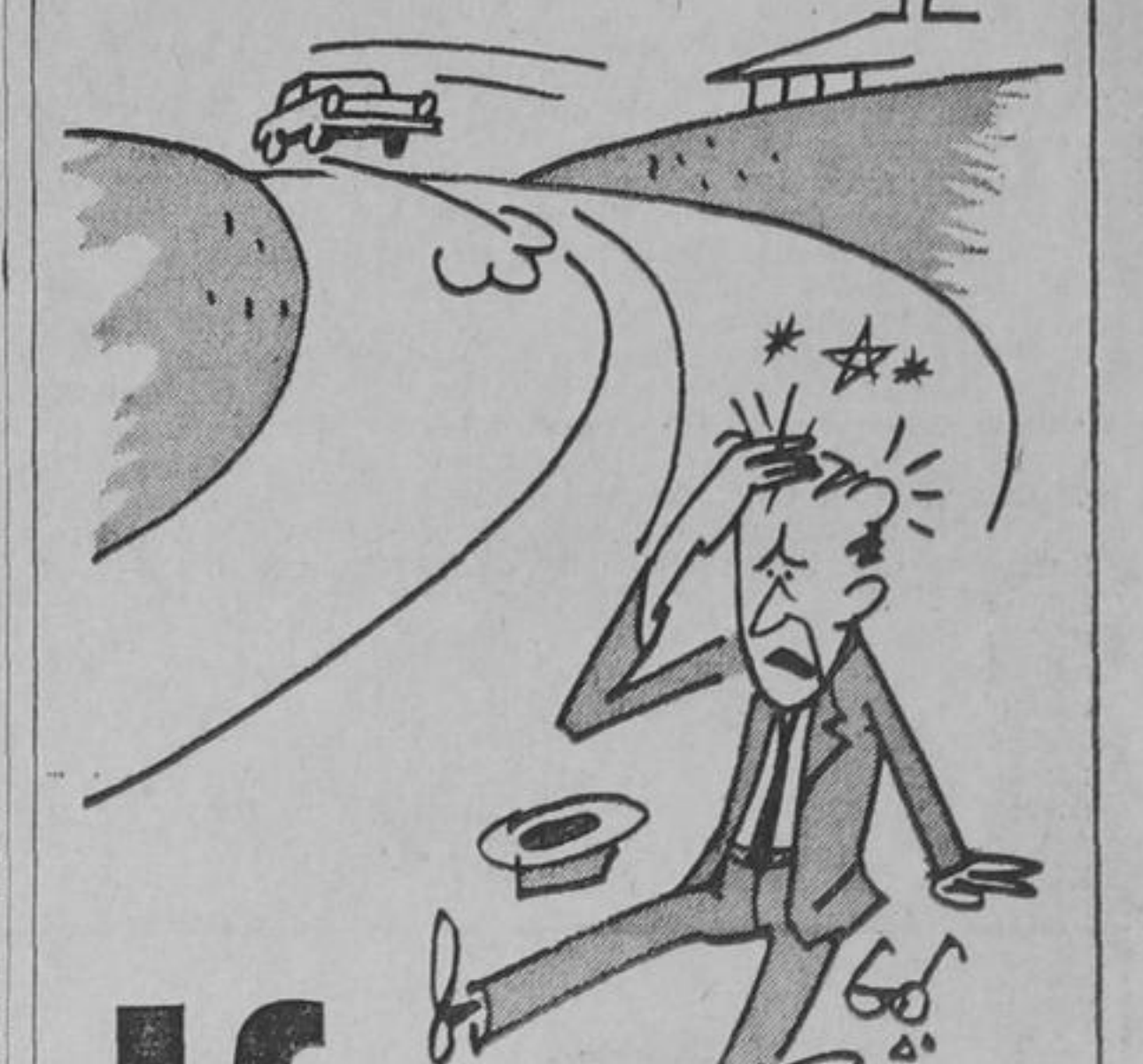
To enrol, call Miss E. Hurst at 884-4065 or Mrs. J. van den Hoek 889-5119.

Official Road Maps For '68 Now Ready

The Department of Highways announced this week that its 1968 official road map of Ontario is now available.

Free copies of the new map may be obtained from the Information Section, Department of Highways, Downsview; at all Department of Highways offices throughout the province; the Department of Tourism and Information, 185 Bloor Street East, Toronto 5; at the department's tourist reception centres at border crossing points in Southern Ontario and at service centres on Highways 400 and 401.

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