

200 more realistic with backgrounds of forests, cabins, and Native
210 American villages. Students were also taught how to operate the
222 stage lights and the spotlights so the audience could feel like the
234 action was taking place at different times of day or night, in
239 different places, and long ago.

251 The night of the play arrived and all the seats were filled.
262 Some people were even standing in the back. The house lights
275 dimmed and the curtain went up. The first scene showed a group of
286 Pilgrim settlers rowing a small wooden boat to shore. The next
296 showed Pilgrims building their houses as fake snow was sprinkled
303 from above by students on ladders backstage.

314 Things continued to go well until one of the actors bumped
326 into a cardboard tree which caused a domino effect of trees falling
338 across the stage. Everyone pitched in to get things back in order
349 and the play continued. The actors remembered almost all of their
360 lines. The sets were changed each time the curtain closed between
372 scenes. The ending of the play brought a standing ovation from the
380 audience, and a curtain call from the cast.