

# Entertainment

## "Professional" director to handle Major Barbara

The Richmond Hill Curtain Club's latest production — Major Barbara which opens February 2 — differs from other offerings in a number of ways.

It is a large and ambitious play requiring many costumes and elaborate settings.

The Club has seen fit to use this play as a learning vehicle for its members as well as a potentially big event for its patrons.

Last year's Club executive decided to use the talents of a "professional" director from the talent banks of Theatre Ontario.

Although the Club's own directors are of professional quality, the executive defined the term to mean one who makes his or her living by directing.

In this light, Patricia C. Brown was engaged to

direct Major Barbara. Ms. Brown is an extremely qualified artist who has had many roles onstage as well as duties in directing.

She has played in such well known pieces as "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" and "Death of a Salesman".

Her past directorial triumphs include "Irma la Douce", "The Philadelphia Story", "The Mousetrap", "Oliver!", "Picnic", and many more.

Her work has been praised in a number of major newspapers.

Reviewers have called her directing talents "splendid" and "entertaining".

She has "Patient Control" says the Globe and Mail and a "good attack" according to the Toronto Star.

A graduate of Columbia University and theatre training in England, Ms. Brown is a 20-year veteran of the performing arts.

She has directed more than 50 plays and musicals and has herself written three plays which have been produced on stage with two others being used as workshops.

Through her workshops she has already encountered some of the Curtain Club's members.

Patricia also taught a children's drama course for the Club in 1968.

What has a woman of these many talents to offer the Curtain Club?

It is hoped that Club members will take advantage of the open rehearsals to study the methods Ms. Brown employs to bring out the fullest in each of her cast.

Perhaps this knowledge

will later be put to use in another play and another part.

The combination of the eagerness and talent of the Club's members and the polish and experience of Patricia Brown, actress, playwright, and, above all, director, should prove to be a joy to all.

Major Barbara opens Friday, February 2 and continues February 3.

It will also be presented February 7 through 11 and February 14 through 17.

Show time is 8.30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Madge Nicholson at 884-3703.

## Roaring 20s atmosphere at Hillcrest this evening

The "Roaring Twenties" — their excitement and thrills — can be relived at Hillcrest Mall tonight (Wednesday) when Kitty Meredith and her ensemble perform in the Market Court from 5.30 to 8 p.m.

One of Canada's most popular entertainers, Kitty, her dancers and musicians, will take you back to the days of vaudeville and music halls with a fast paced show that includes singing, dancing, sing-alongs and tremendous fun.

The show, entitled "Goldust", is the first of a 14-week musical extravaganza at Hillcrest called "Curtain Up".

The show takes place every Wednesday evening in the Market Court beginning at 5.30 p.m.

A different artist and musical style will be featured every week.


Kitty Meredith, a fixture at Diamond Lil's in the Skyline Hotel, has appeared in many Toronto clubs, on television and has several recordings to her credit.

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## Camera buffs learn color print secrets

Members of the York Regional Camera Club met recently to learn some of the secrets of color printing.

The expert was James F. Beveridge who has been a member of the Toronto Camera Club for 30 years and has the distinction of being the only member with 200 Honorable Mentions.

Mr. Beveridge demonstrated the negative-positive process of color printing and recommended the use of a voltage regulator on the enlarger as the fluctuations in voltage can cause a color difference.

He also said the temperatures of the chemicals used in developing color prints are critical and one way to maintain quality control is to systematically check the temperature at each step and make any necessary adjustments.

If you are a camera buff and enjoy meeting other enthusiasts, attend the next meeting, Monday, January 22 at the Richmond Hill High School at 7.30 p.m.

The speakers will be Pat and Dave Aston, and they'll discuss "Showmanship — Photo Essays".

The results of the winter photo contest will be announced and the slides for the critique "Sets of Three" should be submitted at that meeting.

## Monroe rents library to hear constituents

Though it may not have been a New Year's resolution, Richmond Hill Trustee Bill Monroe plans to let his constituents know what's going on at the Board of Education.

To prove it, he has arranged to rent the Richmond Hill library auditorium for an informal evening of questions, answers and comments.

The idea is to get anyone interested in education, out to discuss the things that bug them most.

Of course, Mr. Monroe wouldn't mind a little friendly conversation, either.

"I'm willing to come and take any pot shots," he said. "But this night is not just for parents — I'd like to see senior citizens,

who also pay for education if they're property owners, and even students, come out for their own information."

The library rental will cost Mr. Monroe \$10 and he said he'd also supply coffee and might even splurge for biscuits. The date is set for Thursday, January 25, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"I chose 6 p.m. so people can drop over for awhile and still have time to go shopping or whatever else they have to do. I'll be ready to discuss the board's sex education program, teacher negotiations and possibly some preliminary looks at the budget," he said.

Mr. Monroe has been on the finance committee for

two years and has also been chairman of the board's salary negotiating team for two consecutive years. If you've ever had questions about the financial end of board operations, this would be the night to pose them.

Bear in mind the time allotment is three hours. If, for some reason you can't make it that night, Bill Monroe can be reached at 884-5400.

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