

Win praise from a pro

"You showed a lot of spirit, a lot of talent, I thought you were great."

These words of praise for the S.D.S.S. Drama Club's presentation of "A Christmas Carol", came from none other than Chris Wiggins, one of Canada's foremost stage, screen and radio personalities.

Mr Wiggins was seated in the audience, Dec. 22 and spoke to members of the cast at the conclusion of the show.

"The people loved it," he said.

Although he addressed the club as a whole, he reserved a special word of personal praise for Michael McGinn who played the part of Marley's ghost. "And the people loved you," he said.

Carol Stamatou, the play's director, said it was a pleasure to work with such a co-operative and energetic group. John Cook, (Scrooge's nephew), was the one who started it all, she said.

Sixteen-year-old Suresh Prasad as Scrooge, was excellent, performing at his nauseous best as the tight-fisted old miser we've all come to despise—and admire.

"We all took it rather lightly at first," he said, "then crammed at the end". The cast devoted its lunch hours plus time after school to rehearsals.

As Chris Wiggins observed, Michael McGinn as Marley's ghost, played his part with perfection. The professional make-up job applied by Kary Bates and several assistants, provided the reality required.

Kirk Hefford played Bob Cratchit, and played it well. The appropriate music as provided by carollers Josie and Annette Maio; Gwen Hewitt and Cheryl Price thrilled the audience.

Other participants included Jane Wagg,



The Stouffville Dist. Secondary School Drama Club presented the play "A Christmas Carol", Wednesday night, before an appreciative audience. Music for the show was provided by (left to right) Annette Maio, Gwen Hewitt, Cheryl Price and Josie Maio. —Jim Thomas.



Two of the main characters, Ebenezer Scrooge and Bob Cratchit were played by Suresh Prasad (left) and Kirk Hefford. Later, Chris Wiggins, a professional actor, seated in the audience, praised the students. "I thought you were great," he said.

Heather Martin, Wanda Couperthwaite, Stacey Copas, Dee Dee Keith, Steve King, Petra Reischke, Kelly Cowan, Shaaneela Shallwani, Luz Meyer, Carrie Mellor, Tehmina Sadiq, Tracey Green, Marc Beauregard, Robyn Hamilton,

Kary Bates, Elizabeth White, Camille Rutherford and Jennifer Keith. The staff producer and supervisor was Ken Nicholls; the student producers, Jennifer Keith and John Cook and the student director, Heather Lanning.

"Thrilled"

By Jennie Johnson
GLEN MAJOR — Mr and Mrs Allan Holman and Dianne and your correspondent had the privilege of attending "The Living Christmas Tree" service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay. A choir of seventy voices portrayed the gospel message of the first Christmas with simplicity through narratives and choral music—a thrilling experience.

with Mrs Beatrice Mole of Brooklyn. Mr and Mrs George Johnson and Elizabeth called on Mr and Mrs Al Kavin one evening recently. Mrs Leslie Williams of Peterborough spent several days with her mother while her father, Fred Self, was a patient in Uxbridge Hospital. Mr and Mrs Paul Baster, Julie and Kathy were recent dinner guests with Jim and Clara Jones. The occasion was Jim's birthday. Happy birthday also to Edgar Fiss.

Mr and Mrs Norman Faulkner of Stouffville enjoyed dinner with Lila Faulkner. Marta Gill entered several lovely paintings in the "Group of Seven" Art Show at the Port Perry Town Hall. Pine Grove Ladies Auxiliary held their Christmas meeting at Nell Laird's home. All groups contributed to a lovely Christmas program. Don and Louise Calvert extended season's greetings to friends and neighbors at an "open house" in their lovely home, Dec. 19.

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