

Cast was strong but script weak

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Bill Wyatt will pass from the Stouffville Players' scene as quickly as he appeared.

The World Vision employee, wife Marlene and children, Celina and Shayne, are moving to Nova Scotia.

The loss, in acting ability alone, cannot be measured. Bill was outstanding in the role of Les Halstead, a financially hard-pressed farmer in the production 'Husbandry' at Latcham Hall, Friday and Saturday.

Location available

To The Editor:

I'm writing in response to recent letters that complained about lack of recreational facilities in the Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake areas.

In particular, the need for a Teen Club or a Drop-In Centre was mentioned. It was even suggested that renovations be made to the Sunny Valley Store.

I'd like to point out to these people we already have a fine building available—the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.

A Teen Club operates out of this location in addition to such groups as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies.

Although the facility accommodates these organizations, it is still grossly under-used. What's needed is more community involvement and ideas. The building's already there.

Sincerely,
Carl Insley,
Chairperson,
Whitchurch Centennial
Centre Board.

Bill was made for the part. He carried it through with so little effort; his lines and actions seemed almost automatic.

From the puff of his pipe to his walk across stage, Bill Wyatt was every inch the agriculturalist one has come to know in Whitchurch-Stouffville. He spoke slowly, softly and distinctly. The audience weighed on every word and followed his every move. It was a performance successors will find hard to surpass or match.

While a little less 'professional', the other parts were also performed well. Dee Halstead, the farmer's wife was played by Lorraine Speer; Harry Halstead, the farmer's son by Brent MacLeod and Bev Halstead, the daughter-in-law by Susan Bell.

The argument between the son, (Brent MacLeod) and his wife, (Susan Bell), was intense and realistic. Lorraine Speer, as the outspoken farmer's wife, displayed the impatience that often comes with trying to make do with too little, too long.

All knew their lines exceptionally well with a minimum, (if any) prompting.

With due respect to the abilities of Patrick Tovatt, I thought the script was weak and the ending flat. Did the son and daughter-in-law return to the family farm? That, supposedly, was what the play was all about. But the audience is never told.

The conclusion is actually 'saved' by Brent MacLeod. Brent explains how Susan Bell, on two weeks notice, masters her entire part; no easy feat to be sure. This accomplishment alone, was deserving of a standing ovation. The audience, however, so typically Stouffville, sat stoically on its hands.



Roger Glazin, (third from left), presents a bouquet of roses to actor-director Susan Bell at the conclusion of the Stouffville Players' presentation of 'Husbandry' in Latcham Hall, Saturday night. Other participants are (left to right) Brent MacLeod, Bill Wyatt and Lorraine

Speer. The acting was strong in all areas. The Tribune said, but the script was weak, leaving the audience 'hanging' with no clear-cut conclusion.

—Jim Thomas

Wish hospital smooth sailing

To The Editor:

It's with great pleasure I write this letter, knowing the dream of a hospital is finally going to be realized and at the original Ninth Line site.

The sod-turning ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 23.

There was a very grave danger that the rift created a few months ago would widen beyond recon-

ciliation. The situation to which I refer should never have been allowed to happen. Who stood to benefit from the change to Hwy. 48? Was there some inside information withheld from public knowledge? As to accessibility, all one had to do was observe the impossible congestion that would have occurred on Markham's Main Street every morning, even-

ing and on weekends, plus street closures during parades and on Festival day.

The Ninth Line site is already served by water mains, sewers, traffic lights and direct 20 and 30 minute bus service to the Finch Subway. Hwy. 7 is a four-lane road with no curbside parking. The site is only 15 minutes from both Stouffville and Unionville.

The Hwy. 48 property has no transit service for employees or visitors.

Finally, I would remind readers that the property on the Ninth Line was a gift of some twenty years ago. No one objected or thought of refusing it in all this time. As soon as the goal of five million dollars was reached and the government grant was approved, a movement was started.

Some of our hard-working board members, who had spent countless hours over several years, with no financial remuneration, were rejected and replaced with newcomers who had done little or nothing for the cause.

Also, we must not forget the community-minded neighbor who bequeathed \$500,000 for the hospital, believing it would be built adjacent to his home farm.

I think it would have been an insult to the memory of these two generous gentlemen to have changed the site. So now, let's all pull together and complete the project rather than create a second strife-torn Northern Ireland situation.

Sincerely,
L. G. Forsyth,
Markham

My thanks

Dear Jim

Through The Tribune, I wish to thank the many people who supported me at the polls Nov. 12. I am especially appreciative of the help provided by my family. In the next three years, I will endeavor to work hard, not only for the constituents of Ward 4 but for the entire Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Sincerely,
Wayne Emmerson,
Councillor-elect,
Whitchurch-Stouffville

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Page 25 Item(s) "A" "B". The prices are incorrectly described. Should read: "A" Soft pastel 84.00 "B" Nostalgic 78.00.

Due to supplier delivery problems the following item is not available for immediate delivery. However, orders will be accepted for delivery by the date shown.

Page 50 — Item "D" Rally hand bags. Colour NAVY SOLID available December 20th.

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