



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.