

MAYFAIR '72 PRODUCTION

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PUNCH AND JUDY

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Punch and Judy to brighten day

Most children have heard of Punch and Judy, some lucky ones may have seen a performance of a Punch and Judy play, but there probably aren't many children who know where Punch came from in the beginning and when.

Punch was originally called Punchinello and came from Italy hundreds of years ago. He belonged to a travelling theatre named commedia dell'arte. Imagine the excitement amongst the children of a small village, in those days long before television and radio, when a puppet man arrived with his puppet booth on his back. He would set up his little theatre in some central spot and blow a trumpet to summon all the villagers to his show. Everyone would gather round to watch the play and to laugh at the antics of the puppets. Afterwards the puppeteer would make a collection. Those who could afford a penny would give him one. Those who couldn't would clap extra hard.

Over the years Punch and Judy spread to other countries. In Europe, different versions of the play were performed, but always Punch was a lovable rascal who couldn't resist using his club to settle his differences. Modern children in England can still see Punch and Judy shows sometimes when they are on holiday at the seaside, at a few seaside towns a puppeteer still sets up his booth and collects pennies for his trouble. Sadly however the puppetmen are disappearing.

This year at the annual Mayfair the Kanata Theatre

Group has decided to bring Punch and Judy to town in grand style. The puppets will be played by members of the group. Doug Strong will play Punch, Judy Armstrong will play Judy, Nancy Jackson plays the Policeman and John Callow the Doctor. The play will be directed by Geoff Holland and produced by Jim MacIntosh.

So all you children come along and enjoy a little piece of history at the same time as you are having a good laugh, bring your parents too! The performance times will be at 3 pm, 5 pm and 7:30 pm. The location will be truly a travelling booth. It will be mounted on a float taking part in the parade. See you there!



Doug Strong
'Punch'

Gerard Dupuis
'Policeman'



Float in parade - accompanied by some characters from children's plays

And on the Tractor - Tim MacIntosh



Nancy Jackson 'Judy' Judy Armstrong 'Judy' John Callow 'Doctor' Gerard Dupuis 'Policeman'

Doug Strong 'Punch'



Mayfair '72 another success

Perfect weather, good planning, excellent co-operation and a large amount of work combined to make Mayfair '72 (May 26-28) the most successful of the seven Kanata birthday celebrations. From the opening teen dance Friday evening to the final "mixed-up" ball game Sunday enjoyable participation was the vogue. Anne McGarry, who was chosen and crowned as Mayfair Queen at the teen dance, reigned graciously over the week-end.

The highlight for many and especially the young, was probably, as in previous years, the costume parade Saturday morning which was organized by the Kanata Jaycees. The large number of imaginative costumes made the task of judges Mary Simpson, John Macack and Bill McNeill very difficult (the winners are listed at the end of the article).

The many games operated by

the cub and scout group committee, after the parade, were almost besieged by the large number of young customers. Meanwhile, inside Leacock school the brownie and guide bake sale was sold out in less than half an hour.

During the afternoon children (and adults) enjoyed the many voices of Fred Little and delighted in the Punch and Judy show presented by the Kanata Theatre Group (with live "puppets"). Many participated in the races and other "sports" events organized by the Kanata Gyros. Winners are given elsewhere.

As the afternoon grew to a close crowds started to gather around the site of the Kanata Rotary barbecue. Although the enticing odours of the barbecuing steaks soon resulted in long lines of hungry diners, none were disappointed.

Throughout the day several

art displays were available in and around Leacock school by the Kanata and "Cellar" art clubs and the Ceramic club, while films were shown by Pollution Probe.

Later in the afternoon, at the high school, the kite flying contest proceeded despite an almost absence of wind.

The evening climaxed (and, for many Mayfair participants, finished) with another rollicking Pub Night organized by the Cricket club.

On Sunday the final round of the Mixed Softball Tournament saw the Kingsford - Leacock team edge out Rutherford, 15-13, in an exciting game that was not decided until the last half of the last inning. The special "seat" presented to winning captain Hal Hanson was not the official KBCA trophy.

KBCA co-ordinators Doug Marshall and Bob Temple and all who contributed should be

praised for their efforts and results. It will be a hard act to follow next year.

Parade Winners

Floats - 1st - Kanata Theatre Group (Punch and Judy), 2nd - Kanata Jaycees (Mosquito)

Special Award - Kanata Majorettes.

Costumes - 1st - Scouts (Cards), 2nd - (tie) Lyns Patton (Car) - Sheri Fermoyle and Jenny Wedderburn (Flintstone), 3rd - Carol Shene (Hawaiian), 4th - Katy Gurley (Tree)

Vehicles - 1st - Kim and Victoria Smith, Stephan and Jeffery Cass (Whale), 2nd - Andrea Ross (Alice's Tea Party), 3rd - Michael Laughton (Chuckwagon), 4th - Laura-Lynn Weiden.











