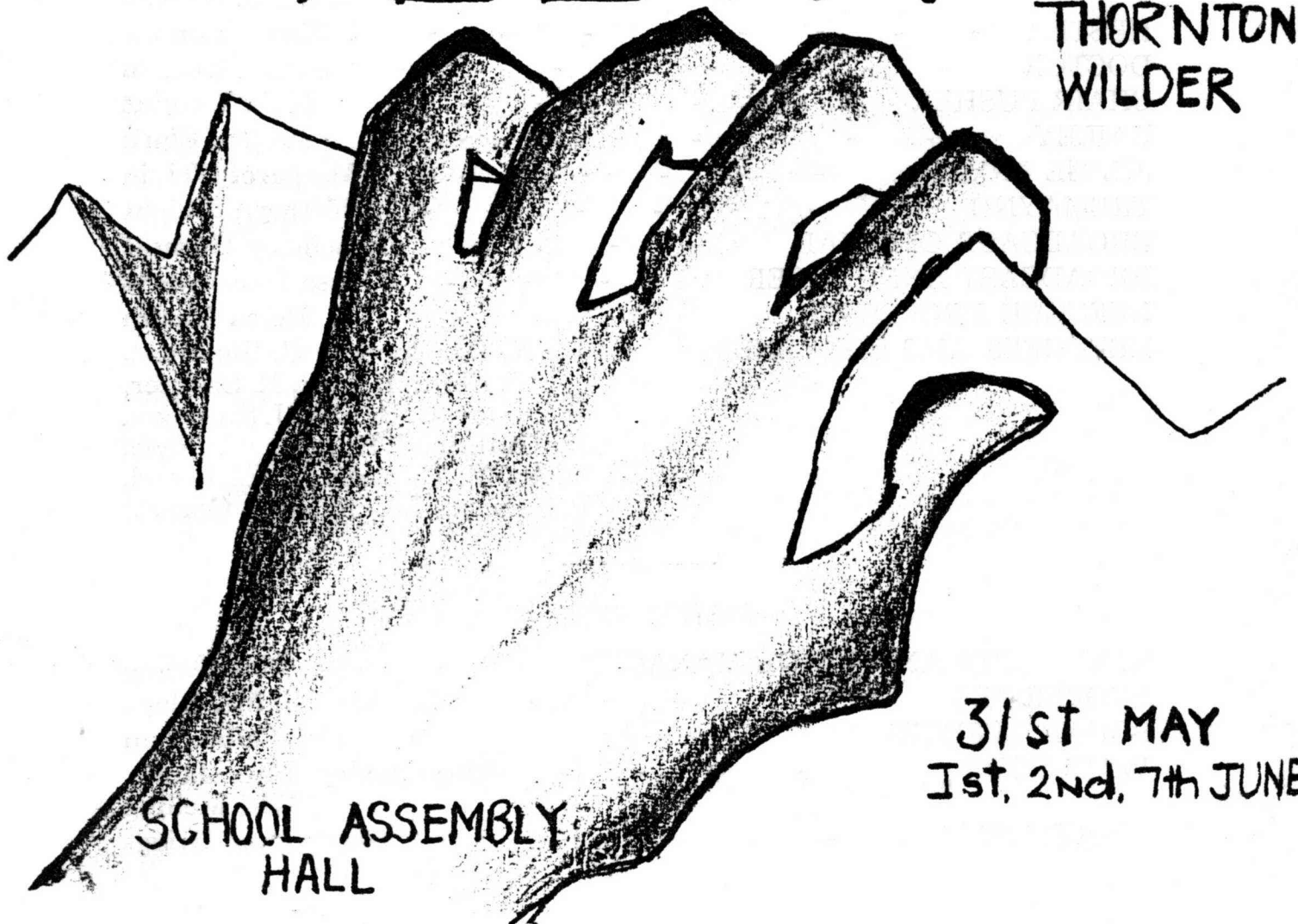


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PRESENTS

THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH

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THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH

This play tells of man's endless struggle for survival both against the forces of nature in the world around him and the destructive forces of his own nature. Mr. and Mrs. Antrobus are primitive men and women fighting the cold of the Ice Age; Adam and Eve aghast to find their son capable of murder; Noah forsaking his wife for the wily Sabina while the storm breaks over the world; and Everyman and his family threatened by war and man's lust to kill. So far, says Thornton Wilder, mankind has survived all these perils "by the skin of his teeth". Will we always be so lucky?

ACT I

The Ice Age.

Scene: The living room of the Antrobus family apartment in New York city. Time: Both the present day and 20,000 years ago. Man's hard-won knowledge, his laws, his arts, his very existence, are threatened by the catastrophic advance of the Ice Age.

ACT II

The Deluge.

Scene: The Broadwalk, Atlanta City. All living creatures are gathered together in a great convention, too intent on their pleasures to heed the gathering storm. Even Mr. Antrobus forgets his family responsibilities when Sabina infatuates him, until the flood rises to engulf them all.

ACT III

Total War: the aftermath of a man-made disaster.

Scene: The Antrobus living-room, much later. The women-folk, surviving in the ruins of their city, welcome back from the war their men-folk who have perhaps conquered the enemy, but have not conquered within themselves the forces that made the war.

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