



CAST AND principals of "Pirates of Penzance" at dinner meeting in the Charlottetown Hotel on Monday night, presided over by Dr. MacKinnon. SEATED: (Left) Renee Cotton, Lillian McKenzie,

Mus. Bac., Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Wallace Platts. STANDING: Hugh MacLean, Margaret Matheson, Jim White, Austina Kennedy, Judy Millar, Ken McKenzie, Elizabeth Anderson, Sandy MacLean.

Cast Of Pirates Of Penzance Are Entertained At Dinner

Monday night was the pay-off for cast of "The Pirates of Penzance" when all hands were piped on deck for a final performance—this time around the festive board at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Dr. Frank MacKinnon presided at the dinner, given the cast and the supporting units as a gesture of appreciation of the splendid performance which drew full houses for three nights last week at Prince of Wales College. In addition to the ten principals in attendance, the mixed chorus of 70 college students, the orchestra of six accomplished musicians and the proprieties personnel were present.

The dinner meeting was punctured with choice selections from the opera by the leads and full chorus renditions by the ensemble. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of a TV set to Miss E. Lillian McKenzie, Mus. Bac., in recognition of her untiring efforts as Director to assure the success of the presentation. Dr. Frank MacKinnon, who was responsible for the production, in making the presentation spoke in terms of sincere appreciation of the work of Miss McKenzie in directing the Pirates of Penzance and recalled previous successes which have reflected most favourably on the students of Prince of Wales, through her efforts.

Programme: Mrs. J. L. McGuigan organized our programmes, and we enjoyed many instructive and enlightening addresses during the year. Our sincere thanks go to all who contributed by music and talks to make our meetings more enjoyable.

Radio, T.V. Films and Book Reviews: Mrs. Gerald Mitchell reports one new book placed in Public Library, several new books asked for, and others read and reviewed. Careful note was taken of all radio and T.V. shows. We appreciate the Sacred Heart Programme over C.F.C.Y.

Conclusion To His Excellency Most Rev. M. A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, Msgr. McMahon and the other clergy of the parish, we pledge our respect and humble obedience at all times.

To our Director, Very Rev. P. F. MacDonald, our heartfelt thanks for his sound advice and wise guidance in our league work.

A word of appreciation here to the Charlottetown Council Knights of Columbus and Mrs. Peter Holland for the use of their homes for our meetings.

To the ones who have been ill, or have suffered a bereavement, we offer our sincere sympathy.

To the local press for their cooperation and courtesy at all times, we say a sincere "thank you."

30 Entries Are Already In For Junior Drama Festival

With two weeks still remaining before the April 15 deadline, thirty entries already have been received for this year's provincial Junior Drama Festival. Rev. Preston Hamill, convener of junior drama for the P. E. I. Drama Festival Association announced last night. This is twenty-five more than the total number in competition last year, the convener noted.

Eight high school plays have been entered in this spring's competitions which get underway May 19 at a place yet to be determined. These include: four from Miscouche, three from Kensington, and one from Notre Dame Convent.

In addition there are two plays entered by Rochford Square, one by Parkdale, and one by Carleton Siding in Class "B", restricted to schools of three or more rooms.

In Class "C" which comprises all other rural elementary schools not included in Class "B" there are 15 plays entered: from York Point, four; from Hampshire and Ellioville, three each; from Goose River, four; and from St. Theresa's, one.

Classes "B" and "C" will be adjudicated by Mrs. Elizabeth Willett, Charlottetown, while the high school entries will be adjudicated by Rev. Adrien Arsenault, St. Dunstan's University.

The provincial finals will be adjudicated by Mr. Barry Bugden, Charlottetown.

LOCAL ADJUDICATION

This year the junior plays are being adjudicated in their home communities, and to this fact Father Hamill attributes the marked increase in the entry list.

These regional adjudications are expected to be completed by April 30, with only the winners being eligible to compete in the provincial finals.

St. Dunstan's C.W.I. Secretary Report Read

The secretary's annual report April 1957 to April 1958, of Mrs. Lorne L. Noonan, of Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish Sub-division Catholic Women's League of Canada was given at the annual meeting, Tuesday night. "Once again," it read, "the pleasure and privilege is mine to greet you on this occasion, which marks the close of another year of progress and is now to be recorded in our Annuals. It is always a pleasure to review achievements and to commend all members who have contributed to this sub-division's success for God and Canada."

"During the year we held 10 regular, 9 Executive and 3 special Meetings, which were all presided over by the President Mrs. Fred MacMillan."

"Mrs. James Pendergast fulfilled the duties of Corresponding Secretary, by writing letters concerning announcements of general meetings, as well as many other business letters, telephoning notices of executive meetings sending mass cards to bereaved members and cards of cheer and encouragement to those who were ill, and all other necessary work in connection with her office."

"Mrs. Maurice Griffin, the Treasurer, reports total receipts of \$1,461.13 obtained through proceeds of Tag Day, Membership dues, Pantry Sales, Harp Recital, Afternoon Tea, Commission on Subscriptions to a newspaper, and many other activities. Our disbursements included all our National and Provincial Obligations, donations to T. B. League, Prince Edward Island Music Festival Association, Catholic Welfare Bureau, Catholic Girls Scholarship Association, St. Vincent's Orphanage, Monastery of the Precious Blood, Girl Guides, School, College and Catechetical prizes, Altar Society, Christmas treats to Sacred Heart Home and Monastery of the Precious Blood, Aid to Hospital Bazaar and mass offerings."

Spiritual: Mrs. Peter Holland made arrangements for masses for living and deceased members, mass on Remembrance Day for the repose of the souls of our War Dead, and for our Communion Breakfast. Several members

spend one-half in Adoration in First Fridays, and members visit homes of deceased relatives of members in a body and recite the Rosary.

Education: Mrs. Walter Morrissey faithfully attended Home and School meetings, and different educational lectures and meetings throughout the year.

Citizenship - Immigration and Legislation: Mrs. J. E. Fleming reports collecting for Cancer, Polio and Red Cross campaigns by teams from this sub-division, in all our members devoted 393 hours to this important Community work. We are represented on the following boards: Home and School Association, Red Cross Society, Canadian Polio Foundation, Canadian Institute for the Blind, local and Provincial Girl Guide Association. We laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, and strongly urged our entire membership to take advantage of the Franchise.

Social Action: Mrs. Patrick McKenna reports her sewing committee completed approximately 600 articles of clothing 11 quilts and received numerous donations of clothing from members. At Christmas our members donated and packed 25 complete dinners for needy families. This sub-division also gave monetary assistance to the extent of \$400.00, as well as a New Electric Sewing Machine.

Girl Guides: Mrs. Fred Coyle reports 2 Guide Companies and 1 Brownie Pack registered under the Catholic Women's League. We contributed towards their camp fund.

Press: Mrs. R. J. MacDonald reported all regular meetings as well as all notices of events. She and her committee obtained 180 subscriptions to a Catholic Newspaper.

Membership: Mrs. Ernest McTague reports a substantial increase in membership, with all dues collected.

Magazines: Mrs. J. B. Fleming attended to the subscriptions to the "Canadian League" our Catholic Women's League Magazine.

Finance: Miss Gertrude Coady and her committee capably organized our fund raising projects, which are referred to in our Treasurers report

Sick Visiting: Mrs. A. T. MacKinnon visited our sick in hospital and homes, bringing cheer and words of encouragement, which were much appreciated.

Institutions: Mrs. J. J. Trainor visited the Institutions bringing papers and magazines. On our Annual Sanatorium Day, she and her committee visited each patient in the Sanatorium bringing magazines, flowers, candy and other treats.

Report Forms: Mrs. Arthur DeCoste took care of the Report Forms during the year.

Telephone: Mrs. Leo Murray and her committee faithfully at-

COMING EVENTS

Card Party and Dance. Kelly's Cross Hall, Easter Monday night.

Crokinole Party at Springvale School, April 3rd, at 8.30 p.m.

Card party at Hampshire Hall, Thursday night.

M.C.A.'s Carl Burke Is Still Bent On Expansion

By STEWART MACLEOD
Canadian Press Staff Writer
CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — Carl Burke still works 16 hours a day trying to expand his Maritime Central Airways but he doesn't begrudge Trans-Canada Air Lines its virtual monopoly.

The stocky flier looked out at the tarmac where he had literally flown from the seat of his pants to a plush executive suite as he talked of new government proposals opening domestic air routes to competition.



CARL BURKE

"I have never disagreed with the original policy that gave TCA the 'break,'" he said quietly. "There just isn't room for competition, especially in Eastern Canada. You can always get a reservation, and good service. I wish the country could support competition—but that's the way it is."

SHY EXECUTIVE

This frank statement comes from a shy, boyish executive who practically hand-built his company into a bustling \$8,000,000 industry.

At 45 Carl Burke has changed little from the quiet radio salesman who worked for \$12 a week in a Charlottetown store trying to save enough to buy an airplane. And even though he is the biggest businessman in the province, the youngsters around town still call him Carl.

The principal owner of MCA received his first airline franchise in 1941 before he owned an aircraft, but he hasn't reached the stage where he sits back and relaxes. He has almost given up flying, however, and his employees have adopted his motto, "we will fly anything anywhere."

Pondering the new government proposals again, Mr. Burke thought about the Montreal-Goose Bay-Labrador run now operated by TCA. "I wouldn't mind getting that," he said in his quiet, definite manner. "TCA is not making money there, but I think we could."

Perhaps it was the challenge that appealed to the Charlottetown native. Anyway his company is after that route.

PERSISTENCE PAID OFF

Mr. Burke's problems started back in the 1930s when his finances wouldn't support his dreams of an airline. He travelled 200 miles to Saint John, N.B., to take flying lessons, all financed by his radio-selling job, and he could afford only an hour or two on each trip.

While still in his teens Burke and a friend bought an old

double-winged Tiger Moth for \$600 and the young pilot made his first flying money by taking travellers between Maritime points after they had missed trains. He made his start in organized commercial aviation by joining Canada Airways.

When the war broke out he and Joe Anderson, also of Charlottetown, became Atlantic ferry pilots hoping to earn enough to buy a commercial airliner. Anderson was killed on his last flight.

Armed with \$5,000 he had earned by 1941 the young ferry pilot was granted the Saint John-Charlottetown franchise. Then he interested F. T. Briggs of Toronto and L. R. Champion of Montreal. They put up \$45,000 and Burke bought an eight-passenger Fairchild Grow, a four-passenger Fairchild 24 and rented a 10-passenger Boeing 247-D.

With this equipment Maritime Central Airways was launched and its chief pilot was Carl Burke.

Mr. Burke now is president of the airline. Mr. Champion died last year.

RAPID GROWTH

The airline's growth was striking. The number of pilots and aircraft has fluctuated with contracts, but the regular passenger service, concentrated in the Maritimes, Newfoundland and Labrador, has been winging ahead. Seventeen planes are in regular service, including three DC4's on transatlantic charter service.

The line had never lost a passenger life until a loaded DC4, carrying former servicemen and family members home from Brit-

ain to Toronto, plowed into a Quebec swamp last August killing 79 persons in Canada's worst air crash. The crash shook Mr. Burke badly.

During the DEW line operation in the north MCA filled half the Canadian transport contracts and had a remarkable safety record. More than 500 people—about twice the present number—were then on the payroll, and Mr. Burke did his share at the controls.

But since then he has allowed his licence to lapse and does little flying except as a passenger. He makes frequent trips to Montreal where his firm owns Nordair, a 20-plane Quebec and far northern service.

In his heyday there was no job for the rather short, nearly-dressed flier. In 1943 when four RCAF men crash-landed on a Gulf of St. Lawrence ice floe Capt. Burke made four landings in the hazardous flocks, taking out one airman at a time. For this he was made an officer of the British Empire.

VARIETY OF JOBS

Besides this he has flown prospectors in remote northern areas, sought seals with airborne hunters and looked for minerals with geologists. His cargoes have included live seals, bulldozers, hay, strawberries, live monkeys and just people.

On dangerous Arctic missions Capt. Burke pioneered many of the uncharted landing strips.

An employee, asked about his boss, said, "Carl will never ask to do something he won't do himself."

Charlottetown youngsters like Carl too. When the sports arena went bankrupt three years ago Mr. Burke and president Briggs took over the building, spent \$120,000 and ensured the kids a rink. When a Baptist church, of which Mr. Burke is a member, needed property the airline boss donated a \$32,000 building and lot.

He spends most of his free time with his five-boy family, making up the sixth member of a family hockey team. With his wife refereeing, he skates happily with a felt hat covering his almost-bald head.

OIL BOAT ARRIVES

SWANSEA, Wales (Reuters) — Nigeria's first shipment of oil to Britain arrived Friday aboard the 16,000-ton tanker Clyde Crusader. The tanker will discharge about 7,000 tons of crude oil at the British Petroleum Company's refinery at Llandarcy, Wales. This is the Nigerian Federation's second export shipment of oil. The first tanker load went recently to refineries in Holland.

Indian Missionary Work Never More Effective

Indian work of The United Church of Canada was never more effective than it is today, Rev. Dr. M. C. Macdonald, secretary of The United Church's Board of Home Missions, told the annual meeting of his Board, meeting in Toronto today. Dr. Macdonald is a native of Rose Valley, P.E.I.

Increase in ordained ministers for Indian work, a gradual increase in United Church personnel with a missionary concern, and a rehabilitation of obsolete churches and mission houses, have strengthened the morale of workers and improved the response of the Indian people, Dr. Macdonald said. He said that the appointment of Rev. E. E. M. Joblin to work full-time in Indian missions, will increase the efficiency of the Church's Indian Mission work.

Church Hospital

Hospital work of the United Church had also improved during the year, Dr. Macdonald said. Doctors possessed a sense of the Christian mission. Workers in the hospitals possess the same Christian ideals, he said.

"There must be no standing still in home missions," Dr. Macdonald said. "There must be out-

reach; analysis of what we should be doing, plans for what must be done. The Church must serve at the new crossroads, in the disturbing transitions, on the frontiers far and near. We must show that God cares by expressing the spirit of the Christian Gospel."

DELINQUENCY

Church buildings in the downtown areas do not have adequate programs and workers, he said. Delinquency is found in overcrowded areas downtown, because existing churches had been weakened. He said that the Board of Home Missions is now studying downtown church work in nine city areas.

Many Old Country ministers are seeking settlement in Canada, the Board was told. Last year there were 38 applications. Fifteen Old Country ministers were settled in Canada.

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