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Former Army head to attend concert

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PICTON - Former Belleville resident, General Arnold Brown, retired international leader of the Salvation Army, will attend the Nov. 3 performance of the Canadian Staff Band, at Picton United Church.

Brown, who was born in London, England, was brought to Belleville by his parents, in 1913. He was commissioned and ordained as a Salvation Army officer in 1935 and served as corps officer at Bowmanville, before being transferred to the Army's editorial department.

In 1947, he became Territorial Publicity Officer for Canada and Bermuda and originated the radio series "This Is My Story" and the television series "The Living Word."

Brown assisted in the establishment of Salvation Army summer music camps in Canada and the United States and in 1962 became the Army's National Youth Secretary.

He was transferred to London, England, in 1964 and appointed head of International Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.

To update 24 social service institutions, Brown successfully developed the "For God's sake, Care" campaign, which aroused great public interest and support.

In 1969, the then Commissioner Arnold Brown was appointed Chief of Staff, second-in-command of the international Salvation Army. He travelled extensively and for five years was the business administrator of the work in 86 countries.

In 1974, he became Territorial Commander for Canada and after three years, was elected world leader.

Brown is the author of "What God Hath Wrought, a history of the Salvation Army in Canada. In 1970, served as president of the Rotary Club of London; England and in 1978 was made a Freeman of the City of London, England, the first Salvation Army leader to be honored in this way since the founder of the movement, William Booth, in 1905.

He is a life-member of the Guild of Freemen of London and in 1981 was admitted to the Order of Canada, as an officer,

In 1979, he was the recipient of the World Humanity Award, presented to him by Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

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