

Leading lights behind the scenes

Two Erindale women, Mrs. Norah Petrie and her daughter, Maureen, are the driving forces behind the forth-coming production of Peter Pan by Etobicoke Children's Players.

The group was founded by the Petries 12 years ago when they lived in Etobicoke. They moved to Erindale Woodlands a year ago.

The group's production of Peter Pan will feature actresses and actors from different parts of Mississauga.

Betty Lane, one of two actresses who take the part of Peter Pan, lives in Applewood. Janice Chapman, who plays Michael, comes from Orchard Heights.

From Port Credit are

Martha Bailey, who plays the dog, Nana, and Joanne MacLachlan, who plays a lost boy.

Another lost boy is Sheryl Wolfe, who with mermaid Paula Greer and Indian Susan Lake, comes from Erindale Woodlands.

PLAY

The play will be presented at Burnhamthorpe Collegiate at

Burnhamthorpe rd. and Highway 27, two weeks ends.

Performances are Friday, Jan. 19 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 20 and 27, at 2:15 p.m.

Tickets for all performances may be obtained from 279-8194 or 621-4500.

Mrs. Petrie emphasizes

that Etobicoke Children's Players is an amateur group. They nevertheless produce a polished performance that has been enjoyed a number of years at Eaton's auditorium over Christmas and Easter holidays.

Mrs. Petrie and her daughter share directing duties.

Mother is the producer in what she calls "very much a family affair."

Daughter, Maureen, designs costumes, and until the Petrie son grew up and left home, he helped out, too.

Sets are generally designed by another family member.

Mrs. Petrie graduated from the royal conservatory of music in speech arts and drama and continued her study of the theatre with recognized experts.

She is still involved in conservatory work but has gravitated more in later years to straight theatre.

The Petries founded the Woodland Players who plan to present their play, The Pirates, this spring at Huron Park.

Lorne Park Family Enjoy Their Villa In Algiers

Letters to friends in Mississauga mailed by the Ron Dickson family of Algiers tell of their life and impressions in their new home.

Petroleum engineer Ron Dickson, a graduate of Port Credit Secondary School and Tulsa University, Oklahoma, left Lorne Park last April to take a job with the Algerian National Oil Company in Algiers.

Mr. Dickson and his wife, twin sons Tommy and Terry, and daughters Nancy and Kathy had live on Porcupine ave., Lorne Park.

Mr. Dickson coached the Lorne Park Tyke B hockey team that his twin sons played on while he lived in the area.

When Mr. Dickson left, his family went to Vancouver to stay with Mrs. Dickson's mother until they could join Mr. Dickson in June.

The Dicksons were

members of Christ Church, Clarkson, whose congregation feared the family would be slaughtered by the Arabs. The fears turned out to be groundless.

With considerable anxiety the family waited out the Middle East hostilities, wrote Mrs. Dickson, but "Ron was in the Sahara and knew little of it."

She continued: "First impressions — a crowded city, buildings badly in need of paint and repairs, balconies at every window, beautiful setting of rolling hills and the blue, blue Mediterranean, dense growth, red clay-like soil.

"Strange people, strange sounds, crowing roosters all night long, barking dogs, children beggin, many blind people (eye disease, trachoma, runs rampant and is neglected even though it's easily treated — CARE

has a section of a hospital here, haldes 25 operations a day).

"Men scavenging garbage cans, many, many children but few old people. Eighty percent of the women veiled, winding one way streets, cars and pedestrians everywhere

"Shopping: everything bought fresh at huge open market down town. It covers all the street between two blocks . . .

shrimps, chicken, (all live and killed on the spot) fruits and vegetables in season . . . it

closes at 12:30 every day and by 1:30 you'd never know it had existed, everything taken down and stored till next day.

"Small boys 8 to 10 swarm over you, vying to carry your basket for a dinar (20 cents)."

At first the Dicksons lived in a small apartment

They have recently moved into a large villa which is "shabby, but with all the conveniences." (These include maids' quarters and an Algerian maid).

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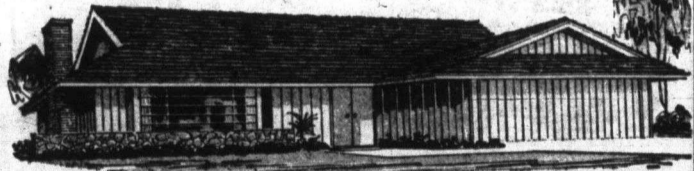
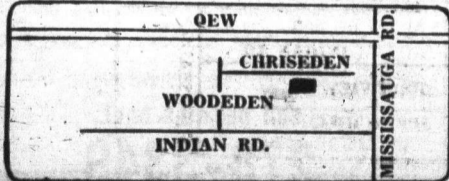
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