

Children's drama workshop opening in Thornhill

By JUNE ABBOTT
Is "Watch me do this, Mommy" a constant cry in your household from your favorite little show-off?
Or is your child a quiet, shy little person, slow to make friends? There is room and excitement for both types at The Jesters, a new children's drama workshop opening up in Thornhill in September.

"The main purpose of The Jesters is to allow the kids to have fun", says director James Smith. Children aged from six to 16 will be taught basic stagecraft, including stage movement, body coordination and mime. No experience or talent is required, just a desire to get into the world of make-believe — and what child has difficulty doing that?

The students will appear on weekly shows aired on channel 10 cable television, where the fruits of their labours, or rather their fun, will be seen in the form of skits and little plays written by the children themselves.

A playwriting competition, with prizes, will be a highlight of the course.

Shy children will be encouraged to make new friends and communicate more easily, with absolutely no pressure put on anyone. Jim Smith is

very emphatic about that. "There's too much pressure in life for kids", he states, and adds that "as long as they enjoy themselves, then we've done our job".

A part-time moving consultant, Jim Smith now spends most of his time working with children.

It all began a few years ago when his wife suggested that instead of working with the local children's hockey team, he might get involved in something that his own non-athletic son enjoyed.

Jim's history as a member of a professional vocal group called the Bluejays back in the 50's prompted him to think in terms of 'show biz'. He approached local schools and ended up renting a school auditorium and putting on dramatic productions with children.

Parental interest led to the formation of two drama workshops for children in the Scarborough and Willowdale areas, both operating out of church halls.

He is now a member of the North York Council for Lively Arts and Scarborough Council for the Lively Arts.

The Thornhill venture occurred to him when he started getting a lot of requests from this area to join the Willowdale group

which operates out of All Souls Anglican Church at Bayview and Sheppard. Smith's two children, Stephen, 19, and Maryanne, 13, both help with the workshops.

Leading the Thornhill group, which will meet at Thornhill Baptist Church portable, Royal Orchard and Yonge, will be Mrs. June Coleman.

A resident of Thornhill since November, Mrs. Coleman is married and has two small children. She taught theatre and dramatic arts for the North York Board of Education for six years.

Commencing September 20, students will have a choice of either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Six to 11-year-olds will attend from 6.30 until 8 p.m., while 12 to 16-year-olds will take the 8 to 9:30 p.m. time slot.

For more information about The Jesters, call Jim Smith at 267-1081.



Church column

'Give me himself' — wives

By REV. VLAD SCHEVCHUK
"Give me himself" is a cry of many wives, children as well as fathers. None of them are satisfied with the best they get in material things.

Rushing and doing good things will not sustain a marriage or a family through all its problems, its uncertainties, its disappointments, its storms, its tensions, its fears and sorrows.

An unhappy couple came to see a marriage counsellor. The wife is dissatisfied and the husband cannot see why.

He goes into a long recital of all he is doing for her. He is holding two jobs, he built a new house, he buys her everything, etc.

To all this the wife quietly replies: if only he would stop for a few minutes and give me himself!

Real love, understanding, tolerance and warmth grow out of "giving oneself".

Nothing, no amount of material things can take its place.

We may also think of God, as He sees us rushing about in all our doing of good, says to Himself: if only they would stop for a few minutes and give Me themselves!

At least theoretically, we accept the belief that God is the principal agent. He is in all our works and accomplishments.

Yet we push frantically on. We fail to realize that we can actually stop regularly and let God take care of things.

We can certainly trust Him to manage His world for a few minutes without us while we "give Him ourselves" in prayer and meditation.

In our busy lives, in the hurly-burly of the modern world — we should take time:

Take time to give ourselves to family and neighbors: it is the way to happiness.

Take time to pray: it is a source of power.

Completes flying training

Lt. D.R. (Rich) Cameron, 24, of Richmond Hill, recently completed flying training at Number Two Canadian Forces Flying Training School, Canadian Forces Base, Moose Jaw, Sask.

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NOTICE

Proposed by-law to prevent the ingress & egress of through traffic on a portion of the original road allowance between Lots 30 and 31 (19th Avenue) at the western limit of Warden Avenue.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to pass a by-law to stop up a portion of 19th Avenue approximately 1' in length across the width of the said road at its junction with the western limit of Warden Avenue.

The proposed by-law and a detailed Plan showing the lands to be affected may be seen at my office, Municipal Building, 8911 Woodbine Avenue, (Buttontville), Markham, Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham shall hear in person or by this counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the By-law and who applies to be heard at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, September the 13th, 1977 at the Municipal Offices, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

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