



THE VAGABOND Independent Players presented Peter Pumpkin Eater at the Confederation Centre Saturday. Prior to their two performances Peter's family, from the left, Dahlia, Betty Bears; Prueella, Faye Peterson; his mother, Lillian Doyle; Peter, Gerry Allen; and his grandmother, Sherry Wells-Finley are seen relaxing around the set.

Confederation Centre Play Delights Young Audience

By RICHARD WHITLOCK
Peter Pumpkin Eater had a wife but couldn't keep her, put her in a pumpkin shell and there he kept her very well. Our fathers and mothers sang it, we repeated it and the future generation will be saying it.

Now for some of the children in Charlottetown and for children in other centres of our confederation. They can see it, if they had not before, as our parents and students see it, as a boys' struggle for companionship and understanding.

Saturday afternoon at the Confederation Centre Theatre the Island children's theatre company, the Vagabond Independent Players under director-producer Clair Smith presented Peter Pumpkin Eater in three acts.

They have to contend with. They must keep a child's attention which is not an easy thing to do as many have discovered. And if a child's desire for adventure is satisfied by a company, that company has succeeded.

There can be no other word substituted when speaking about the VIP's presentation. To keep an entire presentation of about two hours is an accomplishment. It is more than the fact that the acting was good, or that the setting was interesting, it proved that this company captured the imagination of these young people and held on to it.

Peter, Gerry Allen, played his way into the hearts of the youngsters. They were sad when he was sad and glad when he was glad. He succeeded not only to act his part well but captured their hearts in such an absolute way. One little member of the audience said, "I will play with you." They fully understood Peter to be the young man with an imagination and stars in his eyes. They also understood his two sisters, mother and grandmother to be a part of a small community, Bean Blossom Hill, where the lives of its citizens are run according to a pattern.

The play isn't all happiness however, it is very mundane. The audience is angered and sad when Prueella cuts the large pumpkin blossom from Peter's vine and feel sorry for Peter when he is teased so abusively. In real life, as this play illustrates, those who use their imagination and who do not conform are sometimes laughed at.

But as in so many cases the light is seen by those who scorn. This is illustrated when Ellen who has become Peter's wife returns to live in the pumpkin shell that he has prepared for them.

Stage manager was Chris Weatherble, public relations, Gerry and Frances Allen. The production staff included: Frank Wood, production manager; Anne Davies, set and costume designs; Grace Wells - Finley, choreography; Sandra Fletcher, musical arrangements; Germain Doucette, costume mistress; Jeanine Albert, costume assistant; Charles Craig, lighting director; Benny Smith, lighting directing; Terry Jones, audio; Paul Weatherble, master carpenter; Karen Lloyd, property mistress; Glenn Wood, stage crew chief; Gordon Peterson, Donnie MacInnis, Benny Smith, Jerry Peters, Alfred Weatherble, stage hands.

The VIP with their presentation of Peter Pumpkin Eater is an example of the work to come from this company.

DIFFICULTIES
A children's theatre company is faced with difficulties that they the ordinary group does not.

LOCAL BRIEFS

STILL ALARM
The Charlottetown Fire Department received a still alarm Sunday afternoon about 2 p.m. A spokesman for the department said the blaze was contained in a wall board of the old rifle range, located on the premises of Beach Grove Inn. There was slight damage reported.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building permits taken out for the month of April amounted to \$379,600, it was announced Saturday by City Engineer Don MacLean. The largest permit, one of \$300,000, was for construction of the Stedman store at Royalty Mall. The next largest was the liquor store on Queen Street whose value is estimated at \$40,000. The other permits were taken out for private projects mostly home buildings.

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ELLIS FUNERAL - The funeral for John W. Ellis was held Sunday, May 8, from the MacLean Funeral Home where service was conducted by Rev. John Whiteaway and Rev. Malcolm McCuaig. During the service, a trio, Alan Cameron, Chester Martin, Heather Cameron, sang There Will Be No Shadow and Beyond The Bright Blue. Organist was Mrs. Alan Cameron. Attending in a body were representatives of the Charlottetown Canadian Legion. Pallbearers were Bert Hicken, Martin Campbell, Paul Weatherble, Alfred Weatherble, Herbert MacPherson, Archie MacKinnon, Patrick Flynn, Harry and John Coady. The Legion graveside service was conducted by Harry Mortimer. Interment took place at the Caledonia Cemetery.

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Legion Branch Receives Award

The Montague Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion has been awarded a certificate of merit by the Prince Edward Island division of The Canadian Red Cross Society, for their work in organizing and conducting the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic for 1965 - and exceeding their objective by acquiring 101 per cent of the required number of donors.

The certificate of merit was presented to Comrade A.A. Fraser, chairman of the clinic committee of the branch, by President Dewar on behalf of the Red Cross Society at the May meeting of the branch in the Legion Home.

Comrade Fraser, received the congratulations of the President on behalf of his committee and thanked all citizens of the area who were contributors of blood during the clinic for their cooperation, without which the clinic could not have been successful. The certificate will be framed and hung in the Legion Home.



Frank Gosbee was licenced by the Prince Edward Island Presbytery last night at the Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, prior to his ordination to the Ministry at the Maritime Conference at Sackville in June. Congratulating Mr. Gosbee on receiving his licence is Rev. David Barwise, chairman of Presbytery second (LEFT). Looking on are (LEFT) Rev. J. A. G. Ball, minister of Trinity United Church and (RIGHT) J. C. Sutherland, clerk of session. A reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gosbee and family was held after the evening service.

Truck Operator Leaves Highway

Approximately \$300 damage resulted when the driver of a truck was forced off the highway to avoid striking another vehicle. The accident, investigated by the Charlottetown detachment of the RCMP, occurred on the Junction of Union Road Saturday morning shortly before 12 o'clock.

A spokesman at the RCMP barracks stated the driver's name as Kenneth Joseph Jay of St. Teresa who was reported travelling toward Charlottetown at the time of the accident.

Further reports indicated that Mr. Jay, while trailing two vehicles was preparing to pass when the vehicle immediately in front of him pulled out to overtake another motorist. Mr. Jay, who was not injured, was forced to drive into the ditch to avoid a collision. He was operating a 1961 International half-ton truck.

Island News Page

Eastern and Central Districts
The Guardian, Charlottetown, Mon., May 9, 1966. 5

Choir Application Formerly Accepted

Charlottetown's Confederation Centre Choir has enjoyed several enviable marks of achievement for an amateur choir in its short three-year history; it has been honored with a share in a royal command performance, and has led off for two years in the Sunday evening series of the Confederation Centre's Summer Festival. Last week the group thrilled to a challenge from a much wider and higher sphere; the performing arts committee of Montreal's EXPO 67 finished its screening operation on the choir's recording and application and formally accepted it for participation in the entertainment program.

This means in effect that the choir can look forward to perhaps two or three performances on P.E.I. Day in August 1967. The choir is practicing twice a week at present, but a great deal more work will be necessary in preparation for this challenge.

PREPARATION
The family budgets and vacation schedules of the choir members will have to be centred around preparation for the festival.

The group is proud to be a part of this province's representation at EXPO '67.

CROWD ON ONE BLOCK
Sir George Williams University, Montreal, has about 13,000 students on its one-block downtown campus.

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Proceeds from the tournament will be assigned to charities as determined by the American Contract Bridge League.

American Contract Bridge members from other clubs are invited to participate.

HONDA BIKES

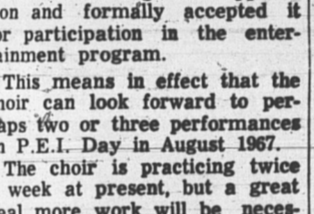
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WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) - Temperatures:		
Dawson	45	54
Victoria	51	66
Edmonton	40	70
Regina	30	52
Winnipeg	25	38
Toronto	36	51
Ottawa	27	49
Montreal	33	51
Quebec	22	50
Fredericton	23	41
Saint John	22	36
Moncton	24	43
Halifax	29	39
Charlottetown	27	42
Sydney	26	44
Yarmouth	29	38
Albany	41	54
Boston	44	51
Tampa	72	84
Miami	71	85
Los Angeles	60	67

HALIFAX (CP) - The weather office says rain showers or snowflurries were occurring in Nova Scotia late Sunday, while Prince Edward Island and southern New Brunswick had snowflurries. In northern New Brunswick skies were mostly clear. Temperatures throughout the Maritimes were in the 30s. The disturbance responsible

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