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TOO BAD, NO PROGRAM

Sea Shanties, Poems Prove Ever Popular

By CHRISTOPHER GLEDHILL
Aho, there, ye landlubbers!
It appears that Admiral Moore signed on Skipper Frank Willis out of Halifax, via Toronto, with four jolly messmates known as the Harmony Harbour Quartet, to provide a right rousing evening of yarns and shanties in the old stone frigate lying at the corner of Grafton and Queen.

They were assisted ably by John Fenwick at the mighty Wuritzer and a gentleman at the piano whose name escapes me, and which I cannot find out from the program, which lists all the ship's company except for the accompanists, and maintains a discreet silence concerning the numbers performed.

Even in these days of space travel the sea retains something of its former glamor and mystery. It has been the subject of major works such as La Mer of Debussy, Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony, and others. Poets have often been inspired to write verse, good, bad and indifferent, about it.

WILLIS RECITES
We heard poems in all these categories read with the sort of conversational-authoritative style for which Frank Willis is famous.

At times he emphasized a point with a gesture, and inflection of the voice, and occasionally the drama of the poem was underlined by an urgency of utterance, but in the main this was a low-keyed recitation, as of one strong man talking to others.

The recitations and quartet were bound together by a pleasing and informally friendly commentary that was never intrusive.

The quartet is a seasoned and thoroughly professional group of wellblended voices, yet each voice has its own personal quality. Personally I liked best of all the bass, the third from the left (once again I have no name on the program to which I can refer).

The selections, mainly strictly homophonic, ranged from the grand old sea shanties, which are the common property of English-speaking countries, to Negro spirituals about Noah's Ark which have a somewhat tenuous connection with the ocean.

There was also a good help-

ing of sheer corn, such as "The Lights of Home" and "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep". Unfortunately C.G.D. Roberts' sensitive poem on the Tantramar Marshes was accompanied by incidental music of stunning banality. Melodrama (and I am using the word in its original sense) is a very difficult thing to bring off; perhaps that is why so few people attempt it nowadays.

The Mermaid, by Audrey Alexandra Brown, and "When winds are locked" fared much better, but I was relieved to hear a very fine reading, with-out benefit of sound effects, of Tennyson's "The Revenge". The Jingoistic sentiments may ring a little hollow today, but Tennyson showed himself a master, not only of narrative verse, but also of the cadences of the English language.

Bush Fires Break Out In 3 Areas

There were three outbreaks of bush fires on the Island on Sunday.

There was small flare-up of the fire in the Tryon-Shamrock area where fire fighters were busy last Wednesday and Thursday. The return of trouble in that area is believed to have been caused by the high winds this afternoon fanning embers that weren't quite out after the crews had left. One crew was dispatched to handle it.

Another outbreak occurred in the Savage Harbor area when about two acres of bush were destroyed. The fire was first spotted in that area about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Frank Gaudet sent a crew down to handle this one as well. They were expected to stay in that area overnight.

The Mt. Stewart Fire Department was called out yesterday to quell a bush fire near Ten Mile House.

Mr. Gaudet last evening asked the public, in view of the extreme dryness of lands and forests, to be extra careful with fire at this time.

CITY AREA FUNERALS

RUSH FUNERAL — The funeral for Lemuel Rush took place Saturday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. William Simpson. Honorary pallbearers were Hon. Angus MacLean, Heath Macquarrie, M.P., John Coady, Wilfred Hughes, Roland Heron and Stanley Steele. Active pallbearers were Warren Gallant, Lemuel Stanley, Thaddeus Shepherd, Walter McCarthy, Robert Gallant and Frank Saunders. The Royal Canadian Legion graveside service was conducted by Harry Mortimer. Last post and reveille were sounded by William Blanchard. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, where service was conducted by Rev. Gerald Tingley.

MURRAY FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Gordon Murray of Brackley Beach was held Saturday, Aug. 7, from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Service was conducted by Rev. C. R. Ryley. Hymns were "The Lord's My Shepherd and Nearer My God to Thee. A duet, God Will Take Care of you, was sung by Mrs. George Jones and Albert Phillips. Pallbearers were Earle Skiffington, Harold Hughes, George MacCallum, David Seaman, Edward MacCallum and Gregor MacCallum. Flower bearers were Leonard Ford, David Ling, Fenton MacLure, James MacCallum, Fred Hughes, Clayton Cudmore, George Shaw, Gordon Shaw, Stanley Skiffington and Gerald Robinson. Interment was in the Brackley cemetery.

CAMPBELL — At New London Aug. 8, 1965, Lorne M. Campbell, aged 54 years. Remains will be forwarded from the Davison Funeral Home to his late residence Tuesday evening. Funeral service will be held from St. John's Presbyterian Church, New London, on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment New London cemetery.

CAMPBELL — At Irishtown Aug. 6, 1965, Irving Campbell, aged 51 years. Remains resting at the Davison Funeral Home until Tuesday noon, then to Long River Presbyterian Church where funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment Geddie Memorial cemetery.

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FESTIVAL '65 STARS MEET WITH DR. MacKINNON

Two stars of Charlottetown Festival '65 chat with Dr. Frank MacKinnon, chairman of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Citizens' Foundation, at a reception last night for casts of Festival '65 at Dr. MacKinnon's home.

From left are John Drainie, who plays Stephen Leacock in "Laugh with Leacock", Barbara Hamilton, a star of

"Spring Thaw" and of "Anne of Green Gables", and Dr. MacKinnon.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, the former Rita Dawson of Tryon, and four sons and two daughters — Reginald, Cra-paud; Ray, Cornwall; Donnie Westmoreland and Tom, a member of the RCAF stationed in B.C.; Elsie (Mrs. Alvin Moly-neux), Toronto, Ont.; June (Mrs. Ivan Newrick), Borden.

Two Local Sail Crews Among Four Winners

The two crews from the Charlottetown Yacht Club in the Atlantic area Junior regatta held here Saturday and Sunday were both among the four crews who will represent the Atlantic area in the National Junior Regatta to be held late this month in Lunenburg, N.S.

The weekend saw 21 crews from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island sailing in light winds on Saturday, moderate winds Sunday morning and near gale force winds Sunday afternoon. There were a number of upsets on Sunday, boats turning over, but nothing serious happened to the crews involved.

The crews were made up of boys and girls all 16-years-old or under and the winning crew was a brother and sister team, Bill and Janet Cooley, sailing for the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Halifax. They scored 90 1/4 points out of a possible 101 1/4.

In second place was a crew from the Armdale Yacht Club, Bruce Sutherland and Michael Cadue, who had 88 points. Third place was taken by a crew from the Kingsington Presbyterian Church on Monday where service was conducted by Rev. George Tannahill. Pallbearers were John Brander, Eldon Harding, Leslie Harding, Everett Beairisto, Boyd Beairisto and Donald Shaw. Interment was in the People's cemetery, Kensington.

LOCKHART FUNERAL — The funeral of Mrs. Charles Lockhart was held from the Davison

Borden Man Found Dead

SUMMERSIDE — A Borden man, Arthur Sherren, 59, was found dead at his home Friday night. The Borden detachment of the RCMP investigated his

death and no inquest or autopsy will be held. Surviving the deceased are his wife, the former Rita Dawson of Tryon, and four sons and two daughters — Reginald, Cra-paud; Ray, Cornwall; Donnie Westmoreland and Tom, a member of the RCAF stationed in B.C.; Elsie (Mrs. Alvin Moly-neux), Toronto, Ont.; June (Mrs. Ivan Newrick), Borden.

Other survivors include four sisters — May, Daisy, Minnie and Elsie, all residing in the U.S.A., and two brothers, Kilburn, Charlottetown and Cliff, Hampton.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Honorable J. Angus McLean, M.P., and Mr. Heath Macquarrie, M.P., will be at the Progressive Conservative Headquarters, 168 Great George St., each Tuesday afternoon during the parliamentary recess, also they can be reached at Beaton's Mills or Victoria, P.E.I., respectively or through the P. C. headquarters. Dial 894-6816.



JOHNNY WAYNE alights from the Eastern Provincial Airways plane that brought him to the province yesterday afternoon. Wayne and his partner, Frank Shuster, today begin rehearsals for "Wayne and Shuster in Charlottetown."

The comedians are also artistic directors, along with Mavor Moore, for Charlottetown Festival '65.

REHEARSALS START TODAY

Special Affection For P.E.I. Brings Back Wayne, Shuster

By MARIAN BRUCE
There's only one thing wrong with Islanders, according to comedian Johnny Wayne: they don't appreciate their home province.

Wayne and Frank Shuster, the other half of the famed comedy team, arrived here yesterday to begin rehearsals for "Wayne and Shuster in Charlottetown."

Islanders have adopted a proprietary air towards the comedians ever since their stage run at Confederation Centre last summer, and apparently the feeling is mutual.

Johnny Wayne says he likes the province so well, in fact, he may eventually buy a place here to live in.

"It's a very special island," Wayne and Shuster were guests at a reception last evening for casts of Charlottetown Festival '65 at Dr. Frank MacKinnon's home on Fitzroy Street, and they were bubbling with enthusiasm over their return.

"We come here only because we like it here," Wayne insisted. "Our affection for P.E.I. remains very strong."

Wayne arrived at the Charlottetown airport around 1 p.m., and Shuster had just stepped off the 7 p.m. plane where he was met by a crowd of fans and whisked to Dr. MacKinnon's reception.

Rehearsals for "Wayne and Shuster in Charlottetown," which opens at Confederation Centre theatre Aug. 17, begin today.

LOOKING AROUND
Although the show's stars will be kept pretty busy, they intend to spend as much time as possible just looking around the island—visiting favorite scenic haunts, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

They flew in yesterday, via Air Canada and Eastern Provincial Airways, from Toronto, where they were "recuperating

from England and Ireland." The two comedians spent six weeks in London, England, taping two television shows for the British Broadcasting Corporation. The shows, which will be seen by British viewers Sept. 4 and 25, have a mainly Canadian content—sort of a "Wayne and Shuster in Canada."

A featured performer in the productions was Canadian singer-dancer Paul Kligman, a veteran of Wayne and Shuster shows both in Canada and in the United States, where the team has appeared frequently on the Ed Sullivan Show.

MAY SEE THEM YET
And if the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation decides to buy the films, Canadians may get a chance to see them sometime in the future.

A high point of the British Isles visit for Johnny Wayne was a trip to Dublin, Ireland, where people of that island, he says, remind him greatly of those from the province where he's making his temporary home.

Wayne and Shuster will give seven performances here in repertoire with other productions. When the show closes here Aug. 27, they will take it on a six-weeks' tour of Canada.

"We're going right across Canada, and we're going to talk about Charlottetown," said Wayne. "The Charlottetown song ("They all sat down in Charlottetown...") will be heard right across Canada. We're going to tell how our show was born in Charlottetown."

They hope to repeat the cross-country tour in 1966, and again in 1967. "The places we don't get to this year, we'll visit (with the show) next year. And where we don't go next year, we'll take in the year after."

And for Canadians who aren't fortunate enough to have their home towns included in the tour's itinerary this year, and who are eager to see the comedy team in action once more, there's always the CBC. In September, the first-Telescope show of the fall television season will feature a film on the humorous duo. Part of the film, Wayne says, will consist of shots of Wayne and Shuster at work here.

DEATH NOTICES

MacDONALD — As the result of an accident at Souris Sunday, Aug. 8, 1965, Joseph MacDONALD of Little Harbor in his 43rd year. Remains are resting at the Perry Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

MacGILLIVRAY — On Aug. 7, 1965, John MacGillivray, formerly of Cardigan, aged 74 years. Resting at the Hennessey Funeral Home, from where the funeral will take place Tuesday morning at 8.45 to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer for Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

DOYLE — At Stratford, Ont., Aug. 7, 1965, Mrs. Phillip J. Doyle, formerly of Charlottetown. Her remains will rest Tuesday at the Hennessey Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CLOUGH — The death occurred at her home, 96 King Street, Summerside on Saturday, Aug. 7, 1965, of Mrs. Angeline (Lena) Clough, wife of Joseph Clough, aged 78 years. Resting at Bow-



MAYOR TAKES NATAL DAY SALUTE

Mayor Walter J. Cox takes the salute yesterday morning as airmen from RCAF Station Summerside march by city

hall during Charlottetown's Natal Day parade. The parade, which also included the Royal Canadian Artillery Band

from Halifax and a number of Island military units, marched to Trinity United Church, where services were held this

year, and back to the Queen Charlotte Armory. A civic reception and luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel followed the service.

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