

**Stouffville Players**

**'Look Back' is dramatic step forward**

By Sheila McLeod  
STOUFFVILLE - Let's establish right off that John Osborne's 'Look Back In Anger' is a demanding play. It's no escapist fare. It rips the guts out of the actors and leaves the audience limp.

prickly limb and deserve unreserved applause for doing it with considerable finesse. The plot of 'Look Back In Anger' is secondary. The play could very well make a successful audio presentation. The dialogue is volatile, harshly humorous, bitingly bitter - and the lead actor carries the

load of the author's poetic outflow. Dennis Empson, as 'Jimmy' put blood, sweat and tears into this part. It's a pity too many distracting gestures and facial expressions marred an otherwise believable and intense performance. Director Matthew Ahern may be faulted for it being so uncompromisingly high-keyed and fast-paced that it did not allow for full ebb and flow of drama or dialogue.

Make up, throughout, was realistic and the Players' old stage flats, with some additional, painted cracks, lent themselves perfectly to the set - a room in need of repair. The local club may have bucked the tastes of Stouffville playgoers - a very compact group - in presenting

'Look Back In Anger'. But, no drama group worth its grease paint should be censored by public tastes. It must plumb its own depths. This time, The Players' floundered a little. Let's establish it was worth the experiment. With 'Look Back' the club took a step forward.



FOR "PEOPLE SERVICES"

RE-ELECT

**Arthur (BUD) BONNER**

- 4 Years A Member of Council
- 4 Years Chairman of Fire Committee
- 3 Years Member Committee of Adjustment
- Member - Finance Committee
- Markham Community Centre Board
- Markham Planning Committee
- Arena Building Committee
- Markham Centennial Committee

DEC. 4

Vote for Experienced Representation in Ward 4 and the Town of Markham

**BONNER, Arthur Bud** X

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Nazneen Sadiq's interpretation of 'Alison' rates nothing but 'bravos'. At times, it was a relief to leave the action at centre stage and watch the drama being reflected, more subtly, on her face. She expressed moods of anguished restraint to despair with excellent control - and the memory lingers on.

In comparison, Patty Creet's portrayal of 'Helena' lacked animation and a stilted delivery detracted from spontaneous action on stage. Gary Peterman, though too refined, in appearance and voice, for the scruffy, little Welshman he was supposed to characterize, gave a solid performance as 'Cliff'. His tenuous relationship with each of the main characters was well defined in subtle shifts of mood.

In a successful vignette, Frank Steele convincingly interpreted the voice and mannerisms of an elderly gentleman in a skilful characterization of 'Alison's father

**Retired machinist seeks reeveship**

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Ernie Weinhold, a retired machinist, R. R. 1, Claremont, is seeking the reeveship in Uxbridge Township. His opponent is incumbent, Bob Nesbitt. Ernie Weinhold strongly opposes all those aspects that Councillor Clark Muirhead considers a threat to maintaining the rural environment. Referring to bylaw 1517, Mr. Weinhold

says there are no provisions made for industrial development and that everything is to remain agricultural. "People want to live near their work," he said. He cannot understand why Clark Muirhead would build a house near an industrial site and then be dissatisfied. "Why should he build a house and then squawk about

**VOTE**  
**JACK WYLIE**  
**WARD 2**  
**ON DEC. 4**

**Wm. 'Bill' Simpson**

**Match plowman - judge**



William 'Bill' Simpson, R. R. 2, Stouffville, passed away, Nov. 14, at his residence, near Ballantrae. An excellent plowman, he turned to judging in later years, at both local and International matches.

BALLANTRAE - A host of friends attended O'Neill's Funeral Home and crowded Baker Hill Church, Nov. 16, to pay last respects to Bill Simpson, a highly respected Ballantrae farmer, prominent in local and international plowing circles.

Mr. Simpson, son of Thomas and Violet Simpson, was born at the family farm in Ballantrae, Aug. 20, 1906, and later moved with his first wife, Ella Spence of Fordwich, to his farm one mile north of the homestead.

Following her passing, 25 years ago, he married Eleanor Conner, in 1948.

Bill Simpson, a director of the North York Plowman's Association, was extremely skilled in the art of turning a straight furrow. He competed in events throughout Ontario and on one occasion in Manitoba. He was appointed a judge by the Ontario Association and was active in this capacity for several years.

An energetic man with a ready smile and

cheerful disposition, he was a devoted member of Baker Hill Church and Richardson Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Simpson, who passed away Nov. 14, is survived by his wife; a son, Ronald; daughters Lynn and Betty - Anne (Mrs. Derek Holden), Stouffville; step-daughter Karen (Mrs. Wayne McClure), Keswick; grandson Timmy McClure; brother Herbert of Ballantrae; sister Margaret (Mrs. Ernest Rush), Newmarket and Marion (Mrs. Bernard Crouch), Portland, Oregon.

Service was conducted by Dr. W. S. Whitecombe, Wishingwell Acres, Scarborough - a close family friend; Rev. Norman Rowan, past pastor of Baker Hill Church and Rev. Herbert Lafleur, the present minister.

Pallbearers were Jim Lewis, Jim Oldham, Merlyn Baker, Jacob Baker, Alex Ratcliff and Wellington Reid.

Interment followed at Baker Hill Cemetery.

**No candidates**

ONT. CTY. Separate school supporters in the northern section of Ontario County may be facing another election for an Ontario County Separate School Board representative due to the fact that no one filed nomination papers to contest the area seat in the Dec. 4 civic election.

The area, including the Town of Uxbridge and the Townships of Mara, Reach, Scott, Thorah and Uxbridge, elects one representative to the board and is currently represented by Nelson Puetz of Brechin.

However, no one had filed nomination papers when nominations closed. To fill the position, we will either have to call an election there or have a representative appointed by the board," explained Edward Finan, Separate School Board Superintendent of Education.

**YES VIRGINIA**



**SANTA ARRIVES THIS SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.**

This Saturday Santa opens court on the mall in a Yuletide fantasy land of snow drops and icicles, toys and games, elves and reindeer - everything that's really Christmas. There will be gifts for everybody, and one of Santa's helpers will be on hand to take a photo of you with Santa.

Yes, Virginia, Santa will be at Sheridan Mall every day from this Saturday until Christmas Eve except Sundays.

And bring Bobby too. Christmas is for boys as well.



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Knowledge and Experience

**JOHN J. MacKAY**

- 2 years Chairman York County Board
- Served 13 years on Local School Boards
- Active in Community Affairs
- Senior Business Responsibility as Hospital Administrator

RE-ELECT

**MacKAY, John J.** X

Monday, December 4, 1972

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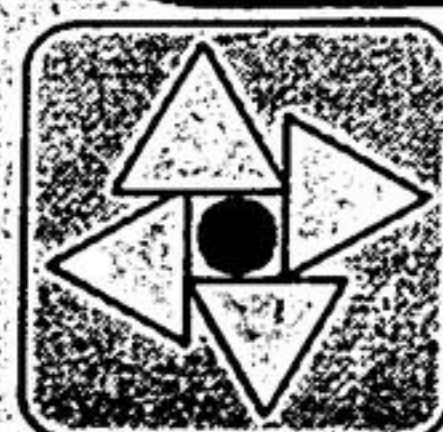


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