



(Photo by Hogg)

*We don't care if the sun don't shine...*

Maybe the weatherman wasn't all that co-operative, but that didn't deter these musicians from Whitchurch - Stouffville from both turning up and playing on at the rained-out Aurora folk festival last Saturday. Left to

right: Wayne Burbidge, Roddy McLernon, Randy Walker, David LaSalle and Pat Fitzsimmons. The concert, weather permitting, will be held this Saturday, starting at 1 p.m.

# Entertainment

## At ACTRA meeting

### Mulcahy blasts CBC for "pernicious" ways

TORONTO — Sean Mulcahy, artistic director of the Gryphon Theatre Company of Barrie, told a meeting of the Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists last week that he had a "deadly hatred for CBC-TV drama" and would like to put a stop to the CBC's "pernicious practice of importing non-members to play key roles."

placed in an English magazine.

"Of course, nine members of its faculty were English," Mulcahy said.

He said if performers here made any effort to stress Canadian content they were called "Xenophobes" (having an extreme dislike of foreigners.)

Mulcahy made his remarks during a meet-the-candidates session for election to the Toronto branch council of Actra at the King Edward Hotel. He was one of 11 candidates for the nine posts.

Mulcahy, who came to Canada from Ireland 19 years ago — "one of my happier choices" — said he was distressed at the attitude that anything Canadian was automatically inferior. There was a "If he's so good, what's he doing here?" syndrome," and cited several examples to back him up.

In one instance a CBC producer felt it would be wrong to hire a Canadian actor for \$1,500, when they could get an American for the same money.

"We haven't yet started hiring extras from the U.S.," Mulcahy said.

Another ready example was the advertisement placed one time by the University of Alberta for a dean for its drama department. The ad was

## Festival first

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE — Box office sales for the weekend of June 29 broke all previous records for the Shaw Festival, it was announced last week.

The Festival Theatre, featuring Mrs. Warren's Profession and The Admirable Crichton, played to 96.7 per cent capacity, or 3,226 people.

The Court House Theatre, with Arms and the Man, attracted 1,415 people, for a 98 per cent capacity.

These are the highest box office figures since the new Festival Theatre opened in 1973.



(Photo by Peter Northcott)

### Between you and me

If you promise not to tell a soul, Cicy Thomson, right, of Richmond Hill, seems to be telling Hilda Kirton in a scene from "Harvey" at Barrie's Georgian College Theatre. The happy comedy about an amiable lush, with Bill Kemp playing the latter, continues to July 10.

## Dining out should be treat

By Norman H. Matthews

### dining out with norm

Dining out should be a treat, whether you're a businessman treating a client, a family enjoying a special outing, or a young man trying to impress his sweetheart. Visiting new restaurants and trying out the culinary creations of chefs from many countries is, for the most part, an exciting experience.

But you can't win them all, as the saying goes. Our visit to the Sherwood Park Steak House and Tavern in Markham was far from exciting and questionable as a treat. A fairly large establishment with a seating capacity of about 100 people, the Sherwood's interior is adequately decorated with red table cloths, wagon-wheel lamps, and a long cocktail bar.

"Tch tch" We ordered cocktails and relaxed while we read the dinner menu. My companion chose the Sherwood Special Mixed Grill at \$4.50, which was a splendid looking plate of a pork chop, sausages, and a slice of liver, all topped with bacon strips. For the most part, it was a palatable meal, but the liver was "off" with an obvious taint which she couldn't attribute to any seasoning. When finished,

we mentioned the liver to the waitress who gave us a sympathetic "tch" and that was all.

I started with a Greek Salad, Athenian style, with marinated herrings, ripe olives, lettuce, radishes, celery, and tomato. A colorful and tasty dish at \$1.50. My choice from the list of entrees was the broiled South African lobster tails at \$9.50 which was served with a side dish of lemon flavored, drawn butter. I was pleased to see two small, tender tails instead of the larger and often stringy ones served in many dining rooms. Unfortunately, whatever method they used to cook them left the edges of the meat a bit singed and brittle. Other than that they were quite tasty.

Both meals had side dishes of a baked potato and sliced beets.

The waitress, who was quite attentive to our needs, recommended their dessert special,

strawberry shortcake, and we found it delicious. A single layer style cake coated with fresh strawberries and topped with whipped cream, the shortcake was 70 cents.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a pot of tea and a liqueur. Total bill for two was \$29.20, plus a \$2.00 tip, for a total charge of \$31.20.

### Unresponsive

At 9 p.m., the overhead lights were turned off and the room took on a mellow tone with red and blue spotlights creating the atmosphere for the evening's entertainment. The group known as The Brothers in Brass played their first set capably and enthusiastically, but to a generally unresponsive crowd. The small dance floor was noticeably void of participants, but they might have become more active later in the evening.

For a Wednesday evening, the Sherwood was quite busy, mostly with the 18 to 24-year-old crowd, dressed in casual attire, who came out for the entertainment and some rapping with friends over a drink.

The Sherwood Park Steak House and Tavern, No. 7 just west of No. 48, Markham, Ontario... 297-2590.

## Rained out!

AURORA — Rainy skies forced a week's postponement of the Aurora music and crafts festival scheduled for last Saturday in the Wells Street Park.

The festival will be held, weather permitting, next Saturday starting at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

The festival is sponsored by Folk Night at the Factory, Aurora's non-profit coffee house. Some 30 performers, including folk, country and bluegrass musicians, will be on hand for an eight-hour run.

Although the festival was officially postponed Saturday, one group of York region musicians — the Tannery Creek Boys — got in plenty of stage time anyway.

"Slim pickin's" "We came to do some pickin'," they said, so despite the fact that part of the time the five-man group outnumbered its audience, they pepper-

formed about 3½ hours' non-stop entertainment.

By mid-afternoon, the crowd reached a dozen or more, most of whom had picnic baskets and were oblivious to the rain.

### Extra shows

NIAGARA-on-the-LAKE — A heavy demand for tickets to George Bernard Shaw's Arms and the Man, has necessitated scheduling an additional nine performances at the Court House Theatre on selected weekend dates, it was announced by the Shaw Festival.

The extra times are as follows: August 6, 14, 15, 20, 21, 28, 29 and September 3, 4.

All starting times are at 8:30 p.m., except on August 15 and 29, which have 5:30 performances, and August 21 and September 4, when the performances start at 2:30.

For further information call 361-1544.

## Calendar

Georgian College Theatre, Barrie — "Harvey," the story of a happy inebriate and his "rabbit"; Gryphon Theatre Company, to July 10. With Bill Kemp, Angela Fusco, Toby Tarnow and Richmond Hill's Cicely E. Thomson. Colas and Colinette — Canada's first opera in an English production. Mohawk College Opera Theatre, Dundurn Castle, Hamilton. Tonight and tomorrow. Evenings of operatic excerpts — featuring Workshop's finest singers; July 13, 15, 17. The Beggar's Opera — St. Lawrence Centre, July

13-17. Niagara-on-the-Lake — distinguished chamber music at Court House Theatre; each Sunday at 2 p.m. to August 15. The New Edward Bear Show — Zodiac 1, Ramada Inn, Willowdale; to July 10. Call 493-9000. The Vibrations, July 12-24. International Fairy Tales — performed by the York Winds, artists-in-residence at York University; to July 11. Call 667-3441. Art Gallery of Ontario — The People Within, "intensely personal expressions of the Inuit culture of Baker Lake,

NWT, by eight living Canadian artists; to August 4. Niagara-on-the-Lake — Shaw Festival features The Admirable Crichton, Mrs. Warren's Profession, Arms and the Man, and The Apple Cart; to September 26. Music at Stratford — July 12 — Cleo Laine and John Dankworth; July 19 — Chuck Mangione Quartet. Aurora Folk Festival — Town Park, Wells Street; July 10, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Postponed from last week. Admission free. St. Lawrence Centre — Uncle Vanya; to July 10. Call 363-6505.

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