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Royal Winnipeg Ballet To Appear At Centre

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, ranked as one of the world's top companies by international critics, will appear at Confederation Centre in two performances February 28.

The Charlottetown visit will be sponsored by the Cultural Committee of Saint Dunstan's University. It represents the most ambitious undertaking yet by the committee in its policy of sponsoring one major cultural event each year.

The matinee will be presented for students, while the evening performance will be staged at regular prices. It's expected that both performances will be sellout affairs.

Now in its 26th season, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet has risen from the obscurity of a prairie dance class to become a world renowned company. Critics have acclaimed the group at every performance, and internationally known choreographers now vie for the opportunity to create new works for it.

The company last appeared in Charlottetown during the 1964 Centennial celebrations and thrilled audiences during a week-long run.

HAS WON FAME

The company has won fame for the development of its own unique style of dancing, a style far removed from the rigid classicism of other ballets like the National Ballet. Though the dancers come from many countries of the world, the brilliant Canadian horn director of the company, Arnold Spohr, has fused the differing personal styles into an approach characterized by bursting energy an irreverent expressed in a gay sense of humor towards many of the staid traditions of the dance form.

Indeed many of the most popular ballets in the company repertoire, ballets that have given the company its distinctive reputation, feature this gay irreverence of spirit.

"Whoops-dé-do" for instance, (which they performed in Charlottetown) is a wild western hoodown that includes a lost swan from the classic Swan Lake, and another facet of this approach is "Aimez-vous Bach" which contrasts jazz and the classical tradition with entertaining and amusing results.

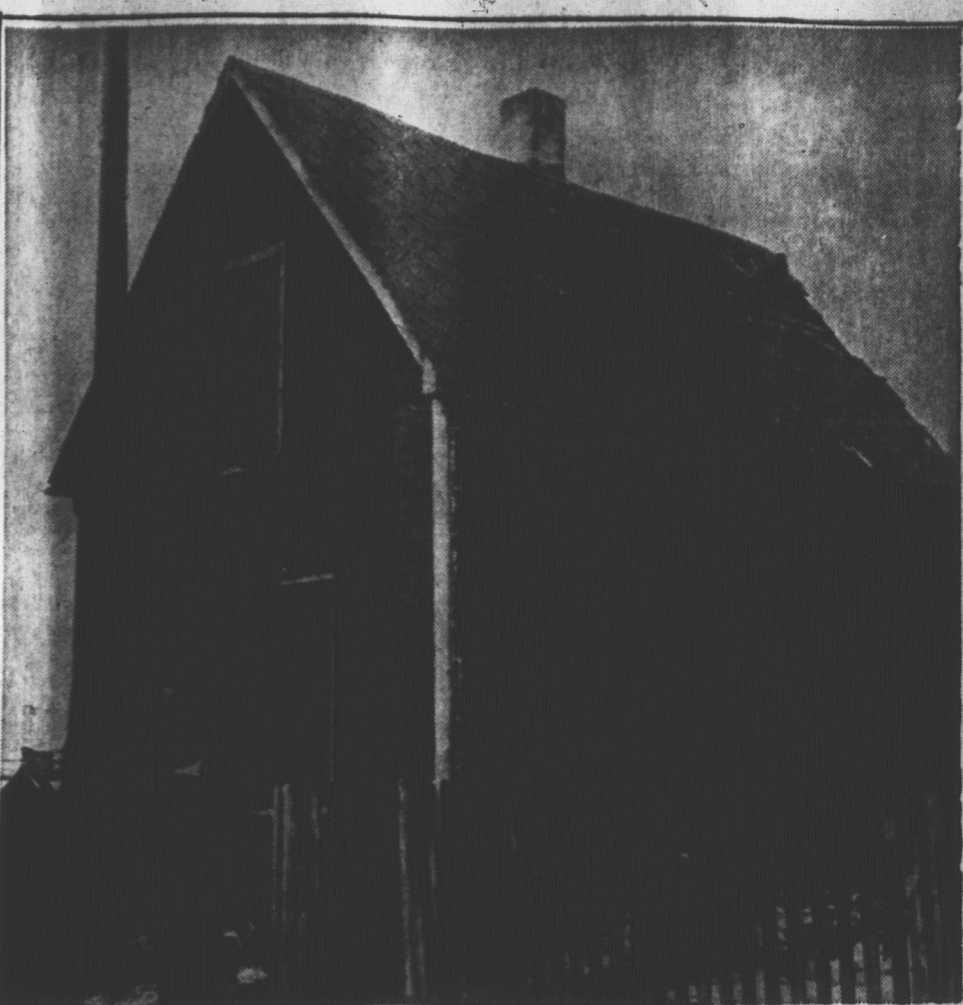
In fact, of all the accomplishments of this versatile Canadian company, perhaps the most fascinating is its ability to poke light hearted fun at some of the sacred cows of ballet while retaining the basic integrity of thorough training and dedication evidenced in the group's superb artistry.

Last September, the Winnipeggers were the hit of the Commonwealth Arts Festival in Britain where they toured for three weeks to the constant acclaim of the British press.

This triumph was followed by an equally successful nine week tour of the United States under the wing of the famous impresario, Sol Hurok. Then came the traditional Christmas season in their home city and an intensive five week rehearsal period prior to the current swing across Eastern Canada.

Next month, the company flies to the Caribbean for a seven country tour of that area and parts of Latin America. It will bring the season's total to performances in ninety-five cities in eleven countries.

Meanwhile, Prince Edward Island patrons are advised to reserve early for the Confederation Centre performance by contacting the box office any weekday from noon to 5:30 p.m.



WHERE CHILDREN LOST LIVES

TWO CHILDREN LOST

Fire Fund Established For MacDonald Family

A fund for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pius A. MacDonald who suffered the loss of two children when a fire whipped through their home at 330 Richmond Street early Monday morning, has been established. Donations to the fund will be received at both branches of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The fire, which was reported at approximately 5:50 yesterday morning, claimed the lives of seven-year-old Kenneth and 16-month-old Paula Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald escaped the blaze along with their five other children. Mr. MacDonald and his nine-day-old infant son William, however, were admitted to the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. MacDonald received third degree burns to his hands and second degree burns to his back, face, and neck. William was held for observation.

City firemen fought the blaze for approximately an hour and a half. When they arrived at the scene flames were said to be coming out of the front door and front window of the house.

DEAD AT SCENE

Dr. L.E. Prowse, coroner, pronounced two children dead at the scene and instructed members of the fire department to remove the bodies.

Dr. Prowse said yesterday morning that the two children died as a result of burns and suffocation.

Fire Chief Gordon Stewart said it would appear the fire started from a space heater in the centre room of the house and added that he thought there was a possibility of a minor explosion in the heater.

FOUND IN CRIB

A member of the department said the younger of the deceased (Paula Marie) was found in a crib on the second floor while the seven-year-old boy was found in the centre room on the ground floor near the heater.

Mr. MacDonald was taken to Charlottetown Hospital for observation, but was released following an examination.

ESCAPE INJURY

Four members of the family who escaped without injury were: Cyril, 12; Judy, 11; Anne, 6; and Allan, 5.

The mother of the family is reported to be staying at the home of her brother, Bernard McCabe and the children stayed at the home of Mrs. M.J. Conway for the day. They are now staying at the home of their aunt Mrs. Hooper Younger. Mr. MacDonald is employed with Canada Packers Ltd.

The Red Cross emergency disaster service is giving assistance to the family. Sister Mary Henry of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau was also in attendance to give her aid.

The deaths brought to 12 the number of persons killed by fire within the last five days in the Maritime provinces.

Clarke MacDonald, 2, died in a New Glasgow hospital Sunday shortly after he was caught in the explosion of an oil stove in the Westville apartment of Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald.

The child had been rescued by his father from the burning apartment, but wandered back. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cormier and their seven children died Thursday morning when fire destroyed their home in Shediac, N.B. The remains were buried in one coffin Sunday.

No inquest into the fire will be held.

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BROTHERHOOD HONORS MEMBERS

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers honored five of its members for long service at the annual lodge banquet Sunday afternoon at the Clover Club. Making the presentations of long service awards was Emmett Deighan of Charlottetown, president of the BLF and E. Seal-

ed LEFT to RIGHT are: Ernest Deighan, Summerside, Edward Doyle and J. J. Doyle, Standing LEFT to RIGHT are: Emmett Deighan, Lester Cameron and J. A. Egan.

Council Seeks Report On Fire Equipment

MONTAGUE — Routine business took up most of the time of the Montague town council meetings, held last night in the council chambers. All councillors, with the exception of Athol Robertson, were present.

A delegation from the fire brigade consisting of Chief D.H. Coffin, John Shaw, and Cecil Beck was present to ascertain from the council if it was interested in the purchase of further fire equipment, such equipment to be for use in the event of out of town fires and for use in the town if needed.

A decision was reached to have the fire committee of each of the council and fire department get together and bring back a report to the council. This report would include prices of such a vehicle, type, and suggestion, by each committee, as to just what they felt would be best suited for their particular situation.

Also visiting the council for the meeting was a former councillor, Gilbert R. Clements. From time to time Mr. Clements sits in on a meeting. Members of the council have often expressed the opinion that more rate payers should sit on their monthly meetings.

AWAITING WORD

The council is awaiting further word from the attorney-general's department with reference to the policing of Montague by the RCMP. The chairman of the police committee had been in touch with the Attorney-general's office and was advised further information would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Councillor Ferguson D. MacLure was appointed to represent the council of the provincial water authority, as requested in correspondence from Hon. Leo F. Rossier.

On motion it was decided to have the Collins property, situated just behind the town building, torn down as soon as it was legally possible. The town now holds the deed to the property.

The fire marshal and the department of health are to be requested to check on the condition of one other property within the town.

Ed. Downe, town policeman, advised that three cases had been the court and that \$130. had been collected.

Chairman of the finance committee John Hughes reported receipts of \$863.00 for the month, \$750.00 of which were tax arrears.

The next council meeting will take place Wednesday, February 25th, to draw up the budget for the year.

Artificial Ice Meet Slated

SOURIS — A meeting is scheduled to be held here this Friday night to decide the matter of artificial ice for the Souris rink.

The Souris Rink is owned by Eastern Kings Arena Association and this year the ice in the rink was very poor.

Souris Teams Fare Well

SOURIS — The Souris basketball and hockey teams were very active this past weekend.

Basketball games were on tap at the Souris Regional High School on Friday evening. Visiting teams from the Provincial Vocational Institute were on hand. The Souris girls won over the visiting girls' team but the PVI boys defeated the High School boys. The last game was between two senior Kings county teams. The Souris Stars whipped the Montague team by a 55-37 victory.

On Saturday morning minor hockey took over with two visiting teams from St. Peter's Bay. The Souris Pee-Wees romped in an 8-0 victory while the Souris Bantams dented the pipes 14 times to win the game 14-3.

In the afternoon the Souris Mosquitos lost to Montague Mosquitos by a 4-3 decision.

On Saturday evening a game between the Charlottetown Flying Hawks and the Souris Crossbones ended in a 7-7 tie.

Souris Hoopsters Whip East Point

The Souris Flyers whipped the East Point hoopsters 41 to 23 in a regular Kings County league game last night at Souris High School. The following are the scorers for each squad:

Souris — Joe MacDonald 14, B. Cheverle 7, Doug MacLeod 6, J. Benthall 6, Dan Durling 4, Ray Malone 4; East Point — C. Hughes 6, W. Rose 5, A. Stewart 4, P. Ching 4.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island, Eastern New Brunswick Counties, Lower St. John River Valley: clearing this afternoon; scattered snowflurries, ending near noon; colder; winds northwest 15, diminishing this afternoon to light; low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 30, Moncton 22 and 30, Fredericton 20 and 27, Saint John 22 and 30, outlook for Wednesday: increasing cloudiness and a little colder.

High tide today at Charlottetown 7.40 a.m. and 6.07 p.m. At Rustico at 1.45 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.07 a.m. and sets at 5.48 p.m.

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EASTERN BRIEFS

IN HOSPITAL

Waldron MacKinnon, Churchill is improving in the P.E.I. Hospital following his recent operation.

RECEIVE WORD

Word has been received by relatives of the sudden death of Herbert Buell in Southbridge, Mass., formerly of Murray Harbor South. Surviving are his wife, son, daughter and several brothers and sisters.

Souris Rink Ice Taking Water

SOURIS — It is expected that the Souris rink will be closed all this week, due to the mild weather in the area. The rink was closed two weeks ago. The ice is starting to take water and there are a few holes in the south end.

The Ice Carnival is still on schedule for next Saturday night. The manager of the rink plans to keep it closed all week in order to save the ice for the carnival.

EASTERN FUNERALS

MacPHERSON FUNERAL — The funeral of Mrs. Alexander MacPherson, Union Road, Kings County was held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Montague, on Friday, Feb. 11th at 2 P.M. The service was conducted by Rev. M. C. Currie. The hymns The Lord's My Shepherd and In the Sweet Bye and Bye were sung by the Brooklyn Trio, accompanied by Mrs. A. F. Campbell, organist. Pallbearers were Fred Carver, Ted Mellish, Everett Moore, Ellsworth Ross, William Thompson, Norman Nicholson, Flowerbearers were Herbert Nelson, Gavin Reid, Willard Docherty, Lincoln Mellish, Dan M. MacDonald, Lyle Boehner, Milton Fraser, Alexander Hamilton, Glen MacLaren, Cyril Martin, Homer Moser. Interment took place in the Union Road cemetery.

PRACTICE FOR PLAY

SOURIS — The Souris Knights of Columbus players, under the direction of Ivan Cheverle, are busy practicing for their annual St. Patrick's play which will be staged on March 6th and 7th. The players have been practicing for the past three weeks at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The name of the play is "Aunt Abby Answers an Ad." The lead role of Aunt Abby will be played by Mrs. Kit MacIntyre.

DAMAGE SLIGHT

SOURIS — On Saturday afternoon at two o'clock the Souris Fire Department answered a call to the residence of Fee Roach, Souris, where a small fire had started on the eave of the roof. Due to the quick arrival of the Fire Department, the fire was extinguished after burning only a few boards. Cause of the fire was said to be a spark from a workshop flue, situated 40 feet from a barn containing fishing traps and rope.

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