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## *"Come Blow Your Horn"*

# Too Much Prompting But Play Enjoyable

Let's face it, "Come Blow Your Horn" could have done with a wee bit more rehearsal.

The prompter was too much in evidence. In fact, with one or two members of the cast, she practically had to keep up a running commentary.

There is no doubt that too many prompts can be disconcerting. However, they did not stop this comedy, presented by Chilliwack Players' Guild for three nights at Chilliwack Junior Secondary School, from being enjoyable.

Especially effective, in our view, were the two male leads . . . newcomer Gary Gast, as Alan Baker, and David Blackmore as his brother Buddy.

Malcolm Wright, although one of the worst offenders in the prompting department, made up for the deficiency with exceptionally good gestures and characterization.

Playing opposite him as "Mama" Baker was Doris Bennett, convincingly portraying the role of a flustered mother hen.

Joan Wozencroft was cast in the role of Peggy Evans, the "dumb brunette" who attractively decorates the Baker apartment. It was a good performance, as was that of Sharon MacLeod, playing Buddy Baker's more serious amour. However, we could not help wishing the latter's characteri-

zation had been a little warmer. The audience wants to feel sympathy for the leading lady . . . and yet all we had seen her do was fight with her boy friend.

Only other member of the cast was Jenny Child. Her part consisted of one dramatic entrance and a single sentence, uttered at the very end of the play. It is pretty difficult to shine with just one sentence, but Jenny came about as near to it as anyone can reasonably expect.

The play was directed by Richard Savage, while Constance Chester was stage manager.

## Accused of Hit-and-Run

Alec Petroczi, of Abbotsford, pleaded not guilty in municipal police court yesterday to a charge of failing to remain at a scene of an accident.

He was remanded until December 23 for a hearing.

Police said the charges arose from an accident on Yale Road West last week when a parked car was allegedly struck by a hit-and-run driver. Damage to the parked car was estimated at \$200.