

Educational Director Praises Drama Festival Activities

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"And with new joy and pride the little actor coos another part, filling from time to time his 'humorous' stage with all the persons, down to pained age. The life brings with her in her equipment."

Experience has shown that men and women do not as a rule make the best of their leisure if the only facilities available outside the home are those provided by commercial enterprise. So we must put people in the way of making their own entertainment and bring out their latent abilities. Hence the place of drama in the life of any community.

"Now it is a well recognized fact that recreation in a democratic society is a matter of personal choice. Our free time is



our own, to do with as we will within the limitations set by opportunity.

May I suggest that dramatic work or "playacting" as we frequently express it, is a splendid way in which to bring numbers of people both young and old into a community effort in which "with new joy and pride" each actor will coo another part.

This brief word is in support of the Prince Edward Island Drama Festival Association as they seek to rouse interest in community effort towards a festival in drama for the province. I happen to know that number of people have worked faithfully and well to develop interest in this movement, and I would bespeak your support and your interest to the end that the Drama Festival may bring together many who are participating in the plays themselves, and many others who will come to watch, and to lend a helping hand through their interest in this fine movement.

Suspended Term For San Patient

A 37-year-old resident of the Provincial Sanatorium was given a one-year suspended sentence in City Police Court Monday morning. The accused appeared before Magistrate K.M. Martin charged with the theft of an automobile. The adjourned case first entered the court room on April 21st.

A resident of 196 Queen street was given a 10 days suspended sentence when he appeared on a drunk and incapable charge. Similar cases adjourned to May 8th

Cases Heard By Magistrate

Two men were fined \$60 and costs or 30 days when they pleaded guilty to impaired driving charges in County Magistrate's Court on Monday morning.

An Upper Water street man was charged on April 17 and the other, a resident of Eldon was arrested Sunday.

Both were originally charged with driving while intoxicated. A father and son from Caledonia pleaded guilty to fishing without a license and were each fined \$10 and costs or 10 days.

Speeding violations drew fines of \$10 and costs or 10 days to residents of Freetown and RR No. 5 Charlottetown.

A charge of driving an unregistered vehicle, against a Covehead man, was withdrawn.

Steel Output Boost Expected

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)—Low inventories in the hands of steel consumers will bring an improvement in business of the United States Steel Corp. in the months ahead, Robert M. Blough, chairman, told stockholders at the annual meeting here Monday.

"Steel customers have not been buying as much steel as they have been using," Blough said in a prepared statement for several hundred stockholders. "We estimate that from one-half to two-thirds of the decline in steel production represents a change from inventory building to inventory reduction. If steel customers had not taken substantial quantities of steel from their inventories these last 12 months, it is estimated that the steel industry would have been able to produce and sell almost 12,000,000 ingot tons more."

He said 1957 sales were \$4,414,000,000, up \$185,000,000 from 1956; income was \$419,400,000, up \$71,000,000. Both were dollar highs.

More Immigrants Become Citizens

OTTAWA (CP)—A record number of immigrants pledged allegiance to Canada in 1957.

The bureau of statistics said Monday certificates of Canadian citizenship were granted last year to 95,462 persons, an increase of 70 per cent from the previous annual high of 55,404 in 1956.

More than 12 per cent or 11,941 involved a 26-year old Upper Queen street man and a resident of Campbell's Cove.

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were persons with former allegiance to countries which now form part of the Soviet Union. The comparable figure in 1956 was 7,976.

Just over 11 per cent or 10,081 were former residents of Poland, compared with 7,380 the previous year.

Some 15 per cent or 14,122 were former citizens of Italy and 13 per cent or 12,629 former citizens of Germany. This was more than double the figure of 6,271 for Italy in 1956 and more than five times the 2,433 total for Germany.

In 1957 a total of 8,650 certificates were granted to former citizens of other Commonwealth countries, mainly the United Kingdom. This compared with 5,812 in 1956.

Only 14 per cent of persons granted citizenship in Canada last year lived in rural areas, reflecting the increasing trend of immigrants to live in cities.

Irish Family Sails For B.C.

STRANFORD, Northern Ireland (Reuters)—A family of three sailed from here Monday in a 36-foot ketch, the Falcon, to settle in Vancouver.

Allan Batham, 52-year-old businessman, expects the voyage will take a year. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and their 15-year-old son, Michael, set sail for New York, the West Indies and the Panama Canal.

"It is the adventure of our life," Batham said. "We have always been interested in the sea and for us it will be a magnificent experience."

"We are emigrating for personal reasons. We feel, too, that if a slump is to hit the world a country like Canada with its vast mineral resources is likely to recover more rapidly."

ROYAL TV FANS

LONDON (Reuters)—Two of Britain's keenest television fans—Prince Charles, 9, and Princess Anne, 7—visited a TV studio here Monday to watch the transmission of a children's program. The Queen's children drove here from Windsor Castle and were accompanied by members of the royal household.

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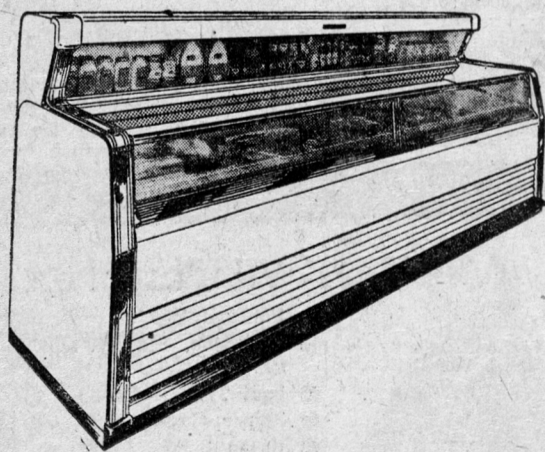
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