



DR. GEORGE BROUGH (LEFT), Musical Director of the Canadian Opera Company discusses details of the production of Bizet's "Carmen" with General Director Herman Geiger-Tourel. The operatic masterpiece will be presented Thursday, Feb. 3 at Confederation Centre Theatre as part of the company's sixth annual Canadian tour.

Canadian Opera Company Presents 'Carmen' Feb. 3

The Canadian Opera Company, a unique and thoroughly successful professional musical organization, has performed the rare feat of maintaining musical standards and at the same time gaining popular and critical success for an art form usually thought to be more at home in the grand halls of Milan and London and New York.

It was in 1948, that the man who would spark and guide the destiny of opera in Canada arrived in Toronto by way of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Salzburg and most of the other musical capitals of the world.

His name was Herman Geiger-Tourel, a stubby, heavily accented, cigar-chewing Viennese who hid a teaching gift and an organizational genius behind that cloud of cigar smoke.

The arrival of Geiger-Tourel was really the beginning, and two years after he began teaching and working in Toronto the first eight-day Opera Festival had been organized and successfully presented to the public.

In fact the response was overwhelming, and one year later the Opera Festival Association of Toronto was established to sponsor future festivals.

From this key point the evolution to a fully professional company began. By 1954 this plateau had been reached, and then in 1957 the Opera Festival Association underwent drastic

surgery and revision and Herman Geiger-Tourel took over as Artistic Director.

NATIONAL ENTERPRISE
From the beginning the company has sought its musicians and performers in all parts of Canada, and by 1959 it was truly a national enterprise which had grown beyond the geographical limitations of Toronto.

It was then that the final revision in structure took place, with Geiger-Tourel assuming the title and duties of general director, and the policy of regular national tours was launched.

In that year the company visited 38 communities with Rossini's "Barber of Seville". The following year 58 communities were reached with "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and every year since then the tour has been the highlight and major activity of the company.

PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT
But perhaps as important as the enjoyment of the audience is the fact that the company seeks out, encourages, trains and then provides employment for Canadian performers for a period longer than any other company on the continent with the exception of the Metropolitan in New York.

In the early years the Canadian Opera Company often experienced its trying moments with the inadequacies of many of the halls and gymnasiums in which they were forced to perform.

Often the trilling of the soprano would be accompanied by the thumping of a faulty steam radiator; the atmosphere of a delicate love story not at all enhanced by the locker room wintergreen aroma left by the high school basketball team.

PICTURE CHANGING
With the establishment of theatres such as the Confederation Centre however, the picture is fast changing and artists who have devoted their lives to the achievement of the limit of their talent are now being given the proper atmosphere in which to present it for the total enjoyment of their audiences.

Thursday evening Prince Edward Islanders will have an opportunity to judge the measure of success of that talent for themselves, when the Canadian Opera Company presents one of the most melodic items in the world of opera, Georges Bizet's "Carmen". This is a special adaptation of the masterpiece, with spoken dialogue and sung in English.

DEATHS

MACLEOD — The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Thursday January 27th, 1966, of Donald Alex MacLeod of Hopfield in his 88th year. Resting at the Murray River Funeral Home until noon Sunday, then to the United Church Little Sands for funeral service at 3:15. Interment in Little Sands cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Cancer Fund will be appreciated.

GALLANT — At the Charlottetown Hospital on Friday, Jan. 26, 1966, Mrs. James Gallant of St. Charles in her 38th year. Her remains will rest from two o'clock this afternoon at the Perry Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Visiting hours, 2-5; 7-10.

MUGRIDGE — At Prince County Hospital on Friday, Jan. 26, 1966, Mrs. Mary Mugridge, wife of Nelson Mugridge, St. Eleonors, in her 54th year. Resting at the Bonness Funeral Home. Funeral notice later. Visiting hours, 2-5 and 7-10.

GAUDET — At Prince County Hospital Friday, Jan. 26, 1966, Aubin J. Gaudet, formerly of Miscouche, in his 75th year. Resting at the Bonness Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held on Monday, Jan. 31, to St. John the Baptist Church, Miscouche, for Requiem High Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in the church cemetery. Visiting hours 2-5 and 7-10.

MONTIETH — At Charlottetown, Friday, Jan. 26, 1966, Mrs. Harriet Montieth, wife of the late Walter Montieth, 282 Fitzroy Street, in her 90th year. Resting at the Charlottetown Funeral Home from this evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral Monday, morning leaving the funeral home at 8:45 for Requiem High Mass at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Controversy Lacking, Official Of Centre Says

Officials of Confederation Centre said last night that they are not aware of "any controversy" as suggested in a news report yesterday in which members of the P.E.I. Historical Society were reported "disappointed" that space for a museum "will not be provided in the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Centre."

Centre public relations director Jack MacAndrew said "there will, in effect, be a museum in the new building but it will not be the kind of museum that the historical society envisages in that it will not consist of a series of static displays.

"Instead the practice will be the bringing in of travelling museums such as previously displayed exhibits of bank notes and coins, a Mic Mac Indian relic collection and other items of vital historical interest."

Mr. MacAndrew said there is no reason, however, why the P.E.I. Historical Society cannot

provide a display from the best items it has collected. Such a display could be shown from time to time as are other collections."

Mr. MacAndrew said "we have no quarrel with the society and there is no controversy. The suggestion came from yesterday's news report."

WESTERN FUNERALS

SMITH FUNERAL — The funeral of Denise Smith was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Alberton Friday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. Ernest Linton. Hymns were "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." Pallbearers were Elmore Smith, Francis Smith, William Hunt, Kenneth Hunt, Bernard Bichery, and Gordon Sherry. Flower bearers were Archibald Fraser, Wynan Milligan, Kay Kinch, Robert Fraser, Glen Matthews, Ernie Skerry, Clifford Sherry, Devere Avery, James Gallant, and Eric Fraser. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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This was accomplished despite a decline in sales to \$30,500,000 from \$42,010,000 a year earlier. Hupp is a diversified company with manufacturing facilities located across the United States and in Canada. Products include home appliances, laundry equipment and industrial heating and cooling, a variety of commercial building equipment, industrial building products and truck engines.

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Heavy Snowfall Hinders Activity

SUMMERSIDE — The second major snow storm of the year caused most activity in this area to come to a standstill. The majority of the schools in the Prince County area were closed all day yesterday. All schools in Summerside were closed at noon.

Station reported at 8 o'clock last night that nine inches of snow had fallen since the storm began at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. This would bring the total amount for the year to date to 59.4 inches; an increase of 4.4 inches over this time last year.

Winds were reported from the northeast at 37 m.p.h. gusting to 45. The storm was expected to keep up through the night and gradually taper off to snow flurries this afternoon. Winds were expected to keep up today and as a result causing heavy drifting. The high temperature reported for yesterday was 32 degrees.

A spokesman for Eastern Provincial Airways in Summerside reported that all flights in and out of the province were cancelled.

The IMF terminal here reported that the morning bus from Tignish arrived in Summerside on schedule but the evening bus trip to Tignish was cancelled. The mainland run made a return trip yesterday.

Couple Says Room Bugged
LACONIA, N.H. (AP) — A Rhode Island couple have charged their former landlord with bugging their bedroom for a year.

Carl Hamberger, 36, and his wife, Mae, now residents of Barrington, R.I., seek \$125,000 damages in an invasion-of-privacy suit against Clifford C. Eastman.

Hamberger told a jury he and his wife used to discuss private or business matters only in the bedroom because they did not want their children to hear them.

The couple says an electronic device for transmitting and recording sounds was concealed in the bedroom of a home they rented from Eastman in Gifford, N.H., from October, 1961, to October, 1962.

Eastman says he had an electronic device in the cellar of the house to monitor a water pump to be sure there was a constant supply of water for his 11,000 chickens.

The jury was told an electronic device was found in a hot-air register two feet from the head of the couple's bed.

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Police Report 3 Accidents

City Police investigated three accidents yesterday. One of which involved a pedestrian.

At 10:50 a.m. a 1965 International truck driven by George Garnum of 23 Granville St., Charlottetown, was involved in a collision at the corner of Kent St. and Hillsboro St. with a truck driven by Robert MacDonald of Southport.

Damage to the vehicle driven by Mr. Garnum was \$45 while the damage to Mr. MacDonald's truck was \$190.

No injuries were sustained. A collision between a 1965 Pontiac driven by Colby Burhoe, 210 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown, and a 1959 Ford, driven by Frederick A. Ripley, 90 Upper Queen St., Charlottetown, occurred at the corner of Upper Queen St. and Nassau St. yesterday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

No estimate of damage was given and there were no reports of injuries.

At 6:15 yesterday evening an automobile driven by Douglas Frederick Smith, 11 Jordan Crescent, reportedly driving a 1957 Ford struck Bertha White, 49 Reserve St., Charlottetown, while she was attempting to cross Elm Ave. Mr. Smith also collided with a tree in an attempt to keep from hitting Miss White.

Miss White suffered a bruised hip and ankle. She was examined by Dr. T. A. Laidlaw. Damage to the car was estimated at \$250.

11 TV Color Applications Okayed By Broadcast Group

OTTAWA (CP) — The Board of Broadcast Governors announced Friday applications to move into color television have been approved for 11 stations.

It also announced that a special public hearing of the board will be held on an application for the private companies linked in the CTV television network to buy up the bulk of the network's shares.

The hearing on the CTV share transfer will be held in Ottawa Feb. 23 to give the CBC and other broadcasters a chance to be heard on the proposal.

Proposing to pick up 90 to 100 per cent of CTV's common shares are the following stations: CHAN-TV Vancouver, CFRN-TV Edmonton, CFCE-TV Calgary, CHAB-TV Moose Jaw, CHAT-TV Winnipeg, CKCO-TV Kitchener, Ont., CFMT-TV Toronto, CJOH-TV Ottawa, CFCE-TV Montreal, CJCH-TV Halifax and CJON-TV St. John's, Nfld.

The BBG announced the color applications were approved at a board meeting Jan. 11. It had announced earlier that it would accept such applications without holding public hearings to allow broadcasters to get set for the start of experimental color transmissions next July 1.

Starting on that date, stations will be able to broadcast color experimentally during the overnight period when they normally would be off the air. A shake-down period starts Oct. 1 for color transmissions during regular hours to iron out equipment faults and train staff.

"Mother said she'll baby sit. I don't have to be here when the T.V. repairman comes. Your Mom and Dad aren't coming over till next week. Now, give me one good reason why I can't fly Air Canada with you on your business trip."

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Severest Storm Of This Winter Hurls Major Punch At Province

All sections of Prince Edward Island were experiencing the brunt of a major storm which clogged island roads and dumped 14.8 inches of snow on the Charlottetown area alone in 26 hours.

Snow was expected to fall throughout the night and continue into Saturday. The temperature throughout the day yesterday was 32 degrees with an expected low overnight of 25.

Winds last night had subsided somewhat. Northeast winds of 35 gusting to 55 were recorded. Those earlier in the day were northeast at 40 gusting to 60 miles per hour. The barometer which read 29.67 at 8:45 last night was still dropping.

Walter Auld, manager of the Island Telephone Company Ltd., reported little trouble due to heavy snow. The only difficulty experienced was that of finding the source of trouble in the Mt. Stewart exchange which was isolated due to heavy snow on the lines.

Poor travelling conditions hampered the company's search for the source of trouble and late last night workmen were accompanying the road plow in an effort to discover the trouble.

The Maritime Electric Company reported trouble in every section of the island.

LINE OUT
J. L. Boomhower, construction superintendent, said that one of the two main transmission lines which feed the eastern section of the island went out yesterday and power was still off in some sections last night leaving one transmission line to supply power for the entire section of the province.

Areas affected were Southport, Bunbury, Johnston's River, Cherry Valley and other points as far as Montague. Other centers in the eastern section of the island were experiencing short intermittent blackouts.

The only trouble experienced in the Charlottetown area occurred in Parkdale and Sherwood when power was off for a half hour Friday afternoon.

Edmonton, CFCE-TV Calgary, CHCT-TV Calgary, CHEK-TV Victoria and CHAN-TV Vancouver.

CHCT-TV does not plan immediate color videotape operations, the BBG noted, but may introduce this later at its discretion.

"Wet snow was plastering everything, causing short circuits and blowing fuses," said Mr. Boomhower.

The electric company in Summerside reported no trouble in its area early last evening.

FULL STRENGTH
Maritime Electric crews were working at full strength since 6 a.m. Friday and indications were they would be on the go till Sunday if there was no immediate relief from the storm.

Company officials were hoping that the temperature would drop somewhat and turn the wet snow to ice. This would weigh the wires and decrease their tendency of touching another in the high wind.

A spokesman for Eastern Provincial Airways said all flights were delayed indefinitely yesterday pending the course of the storm.

A spokesman for Canadian National Railways said all trains earlier in the day were on schedule as well as the CNR ferries in the Northumberland Strait. Last night's train however, was an hour behind schedule as well as the ferries. The MV Abegweit made its crossing one hour and 10 minutes behind schedule and the MV P.E.I. was delayed 50 minutes.

HEAVY DRIFTING
"Drifting in Prince County yesterday was increasing from four o'clock on and at eight o'clock last night a spokesman for the Trans Canada Highway as far as Borden was impassable due to heavy drifting.

Main roads in the eastern section of the province were not quite so bad. Reports indicated that the snow was too heavy to drift and that most roads were open but driving was slippery and heavy going.

Plows remained on the high-

ways in the eastern section of the province throughout the night as well as the western section where drifting was more severe.

A plow answered an emergency call to Winsloe last night. A spokesman said a person was taken to the P.E.I. Hospital.

ONE INTERRUPTION
Reports from Island Motor Transport indicated that all buses with the exception of one went yesterday. The only schedule interrupted was the vehicle which normally goes to Summerside and Tignish.

A check with the RCMP revealed highways were treacherous and Charlottetown streets were said to be slippery.

The Charlottetown police department reported one accident. A member of the force said a motorist in attempting to avoid striking a woman on Elm Avenue collided with a tree causing \$250 damage to his car. The woman, Mrs. Bertha White, 49 Reserve Street, was examined by a doctor and found to have sustained a bruised ankle and hip but was reported in good condition.

Driver of the car involved was D. Frederick Smith, 11 Jordan Crescent.

The accident happened at 6:15 near the corner of Bayfield Street and Elm Ave. Wilson Ross, superintendent of high schools, reported that seven of the 15 regional high schools were closed yesterday due to the storm.

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