North Leeds Sub-branch of the Red Cross

At the May meeting of the North Leeds sub-branch the position of chairman, vacant since the departure of Joan Tallon in December, was filled by Hubert Sly, one of the representatives of the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne.

The most recent total of the March campaign is \$3,322.55. Several pieces of equipment have been donated to the Loan

Cupboard. There was some discussion on the purchase of a Hoyer-Lift - used to lift patients otherwise unable to move from bed to bathtub, etc. However, due to the cost of the lift, it is beyond the means of the sub-branch right now.

Sharon Stedman, homemaker supervisor, reported that 126 days had been worked in May. Sharon will be in Toronto for a supervisor's workshop from Sunday, June 1st to Thursday, June 5th. HOMECARE offices in Brockville and Smith Falls will assist patients eligible under that program. Private patients will have to await Sharon's return. In the event of an emergency Sharon can be reached in Toronto at 416-742-5510.

The next meeting of the subbranch will be held June 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at the R.D.H.S.

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I attended a Solar Greenhouse tour and workshop in Ottawa that was sponsored by the Conserver Society Coop. All of the greenhouses visited were attached to the south sides of private homes. Most were built to provide some heat for the home, and some food for the people who lived there as well as to provide a very

special living space.

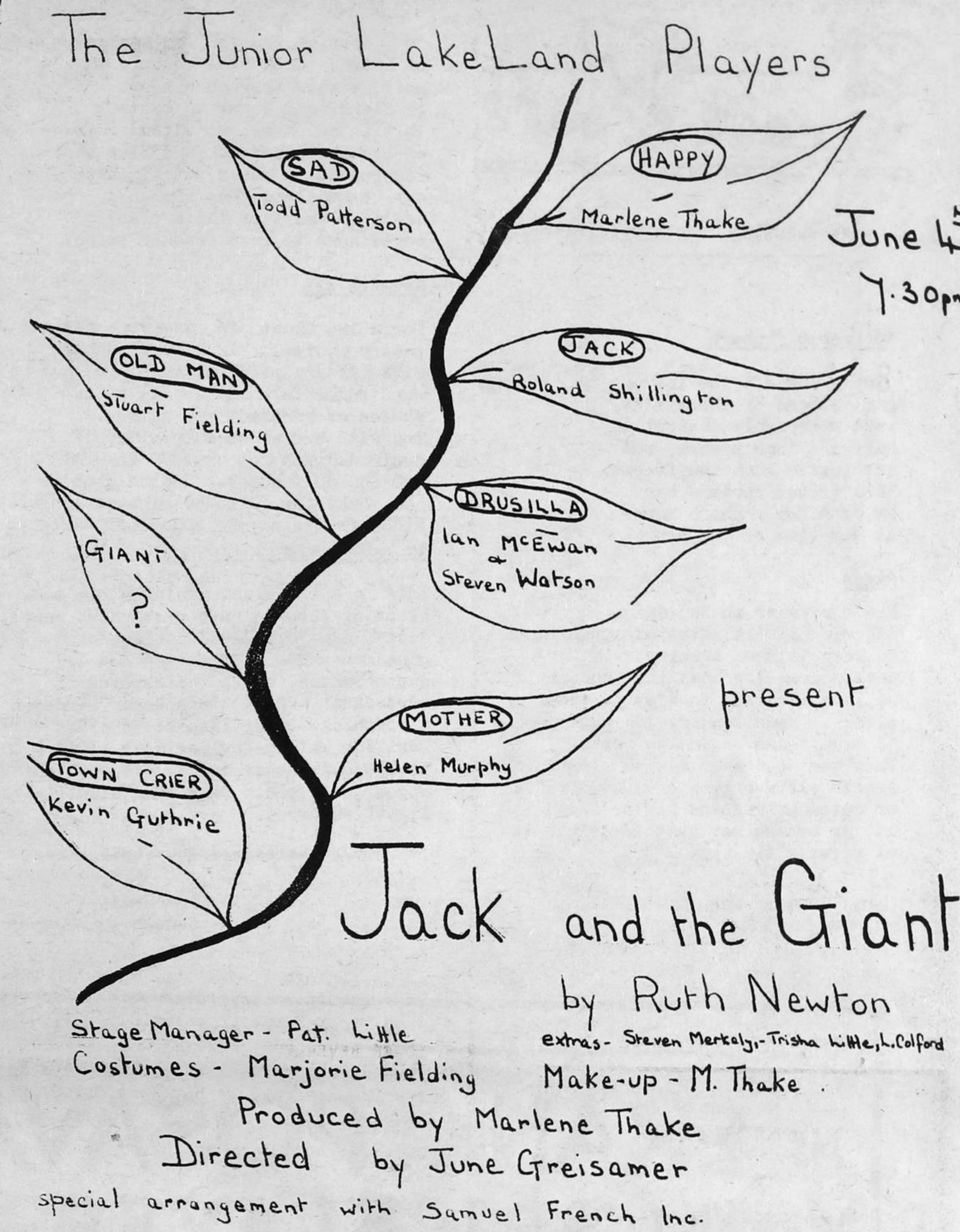
The possibilities of the solar greenhouse are exciting. Built to surround a door and/or window on the south side of the home, the glazing in the greenhouse would collect heat from the sun when sunny, and reduce heat loss from the house when cloudy. On cold, sunny days, the door and/or window to the house could be left open to share heat and humidity with the house. In a well built, well sealed solar greenhouse with some heat storage such as heat absorbing walls and floor, plants like onions, spinach, lettuce and certain hardy ornamentals could survive year round without additional heat. To grow tropical plants year round would no doubt require some additional heat to the greenhouse, but the greenhouse would still provide a net heat gain to the house as well as a year round live-in garden.

The solar greenhouse can be adjusted to any budget depending on size and whether one uses recycled lumber and polyethyline, or new lumber and thermopanes or insulated acrylics.

According to a booklet called "The Fuel Savers" each square foot of solar greenhouse can save from 1/2-1/2 gal-lon of fuel oil each season. Now that's what I call a great excuse to

build a solar greenhouse.

Questions and comments are welcomed. Address them to L.C.N.R. c/o The North Leeds Lantern.



This young group of performers have visited 5 schools in the North Leeds area with their performance of "Jack the Giant". Under the direction of June Greisamer, this exciting children's show was enjoyed by all who saw it. As a special treat, the play will be presented at an evening performance, June 4th, 7:30 p.m. at Rideau Vista School. Come out and let these talented young people entertain you.



