

# Local Talent Makes Hit in "Here Comes Charlie"

Good Crowd Well Pleased with Excellent Acting of All the Cast in Play Sponsored by the Legion. Offering to be Repeated at Goldfields Theatre This Evening.

An entirely local cast made a big success last night of the first performance of "Here Comes Charlie," a three-act comedy presented at the Goldfields theatre under the auspices of the Canadian Legion. Although the house was not full, there was a better than average attendance.

Not a line was missed, not a hesitation was noticed by the audience, and the acting itself was of a calibre not usually associated with amateur theatricals.

The scene of the action is in the suburban home of Larry Elliott (Ron Jones), a wealthy young man, whose aunt by marriage, Mrs. Fanny Farnham (Mrs. W. D. Forrester) is trying to marry him off to Vivian Smythe-Kersey (Miss Madge Webb). A note comes to Larry from an old friend in the Ozarks sending him Uncle Alex Twigg (Wilson Thompson) and a real surprise—"Charlie" Hopps (Miss Peggy Shaw). The part of Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's mother, was taken by Mrs. A. Irwin; Mortimer

Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's brother, was Ted Blockley; Ted Hartley, Larry's bosom pal, was William Docton; Nora Malone, the maid, was Mrs. W. A. Devine; and Officer Tim McGill was Fred Curtis.

The work of Mrs. I. Cousintine, who has been working with the cast for the past few weeks, was shown to be good by the fine manner in which the play was run off.

**Music and Dancing Good**  
The Croatian string orchestra from Schumacher provided music before the curtain rose and during the intermission. Their unique instruments together with their skill and unusual harmony was welcome variety.

Between Acts I and II little Miss Helen Rhea Channen, daughter of Mrs. H. R. Channen and pupil of Miss Margaret Easton, appeared on the stage in ballet costume. Her graceful little movements marked her as a coming star with the audience. She went through a complex routine with hardly a pause.

During the second entre act a group of six, three dainty ladies from a by-gone decade and three "perfect gentlemen" from the same period, danced a number in the ultra conventional fashion of that day. The ladies were Misses Frances Watt, Elsie Yates and Mayzell Menear. The "gentlemen," who appeared in tails and top hats were Misses Barbara Honey, Gwen Robb and June Kelly. Miss Easton played piano accompaniment for both dances.

**"Hill Billy" Girl**  
Miss Shaw had possibly the most difficult part to take in the play. As a "hill billy" girl, crude of speech and manner, ill dressed, she was called upon to say the most outrageous things and had even to go to the lengths of being inordinately fond of one goldfish which bore the name of "Shadrach Meshach and Abednego" because it had survived being dumped out on a hot stove. Then from the black-stockinged, "pig-tailed," shoddily-dressed little country girl she had to change herself between acts into a smart, good-mannered, modern miss.

In playing Uncle Alex Twigg, Wilson Thompson had to be a real "Ozarkian," square goatee and all. Smart enough to see and fit together everything that went on around him, Uncle Alex could not be changed even by phenomenal success in the stock market.

Another difficult bit of character acting was well done by Ted Blockley whose representation of an insane Englishman, monoeled, but at the same

time somewhat likeable, created the laughter for which the author had written it in. Though life in general was "a beastly bore" for Mortimer Smythe-Kersey, he did manage to figure quite prominently in the plot.

**Another "Double" Part**  
Another part requiring transformation of character was that played by Mrs. W. D. Forrester as Mrs. Farnham. In the first two acts "Aunt Fanny" was a scheming woman, intent on getting Larry's house away from him and forcing his marriage to Vivian. Her "nerves" were excuse enough to bring on an attack any time her wishes were not granted. In the final act she had done an about turn and become a placid woman, helpful, kindly and not in the least mercenary.

The part of the hero, Larry Elliott, played by Ron Jones, was one that required a great amount of preparation and no little acting ability. The character was more normal than most of the others.

William Docton, who played the part of Larry's chum, Ted Hartley, was well done. Outspoken in his dislikes, yet more than willing to help both Charlie and Larry to eventual happiness, Ted became an important factor in the more complex situations.

Miss Webb had a difficult role in that of Vivian Smythe-Kersey, represented as a fortune-hunting young woman easily upset by the irrational actions of the two visitors from the Ozarks. Mrs. A. Irwin as Vivian's scheming mother had a similar part and both characters were portrayed well. The tendency to over accent eccentricities in roles such as these two was not noticeable at all.

Although minor in relation to the actual action of the play, the duo of Irish who added a great deal of fun were a good finishing touch. Mrs. Devine's performance as Nora, the maid, was well over par, while Fred Curtis as Officer Tim McGill upheld all the dignity of the law without being too serious about it all.

"Here Comes Charlie" is well worth attending. Its final performance is tonight at 8.15 at the Goldfields.

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## Dr. Robertson Returns to His Home in Toronto

Dr. Robertson was sufficiently recovered from his recent trying experience, when he was imprisoned in the Moose River mine in Nova Scotia with two companions, that he was able on Tuesday to board a private car on the Ocean Limited and accompanied by his physician, Dr. Iann MacDonald, and Mrs. Robertson, to begin his journey back to his home in Toronto. As he boarded the train Dr. Robertson had a ready smile for his friends at the station, but as one Nova Scotian is quoted as saying at the time, "they can't keep the smile long from Dr. Robertson's face. He even smiled when he came up from underground after the rescue." Friends in Timmins, however, will be pleased to know that Dr. Robertson has made wonderful recovery from his desperate experience and appears in really good health again.

The other survivor from the accident, Alfred Scadding is still in a Halifax hospital, but has apparently passed the danger point, and is well on the way also to recovery. The fears that it might be necessary to amputate one of his feet seems to have passed. He is still taking treatment at the hospital for trench feet, but evidently is making satisfactory progress to recovery.

The inquest into the death of Herman Magill, who died before he could be rescued from the mine, is to be resumed at Moose River to-day.

## Funeral of Mrs. M. A. Olive Held at Carp on Monday

The following is a despatch from Carp, Ont., appearing in The Ottawa Journal yesterday:—

"The funeral of Mrs. M. A. Olive, widow of Thomas Olive, was held Monday afternoon from her residence in the Rock road to St. James' Anglican Church and interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. J. C. Anderson conducted the services.

"Mrs. Olive, who was in her 57th year, had been in poor health for some time.

"Left to mourn her loss are five daughters, (Norma), Mrs. Sadler Caruthers, Carp; (Amy), Mrs. G. N. Farley, Carp; Priscilla, Ottawa; Louise and Dorothy, at home; four sons, Weldon, Kinburn; Aubrey, in the West; Douglas and Edgar, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Peter Wilson, Woodlawn; Mrs. W. J. Baird, Kinburn; Mrs. William Wilson, Woodlawn; Mrs. William Stewart, Kingston, and four brothers, George, Delahunt, Woodlawn; E. R., Timmins; Harvey and William, Woodlawn. Four grandchildren also survive.

"Palbearers were: George N. Olive, George Delahunt, J. J. Olive, Harvey Delahunt, William Delahunt and Edgar Delahunt.

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