



THE 1967 edition of 'Spring Thaw' will feature in its cast none other than Catherine McKinnon of CBC-TV's 'Don Messer Show' and Sing-A-Long Jubilee, out of Halifax Bob Johnson, (RIGHT), and Miss MacKinnon signed the contract for the 'Spring Thaw' show yesterday afternoon at Confederation Centre. Don Harron (LEFT), who is writing the 1967 'Thaw' final saw Catherine when she performed in the Festival Cabaret Club earlier this month.

Successful Young Singer Signs 'Spring Thaw' Pact

Catherine McKinnon, one of Canada's most successful young singers, has been signed to the company of the 1967 edition of the perennial favorite Spring Thaw, producer Bob Johnson announced yesterday in Charlottetown.

Miss McKinnon is the first of the company to be signed. Johnson said. The 'Thaw' impresario is in Charlottetown to line up as many of his next year's cast list from the Charlottetown Festival Company.

"We are most pleased to have Catherine under contract," he said. She is without doubt one of the country's finest young performers, and she'll be a strong addition to the company. I know she has had a good many offers to appear in special television shows across the country, but she has turned them all down to sign with 'Thaw'.

I had been watching the progress of her career for the last two years, and felt she was ready for Spring Thaw. Then I got a telephone call from Don Harron, who is writing the show to perform in the Charlottetown Festival Cabaret Club and was knocked out by her ability and poise on stage. He said she was a must, and I agreed right away and came on down to Charlottetown to sign her.

The young singer supplies the rest of the story. "I was flabbergasted when Don and Norm Campbell asked me to sing for them after my Cabaret Show," she said. "Harron kept saying you've got to sign, and I kept saying, 'you're putting me on! I just couldn't believe he really meant it!'"

SINGER THRILLED

The message finally got through though, and I'm too thrilled for words about it, all it's really the chance I've been waiting for to get away from straight folk material for awhile. I've always wanted to do revue work or musical comedy, and the experience I'll be able to pick up by working with the tremendously experienced Spring Thaw people is just what I need."

"I still find it hard to believe it's really real!"

Best known to Canadian television audiences as the featured performer on the Don Messer Show and the summertime "Singing Jubilee", Catherine McKinnon has experienced a meteoric career in the last couple of years.

She broke into television work for the first Singalong Jubilee Show. Up until that time most of her musical experience had been of the classical variety at Mount St. Vincent College near Halifax where she studied voice.

MADE AUDITION

She had never really sung folk songs, but on a sort of dare from one of her teachers she listened to enough records to pick up a limited repertoire to carry her through the audition. She made the audition, and since then her simple, clear soprano has carried her a great distance in a short time. Besides her CBC radio and television commitments she is in demand for everything from concerts to conventions to club engagements, and her long play recording 'The Voice of an Angel' has been on the Canadian bestseller list most of this year with over forty thousand copies sold.

The 67 Spring Thaw will open at Charlottetown's Confederation Centre Theatre in January before embarking on the annual country-wide tour which may last over six months in the centennial year.

CITY AREA FUNERALS

MACMILLAN FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. John MacMillan took place on Thursday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to All Saints Church Cardigan where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Preston Hammill assisted by Rev. Wendell MacIntyre, Deacon Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Sub-Deacon Rt. Rev. William Simpson, Very Rev. M.J. Rooney and Rev. Joseph Brazel were present in the sanctuary. Pallbearers were Michael Campbell, Bernard Gallant, John Plover, Hugh MacEachern, Joe Sharkey and William Redmond. Interment took place in the Church cemetery with service being conducted by Rev. Hammill.

LOCAL BRIEFS

ARRIVE HOME — Margaret Campbell, Mary Campbell and Francis Campbell arrived on the Island Sunday night from Hamilton, Ontario to be with their father, Jarvis Campbell who is a patient in Montague Hospital.

EGG PRICES — Dealers were quoting prices for eggs delivered to Charlottetown yesterday as follows: Grade A large 44 cents per dozen, Grade A medium 31 cents and Grade A small 20 cents.

RECEIVES NEWS — Joseph A. Gallant, 281 Great George St. has received news of the death of his step-mother, Mrs. Cecilia Black, St. John's, N.B. also step-mother of Mrs. Nazaire Gallant and Elizabeth Gallant of this city.

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Prime Minister Announces Split

HALIFAX (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson announced in Ottawa Thursday that the Nova Scotia Supreme Court will be split into two divisions — trial and appeal — effective Aug. 1.

Chief Justice J. L. Hisey will retain his title and head the appeal division of three judges, while Mr. Justice Laurin Currie has been appointed to head the trial division with six judges.

The other appeal judges will be Mr. Justice J. H. MacQuarrie and County Judge Alexander Hugh McKinnon of Antigonish, who is being promoted to the Supreme Court of the province.

The trial division will consist of Mr. Justice Currie and Mr. Justices Frederick W. Bissett, Thomas H. Coffin, Vincent J. Pottier and Ronald M. Fielding. Gordon S. Cowan, a Halifax lawyer, has also been appointed to the trial division.

Reorganization of the court follows a 1962 act of the Nova Scotia Legislature and a 1963 act of parliament providing salaries for two additional judges. The two acts were proclaimed law recently to come into force Aug. 1.

At present the Nova Scotia Supreme Court consists of a Chief Justice, who also carries the title of Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, and six other justices.

N. S. NATIVE

Chief Justice Hisey, 72, is a native of Somerset in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. A law graduate of Dalhousie University in Halifax, he was first elected as a Liberal to the House of Commons in the general election of September, 1956, for the Annapolis-Kings.

He entered the MacKenzie King government as Minister of National Revenue on Oct. 23, 1955, and was appointed Finance Minister in July, 1959. He became Justice Minister in 1962 before retiring from the government in 1964. He was appointed a justice on the Nova Scotia Supreme Court May 27, 1959, and became Chief Justice the following year.

Mr. Justice Currie, 73, a native of North Sydney, N.S., also graduated from the Dalhousie Law School.

A Liberal, he was first elected to the Nova Scotia legislature in 1933. He served as minister of mines and labor in the Angus L. Macdonald administration. He was also provincial attorney general, replacing Mr. Justice MacQuarrie when the latter was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1947.

Mr. Justice Currie was appointed to the provincial Supreme Court Feb. 9, 1952.

COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Mr. Justice McKinnon, 61, has been a county court judge in Inverness, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties since 1953 before that he was a Liberal member of the provincial legislature for Inverness for 13 years.

Mr. Justice Cowan, 55, was at Oxford University, and has taught law at Dalhousie University and the University of Manitoba. He has been practising law in Halifax since 1941 and was a Liberal member of the legislature for Halifax Centre from 1956 to 1960.

Ratepayers Discuss New Village Centre

Plans for construction of a new Village Center at St. Peter's Bay to provide facilities for the public library, fire hall, and an office for a non-resident doctor were discussed at a meeting of ratepayers held Wednesday night at St. Peter's.

The building will replace the structure which was destroyed by fire last April. It housed the public library, fire hall and fire equipment, and a large room which was used for meetings and as an emergency classroom.

The majority of spokesmen at Wednesday's meeting favored construction of one large building to house all necessary services, as opposed to two separate structures. It was felt that the old location should be used for the new structure, but a final decision on this will await the report of the building committee.

COMMITTEE NAMED

Following discussion, a seven-man building committee was named to bring in a full report at the next meeting. The committee comprises: Henry MacDougall, pro-tem chairman; Stuart MacEwen, Mrs. Joseph MacInnis, B. J. O'Hanley, Joseph Lewis, Gordon L. Sanderson, and Mrs. Brent Gillis.

The matter of obtaining financial assistance from surrounding districts, including Fortune Road, Greenwich, Midgeell, Cable Head, and Cardigan Road, was discussed at length. The consensus was that these districts have in the past shown a ready willingness to help the village in affairs that concerned the whole area, and will do so again. This is particularly true, it was noted, when the services at stake include library, fire, and doctor's services — three elements that are of vital concern to people in a wide area outside the village. The meeting felt that some suggestion should be made to outside districts regarding a contribution to the new building project, but it was stressed that there is no intention to limit services to any district on this basis.

The meeting was presided over by Joseph Lewis, chairman of the St. Peter's Village Commissioners.

Prince Drives Informally

MELBOURNE, Australia (Reuters) — Prince Charles, heir to the throne, said farewell Thursday in much less than royal style to the community in the Australian bush where he has been a student for the last few months.

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Conference On Monday

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On hand for the two-day meeting will be John Roberts of Ontario, host province for the first time; Daniel Johnson of Quebec; Duff Roblin of Manitoba; Ross Thatcher, Saskatchewan; E. C. Manning, Alberta; Louis Robichaud, New Brunswick; and Robert Stanfield, Nova Scotia.

First Rally Scheduled For Saturday

FREDERICTON (CP) — Veteran and new pilots get a chance to show their skill here Saturday at the first Governor-General's Cup Air Rally in the Maritime provinces.

More than 30 entries have been received, including one from Winnipeg.

The first aircraft leaves the strip at Fredericton airport at noon on the first leg of a 200-mile run. The faster planes will be run off first with slower planes following. Take-offs will be one minute apart.

The course will be kept secret from the pilots until five minutes before take-off, when they will be handed a sealed envelope of navigational directions.

The only assistance they will receive will be weather briefings one hour before rally time.

Drier air will cover all three provinces Saturday and will provide a sunny day in all regions. Temperatures will continue cool today but will slowly rise under sunny skies Saturday.

Regional forecast:

Prince Edward Island, Eastern New Brunswick Counties, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with a few showers, and chance of a thundershower this afternoon, clearing tonight, cool, winds increasing this morning to southerly 20 and shifting early in the evening to westerly 20. Low: high at Charlottetown, Moncton and Campbellton 55 and 70.

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Commissioner Is Appointed

OTTAWA (CP) — Brig. P. R. Cooper, 51, has been appointed Canadian commissioner on the International Control Commission supervising the truce in Laos.

He will transfer from the army to the external affairs department next month and take up his new post in Laos in September, succeeding K. W. MacLellan.

Brig. Cooper was born at Repulse, B.C., and educated in Edmonton. With a military career dating back to 1931, he was military adviser to the controller, commission in Laos in 1956-57 and again in 1963.

He was named vice adjutant-general of army headquarters in September, 1962, and director-general of personnel requirements in December, 1964.

Mr. MacLellan's new posting will be announced later.

An external affairs spokesman rejected as "unfounded" and "nonsense" recent charges by the pro-Communist Pathet Lao forces in Laos that Canada is a tool of American aggression in that country.

He said the Pathet Lao has not filed any formal complaints to the ICC and consistently refuses the ICC permission to investigate conditions in territory held by the Pathet Lao.

There have been press reports that U.S. planes regularly bomb Viet Cong supply routes in Laos, but these reports have never been officially confirmed by the U.S.

Filing Protest With Rhodesia

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada is filing a protest with the illegal regime in Rhodesia against the detention of a Canadian university lecturer, Gerald L. Caplan, 28, of Toronto.

The external affairs department said it is asking the Swiss legation in Salisbury to relay the protest and do everything it can to obtain Mr. Caplan's release.

Switzerland acts as Canada's diplomatic agent in Rhodesia since this country does not recognize the regime of Ian Smith and imposes a trade embargo on Rhodesia.

Mr. Caplan went to Rhodesia in 1960 as a history lecturer at the multi-racial University College in Salisbury.

He was arrested with eight other white teachers and 10 students Wednesday and the college was closed.

The institution had been a hotbed of opposition to the Smith regime.

External Affairs Minister Martin instructed his department to send the protest note. There was no immediate reply from Rhodesia.

The Rhodesian issue is expected to be discussed Friday night at an airport meeting here between Prime Minister Wilson of Britain and Prime Pearson. A fuller discussion is expected at the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in London Sept. 6-13.

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Lost Money

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY operated at a net loss of \$12,271,725 in 1965.



Completing Plans

The annual National Park lifeguard demonstrations will be held at Stanhope's main beach on the North side of the Island at 7:00 p.m. Shown here are three of the people who will be taking an active part in the demonstrations. They include (FROM THE LEFT) Frank Gaudet, representing Cavendish section; George McGowan, lifeguard supervisor and Doug Moore, representing the Stanhope section. The three guards are completing the final plans for the demonstration.

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