Ballet Classes Are Scheduled To Get Underway In Ch'town

By GAIL REDDEN

Under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Dailley, Oromocto, N.B., a former member of the Royal Academy of Dancing, London, England, weekly ballet classes will get underway in Charlottetown, today.

Every Monday classes will be held in the Basilica Recreation Centre, which has been offered free of charge as a contribution to the furthering of culture in the city.

Ages in the classes range from three years to 19, inclusive. Children three to 4½ will hold their class at 2.15-3; ages four and one half to five, 3-3.45; six and seven, 4-5; eight and nine, 5-6; and ages 10 and over, 6-7 p.m. Enrollment to date is 112.

Boys are urged to attend classes, but as yet none have indicated their intentions of doing so.

The lessons, will extend into June and start again next September. If interest is aroused in Summerside, it is hoped that classes will be held there next fall.

HAS ASSISTANT

As a child Mrs. Dailley studied, the American School of Ballet method of training for 10 years before dancing professionally in New York, England, France, Germany and Italy. Completing the Royal Academy of Dancing Teachers' Training Course, she has examined techniques and methods in many countries. She is the wife of Colonel G.D. Dailley, MBE, commander of Camp Gagetown.

Mrs. Dailley will be assisted with her work in Charlottetown, but the name of her assistant is not as yet available.

The ballet training she is offering in the city is the Royal Academy of Dancing "Ballet in Education" syllabus. She feels "it offers more to the child who will not be a dancer, yet it gives a very firm basis to the child who can and will make ballet her career and who will go on to the RAD Major Examination syllabus for professional training and afterwards branch into other methods, styles and techniques."

Mrs. Dailley's main concern is with the 80 per cent of those taking the lessons who never attain a professional standard. She feels that the poise, grace, co-ordination, expression, musicality, and discipline derived from the study of ballet, are assets to all young people. No matter what career a person chooses they will find their training invaluable, she says.

The Royal Academy sends out examiners from England to all branches. The exams will, of course, be offered in the city, but they are voluntary.

The program, incorporates the art of Mime as well as the study of folk music of many lands. Pupils get a wonderful education and satisfaction from learning through the dances of the people, more about the earth and the country they live in.

A great sense of rhythm is developed in the pupils of this school of ballet. They are taught to clap, walk and even run to music from the very beginning, Mrs. Dailley said.

Apathy Of Public Causing Concern

By RALPH CAMERON

Noting that only two of the five outgoing councillors have indicated their intention of seeking another term, but that no opposition is yet apparent, Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet said Saturday there is grave concern regarding the public apathy toward the forthcoming civic elections.

Mayor Gaudet said it was unfortunate so little interest was being manifested, and remarked it was of the highest importance in any democracy that the citizens should be concerned over every election. He maintained all the people should be interested in the coming election, regardless of whether or not there was a contest for the mayoralty.

FIRST TEST

He noted this was the first test of the new election system, authorized by act of the Legislature last year. Under it, only half the city council seats become vacant, with the other five and the mayor remaining in office an extra year in order to permit of a 'continuity in office'.

Mayor Gaudet said this system, in effect in many other places, was designed to avoid the possibility of a completely new and inexperienced council taking over the running of city affairs.

"After all," he said, "no one would appoint completely inexperienced people to run a $2,000,000 business. The operation of civic affairs has become big business, and it is vital for the protection of citizens that such a large corporation should be managed only by capable and experienced people."

Under the old electoral system, the mayor and all 10 councillors came up for election every two years. Now one-half the council seats become vacant one year with the mayoralty and the other five seats up for election the next year.

KNOWS DANGERS

Basing his remarks on his 12 years experience in city council, Mayor Gaudet said he knew personally the dangers of an entirely new council taking over, with no past experience to guide it in handling the multitudinous duties now involved in operating a business the size of this.

This year's election next month sees vacancies in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 6. The latter ward elects two men, or women, to the council. So far, only the incumbents in Wards 2 and 3 have indicated their intention of re-offering. They are Councillors Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan and Arthur Wright.

Ward 1 is presently represented by Councillor Arthur Gormley and Ward 6 by Elmer MacRae and Edmond Arsenault.

BURTON

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Reilly, Cape Wolfe have returned home from pleasant holidays spent with their son Bazil in Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Veronn Bulgar and daughter Sally, Cape Wolfe have returned from Toronto, Ont., where they visited with relatives and friends.

Lorne Stewart of Edmonton, Alta., spent the yuletide holidays at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart, Glengarry. He was accompanied by a friend Eugene Workum, also of Edmonton, Alta. Also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart was their daughter Miss Kathleen, nurse-in-training at Charlottetown Hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Doyle, Campbellton received the sad news recently of the death in Mass., of her sister-in-law Mrs. Joseph McKinnon.

Mrs. Myrtle Doyle and daughter Miss Joan, Campbellton, recently returned from pleasant holidays spent with relatives in Saint John, N.B., and Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rogers, Glengarry have returned from Boston, Mass., where they spent the Yuletide holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Edward S. Griffin, Burton is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. Everett McKenna and Mr. McKenna, Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Howard, returned to Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, having spent the Yuletide holidays with their parents Mrs. Inez Howard, Glengarry and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, Burton. Their niece little Geraldine Ross who was visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, accompanied them to Moncton.

Plans Deferred To Expand PCH

SUMMERSIDE — R.S. Hinton, QC, chairman of the hospital finance committee said Saturday, that nothing definite concerning the expansion of Prince County Hospital has yet been decided.

It was the opinion of the hospital commission at their last meeting that the expansion of the hospital would have to be less elaborate and less expensive than previously planned, Mr. Hinton said. "But we can't say at this time what our plans will be".

He said a group of consultants on the situation will probably meet with hospital administrator J.M. Logan some time next week to discuss the commission's financial standing in view of the needed expansion.

U.S. Output Of Steel Up

CLEVELAND (AP) — Operations in U.S. steel mills now are at the highest level since June, Steel Magazine says.

Producers last week poured an estimated 2,145,000 tons despite bad weather, the publication says. Output this week is expected to be higher, the fourth straight weekly increase.

"This operating pace may push January shipments of finished steel 10 to 15 per cent ahead of December's estimated 5,500,000 tons," Steel continues.

"Some market analysts expect production and shipments to level off in February, then climb to a higher plateau in late March as demand for construction products accelerates. But if orders maintain their current pace, there would be a five-per-cent pickup in steel-making operations next month."

The pace of orders being placed by auto companies appliance makers, machinery manufacturers and railroad carbuilders continues good, the metalworking weekly journal says. Steelmakers also reported a seasonal pickup in orders from canmakers and pipeline companies.

Scrap market activity last week was slowed by severe weather. Steel's price composite on the prime grade of steel-making scrap, No. 1 heavy melting, held at $29.33 a gross ton after rising for two consecutive weeks.

CALL FOR PRAYER

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—Vatican Radio called Saturday for intense prayers during the next eight days for Christian unity. Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican ecumenical council's secretariat for promoting Christian unity, made the appeal to mark the annual church unity octave of prayer observed in many countries by increasing numbers of Roman Catholics, Orthodox and Anglicans. The prayer period ends Jan. 25.

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