



CAPS OFF to "Petey's Choice", says Rita Anne Callaghan as she lifts the cap from the head of Jack Blanchard at the first night performance of the play at the

Basilica Recreation Centre last evening. Rita Anne plays Teddy, one of Petey's daughters and Jack... he's Petey, who else.

BIS 'Petey's Choice' Now Choice Of 700

By ALAN C. HOLMAN "Petey's Choice" was the choice of the nearly 700 Irishmen and others who witnessed the Benevolent Irish Society's presentation at the Basilica Recreation Centre last evening. It is the story of a college professor, Peter Kelly (Jack Blanchard), who is running for the president of his dear old alma mater. He is at times

helped and hindered by a family which, while always trying to be helpful does not always end up being so, though ultimately it saves him his job and gains him the presidency.

Petey's wife (Corena Steele) and his two daughters, Teddy (Rita Anne Callaghan) and Jane (Eleanor Hogan) combined with efforts of Jane's boyfriend (Vaughan Marshall) almost wreck his chances of the presidency when they find a record, which Petey cut to help feed his family when he was young high school teacher. He was dug up and is making the Top Ten 15 years later. Jordan French (Kevin Dowling), the chairman of the college's board and long time friend of the Kelly family was the originator of the idea of Petey for president. That was before Petey, the singing professor, was rediscovered and was back in the public eye.

VERY CONSERVATIVE French is the conservative chairman of an ultra-conservative board of a conservative, mid-western U.S. college and what's about as conservative as you can get. When Petey became a teenage idol, French doesn't want him and his progressive ways running his college. But, as was already intimated, Mrs. Kelly and her helpful family win out and Petey is the new president. The play itself, written by Fred Carmichael, is not the world's best, but the BIS presentation last evening, though a trifle long, made for an enjoyable night's entertainment.

In the first act the players seemed to be feeling their way and were a little hesitant. Kelvin "Kevvy" Dowling's portrayal of Jordan French, though a small part, stood out because of the confidence way he handled it. Near the end of the first act

those with the major parts, Jack Blanchard, Corena Steele, Eleanor Hogan and Rita Anne Callaghan, settled down and when they came on in the second act they proved very capable performers.

CONVINCING ROLE Eileen Murray, who played Doris, the Kelly's housekeeper, was very convincing in her role. Meek, when she obviously had to be, but ready to side with her conscience when the situation called for it. Jerry Duffy, as Florabel Sanders, a female newspaper columnist, initially had you distrust her and then won you to her side when she proved she wasn't a writer of smut, but was actually seeking to find and reveal the truth.

J. Pius Callaghan, who directed the play, also had a small part, Ralph Beech's a fellow professor of Petey's. He showed that there is no substitute for experience. He is an old pro and has performed many times in previous BIS plays and the way he handled himself on stage showed he was no newcomer to the boards.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT In addition to the play, which was enjoyed by everyone present, the BIS had some extremely good entertainment lined up for between the acts. Nine-year-old Mary Beth Hogan won the hearts of the audience with her tap dancing, and the singing of Mrs. Vincent MacIntyre can only be described as beautiful. Larry Brazel, wearing one of the most serious expressions ever seen on the stage, showed he had the lightest feet of anyone on the island, his feet seemed to have the melody sewed to the soles of his shoes. He was terrific. Jacqueline Doyle demonstrated her musical talent and her versatility when first she sang two numbers and then played two on the accordion. It was a wonderful night for the Irish and for the one or two English or Scotsman who managed to get by the door.

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Awards Are Presented To Local Blood Donors

With the first series of Red Cross blood donor clinics for the Charlottetown area just two weeks away, the semi-annual presentation of awards to the different groups which came out on top at last fall's clinics was held at Red Cross headquarters last evening. Not only representatives of the winners, but of the "runners-up" attended this function which took the form of a supper prepared by Mrs. A. J. Haslam and Mrs. Fred Macmillan.

A. Fremont Archer, chairman of the Red Cross blood donor committee for the area, presided at last night's "Kick-Off" get together in preparation for the series of clinics to take place at the Confederation Centre in Charlottetown March 30, 31 and April 1. Mr. Archer was assisted in his duties by two members of his committee, Reginald Gay who arranged the awards, and James Coles who made the presentation of the trophies to the following: John Andrew, newly-appointed chairman of the blood donor committee for the PWC Students' Council who accepted the trophy on behalf of the "boys" who won over the "girls" last October; Betty Lou Doyle (this year's Carnival "Queen" at SDU) for the "Juniors" at SDU; Dwight Nowlan for the Bank of Montreal which again achieved a 100 per cent result with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as the runner-up with a 93.7 per cent result; Allison Gill for the Lions' Club with a

78.7 per cent result in the Inter Service Clubs competition (trailing by the Parkdale Lions' Club which was a close second with a 66.6 per cent response. Also Larry Costello for the Main Branch Naval Veterans' Association which had a one per cent lead over the Charlottetown Wing of the RCAF Association; Leigh Walker representing the Riverside section of the department of health which edged out the department of the runners-up, by a small margin in the P.E.I. Public Servants' Association competition; Ray Peters on behalf of the entomology and plant pathology division of the dominion department of agriculture, and Pius Smith for the post office department of the Dominion government department which topped by a small percentage.

COUNCIL TROPHY Alex MacLean, president of the Charlottetown and District Labor Council made the presentation of a new trophy again donated by the council to Jack Brown, president of Local 1432, IBEW (Maritime Electric) which again came out on top in the race for blood donor supremacy among the various unions. Runners-up in this division were members of Local 282, UPWA (Canada Packers). The 282 "Centennial Year" blood donor trophy which was up for competition between SDU and PWC became the permanent property of SDU when it was presented to Stephen Joyce, this year's blood donor chairman at the university. St. Dunstan's won this trophy at both the spring and fall clinics in 1964 with an average attendance of 45 per cent of eligible students against PWC's 35 per cent result.

Mr. Archer read excerpts from the annual report of the provincial Red Cross blood donor committee compiled by the chairman P. A. S. Jones, particularly with reference to the fact that about three and one half per cent of the population of this province is currently supplying the blood needs of the island's residents. The chairman challenged the representatives of the groups who attended last night's meetings to go back to their organizations determined to make a better showing at this spring's clinics in Charlottetown.

HEALTH MEANS LIFE At the time of Christ, life expectancy around the Mediterranean was about 30 years. Now it is about 70 years.

LOCAL BRIEFS

LEAVES HOSPITAL Howard A. Gallant who has been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital for the past two weeks has returned to his home in Rusticville.

EGG PRICES Dealers were quoting prices for grade A eggs delivered at Charlottetown yesterday 25 cents per dozen for A large, 23 cents for A medium and 20 cents for A small.

CH-TOWN MARINE OPEN It is understood that negotiations to have the recently-opened plant of Charlottetown Marine Industries resume operations are underway. Nothing definite could be learned, but it is expected that an announcement would be made following the outcome of discussions by parties concerned.

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EASTERN BRIEFS

IN MEMORIAL HOSP. Ira Ross of Upper Montague is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

DIES IN N.S. Word has been received here of the death in New Glasgow, N.S. of Mrs. Christy J. Sweet, 81, who was the widow of Rev. W. H. Sweet, who served the Presbyterian Church at Murray Harbor, Murray River and Little Sandys from 1917 to 1920. He also served for a few years at Marshfield, P.E.I.

CITY AREA FUNERALS

PERRY FUNERAL - The funeral for Mrs. Ray Perry took place Monday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. F. J. Maloney, C.SsR, who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. Cameron MacDonald, C.SsR, was present in the sanctuary. Rev. William Cumerford, C.SsR, assisted in the choir. Pallbearers were James MacInnis, William Weatherbie, Jr., Wilfred Perry, Louis Outway, Allison Bell, Louis McEwen. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

O'CONNOR FUNERAL - The funeral for John P. O'Connor was held Monday morning from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to St. Ann's Church, Hope River, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Denis Gallant, parish priest, who also conducted the service at the grave. Present in the sanctuary were: Rev. P. F. Hughes, Very Rev. F. J. Maloney, C.SsR, Rev. Cameron MacDonald, C.SsR, Rev. Walter McGuigan, Rev. Joseph LeClair, Rev. Dr. Francis Solger, Rev. Walter Reid and Rev. Clifford Murphy, Rev. Basil Croken and Rev. Francis Corcoran assisted in the choir. Premier W.R. Shaw, Hon. Leo Rossiter, Hon. Frank Myers, the staffs of the Departments of Fisheries, Industry and Natural Resources, A.W. Gaudet, chairman, members of the Fishermen's Loan Board, and the members of the North River Co-operative Housing attended in a body. The Legion graveside service was conducted by Harry Mortimer. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by William Blanchard. Pallbearers were: Gregory Murphy, Lea Reid, Francis Reid, P.A. Murraghan, Francis Campbell and Eugene Gorman. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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Pierce Butler Dies Aged 68

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Overflow Crowd Sees Great Damant

SUMMERSIDE — For the second and final night an overflow crowd jammed Civic Auditorium here to see the "Great Damant" provide a night of laughter as he put volunteers under his hypnotic spell. An audience of well over 700 people — much larger than the first night — weren't disappointed. The nationally acclaimed hypnotist kept the crowd in stitches throughout the program which provided a climax more hilarious than anything seen in this town in years.

Death Inquiries Act Approved

Second reading, or approval in principle, was given in the Legislature yesterday to a bill enabling the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to appoint a medical officer for each county of the province. Known as the Death Inquiries Act, the bill provides that the attorney general can direct any

Regional High School Boards Reject Teacher Salary Proposal

SUMMERSIDE — The Association of P.E.I. Regional High School Boards last night rejected proposed teachers salaries put forward in the new regional high school foundation program implemented by the provincial department of education. The implementation of this salary scale actually means a reduction for most teachers in

regional high schools across the province or an increased taxation on the rural school districts. The meeting was held in Kensington regional high school with over 70 trustees representing the 16 regional high schools in the province in attendance. An amendment to the constitution was passed to the effect that each of the school boards would have one vote in matters coming before the association. Some of the main objections to the new program were the sections involving the scale of grants for teachers' salaries. It was pointed out that the qualification requirements for teaching certificates had been upgraded with no corresponding increase in pay. At the same time the summer school grants, enabling teachers to improve their qualifications, had been removed. Objection was also made to the required ratio of 30 pupils per teacher and the inclusion of principals and vice-principals as full time teachers in schools of less than 24 classrooms. The loss of certain fringe benefits such as the employers sharing in group insurance and Blue Cross was also deplored. A motion was passed supporting the previous brief submitted to the department of education regarding teachers' salaries which was in almost all respects in agreement with that submitted by the teachers' federation. The motion also rejected the scale of salary grants outlined in the foundation program, particularly because it would result in either a reduction of teachers' salaries or an increase in district assessments for regional high school purposes. With no provision being made in the foundation program for supervising principals in schools of less than 25 classrooms, it was agreed that schools with eight or more classrooms should have a supervising principal and some allowance should be made in smaller schools to provide the principal with time from teaching duties for supervision. It was felt that the detailed budget requirements for the operation of the schools was unrealistic and that allowance could be made for transfer of budget amounts between individual items. A committee of three, consisting of E.G. Cannon, Paul Kingsbury, and Benny DesRoches, was appointed to accompany a delegation from the teachers' federation which is meeting with the legislative standing committee on education this morning to give joint support to their presentation.

magistrate to hold an inquest in cases where an inquest is warranted. Under the act, the cabinet can appoint one or more barristers, practising in the province, to fill the office of magistrate for each county. A county medical officer will have power to determine whether or not an inquest is necessary when he has reasonable cause to suspect a person has died under such causes that would make an inquest necessary.

Preliminary Hearings In Break Cases Begin

GEORGETOWN — The preliminary hearing of Leonard Joseph Campbell, Annandale, charged with break, entry and theft of a quantity of liquor at the Cardigan Liquor Store on the night of Feb. 7 or early morning of Feb. 8 commenced at Georgetown yesterday before King's County stipendiary Magistrate, James B. Johnston, QC. Deputy Attorney General, J. Arthur McGuigan, QC, represented the crown. One crown witness was heard, Francis Shephard, store manager at Cardigan. The case was adjourned to March 23, at 2:30 for the purpose of hearing further evidence. Two other cases of break, entry and theft against Campbell involved the store of John Francis Bay Fortune and Eldon MacKenzie's store at Rollo Bay. Both were adjourned to March 23.

The preliminary hearing also commenced in the case of Thomas William Roy Metcalfe of Annandale; also charged with break, entry and theft at the Cardigan Liquor Store. The evidence given by Mr. Campbell in Shephard's case was accepted in this case. Also giving evidence yesterday was Cst. W.D. C. Rowan of the Souris detachment of the RCMP. The case was then adjourned to March 23. Another charge of break, entry and theft against Metcalfe involving the store of Eldon MacKenzie of Rollo Bay, was adjourned to March 23. Also adjourned to March 23 was a charge of break, entry and theft at a store of John Francis Bay Fortune, against Allen Jerome Bouchard, formerly of Annandale, now stationed at Camp Gagetown, N.B. All three accused were represented by J.P. Nicholson.

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