

Clarenceville thespians entertain shoppers

Four Clarenceville High School drama students did some people-watching recently while performing on an outdoor stage at a regional shopping center.

They peddled an undivided tricycle, performed as industrial machines, and created sculptures with their bodies as Wonderland Center shoppers strolled by and wondered what was going on.

Robert Gregory, the school's drama director, who stood on the sidelines for the four-hour show, explained the situation.

"THE PEOPLE-WATCHING is really a twisting of the worm," he said.

"The students, members of Clarenceville Thespian Troupe 1382, were doing something to make people glad and watch them."

"It was like the fish in the bowl watching those on the outside," he added.

One youngster was so engrossed in what the students were doing that he walked into a pole and cried until his mother soothed his bruised feelings.

The shopping center performance

wasn't the only stop on the troupe's schedule this year.

The students previously did their thing—which is learning about acting control—in Detroit Metro Airport and the Greyhound Bus Depot in downtown Detroit.

The shopping center performance had an unexpected plus for Gregory and his students.

While they were going through one of their performances, two Livonia Franklin High School girls, Lyn Paulson and Kathie Piossi, interrupted their shopping and joined the group on some of its "productions."

The two girls were so apt in the make-believe volleyball game (minus ball and net) that Gregory urged that they join the Clarenceville summer acting program which starts Monday, June 23.

THE CLASS is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Louis Schmitt Auditorium, on Middle Road, just north of Seven Mile, next to the high school.

The course started two years ago and carries full credit, Gregory said. Interested students may attend the

first session for more information. If there is any doubt about the value of acting courses at Clarenceville, just ask the "Takes looking out

of the bowl and enjoying the watchers." Many Schmitt, Carolyn Grant, troupe president, Tracey Rowens and Dave Sutphin.

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Firm helps meet standards

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gent state agency, MIOSHA.

ALL FIRMS, regardless of size, are required to meet the standards, but smaller ones may not have the staff available to carry through.

That's where the new firm comes in. Along with Sawyer, the associates include Dr. Ralph G. Smith, expert in industrial hygiene; Cecil L. Smith, biologist and manager of Environmental Health Laboratories; Lindsey Hayes, safety engineer and former OSHA consultant; and Richard D. Wood, industrial hygienist.

The package they offer takes in everything from evaluations of working conditions to problems of individual employees.

Not long ago Sawyer was in Butte, Mont., helping a large corporation align itself with the new arsenic standards. This and other industrial toxicology problems require specialists to interpret the standards and find solutions.

Threshold limit values (TLVs) have been set, but Sawyer says there is considerable variance in individual tolerance levels. As a safeguard (Sawyer believes in preventive measures) he

may suggest to company officials that it is time to take action "at least do some air sampling."

Not all the problems which Detroit Health and Safety Associates cope with every day stem from toxic materials. Other problems come from alcoholism and emotional disorders or the kind of tools being used.

Sawyer says that improvements are being made in vibrating hand tools, such as power saws and jack hammers. The vibrations from them can lead to vascular changes in the fingers. Municipalities who have crews of tree cutters are frequently concerned about such health factors.

AS TECHNOLOGY moves forward, environmental problems increase. Sawyer says that no efforts are made to get rid of the lead byproducts from the burning of automotive fuel through the use of catalytic converter. They lead to another, the discharge of sulfuric acid.

"When trying to snuff out one fire, we often create another."

Vinyl chloride is presenting some new problems but making moonshine whiskey in lead pots is an old problem.

Michigan "has long been a pioneer in the field of occupational health and safety," Sawyer explains.

In addition to being more stringent, the administration differs.

The state places responsibility for administering safety regulations with the department of labor and the responsibility for the health of workers with the department of health.

Sawyer and his wife, Sally, an RN who just received a second degree in theater this month, mix business and pleasure. He has been volunteer physician for the Franklin Village volunteer fire department for many years.

HE IS also medical advisor for the Detroit Urban League and consultant for the Michigan Lung Association. She is a volunteer first aid instructor, and together they have conducted sex education classes for seventh and eighth graders.

They are also looking for a publisher for a sex education book for pre-adolescents which they collaborated on. "1 plus 1 equals 3."

They have two children, Dan, 14, and Terry, 12.

OBITUARIES

HAROLD F. RIES
Mr. Ries, 71, of Plymouth, died June 14, 1975, in Garden City Hospital.

A retired mechanic for the Detroit News garage, he was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Parish.

His survivors include his wife, Mary; son, Robert of Detroit; stepsons Fred Swing of Farmington Hills and Gerald Swing of Novi; and stepdaughter Mrs. Ella Stockinger of Wyandotte. Also surviving are his brothers, Arne of St. Clair Shores, Leonard of Long Island, N.Y. and

Richard of Detroit; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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