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Canadian Opera Company Presents Concert At PWC

THE CANADIAN Opera Company presented a concert made up of parts of many famous operas at Prince of last night. The concert was part of the PWC Winter Carnival and was attended by approximately 500 persons. Seen here prior to the concert are four members of the company, left to right, John Arab, Roberta Ging, Heather Thomson, and Tito Dean.

A near capacity audience of 500 Charlottetown opera buffs attended the performance last night at PWC auditorium of the Canadian Opera Company.

The concert was held during the PWC Winter Carnival.

The company presented excerpts from many of the great operas, as well as portions of some, not so well known.

Due to the illness of a member of the company, Sheila Piercey of Halifax, the second half of the performance had to be changed.

The concert opened with Figaro's aria from the Barber Of Seville, sung by Tito Dean.

This was followed by an excellent rendition of Verdi's La Forza Del Destino in which Mr. Dean sang the part of Don Carlo, and John Arab, the part of Don Alvaro. This met with great approval from the audience.

The aria La Wally by Catalana, was sung by Heather Thomson.

The prayer and death of Boris, from Moussorgsky's flussian opera, Boris Godunof, was sung by Jon Rubes, in Russian and Mr. Rubes followed up with Moussorgsky's Song Of The Flea, in English.

The second half of the concert was improvised and tended to detract from the concert as a whole because parts of it were very light, some weren't opera at all.

A very light part was a duet by Dodi Protero and Alan Crofoot, from Florodora by Stuart.

The pianist for the concert was W. James Craig.

Among those attending were, the Lieutenant-Governor W. J MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald. Premier W.R. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw, Mayor A.W. Gaudet and Mrs. Gaudet, Hon. L. G. Dewar and Mrs. Dewar, Dr. and Mrs. Frank MacKinnon and Major Roy McGillivary.

Mary Gavin, RN Dies In Ch'town

TIGNISH — Miss Mary R. Gavin, RN, a former resident of Tignish, died suddenly yesterday in Charlottetown.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Gavin of Sea Cow Pond, Miss Gavin spent many years in the nursing profession in New York and Charlottetown and was held in affectionate esteem by the people of her home community. Her generosity and her many acts of kindness will long be remembered by her many friends.

She is survived by two brothers, Frank in Albany, N.Y., Alfred in Nanaimo, B.C. and two sisters, Miss Anne Gavin, RN, Tigish and Miss Elizabeth Gavin, also of Tignish.

Funeral will be held at the Church of St. Simon and St. Jude, Tignish, Monday with Requiem High Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Alberton Branch CARC Reports On Activities

ALBERTON — R.D. McKinnon presided at the monthly meeting of Alberton branch of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children held Thursday evening. Mrs. E.E. Larter was secretary.

Reports were received from the Christmas card fund and from the annual campaign tor Funds. Appreciation was expressed to all who had partiepated in these activities.

A report on the Valentine dance was also received. Appreciation was expressed for use of the Legion hall and for music supplied by the "Shamrocks."

Plans were made to have a showing of the film, "Beyond the Shadows," at the April meeting. This film has to do with some of the problems encountered by the retarded and their families.

The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F.J. Carpenter.

Thinking Day Program Set

SUMMERSIDE — Preparations are underway for the annual Guide Tea and Thinking Day program being staged by the Guides and Brownies in Summerside.

An interview in the form of a panel discussion will be held on the local radio station's Marjorie Mitchell Show on Monday morning, Feb. 17th and anyone interested in guiding will be able to view a display window at Holman's of P.E.I. between the 17th and 22nd of Fbruary.

The annual Guide Tea will be held on Guide Thinking Day, Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Royal Canadian Legion Home and plans are being made for a church parade to be held Sunday morning, Feb. 23.

Public Speaking Competition Held

SUMMERSIDE — A public speaking competition, involving students of Summer Street School was the highlight of Thursday night's meeting of the school's Home and School Association.

Brenton Hall was chosen winner by Judge S. Francis MacNeill and Norman MacDonald. Second was Paula Rogers and Third, Debbie Key.

Chairman of the competition was Miss Marjorie Ireland, a Summer Street school teacher.

Prior to the competition, held at Elm Street School, a meeting of the association was held with president Harold Watts in the chair.

IS PATIENT

Charles R. Profit, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

Geo'town Development Has Big Federal Stake

The federal government's stake in the development of a fish processing and shipbuilding complex at Georgetown will be considerable, it was emphasized by Kings Member of Parliament John Mullally, yesterday.

The establishment of the industrial complex will involve a three-way financial investment by the private companies involved, the provincial government and the federal government.

Work is all ready going ahead with the establishment of the shipbuilding yards of Bathurst Marnie Ltd., and the fish freezing and processing plant of Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. is expected to get started in April. Both companies have the same president.

At the present time the provincial government has a proposal before the Atlantic Development Board in connection with the provision of water and sewerage services and electrical power supply. The estimated cost of these facilities is between $500,000 and $700,000, Mr. Mullally said.

The Kings MP pointed out that the federal government provides a subsidy for steel trawler construction which amounts to about 50 per cent of their total cost. He said the dominion governmen share is estimated at $187,500 for each vessel and the firm has announced it will build eight at least, so that means about $1,500,000 to be provided by Ottawa.

NEW HOMES

He also points out that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will assist in the construction of new homes in the area, the federal department of public works will be dredging in the harbor and will provide wharves and other facilities as the project develops. At the present time it would be difficult to estimate the cost of these services, he stated.

At the same time he said the federal government will be requested to make available the present large warehouse to be used as much as possible by the new company, consistent with the demand for storage of potatoes.

The company will also use the present $1,500,000 wharf at Georgetown for unloading and loading purposes.

A delegation from the Georgetown Town Council met with the provincial government in Charlottetown yesterday. The mayor, Dr. A. Kennedy said the meeting was to bring the town officials up to date on planning for streets, water and sewerage services and schools.

WEST PRINCE TRADE BOARD PLANS APPEAL

ALBERTON — The board of Transport Commissioners' decision in favor of the Canadian National Railway's abandonment of daily train serand Tignish is expected to be appealed to the Governor General-in-Council. Rail service is to be cut to three times a week.

Edwin Turner, O'Leary, president of Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade announced yesterday that a special meeting of directors will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Alberton United Church hall to decided what further action to take in the matter.

Board of trade members and any interested persons are invited to be present at this meeting.

Rev. David MacDonald, chairman of the board of trade's transportation committee and Melville Campbell, legal counsel for the board, are both expected to be in attendance.

P.E.I. SCHOOLBOY CURLERS LEAVE FOR WEST

The Montague Regional High School curling rink departed for Regina yesterday Prince Edward Island in the Canadian schoolboy curling championships, which begin Monday and conclude Friday. Entering the plane at the Charlottetown airport are, left to right, Roger Clair, skip, George Inman, second stone; Larry Johnston, first stone; Stephen Clarkson, mate; Peter Sinclair, coach; and F.R. MacLaine, representing the P.E.I. Interscholastic curling association

S'side Reports Surplus Of $3,564 For 1963

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

A year-end surplus of $3,564.77 was announced last night at a special meeting of the town council when Town Manager Joseph Brophy presented the 1963 financial report. The financial statement had been prepared by T. E. Hickey and Company, chartered accountants of Summerside.

The budgeted surplus had been $3,361.10 and all councillors present agreed that it certainly had been an accurate figure. Mayor J. Ernest Morrison expressed his approval of the way in which the councillors had handled the finances during the year to "keep the budget where it is".

Mr. Brophy explained that the expenditures for the year had exceeded the budget amount but so did the revenue and this accounted for the surplus.

In the breakdown of revenue it was learned that court costs and fines in the town were down about $3,000 but other sources of revenue such as parking meter fees and tax assessments were up over 1962. Parking violation income was down by $234.

Expenditures were up for fire and police protection and for street lighting. The large expenditure under street lighting, Mr. Brophy explained, was because of the addition of a number of new mercury vapor lamps during the year. He said the lamps actually reduce cost of operation but a great number had been installed. However, with a large increase in consumer use of electricity, the town's electric department showed an overall surplus of $35,451.87.

DUMP COSTS UP

Expenditures under sanitation and waste disposal were nearly double those of last year and Mr. Brophy attributed this almost completely to costs incurred at the dump.

Revenue from civic stadium was up about $3,000 and this was due to the addition of miniature golf facilities which brought a revenue of $3,222.10 alone. Sales at the canteen were down about about 10 per cent but revenue was down by only five per cent.

Large expenditures were recorded in almost all departments last year as the town wrote off its uncollectable accounts, it was stated.

Councillors present last night were George Key, Jr., Herbert Schurman, Mrs. Frances Perry, Leo Wood and Garnet Ross. Coun. D. Alex MacDonald was unable to attend.

It is expected that the annual committee reports will be ready by the first of the week and a meeting of the council will be held next week as well.

Councillor George Key Is Seeking Re-election

SUMMERSIDE — Having represented Centre Ward on the Summerside Town Council, George Key, Jr., has announced his intention to run for re-election in the ward in the Feb. 25 civic election.

Aged 29 when he was first elected to the seat, Mr. Key was the youngest councillor ever to serve on the Town Council

Herbert Schurman, whose East Ward seat is also up for re-election this year, was still undecided yesterday if he would contest the seat or not. If he does he will be opposed by Grant Mollison.

The mayor's team expires this year as well, but as yet there has been no indication that present Mayor J.E. Morrison will be opposed. Former Police chief Peter A. White announced earlier that he would run for mayor but he later withdrew his proposal.

ISSUE STATEMENT

In announcing his intentions to renominate, Mr. Key issued the following statement.

"During the past two years it has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Centre Ward as your representative on the Town Council.

"These two years have been an extremely progressive period in our town, due mainly to the completion and occupation of the two hundred home project at Hillcrest, the construction of two large schools on Granville Street North, the new Health Centre, and the construction of several large commercial buildings in the town. The town has endeavored to keep pace with the development, and to do so several large projects of capital spending have been instituted.

"During these two years a great deal of street paving and extension of town services has been completed, and if the present rate of paving can be maintained, then there is no doubt that most of the streets in Summerside will have permanent type surfacing within a very short time.

"Needless to say the task of serving on the Town Council is a humbling one. Town affairs are today so complex as to demand an ever increasing amount of time and thought on the part of the councillors. For this reason I must admit that I had about decided I would not reoffer my services for this election. However, in the past several days a number of people have contacted me and urged that I reconsider my decision in view of the fact that my past experience could be invaluable at this time to the town and especially during centennial year."

S'side Man Joins Securities Staff

SUMMERSIDE — A former Guardian staff member, John Hopkirk, Summerside, has joined the staff of the local branch of Eastern Securities Company Ltd.

In making the announcement, branch manager W. A. Currie said Mr. Hopkirk will assist in serving the interests of a growing clientele throughout this section of the province.

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FISHERMEN ELECT OFFICERS AT MONTAGUE

Officers of the newly formed Southern Kings Fishermen's Association are pictured above following the organizational meeting held at Montague Thursday night. This group of fishermen voted in favour of a trap limit of 400 per boat. They are first vice-president, Marven Johnson; Secretary - Treasurer, Walter MacLean, both standing; seated are John Weir MacLure second vice-president.

Refusal Of Liquor Permit Brings 'Club' Issue To Head

(Editor's note: An interesting version of "how others see us" is provided by the following report for Canada's national news service, written by a staff reporter for the Canadian Press, who is now in Charlottetown.)

By JACK PICKETTS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

It isn't as hard to buy liquor on Prince Edward Island as it was five years ago, but the law still does not permit public cocktail lounges or taverns and that's a red-hot issue on the Island today.

It has been an issue for some time, but the whole thing appears to have been brought to a head earlier this week by a county court decision that refused to restore a liquor permit to a private club.

There are about 60 of these private clubs on the Island, supposedly serving liquor to members only. In some, like Canadian Legion branches or golf or curling clubs, the liquor is incidental to other activities.

But other clubs would be hard put to find an airtight excuse for existence for any other reason but to serve liquor. Anyone can became a member simply by paying the membership fee, about $2 in most.

The decision by Judge C. St. Clair Trainor in Queens County Court intimated that operation of all clubs selling liquor openly to members is illegal.

BASED ON SECTION 28

He based it on section 28 of the province's Liquor Control Act which in effect states that no person other than a government can sell liquor to any person.

"I find no exceptions which could be invoked to permit the valid sale of liquor acquired under a permit of the nature of the one in question," said Judge Trainor in his decision.

The permit, issued by the Liquor Control Commission, was granted on the basis of "a statutory declaration that none of such liquor will be sold contrary to the provisions of the Prince Edward Island Liquor Control Act or the regulations made thereunder," said Judge Trainor.

The judgment also recalled club testimony that disposition of its liquor was no different than in other clubs with similar permits. Assuming this, said Judge Trainor "courts cannot be expected to give what would be construed as legal sanction to such violations."

The province's 1948 Temperance Act, since renamed the Liquor Control Act, originally limited the sale of liquor to a quart a week. This has since been rescinded, and islanders can now buy all they want from government stores if they first buy a $2 annual individual permit.

OPERATE UNDER PERMIT

The clubs have been operating under a special permit section of the act, allowing the applicant to purchase liquor "for the purpose named in the permit."

Until recently, clubs and organizations operating under such permits stayed out of the limelight, and were largely unknown to the general public. Now they have increased in number and are operating more openly.

A Charlottetown newspaper, The Patriot, says editorially that Judge Trainor's decision leaves only three choices: Controvert the decision by appeal or otherwise, provide a legal basis for the operation of establishments selling liquor, or "attempt to drive" the clubs out of existence by law enforcement.

The government isn't sure yet what it will do. Attorney-General Alban Farmer, asked about the decision in the provincial legislature, said the government had the legality of licensed clubs selling liquor under consideration.

The government will deal with it as "early as we can," Mr. Farmer said.

"When can we have an answer," asked Dr. M.L. Bonnell, Liberal Opposition member from Kings 4th Mr. Farmer said the answer would come as early as possible.

Judge Trainor's decision said: "If any changes are required in the law, it is for the legislature alone to determind what change should b made."

The Patriot editorially is urging the change "if the liquor laws of this province are to be something more than a laughing stock for its own people as well as for the rest of the country.."

The newspaper says the island is "virtually the last political division left on earth which clings to laws... that make liquor without limit available to those most likely to abuse it and deny all reasonable privileges to decent, moderate social drinkers."

The government has been considering the liquor laws, and Premier Walter Shaw intimates he wants to see an in-depth survey of the wishes of the people as a whole.

'GOT TO FACE IT'

Meanwhile, in barber shops and taxies, islanders are wondering what the government is going to do. "We're just fooling ourselves," said one, a barber. "It's like hiding your head in the sand. We've got to face it."

A legislature member, Conservative Walter Dingwell, wondered in the House if there was not a parallel between planned poison too killer legislation and liquor.

He called it "another traffic that injuries and blights the life stream of some of our youth, causes fatalities on our highways and breaks up many of our homes.

"It is possible that there are too many gateways into its field. Or is it more of a moral than a legislative question? Are our churches and society doing what they can?" he said.

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