



(Photo by Susan Samilla)

The members of Fantasy Tours, a travelling theatre company working under a federal OFY grant, are shown above in a scene from "Granny Gray's Down the Well", performed

"Fantasy Tours" Provides Summer Entertainment

By DIANA COOK "Fantasy Tours, a Travelling Theatre Company" consists of seven young people who, with the help of an OFY federal grant, are spending this summer performing plays for children at various camps and homes throughout Ontario.

The application for the \$7,500 grant was sent in three months ago. Included in it were letters of recommendation from Richmond Hill High School's Drama Coach Roy Clifton, the Curtain Club and the Town of Richmond Hill.

The originators of the group, Mary Jane Lowens, 19, David Smith, 20, and Adrian Truss, 19, were more than pleasantly surprised when they received news of the grant's acceptance.

Since then, their time has been taken up completely by the project. The first task was to select a company. It was decided that Mary Jane, a third year English student at St. Michael's College would be production coordinator, while Dave Smith, 390 Tyneview Lane, a student of Theatre Arts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, would be stage manager.

I accompanied the group for their July 31 booking at Lakewood Camp for crippled children which overlooks Lake Erie in Welland. Other than a flat tire, there were no major catastrophes on the drive up, and upon arriving dinner was served to us with the counsellors in the dining room. It was then decided to start setting up the stage for the 7:30 performance. It usually takes the Fantasy Tour members 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour, working together as a "precision machine" to put up the stage, taking into consideration the occasional "cog".

It was soon noticed that there was an increasing number of people arriving, carrying musical instrument cases. The camp program director approached us shortly saying that a band was also scheduled to play that night. As it turned out, it was arranged that the band would play before

for the performance and in between the acts, which worked out well.

ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE

Some of the cast at first felt hesitant to present plays, aimed for young children, to the senior campers, but their fears were unfounded. The production was met with enthusiasm, for a number of reasons, the main one being that it was fun and that the actors themselves looked like they were having fun.

The plays, too, are short and clever. The first, entitled Pippin And The Princess, was written by Adrian Truss. It involves a young boy, Pippin (Steve Clark) who with his dog (Mary Jane Lowens) sets out to find the King's (Adrian Truss) daughter (Vickery Cook). She has been stolen by a wicked troll (Dave Smith), who "eats people and all". Scene II takes place in front of the troll's cave, cleverly depicted by a faded grey sheet with a hole cut for the entrance.

Dave Smith plays an excellent troll, who at one point turns to the audience remarking that "I feel like a snack". Pippin threatens the troll in order to coax him into revealing the whereabouts of the Princess, and only succeeds when his dog begins to sing.

2 Killed, Several Hurt In 2 Crashes

Car crashes on the Richmond Hill boundary and at Newmarket took two lives and injured several others last week, according to YRP.

Charges are pending in the 10:06 pm Friday single car Newmarket crash that killed passenger Larry Winter, 16, of 61 Fleury Street, Aurora.

Driver Michael Vangog, 19, of 26 Richardson Drive, Aurora was northbound on Main Street when his vehicle hit the bridge at Roger's Reservoir. Winter was thrown out and hit his head at the base of the dam.

3 OTHERS HURT Driver Vangog wasn't hurt but three other passengers were: Stephen Renaud, of 31 Bailey Crescent, Aurora; John Bignell, of 9 Browning Crescent, Aurora and Jerry Miller, of 112 Glass Drive, Aurora.

In a two-car crash earlier the same day at 4:05 pm on Bloomington Road about a mile east of Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road) driver Ray Baker, 30, of 30 Harrison Avenue, Aurora was fatally injured. He was pronounced dead just a little less than an hour later at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

The other driver, Herschel McConnell, 68, of Heatcote, was also taken to hospital in Newmarket with serious injuries. A police spokesman said there wouldn't be any charges laid in this instance.

Autopsy Ordered In Thornhill Youth's Thunderstorm Death

Richard Brown, 20, of Huckleberry Lane, Thornhill was killed by lightning early Saturday while camping in a tent with a companion at Mosport Park grounds, according to Provincial Police. Brown was dead on arrival at Bowmanville Hospital. His companion was awakened by a shock at about 5:40 am during a thunderstorm. Brown couldn't be awakened. Cause of death is to be determined by autopsy.

Upon being rescued, however, the Princess quickly departs to her tennis lessons.

Pippin then questions the audience as to the fate of the troll, whose helpers, Patti Duffy and Adrian Truss, have deserted him. In this particular production it turned out to be "Tickle his feet".

The second play, "Granny Gray's Down The Well" was written by Eleanor Farjeon. The same sets as used in the first play are again present, but in between them are yellow arches and windows. In the middle of the stage is a well.

The plot involves a passer by who comes across a young girl, Grizzle Gray, weeping at the fact that her "Gramma's fallen down the well". There is a long process of summoning everyone in the village so as to find the key that will free a man in the stocks to search for Granny in the well. This whole sequence is done very well so to speak, with changes of costume and character taking place in a matter of seconds.

At long last Granny appears onstage, not having fallen down the well at all. The reason for all the confusion is that a young boy, Peter Puff, threw Grizzle's "grammar" book down the well to repay her for "picking the currents out of my current bun."

They all join hands and skip around the well, into which, of course, Granny falls, thus fulfilling her nemesis.

The play is very lively, with lots of action and laughter. The members of Fantasy Tours all have worked very hard to make their company a success. In doing so they have provided their audiences with some very enjoyable entertainment, and proved themselves worthy of the responsibilities entrusted them. They also have had a lot of fun.

Sussex St., Shelley Rd. Land For Residential Development

Part of the road allowance on Sussex Street and Shelley Road will be sold to the adjoining property owner for an industrial development, Richmond Hill Council decided August 13 on recommendation of its works and property committee (Chairman Lou Wainwright). The adjoining property is owned by Crestview Apartments Limited, a Griffin - Grant company, which has acquired all the land in the area and proposes to erect an industrial building to be leased to tenants. The property is to the north of Thornhaven School and over the past decade several proposals for development have been considered but have not been approved because they would have created landlocked parcels of land.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey asked how this land could be serviced when council had allocated all potential surplus of capacity in the sewage disposal system to Tankos-Yarmon. Mr. Toporowski said that only 100,000 gals. capacity had been promised Tankos-Yarmon and that that firm has yet to make application for services. "We are dealing with applications on a priority basis. There is no guarantee the application from Tankos-Yarmon will come in."

"Mrs. Hancey also pointed out that sale of the road allowances would bring industry that much closer to residences in the area. Mr. Toporowski agreed and noted that the road allowance would have to be rezoned. "The company will guarantee Sussex will not be opened and there will be no further industrial development in that area. It is purchasing two small parcels of land at the top of Sussex, so there will be no landlocked property."

King, 2 Aurora Youth Arrested In Drug Raid

A large quantity of hashish and marijuana was seized, a King Township and two Aurora youth were arrested, following a raid last week by York Regional Police.

All three face trial at a future date at Newmarket Provincial Court.

Thieves, Vandals Hit Homes In Thornhill

Homes, offices and construction sites in Thornhill were hit by thieves and vandals last week. At Gateway Mercury Sales Limited, 7120 Yonge Street, Monday night \$30 worth of parts were removed from the engine of a new pick-up truck, according to York Region Police.

The same night at the home of John Van-Laar, 209 Arnold Avenue at 2:30 am somebody smashed a lamp post glass and two flower pots.

Elaine Rennie of 7 Thomson Court, Markham Tuesday afternoon parked her pick-up truck at 111 Glen-cameron Road. When she returned ten 8-track tapes worth \$80 were gone.

At Marine Mail Order Supply, 67 Doncaster Avenue Wednesday night someone broke in through an air conditioner and made off with \$281 worth of property. Included were a radio, portable TV and \$24 in cash. The thief dropped \$8 outside as he left and this was recovered.

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Assault Alleged Broken Glass

Robert Holmes, 45, of 14 Yongevue Avenue, Richmond Hill was arrested at his home Wednesday evening of last week in connection with an alleged broken glass assault on George Klavhals, also of 14 Yongevue.

Holmes at Richmond Hill Court at a future date is to face charges of assault causing bodily harm, threatening and common assault.

House Was Unlocked In \$1,500 Diamond Ring Theft Case

A diamond ring, wallet and eight rolls of pennies were included in \$1,500 worth of items stolen Thursday night of last week from an unlocked house at Mus-selman's Lake in Whit-church-Stouffville, according to YRP.

The loss reported by William Schultz of 50 Valley Drive, is under investigation.

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YRP's Routine Patrols Yield Numerous Drinking Charges

A high speed police chase Saturday along Bathurst Street resulted in the 6:35 pm arrest of Alexios Alexopoulos, 34, of 134 Pemberton Road, Richvale for impaired driving and failing a breathalyzer test, according to YRP.

A stopped vehicle was checked at 10:10 pm Friday on Yonge Street at Oak Ridges and Leonard Golding, 19, of 402 Markham Road was arrested for impaired care and control and for failing a breathalyzer test.

Several arrests were made last week for other liquor offenses. DRUNK IN PUBLIC Albert Huntrods, 26, of 16 Normark Street, Apartment 30, Thornhill and William Flinn, 31, of North Road, Lake Wilcox were arrested at 8:35 pm Friday at 33 Yonge Street South for being drunk in a public place. Daniel Moore of 328 Brownale Crescent, aged 20, had his vehicle checked on Yonge Street in Oak Ridges at 10:10 pm Friday and was charged with illegal possession of ale. Douglas Hughes, 38, of 38 Saturday at the Richmond Hill Inn, Yonge Street Arnold Crescent at 12:25 am

South, was charged with being drunk in a public place.

DRIVE-IN CHECKED

As a result of a police investigation at Harvey's Drive-In, 9471 Yonge Street, Richvale, Robert Purves, 19, of 526 Carrville Road at 2:15 am was charged with being drunk in a public place and possession of 19 pints of beer. A short while later at the same place Stanley Hough, 19, of 255 Bluegrass Boulevard was also charged with possession of the beer.

Charged with illegal possession of liquor and being drunk in a public place, Yonge Street and Benson Avenue, at 11 pm Wednesday was Reginald Arch, 50, of 53 Benson Avenue.

BEHIND BUILDING

Two 19-year-olds were charged with illegally having beer behind 25 Yonge Street South August 20 in the early morning. They were Steven Gillibrand, 298 Browndale Crescent and Donald McNulty, 306 South Taylor Mills Drive.