

# 'Sinbad And The Mermaid' Scheduled For Centre

A professional cast from the Fredericton Playhouse Company are bringing "Sinbad and the Mermaid" to Confederation Centre Theatre on Monday, January 2. The play is under the direction of the producer, Brian Swarbrick.

The show's lighting he describes as "a delicate operation incorporating several specially purchased effects. Special effects themselves will be the most complicated ever attempted at the Playhouse including machines that produce underwater bubbles, flashes of lightning, puffs of smoke and other magical effects."

And then of course there is the flying equipment which enables actors to actually fly across the stage in the most spectacular special effect of all. The patented equipment has never before been used in Canada, and was brought to Fredericton after Swarbrick added several scenes to the original Sinbad and the Mermaid script by Chris Wiggin.

## TORONTO ACTORS

Swarbrick has recruited his cast for this third annual Fredericton Playhouse holiday special from the ranks of professional actors working mainly in Toronto.

There is Ron Chudley, who plays Sinbad, a veteran of stage films and the legitimate stage. Chudley has had long experience in Britain including a role in the long running West End hit "The Miracle Worker".

Ken Paul, the villain of the piece, had four years at Stratford and then gained further experience in Britain before returning to Canada and roles at Toronto's Crest Theatre and the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

Meg Walter, the female lead, has sung and danced in many Canadian revues as well as on most major television musical shows. In London she took over the lead role in Bye Bye Birdie and played for some months on the West End stage.

## YOUTHFUL ACTOR

Leslie Barringer, Sinbad's sidekick Al, is only 14, but he has been a working professional since the age of five with a wealth of television and stage experience behind him.

Other members of the cast include Kenneth Wicks as the villainous magician, and Jack Van Evers as the Vizier. Bud McKean as the Vizier and Richard and David Wade as guards.

The full company will also have with them a troupe of five dancers and a musical staff of three.

Completing the professional company is director Desmond Scott, who put the show together in three weeks of intensive rehearsals in Fredericton. He is a graduate of the famous Old Vic Theatre School of London and has directed for the Canadian

Players and at the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

All in all it is quite a package, and just the thing to get the kids in a happy mood before they start the school grind once again.

For parents it's a golden opportunity to escape into a magic world of fantasy before facing the unpleasant reality of all those Christmas bills.

# 'Islander Of The Year' Nominations Received

The time has drawn near again to choose the "Islander of the Year." This event has proven to be one of the greatest annual events in the province.

The contest is sponsored by The Evening Patriot.

He or she may be a widely known person, recognized immediately by everyone, or the chosen one may be relatively unknown. It makes no difference to the judges whose only option of choice is contained in their terms of reference. These call for the selection of the person who in their opinion "best used the means available in 1966 to serve a worthy Island purpose."

Over the past seven years the judges have had some difficult decisions to make, many times having to choose from up to 20 nominees.

## GIVEN TO JUDGES

Your nominating letters need not be long — not over 300 words — and should be addressed to Islander of the Year Editor, The Evening Patriot, Charlottetown. All such letters will be delivered to the three judges whose names will be announced early in the New Year.

Your letter nominating someone for the honor should tell why you believe the person you name should be chosen; what it was that he or she did in 1966 which made the person outstanding in your opinion. As has been said nominees do not have to be outstanding people, they may be those who quietly and relatively unassuming went about doing the thing or things which made you select them. In other words they are the people who best used

the means available to them to serve a worthy Island purpose. They are the people Islanders and The Evening Patriot delight in honoring.

In the years past the great honor has gone to some of the best known, some of the best loved, of our people; and a look at the names of past recipients confirms the judgement and wisdom of the panel of judges which selected them.

Looking back to 1966 when it

all started we find Lieut. Col. E. W. Johnstone, Burlington, as the winner. In 1960 it was Capt. Carl Burke; in 1961, Dr. Frank MacKinnon; in 1962, Dr. Eric Foulds; in 1963, James (Big Jim) Pendergast; 1964 saw the naming of a woman for the first time when Mrs. Fred Osborne was chosen; and last year it was Hon. Henry Wedge.

## EACH OUTSTANDING

There are few people brave enough to argue that any of the above failed to meet the terms of reference of the judges. Each of them has made an outstanding contribution to this province and to some degree all of our people have benefited from their efforts because it is admitted that all of them fully lived up to the requirement of "best using the means available to service a worthy Island purpose."

As in years past the person chosen as Islander of the Year for 1966 will be publicly honored at a later date. At that time the winner will be presented with a personal plaque while the name of the winner will be inscribed on a much larger plaque which will be displayed in a prominent place in this city.

## TAKES NO PART

One of the things which must be understood by all is that this paper takes no part whatever in choosing the winner. It simply acts to make the people know of the opportunity offered them to honor a fellow Islander; to provide a mailing address for the letters of nomination; and to ask to serve as judges those people who themselves are outstanding.

But please remember the

# Island News Page

The Guardian, Charlottetown, Sat., Dec. 31, 1966.

# Citizens Planning Celebrations Here

Although many residents will greet the New Year at parties being held in homes, a great number of citizens will be celebrating at various public functions within the city.

Here is a bit of the functions open to the public:

Confederation Centre — Sold out for a dance and buffet at \$10 a couple. 350 couples are expected to attend.

Belvedere Golf and Winter Club — Sold out for a formal dance and buffet at \$10 a couple. 100 couples are expected to attend.

Charlottetown Hotel — Sold out for a dance and buffet at \$10 a couple. 85 couples are expected to attend.

Granada Steak Room — Still

have tickets for a dance and buffet at \$10 a couple. 50 couples are expected to attend.

Charlottetown Curling Club — Sold out for a dance and buffet at \$8 a couple. 100 couples are expected to attend.

The Charlottetown Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion — Still have tickets for members and guests for a dance and lunch at \$7 a couple. 150 couples are expected to attend.

The Charlottetown Branch of the RCAF Association — Sold out for a dance and buffet at \$7 a couple. 45 couples are expected to attend.

Basilica Recreation Centre — Sold out for a dance and lunch at \$7 per couple. 215 couples are expected to attend.

Knights of Columbus — Sold out for a dance and cold plate dinner at \$7 a couple. 100 couples are expected to attend.

Main Branch Naval Veterans Club — Still have tickets for members and guests for a dance and buffet at \$5 a couple. 100

closing date for receiving your letters is Tuesday, January 10. Make sure the person you feel is worthy of the honor has a chance for consideration by the judges by getting your letters into this office in time.

# Police Report Dangerous Toy

SUMMERSIDE—The explosive and highly dangerous dolls, which were reported distributed in metropolitan Toronto, may also be on the Island.

RCMP in Summerside reported yesterday that they had

one call reporting such a doll, and that the person was advised to get in touch with the fire department.

The dolls, mentioned in a story out of Toronto, were known to have been sold in stores in Winnipeg, London, Ontario, and New York City. The inexpensive dolls were manufactured in Poland.

The dolls, known by the trade name Raggedy Ann, were sold before Christmas at 97 cents each.

Parents in the area were being asked to get rid of them as soon as possible.

## CITY CHECKED

CHARLOTTETOWN—Fire Inspector, H. H. Jewell, has not found any of the highly inflammable Raggedy Ann dolls in Charlottetown stores. Checking is being continued in the event some may have been sold from the stores' now depleted stocks.

The fire inspector requests that anyone who may know of these dolls report to him.

# Flying Officer Gets Promotion

Flying Officer Leonard D. Dent, Royal Canadian Air Force, of Canadian Forces Base Greenwood and Creemore, Ont., has been promoted to flight lieutenant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Dent of Creemore, Ont.

Pt. Lt. Dent is currently working as a public information officer with the Department of National Defence Atlantic Region Information Office in Halifax.

Pt. Lt. Dent is married to the former Shirley Clay of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

## AGE IS NO PROBLEM

HAMILTON (CP) — At "only" 85, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw thinks she is Canada's oldest woman curler. She's certainly the oldest in the Victoria Club and she won the opening ladies' bonspiel this season.

# RURAL MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PHILCO COLOUR TELEVISION DRAWING



Shown making the drawing for the Philco 21-inch colour T.V. is Hon. Gordon Bennett, Minister of Education while looking on is Ricky Carver and Allison MacLean. Lucky ticket holder was Monte Emory, 98A Kensington Road.

Sponsors of the draw which took place on Friday, December 23rd, 1966 was the Rural Minor Hockey Association with all proceeds going to provide ice time for over 335 young hockey enthusiasts ranging in ages from 6 to 18 years.

SATURDAY 4:00 P.M. CHANNEL 13

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# CENTENNIAL GREETINGS From Your Government

Throughout 1967 Canadians will be reliving that phase of our history lying between the days of the pioneering colonies through the building of our nation to its present eminence of respect.

All Canadians will be mindful that from the first meeting of the Fathers of Confederation here in 1864, Prince Edward Islanders have made significant contributions, whether in other provinces or at home, to the status of affluence and progress which Canada has attained.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all the residents of Prince Edward Island and to all our visitors here for the holiday season.

Coupled with best wishes to all elements of our population, to all our industries, professions, and to all the segments of our economy and our society, goes an urgent invitation for all to contribute their active participation to the celebration of the Centennial Year we are commencing.

Let us remember that Confederation has its origins here in this province, a fact which provides us with a special interest in the success of its 100th birthday party.

Over the year there will be many spectacles brought to us to enjoy, but there will also be many programs originating here through our own people, the success of which will depend upon the goodwill and enthusiasm which we, as Islanders, put to the task of building our Provincial economy.



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