

Wayne-Westland Scores With 'Cyrano'

By EMORY DANIELS

classical in less than classical manner.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" isn't typical of the drama normally performed by community theater groups. With this in mind, the Wayne-Westland Civic Theater deserves credit for an excellent performance. With this in mind, WWCT receives an average grade for putting on a

matists having to speak in an old - French accent in King Louis manner. A hard undertaking.

Director Bob Weibel and Producer Al LaCroix deserve credit for making the effort. And maybe we should stop here and merely advise our readers that the effort is worth their being in John Glenn High School, Westland, at 8:30 p.m. on either Dec. 7 or 8.

If you have never seen "Cyrano" performed, here's your introduction. You will particularly enjoy the outstanding job done by Bill Hoffman as Cyrano de Bergerac and quickly appreciate Ragueneau, the baker-poet by Pietro DiGiorgio.

The fine acting by these two is supplemented by good performances from Pamela Harris as Roxane, Steve Barnaby as Comte de Guiche, and Ron Wladarczyk as Christian de Neuville.

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The plot unfolds in the second scene in Ragueneau's pastry shop with the beautiful Roxane telling Cyrano she is in love with the young and physically beautiful soldier, Christian. The wooing begins with the simple but beautiful Christian having Cyrano, the poet - fighter, ghost - write words of passion for the lovely Roxane.

Cyrano, also in love with Roxane, becomes the ghost-lover because he is convinced the lovely Roxane could never fall in love with a man with such a grotesque nose as his.

Will Roxane continue to love Christian for his beautiful countenance, even though her passions are being formed by the words

all, from a theater group which misspelled the play's name on the tickets. That kind of unfamiliarity wasn't a good omen. But omens are merely omens, and this one proved to mean little.

There were a few mis-spoken lines, mostly by those who had few to learn, but generally the Wayne - Westland Civic players proved they could act better than

spell.

An accolade must be given for the excellent job in costumes (\$800 worth), which interjected a very professional touch to the performance.

The strongest inspiration was in the second scene in Ragueneau's Pastry Shop when one was compellingly inspired to drive to Dunkin' Donuts for a cream puff or éclair. If you restrain yourself at this point and stay, the rest of the evening will prove the decision correct.

All considered, the performance suggests that maybe community theater groups ought to test their sights higher and try what might be thought out of their class.

Casting Call

The Plymouth Theater Guild will hold open tryouts for "Mary, Mary" Thursday, Dec. 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Plymouth Central School auditorium, Church at Main St.

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Tickets for the play by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

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