Canadian Dancer Headed For Top

Although Dame Margot Fonteyn has recently disallowed all reports of her imminent retirement, speculation continues to percolate as to who will replace her as the Royal Ballet's leading ballerina. Last month, the Fonteyn Sweepstakes gained another strong contender when Lynn Seymour, a 22-year-old Canadian dancer, put herself among the front-runners as Svetlana Beriosova, Nadia Nerina, Anya Linden, and Annette Page. While Miss Seymour has not yet officially been elevated to ballerina status, her performance of the female lead in Frederick Ashton's new two-act ballet, "Les Deux Pigeons," completely captivated both audience and critics at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

As Gounoulli, the Parisian model who loses her lover to a gypsy temptress but wins him back again, Miss Seymour exhibited her range of expression to add a streak of flirty mischief to the tender beauty already associated with her style. As Olegg Grinsky of The Daily Mail put it, she "revealed a humorous side to her talent as well as the poignant emotion and captivating lyricism which we already know so well."

Miss Seymour has been pressing her competition for nearly two years, and last December, in Kenneth MacMillan's "The Invitation," she drew critical notices which any ballerina might envy. "She is the lucky second cast contender, expressive liquid movement astonishingly similar to that of Fonteyn," wrote Alexander Bland in The Observer. "[Her] performance . . . puts her straight in the ballerina class." Ashton, who is both associate director and principal choreographer of the Royal Ballet, notes with enthusiasm that "she has enormous musicality. She has a brain, too. What she needs now, after her work in new ballets, is a masterly of the old classics—'Swam Lake, 'Giselle,' and the like."

The daughter of a Vancouver, B.C., dentist, Miss Seymour (real name Springbett) was auditioned by Ninette de Valois and Dame Ninette de Valois, the Royal Ballet's uncompromising director, in 1953, when the company was touring the U.S. and Canada. On scholarship, she attended the organization's famous school in London until 1957, when she joined the company as a professional dancer. Wide-eyed and softspoken, she admitted last month that she was "frightened to death" at being a star.

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WHO BROKE MRS. PERRY'S WINDOW? — Delicate designs in the glass of a mysteriously shattered window provide an unusual frame for Mrs. Sylvia Perry, a probate court clerk in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Perry was working in her office when the window near her desk cracked into thousands of fragments for no apparent reason. Any ideas?

Conducts Opera On Crutches

The audience up in the balconies spotted him first, slowly making his way on crutches through the musicians down in the pit. Carefully, he pulled himself up on to the podium and that famous silvery halo of hair rose into the sight lines of the audience downstairs. Then the Metropolitan Opera House exploded into a standing ovation for Leopold Stokowski, who was, at 78, finally making his debut as a Met conductor.

It went on like that for the next three and a half hours. Cheers, bravos, and uproarious applause greeted just about everything in the premiere last month of the Met's new production of Puccini's "Turandot." Act by act, Cecil Beaton's sets and costumes dazzled the eye, setting the scene for Puccini's tale of legendary China in all its resplendent glory. As Turandot, the cruel princess of ice and fire, Birgit Nilsson poured forth such a flood of soaring, stabbing top notes that the ear rang in disbelief. And this time, unlike previous performances of hers at the Met in Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," she had a tenor who could stand up to her torrent of sound. Franco Corelli, the company's handsome new 36-year-old Italian singer, looked like a prince who might sweep a lady off her feet, and he sang like one, too.

"Turandot" was Puccini's last opera. He died before he finished it, and the work was completed by Franco Alfano, an obscure composer now remembered only because he wrote the opera's last duet and finale. For the duet, Alfano worked from some very rough sketches left by the composer, and for the finale he reprised some of the opera's most beautiful melodies.

When Arturo Toscanini conducted the world premiere of "Turandot" at La Scala in 1926, he stopped the orchestra when he came to that part of the score which Puccini had completed. Turning to the audience, he said: "At this point the maestro laid down his pen." The next night "Turandot" was given with the Alfano ending.

It was a wonder that the Met's new "Turandot" ever reached the stage at all. Just a month ago, the production's director, Yoshio Aroma, the gifted Japanese responsible for the company's currently successful "Madame Butterfly," suffered a burst appendix. Thus, 34-year-old Nathaniel Merrill, who replaced him, suddenly found himself taking over the direction of a cast of 172.

But that was only one disaster. Before Aoyama's illness, yet another replacement had had to be made when Dimitri Mitropoulos died. Stokowski was chosen to succeed him, and then, of all things, he fell and broke his hip while playing ball with his two small sons during the Christmas holidays. To general manager Rudolph Bing's great relief, however, Stokowski refused to give up and rehearsed first from a wheelchair and, at the performance, propped against the conductor's stool. Later, he took his bows on the stage supported by his crutches.

When asked after the performance how he felt about the tumultous evening, Stokowski replied: "Really great music, written from the heart. I felt it went to the hearts of those who were listening." Was he unduly tired after such an exacting ordeal? "No," he said softly, "conducting never tires. You give much, but you receive more."

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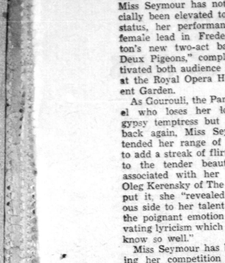

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CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline D. Clarke

Let's start this column with a smile. Here's why. My young friend Marian, like a good many other girls, loves to talk on the telephone. Her husband, however, doesn't take too kindly to this habit of hers so Marian tries to keep her telephone conversations confined to such times that Fred is out. But it can't always be arranged that way. Last Saturday Fred, after shovelling snow for about an hour came into the house for a rest period, only to find Marian engaged in an animated telephone conversation from which she seemed unable to break away. Finally she did, only to hear her spouse say in disgust — "So help me, when you die I'll see to it that you have a telephone installed in your casket. You'd never rest easy without it!"

Here is another one. Our niece Betty and her husband left Sudbury last week for a few days in Toronto where George was attending a business convention. At that time we were enjoying warm, balmy days in this part of Ontario, just the opposite from the North country. Betty didn't stop to compare weather conditions so she arrived in Toronto wearing a fur coat, a wool dress and fur-lined boots. Her only change in footwear was a pair of loafers and as she only intended putting in time at Dee's place she didn't even bring another dress. They were here last night and poor Betty was sweltering. But that wasn't the only problem. It is two years since George drove around Toronto. Since then there have been many changes — streets shut off, others designated as one-way streets and various confusing signs along the highway showing motorists which road to take into Toronto — that is, via the Lakeshore, the Gardiner Express Way or inside lanes for Parkside Drive—which is where they wanted to go. I can't remember all the wrong turns they made but George got himself so hopelessly snarled up he found himself anywhere but where he wanted to go and drove about twenty miles out of his way, even as far as the Kingsway. And George, I might add, is an experienced driver.

How lucky can you get? Saturday night we were not paying too much attention to the weather — too busy watching TV hockey — Leafs versus Detroit — wasn't that a game? Then it started to storm — rain and gale-force winds. It hit the back of our house with a terrific blast; awnings rattled and a singing sound came through the weather-stripping. Partner made frequent trips to the basement to see if water was seeping in. Up to bedtime it was all right but we kept our fingers crossed as the lights were dipping — and if the hydro went off that meant baling out water by hand from the sump pit. However, we went to bed after putting flashlights handy and candles on the kitchen table. We prayed for the best but we were not too hopeful!

Sunday morning — what a change . . . bright sunshine, ground comparatively dry and no wind. The only thing to make us realize we had had a near miss was the ice on the trees. But were they ever pretty!

Speaking of trees, all this winter rabbits have shown great respect for our trees and shrubs but now, with spring only weeks away they have started nibbling at a golden pussy-willow that I have been babying along for three years. Partner immediately took steps to protect it. The rabbits, thwarted from nibbling their favourite shrub, next attacked our honey locust. So Partner went to work on that. It is hard to know what to do for the best. Last year Partner wrapped every young tree and shrub with tar paper but in the spring we lost two lovely forsythia bushes. Partner thought it was because they were too protected and did not get enough sun and air. Seems you just can't win.

Well, this is Ross's fourth birthday — also Cedric's christening day. They were here for Sunday dinner and there was plenty of excitement during the birthday-parcel-unwrapping operations — but nothing to what there would have been had Jerry been around. Last Friday night Art and the three boys were here while Dee was attending a Girl Guide ceremony. Next morning Dee phoned to ask if I had survived. "Yes," I answered, "but I hope if you ever have another baby you won't expect me to look after Jerry!" Honestly, that boy requires one's undivided attention. It isn't that he's bad but his curiosity is insatiable. He is independent and fearless and will climb anything to get what he wants — and in a quiet way. When you think he is playing with his own toys he is just as likely as not to be on top of the cabinet pulling things out of the top kitchen cupboards. His brother is quite different and will sit for hours puzzling out jigsaw pictures. Seems to me a parent needs to be a trained psychologist these days to bring up a family properly.

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You've heard of road-hogs. Here is a case of a road-sow. Driving along Sag Harbor Turnpike, near Mineola, New York, Vincent Alioto Jr. claimed that a 300-pound pregnant sow struck his automobile, causing $211 in damages and $100 for temporary loss of its use. Farmer Waclaw Denisiuk, owner of the sow, claimed the car hit the sow, and sued for $300. Judge H. T. Hogan said both cars and pigs have a right to roads.

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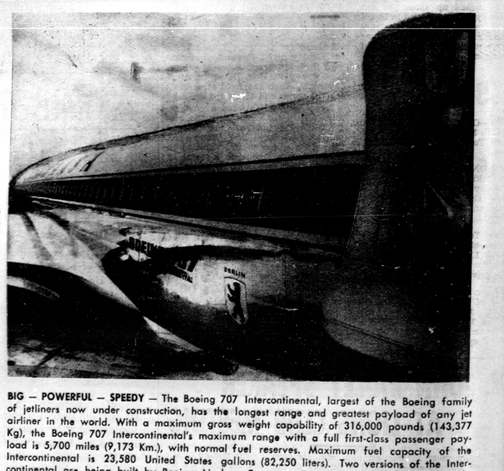

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Alpine Huts That Hearten Wanderers

Hundreds of huts stand ready in the whole region of the Alps to receive the wanderer and the mountaineer. Some are large and sturdy, perched defiantly on saddles and ridges; others, like eagle's eyries, destined only to be used as emergency shelters, their lay-out and fittings limited to the bare necessities. But in both a sense of safety may be felt more keenly than under any roof in town or countryside. Anyone who has ever made his way up steep ascents towards such a hut, his back bowed under the weight of a heavy rucksack, in the broiling sun, perspiring and with parched throat, knows what it is to step with a sigh of relief into the shade of the hut.

The sense of security is felt to the full only on a stormy night, for instance when we have been overtaken by a sudden thunderstorm, when pitch darkness hides from view the ragged, tousle-headed clouds that only a moment before were all ablaze, and when the last pale gleam of the sunset-glow has suddenly vanished from the highest summits. Now a new aspect of the mountain is revealed, as we grope our way along the narrow track, which is seen only for short instances in the brilliant flashes of lightning. How easy it is then for the feeling that one is utterly lost to creep into the heart, filling it with strange forebodings, while the thunder rumbles around and among the rocky ridges. . . .

And when at last, high up, a faint, dim, flickering light is seen, cast by a wind-lantern hung outside the window by the solicitous hut-keeper to guide benighted travellers, one breathes a sigh of relief. How much comfort, courage and confidence is abroad by this tiny gleam of light! As soon as the door is shut behind us we feel safe again. However wildly the storm may rage outside, however much the mountain-side may tremble at the thunder-claps, here is refuge, shelter and warmth. From "The Haunted Realm"—By Paul Eggenberg, in the book "Across the Alps."

Stole A Bicycle From Scotland Yard!

Arriving home from a party in the early hours of the morning recently, a householder had the shock of his life. During his absence a daring thief had removed the whole of the back porch of his luxury house, brick by brick, and driven off in a truck with the loot.

That happened in California but examples of crooks' audacity are being reported from all over the world. One strolled into a London police station, made his way to a room set apart for detectives attached to the division, and walked off with a couple of new overcoats.

Another thief once sneaked into Scotland Yard by a back door and rode out a few moments later through the main gate on a police superintendent's bicycle and got clear away.

Even more daring was a crook who, knowing that the titled woman owner was away, entered her Thames-side flat and took up residence there for several days, eating her food and sleeping in her bed.

He was so pleasant and discreet that the other tenants took his right for granted.

On her return the owner found that the man had taken only a few books, including poetry, and the pick of her wine cellar. He was never caught.

The porter of a block of Paris flats was called to the sixth floor to do some work and left a notice pinned to her door: "The porter is upstairs."

When she returned she found the notice reversed and this written on the back: "Thanks for the tip. Much obliged. All has gone off well."

It had, too. Goods worth $2500 had vanished from three flats whose owners were out shopping.

Similar cheek was displayed by an enterprising Colorado crook. He looked through a window, noticed that a woman who had been watching television had dozed off in her armchair, forced an entrance and stole the TV set while she still slept.

MERRY MENAGERIE

"Is there a veterinary in the house?"

MUFTI — Odd costume masks Sophia Loren, Italian star, at her Burgenstock, Switzerland, villa. She and husband Carlo Ponti avidly avoid publicity.

Folks Are Thirsty In Tennessee

Of Tennessee's 95 counties, from the haze-cloaked peaks of the Smokies westward to the misty bottoms along the Mississippi, there are only nine where a customer can legally buy legally manufactured liquor. And Knox County, where sprawls Knoxville, the state's fourth largest city (population 111,827), is not one of the nine. But Knoxville rarely thirsts.

The clubs and loge halls and veterans' posts keep well-stocked bars. Convenient neighborhood bootleggers, some of them with curb service, sell famous-name whisky at about $6.50 a fifth. Play-at-home citizens have always been able to telephone obliging bootleggers who would deliver direct to the door.

Knoxville, indeed, has repeatedly voted down the local option of going wet.

Last month, though, Knoxville was as dry as a 10-to-1 Martini. Except for beer, sold legally throughout Tennessee, the city was a desert of parched partygoers and cowed bootleggers, who stashed their stocks across the county line and dealt stealthily with only their most trusted clients. Bulky Sheriff Herman Wayland, the man who closed up Knoxville, predicted that before he was finished the price of whisky in Knox County would rocket to $15 a fifth.

Wayland, a Democrat who took office last Sept. 1, got his Tennessee dander up a few weeks ago at Republican charges that he was putting old-line bootleggers out of business and installing his own syndicate. Wayland went raging to a fellow Democrat, Gov. Buford Ellington, and got a promise of help for his 27 deputies from state troopers and state alcohol tax unit agents.

Then he struck.

Raiders carrying brand-new sledge hammers dashed into the posh Cherokee County Club, startling the ladies at their regular Wednesday afternoon bridge. They found other lady members watching a fashion show at Holston Hills Country Club. In all, they hit three city and six county clubs, seized 260 gallons of liquor, arrested nine club officials, and for good measure seized 92 (of the county's Federally licensed 102) slot machines.

After that first big day, Wayland turned his attention to bootleggers, at the end of last month had raided scores, arrested some 80 persons. He let it be known, what's more, that undercover operatives are keeping an eye on clubs and bootleggers. The sheriff's vigilance was paying off, as one Knox County bootlegger attested:

"I wouldn't sell a drop of whisky to my thirsty grandma."

Something had to give eventually, of course, and now it just might be the voters of Knox County. The State Legislature is considering two bills that would make it easier for the city to legalize liquor sales. And the city, having just built a $6 million convention hall, is perfectly well aware that few conventions can get off the ground on not air alone.

As Others See Us Dep't—A columnist says in Punch magazine: I enjoyed receiving from New York a letter whose stamp portrayed the Statue of Liberty beneath the proud slogan "Liberty for All." The whole thing was canceled with a postmark saying, "Aliens must report their addresses during January."

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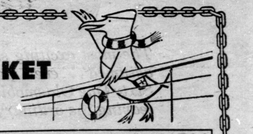

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