



**Heise Hill Youth Group raise funds with car wash**

Members of the Heise Hill Church Youth Group enjoyed fellowship and raised funds at a car wash Saturday on the parking lot at Stouffville's Canadian Tire. One of the participants was 14-year-old Brenda Empringham assisted by two-year-old Jordan Yeomans. Others taking part included

Mary-Ann and Richard Yeomans (leaders), Donna VanderBent, Larry VanderBent, Linda VanderBent, Susan and Scott Steckley, David Empringham, Velvet Wideman, Dan Ressler, Tim Yeomans, Tricia Hicks, Craig Hogg and Ted Bennett. — Jim Thomas.

**Rev. Andrew Adams**

**Ordination of paster**

BALLANTRAE — Rev. Andrew Adams, pastor at Ballantrae and Lemonville United Churches since September 1980, was ordained at a service this week in the Bobby Orr Arena, Parry Sound. Twenty-five other ministers were also received at a gathering hosted by the Toronto Conference.

In July, Andrew and wife Ruth Ann will be leaving the community to take up residence in Saskatchewan, the exact location still to be announced.

Rev. Adams will preside over Ballantrae Church's anniversary service, Sunday, June 6 at 11 a.m.

**Performance-outstanding**

By Jim Irving  
STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Players haven't been dead all these years, they've only been resting.

No deceased group could have bounded up and down with the verve and zest the locals did last week at Latham Hall, in their presentation of David French's "Leaving Home," if they'd been interred this past decade.

Theirs was a rousing production, with performances ranging from good to excellent, and, in the case of one, brilliant.

That, of course, without even so much as a second glance at the program to check the name, was the one put on by Diane Cowan, whose red, red dress shone only half as brightly as she did, as the brassy, vitriolic mother of the young bride to be.

Wonderfully irreverent and funny, she was also the shrewish, possessive and hateful martyr, whose mood could be just as deeply black one minute, as it had been happily sassy only a second before.

She was, in fact, the female counterpart of much that Roger Glazin, as the drunken, self-pitying and destructive father, Jacob Mercer, should have

been, but only occasionally was.

Mr. Glazin, who also directed the play, and directed it well, was a last-minute replacement for Don Young, who had to bow out.

And, while he did a yeoman job in getting his lines together, he seemed to stay too much on the same level for the bitter, drunken, Newfoundland father, trying to "make a man" of the son he had lost long years before.

We never did feel his consuming rage; his self-pity, and his pathetic attempts to manipulate, yes — but not the crazed anger this Jekyll — and — Hyde character should and must have.

It was a good performance, but given a bit more time on the job, no doubt he would have come up with an even stronger interpretation, including, this time, a good, virile Newfie accent.

That was something Cowan never forgot, and it added that much

more strength and bite to her often hilarious lines.

For this was a highly comic play — rib-ticklingly so in spots — and it's to the great credit of this bunch that they made the most of all their opportunities that way.

A good example of this was Edgar Herrell in the minor part of Harold the undertaker. His mute role, hardly called for the services of the prompter, and Harold could have easily been shoved into the background, but an arched eyebrow here and a surreptitious swipe of a glass there, kept us always happily aware of his presence.

Another standout was Kay Nuppola, as Mary Mercer, the long-suffering wife of Jacob Mercer. She moved about the stage and dealt with her husband's whims and follies as if she had known nothing else in her lifetime. She was the rock, which was of Jacob's grasp, but not his understanding. Perhaps, Nuppola in

dug in a bit too much, eyes-rolled heavenward at times, to express her exasperation, hers was a beautifully controlled and warm performance.

Terry Mancini and Kirk Hefford, as the two frustrated sons, and Sandra Rose, as the

young lady forced to marry, could have been the disillusioned children of any family, anywhere, such a recognition of their plights, did they bring to their roles.

commented. Their first choice of plays was a bold one, just as their performance of it was winning (one). If they maintain such standards, area residents will no longer be leaving home for their entertainment, they'll be staying home.

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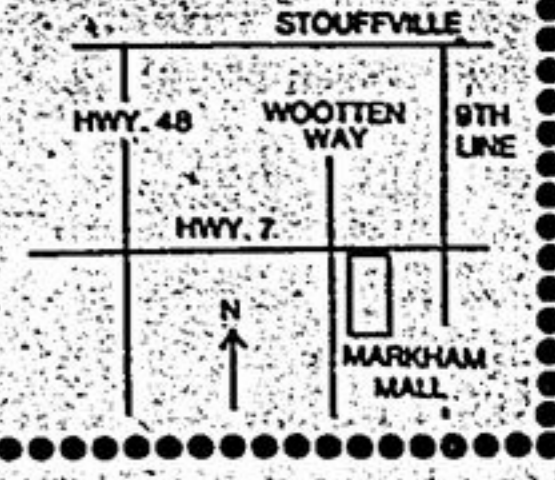
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