

the hob-hob Hobbit goes bobbing along

When the dwarfs and the bobbing Hobbit came prancing up the aisle on their hobby horses at the dress rehearsal Thursday night, there occurred one of those optical illusions which are frequently experienced when the puppeteer materializes unexpectedly beside his marionettes and for an instant appears to be twelve feet tall.

The dwarfs and the boisterous little Hobbit looked larger than life as the seated audience looked up at them, though reason insisted that the children were small.

Twelve steps forward and three steps back, hobby horses straining at the bridles, the procession moved on around the auditorium at College Misericordia, and the Children's Theatre presentation of The Hobbit was under way.

Scenery was cunningly contrived, a series of drops executed by Ralph Kaleshefski, setting the stage and the mood of the episodes on the way to the Treasure Cave guarded by the Dragon.

It was all delightfully spooky, effects obtained with a minimum of materials, inviting the imagination to fill in the details. Lighting played a leading role in the production.

Where did those stout barrels come from? A look at the program settled that point. No fair telling what the barrels were used for, because there are more performances of The Hobbit coming up over the weekend, some of them already complete sellouts.

The costuming was fabulous. The beards bore a haunting resemblance to the type of mop which lives on the utility shelves of the Acme or the A & P, dyed to match the leotards, green and purple and blue and orange and yellow and brown.

The Gullum's outfit was something to have nightmares about, a scaly effect which seemed too good to be true until the Gollum appeared in the lobby after the show was over, in the person of Ann Burke.

What's a Gollum? He seemed to be sitting on a lily pad. Those heads on the goblins were not paper mache, they were a much lighter material, stiffened with airplane glue.

And that fire-breathing

dragon, straight from a fairy tale, expired magnificently with a puff and a bang when punctured with the magic sword, smoke spirally up to the spotlights, amazing the small fry in the audience.

The Trolls put on a troll-like performance, freezing into immobility when touched by the wizard's wand, and remaining immobile for at least two minutes while the dwarfs made their escape.

The scenes followed one another in quick procession, instant scenery changing the location, flashes of green and yellow light, thunder and lightning adding to the illusion, bat's eyes in the dark cave, and always the music which carried the theme, composed by Nancy Kuzma, a music major at Misericordia.

An added note: the water color sketches of the costumes, displayed in the lobby, attracted much attention, skillfully drawn and delicately colored.

Muriel Slaff assisted director Walter C. J. Anderson, and welcomed the audience.

Costume design was by Mary Lou Steinberg, special costumes and props by Martha Mary Proud.

The time? Long ago in the Quiet of the World. The place, from Underhill through the Wilderland to the Lonely Mountain.

Idetown couples plan auction

The Idetown Couples' Club will hold its annual auction at the Lehman Horse show grounds, June 14.

Refreshments will be ready and the auction will begin at 11 a.m.

There will be a variety of used and new items. Members continue to offer an interesting and worthwhile sale to long-satisfied customers.

A contribution of used furniture or other merchandise would be appreciated. Please call one of the following members to arrange for articles to be picked up: 639-5367, 639-5152 or 675-1214.



SHAVERTOWN

As I have said before rising costs are inflicting many hardships. Latest concern of many on fixed incomes is the installation of water meters with connections to be paid for by the property owner. The argument is that since no meters were sought by the people why should they be subjected to additional costs.

There is much disturbance over the cost of the sewer system which is a necessity but which is running rather high. Some years ago the late Austin Line, former supervisor, proposed the installation of such a line at far reduced costs but no one was wise enough to be aware of his extreme foresight at that time, so now we will pay through the nose for such convenience.

Many feel that the installation of water meters by Shavertown Water Company is due to the forthcoming sewage project although Dallas has had them for some time. In some instances costs are less and in others more. It all depends on the gallonage use.

political barbs

Already the concealed barbs of the politicians are evident. Perhaps I favor the truth and certainly do not applaud low tactics. One can win without resort to such employment of contorted facts and did you ever notice that he who throws the most slander seldom wins in the final run? So get your associations straight from the right source and vote for the individual whose sincerity is unquestionable.

A certain supervisor who was linked to some country politicians was amazed recently when he was pointed out as the cohort of a senator and active in a meeting caucus in which he had no part and was not even present. The subtle suggestion of a matter of health was also raised. We all have times of illness but when a man has recovered, why keep reminding the public that he once was under the weather for a brief period. To my way of

thought, this is hitting below the belt but then some people don't know how else to play the game. Perhaps this is the very thing which has made them unpopular.

here and there

After a nasty accident which put them both in the hospital, Kenneth and Hope Beisel were released from Nesbitt Hospital over the weekend. We were all concerned since Ken had undergone major surgery not too many months ago. We sure hope that this is the end of all their troubles.

Marjorie McCarty also returned home over the weekend after having been a patient at General Hospital.

Frank Reiley, who recently underwent surgery at Geisinger Hospital, is now recuperating at his home and we trust will have a speedy recovery. Frank was much impressed with the intimate concern of those with whom he came in contact at the big medical center.

The sudden death of Joseph Harris left all of us who knew him at a loss to understand the reason why. Joe was one of the finest folks we knew, interested in his church, community, family and friends. A veteran who gave much in the service of his country, he returned to guide the youth of his chosen place of abode. We remember with gratitude his intense interest in the Air Explorer Troop he so conscientiously worked with to provide inspiration and courage. Freddie was one of its members. The boys followed him unquestionably and his children, too, knew that very deep love and understanding. No matter where he served, he gave his utmost. No man can do more.

Our utmost sympathy goes out to his wife and members of his family.

The children of Pastor and Mrs. William Bispels were heartbroken on Thursday evening when their pet German Shepherd puppy died under the wheels of a motorcycle before their very eyes. A constant companion, the dog snuggled close to Billy every night, protecting his young master during 24 hours of the day. The loss of a cherished pet leaves a deep scar on the hearts of the children who love him.

Our prayers go out for Arthur Noss who submitted to surgery over the weekend. Amputation which had been

threatening became a reality and we trust will bring an end to Arthur's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall spent several days visiting their son Ted and family in Mass., last week.

Had a card from Dan Shaver who is enjoying that Florida tour.

Back from the sunshine state is Mrs. Ruth Shaver who recently spent some of the winter months in that area visiting friends and relatives.

What a pleasant interlude of spring weather last week, which seemed to prepare us for nicer days to come. Nothing like a bit of warm sunshine to bring those bulbs popping and give us the urge to play outdoors or get the spring house-cleaning underway.

Congratulations to Bill Morgan who recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Hope there will be many more for you, Bill.

On the mend are Ted Hinkle and Mrs. Seth Howell, Ted from surgery and the latter from a recent illness.

Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost returned home to his pastorate on Saturday after spending several weeks on the West Coast.

Our best wishes go to Clifford Parker, who has returned home after being a patient at Nesbitt Hospital.

WCS of Shavertown Methodist Church has planned a most important task force participation on three important issues, "Narcotics, Aging and Recreation," all resulting from a study of the Book of John. They will work with the Recreation Boards of both Kingston Township and Dallas Borough. Looks most promising.

rummage sale

Don't forget the Rummage Sale sponsored by the Auxiliary of Shavertown Fire Company Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week with hours from 8 a.m. till 10 p.m. the two first days and from 8 to 12 noon on Saturday.

Incidentally the St. Patrick's Day Party was a huge success with the ladies and their husbands enthused over the food, program and congeniality.

Back Mountain resident who recently inserted an 'apartment for rent' ad was amazed when she received over 50 calls in a short period, and was high in her praise for the response to Dallas Post Classifieds.

BEAUMONT

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 219 held its March 17 meeting at the home of Mrs. Merton Rifenbery. Following the flag salute, promises, and laws funds were collected for Biafra and the Girl Scout Ingathering. Refreshments were served after requirements for badges were met and a songfest. (Sandy Denmon, reporter.)

Mrs. Lawrence Hilbert was admitted to the General Hospital early Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lutes were at Palmyra last weekend with their son Richard and his family.

The Sherwood Denmons of N.J. came here to be with Mrs. Julia Denmon on her March 22 birthday.

The Robert Hilberts of Marysville, Pa., visited relatives here recently.

It's good to report Mrs. Franklin Clark spent her birthday last week at the Mehopyny home of her daughter Mildred, Mrs. Victor Cappucci.

Miss Sandra Denmon was the guest of Miss Sandra Goodwin at East Stroudsburg State College last weekend.

bow and arrow

Archery hunting license sales for the 1968-69 year will top 128,000 according to Pennsylvania Game Commission Administration Division Chief Dan H. Fackler.

Ambulance Log

Noxen
 March 18—Deadea Jones, to Mercy Hospital. Earl Crispell, Spencer Holmgren, Elmer Race.
 March 21—Perry Patton to Tyler Memorial Hospital. Dave Fritz, Al Goble, Joseph Nalbene.
 March 22—Elsie Hilbert, Beaumont to General Hospital. E. Crispell, John Lyons, Rev. Jerry Tallent.
 March 22—William McKenna from General Hospital to home. E. Crispell, Cal Strohl.

Harveys Lake
 March 22—Dale May, accident on Rt. 29 to Nesbitt Hospital. John Stenger, James McCaffrey.

Kingston Township
 March 18—Edward Thompson, Cliffside Avenue to Nesbitt Hospital. Ted Newcomb, Walter Davis.
 Mar. 19—Mrs. Olive Titus, Lehigh Street to General Hospital. W. David, William Roberts.
 March 19—Robert Casterline, Grandview Avenue to Wyoming Valley Hospital. W. Davis, W. Roberts.
 March 20—Chris Mulligan, Holly Street, to Geisinger and return. Tom Evans, Clifford Culver.
 March 20—Donald Powell, Main Street, home from office of Dr. Bucan. W. Davis, Frank Hirleman.

Dallas Community
 March 20—Called to home of A. P. Kalafski, Highland Blvd. Jim Davies, Robert Besecker.
 Mar. 21—Ray Wilson, Hamilton Road, to General Hospital. Ted Montross, Tom Doughton.
 March 22—Called to home of R. Bertell, Demunds Road. Not needed. Wes Cave, Jr., Don Shafer, John Sperl.

Daisy Crispell is 85

Mrs. Daisy Crispell, of Harveys Lake, will celebrate her 85th birthday with her daughter, Mrs. Lela Sickler, Lehman, Sunday, March 30.

She was born April 1, 1884, in a log house near the Rock School to Nathan A. and Ella May Miller Koche. She went to the Rock School and Pleasant Hill Academy in Sweet Valley and taught school for three years at local schools.

She has a son Clarence Oberst, Harveys Lake, from a former marriage, and is the widow of the late Fred C. Crispell, who passed away 16 years ago in December.

She has three daughters from that marriage: Mrs. Ella Cobleigh, Binghamton, N.Y., Mrs. Lela Sickler, Lehman and Mrs. Annabelle Eshleman, Thonotassosa, Fla.

She also helped raise two step-daughters, Mrs. Iva Hoover, Binghamton, N.Y., and Mrs. Bertha Oney, Philadelphia. She has 13 grand-children and 11 great-grandchildren, also many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She has worked out for many recent years and even yet is employed by the Frank Burnside at Harveys Lake.

Her health is generally good

She is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Lela Sickler, Lehman.

She has a sister, Lucy Crispell, Overbrook Road, Dallas, and a brother, Atlee Koche, Dallas.

She has been a member of Ruggles Methodist Church for many years and is the oldest living member in that church.

Mrs. Crispell will be at her daughter's in Lehman, Sunday, March 30 after 2. Her friends, neighbors and relatives are welcome.

ensign Blessing

Navy Ensign Peter E. Blessing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Blessing of 8 Ellis Ave., and husband of Mrs. Marjorie J. Blessing, all of Shavertown, is undergoing flight training as a student naval aviator with Training Squadron Three at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton Fla.

Flying the North American T-28 "Trojan" aircraft he will be trained in five phases of flight instruction: transition, precision acrobatics, basic instruments, radio instruments and formation tactics.

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