

Derby Junior High

Derby's Variety Show Earns Loads of Lauds

By NANCY PRICE Special Writer

Derby's Variety Show for 1961 is over now, but most everyone agrees it was one of the best shows Derby has put on. Three performances were held, two for the students and one Friday night for the public.

The masters ceremonies were Bob Heaverich and Ken Heft.

The first act was "Tramps" which involved Sue Harrington and Diane Richardson, showing their ability on the trampoline. Their background music was played by Sumner Bagby on the guitar and Chuck Weasels on the drums.

The next act was "Lollipop." This was acted out by four seventh grade girls. They are Adrienne Petrakis, Nancy Yarrington, Karen Erwin and Martha Hamilton.

For the third act, Mike Falk did a take-off on Al Jolson. The boys' ensemble came next singing, "Has Anybody Seen My Gal." This group consists of Carl Swanson, Bruce Falk, Dave Curtis, Mike Strauss, Jim Liebh, John Liebh, Paul Hawley, and John Cummings.

In the sixth act Erin McKenna did a solo charleston to "Ma. He's Making Eyes at Me." Mary Ann Hurd and Ginger Passavant displayed their coordination by tumbling "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," was sung by Susan Thigerson and her younger brother Tom, who attends Valley Woods School. Sue also played the auto harp.

IN THE NEXT ACT we took a trip to South America. Cathy Patti, Jessie Smith, and Jack Pardee did a modern dance to "Tequila." Marsha White, a ninth grader at Derby, showed her talent by singing "Teacher's Pet." Accompanying her were Chuck Falk, Dave Pilow, Steve Lyman, Mickey Lane, and Larry Ryan.

"Please Don't Eat the Daisies" was next starring Carol Thorburn, Jean Purman, Bonnie Hunt, Judy Hob, Judy Janis, Kathy LeMessurier, Gerlie Ellenwood, Daine Davis, Nancy Mason, and Linda Pithford. Doing a take-off on the popular television show, Candid Camera were Brant Conley and Chuck Falk.

THERE IS NOTHING Like a Man" sung Roberta Straley, Kathy Beer, Kathy Kennedy, Cassie Barnes, Virginia Wagner, Marilyn Barnes, Marge Mack, Patty Clayton, Chris Meyer, and Candy Neiger.

"Charlie, My Boy" was another

charleston act. Doing the charleston in their homemade flappers were Jean Purman, Marilyn Barone, Peggy Bragaw, Cheryl Clark, Pat Elmes, Carolyn Emmett, Sue Gerry, Belonna Guyton, Pat Hogston, Diane Harrington, and Brian Maynard.

HAVE YOU EVER wondered how to spit spit balls? Well, this was demonstrated in a rib-tickling "Washing That Man Right Out of My Hair" were Linda Frankel, Bonnie Decker, Jackie Ryan, Jill Terry, Judy Sena, and Sue Savage.

"Les Garcon Jolie" is French, introducing Chuck Falk, Dave Pilow, Larry Ryan, and Steve Lyman singing "The Seine."

"Pillow Talk" fun? Anne Darling, Terri Fournier, Judy Anders, Lee Harvey, Nina Erwin, Trina Beneker, Sue Savage and Terri Crider think it is. They sang it and proved it.

Scott Henderson composed "Lightning" and played it on his guitar.

ADMITTING THE time wasted on the telephone and the gabbing for hours without saying much were Sue Thalacker, Pam Terry, Lin Harvey, Bonnie Hunt, Mary Holland, Judy Janis, Nancy Mason, Suzy Edwards, Andrea Everett, Gayle McCurry, Judy Hob, and Carolyn Candler.

The boys did a good job of convincing the audience that girl talk was not only enjoyed only by girls. There were Jim Cheney, Brant Conley, Clark Hubbard, Craig Johnson, and Tom Farnsworth. There was only one name for this act and that was "Telephone Time."

Ending the program with a drum and piano act were Gerry Kurz and Mark Fritz.

THESE WERE THE stars of the program, but like every other top production there are many people behind the scenes.

The stage crew were Randy Sims, Jim Fox and Chris Reid. Audio attendants were Ross Baldwin and Frank Sights.

Colored lights and spot lights were up to Todd Cripps and Dan Newman. The make-up was in the hands of the Dramatic Club.

The teachers who put in many hours of work to make this variety show a success were Miss Anderson, Miss Kenneally, Mrs. Sturgeon, Miss Strickling, Mr. Fillion and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Schmidt.

Kingswood School Students Present 'Nuts in May'

By BETSY WRIGHT Special Writer

Last Friday and Saturday evenings, the junior play was presented at Kingswood.

Combined with Erpatorator of Cranbrook, Kingswood's Junior class performed "Nuts in May," a contemporary three-act comedy by Cornelia Otis Skinner. In this play, concerning the humorous and complicated problems confronting Miss Schinner on the day she was to open in a Broadway play, were featured Marilyn Garabrant and Winky Skinnage double cast as the actress herself.

Other leading Kingswood juniors were Roberta Reising and Pat Gass as Janice; Kathy Mansfield and Suzy Fuchs as Maggie Dell; Tricia Vingling and Jenny Ward as Eve; and Bessie Heller and Alice Befel as Imbee.

NANCY PORTER, faculty director, was ably assisted in her task of preparation and execution of the play by student co-directors Jane Josepy and Gail Peterson.

Also of great help behind the scenes were several committees and their chairmen: stage manager, Sally Lynch; scene design, Mary Arfleck and Denny Paulay; properties and sound, Suzy Mays; lighting, Wendy Knox and Kathy Severs.

Ann Ainsworth and Gail Cohen were in charge of costumes; Judy Barlowhouse of publicity; Angela Dudson of make-up; Judy Findling of tickets; Dany Newman handled the printing of programs.

THE ANNUAL SPRING concert was presented May 2 before students, faculty and parents. This spring musicale gave everyone an opportunity to see a sampling of

the year's accomplishments by piano and voice students as well as both junior and senior glee clubs.

The well-executed and enjoyable program consisted of five solos, five piano selections and excerpts from, among others, "The Sound of Music."

THE ELECTIONS for next year's positions are finally drawing to a close, and among the last to be announced are the literary heads for '61.

"The Acorn," our literary magazine, will be edited by Marilyn Garabrant, Roberta Reising will be editor of the "Clarion," as well as a representative to the Student Council.

There were also 21 eighth graders. They are Laura Abbott, Ann Barron, Ted Blacklock, Kris Borsunas, Linda Carlson, Sue deBeaussen, Jan Dinkelo, Nancy Evans, Nancy Ford, Pat Irvin, Kathy Kennedy, Mike Koenke, Loren Musielek, John Salter, Randy Sims, Roberta Straley, Richard Swaney, Warren Swaney, Ford Tam, Lyne Thorp, Don Voelker.

THE SPRING CHORAL Concert at Derby will be held tonight.

Miss Strickling will direct the Ninth Grade Mixed Choir. Miss Janice Sherman will direct the Ninth Grade Girls Choir.

Miss Sherman and Rachel Weaver will accompany both choirs.

RELATED CONGRATULATIONS go to ninth grader Larry Bell for winning a red ribbon for the science project he entered in the Metropolitan Science Fair recently at Cobo Hall, Detroit.

18 S'field Students Earn Top Honors In Latin Exams

Eighteen Southfield high students ranked high on a competitive nationwide Latin examination given recently, instructor Irma Wright announced this week.

Summa cum laude honors went to Loris Schmidewind, who ranked in the highest possible bracket (115-120) on the exam. Scores of 100-109, magna cum laude, were earned by Jack Checkaway, Dave Esawett, Kathy Ferguson, Phil Klahr, Linda Gale, Frank Kipp, and Paula Tennis.

RANKING IN THE cum laude bracket with scores of 90-99 were Ned Anschuetz, Nancy Bojarski, Mary Sue Grant, Darlene Digger, Tim Schlenker, Kathy Seffert, Pam Spear, Gary Weinman, Karen Westergaard, and John Steele.

Median on the test, sponsored by the Association for Promotion of Study of Latin, was 45. "Nearly all Southfield students were at least 15 points above the median," reported Mrs. Wright.

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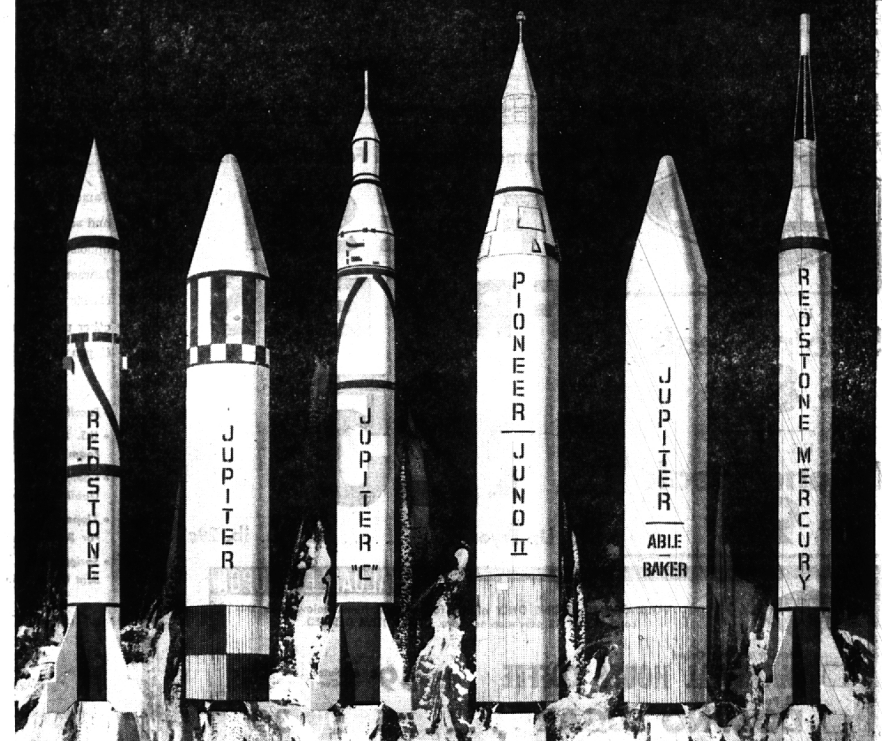
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