

Entertainment

I Am A Camera

German de rigueur in play

JIM IRVING
While English with an English accent has been de rigueur for most Curtain Club plays over the years, tones of over 'ome get short shrift in the club's present production.

And that is "I Am A Camera," the John Van Druten drama based on Christopher Isherwood's Berlin Stories of life in Berlin in the 30s, which continues at the club the rest of this week to Oct. 15.

English "as she is spoke," is only part of the action. In fact, it is only in the last act that we get a bona fide English voice and accent. Up to then, it has been more German.

In making the language match the locale, the club has not only added an authentic touch, but has once more shown the versatility of its members.

All three "Germans" — Bonnie Sheppard, Colin Nickle and June Abbott — are wunderbar with their adopted tongue, and one is hard put to think how the play could have been done any other way.

Some how or other it makes good sense to have a play featuring Germans in Germany, done in the language of the land, or at least something approximating it.

Mastering an accent takes work, plus nerve, and the players are to be



JUNE COLEMAN
... street talker

commended for both their efforts this way.

One was convinced one was watching and hearing the real thing.

SHREWS JOB
June Abbott, for example, was excellent as the German rooming house owner, who could be just as shrewish as she was friendly.

But then she was also a bit of a shrew last year as an English housewife in All in Good Time, so

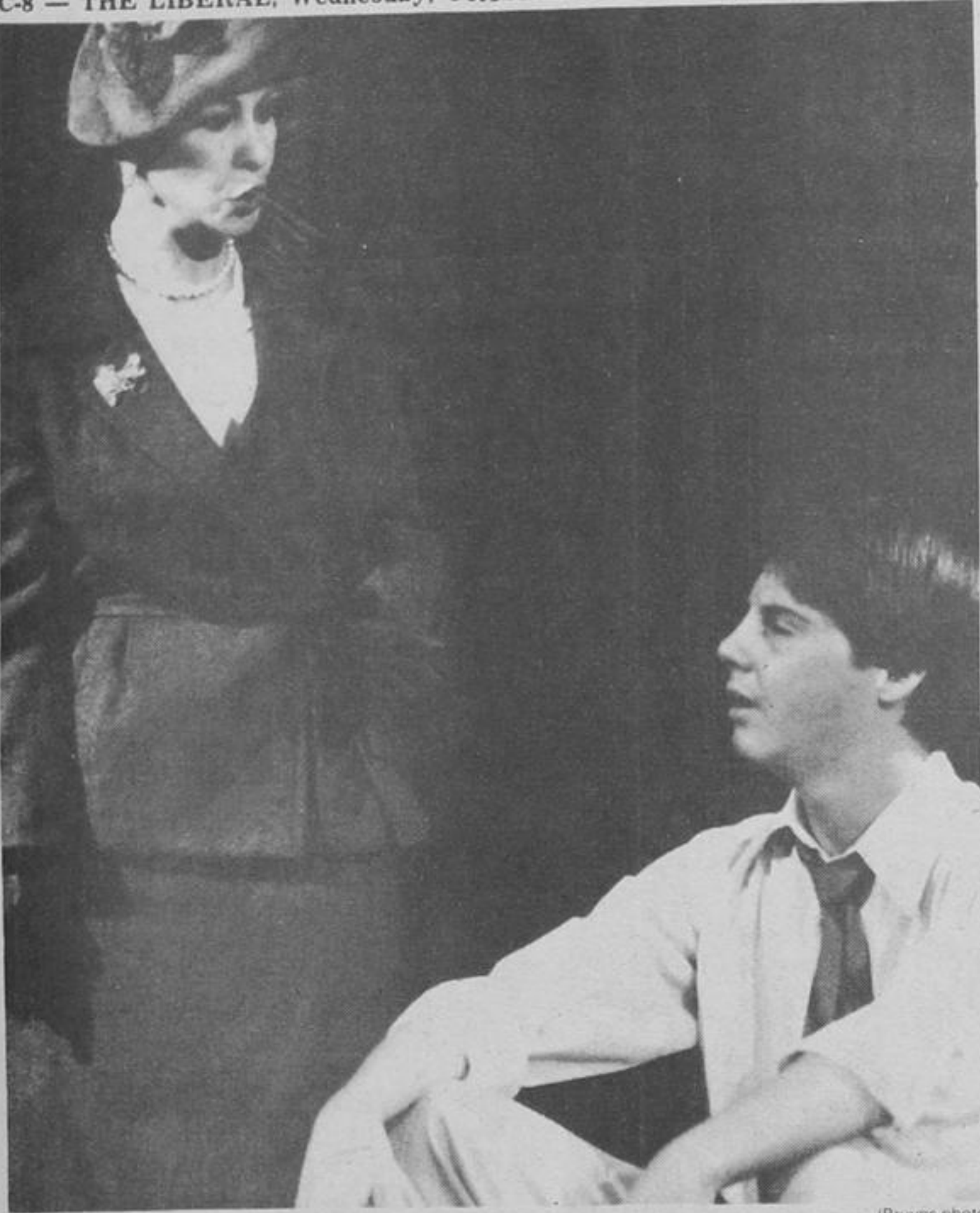
maybe she's a natural that way in any language.

Both Bonnie Sheppard, as the maiden Jewish lady, as wealthy as she is unworlily, and Colin Nickle, as her desperate, young lover, convince both themselves and the audience that they speak each other's language in more ways than one.

At the English end of things, Dan Lett as the aloof and insular, young intellectual, Christopher Isherwood, and June Coleman as his not-so-intellectual street friend, also manage to communicate, despite the disparity of their dreams.

Dave Phillips, as their brash and wealthy, but less-than-stable mate, speaks a different sort of language, which lets them all down in the end.

Phillips captures his man for the most part, although he is a bit hyper at times. It's difficult to believe that the script calls for him to start out



That's not the English way!

Marion Postlethwaite as the prospective mother-in-law, lets prospective son-in-law, Dan Lett, know she is not happy with his way of life in this scene from "I Am A Camera" at the Curtain Club.

King native in concert



LOUIS LAWLOR
...back with Bach

Louis Lawlor, 26, a native of King City, who has been travelling throughout England and Europe for the past year, comes back home for a concert of classical guitar music, Oct. 16 at the

Marylake Shrine in King City at 8:30 p.m.

Lawlor, who is the brother of Richmond Hill lawyer, John Lawlor, will feature works from the Renaissance, Bach and others, right up to the more modern works of Hans Haug.

Starting out on the piano at the age of six, Lawlor switched to the guitar in his teens, studying first at the Royal Conservatory of Music with Barton Wigg, and then continuing on with Eli Kassner.

After two years of tutoring by John Mills of London, Eng., he gave a series of recitals in England and Greece.

He has performed in Canada on both radio and television and will be giving a concert at the Town Hall in Toronto sometime next year.

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