700 ATTEND PERFORMANCES

Civic Centre Variety show talent warmly applauded for two nights

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Prince Rupert Civic Centre's Variety Show of 1959-60 proved one thing —that you don't have to look far for talent.

Friday night was the opener for the two-night show and an audience of more than 300 were entertained by a group of some 100 excellent performers.

From a children's rhythm band to a demonstration on fencing, talent came in a maze.

Youngsters have a particular charm of their own and flaws which would ordinarily ruin an act added humor and spice to the rhythm band numbers.

Under the capable and sometimes frustrated guidance of instructor, Ernestine Peterson, the children kept the audience rolling in the aisles.

SHOW STOPPER

Another show highlight was a gymnastic demonstration by Richard Miller and Nelson Kinney, who gave Prince Rupert its first glimpse at a suspended ring act and performed flips and manoeuvres which kept the audience gasping.

Richard and Nelson also led the children's tumbling act and one of their proteges, a loveable little nine-year-old girl, Linda Sugiyama, stated in an exclusive interview that when she grows up she wants to be the city's first professional lady gymnast.

Though the children in the rhythm band were not polished performers they presented three appealing acts with several nursery rhymes sung by solo performers during the second number.

Sixteen acts were presented during the three-and-a-half hour show including the rhythm band, children's ballet, tumbling, children's tap dancing, judo, fencing, senior ball room dancing, gymnastics, senior square dancing and weight lifting.

PERFECT TIMING

Under the supervision of Suzane Biro the children's ballet group displayed a delightful dance number entitled "sylvia" for their first of three numbers with perfect timing and good rhythm.

Tom Masich, recreation supervisor of the Civic Centre and show producer, demonstrated his ability by doing five half squats with a 500 pound weight across his shoulders.

Designed to show the public what activities take place in the Centre, manager Jacob Vandenbrink said "If the youngsters were as happy with the show as we were then it was a success."

Mr. Vandenbrink thanked all the volunteer workers "without whose help the show would not have been possible."

At the beginning of the show five-year old Tommy McChesney a blonde fellow with a crew cut and sporting a classy green coat sauntered up to the microphone, smiled and winked at the audience, then casually and professionally burst forth with the song "Little Jack Horner."

SMASH HIT

He was a smash hit.

A crowd of some 400 adults and children Saturday night enthusiastically applauded the second performance and saw presentation highlights.

On behalf of the winning Shmoos in the Juvenile Floor Hockey League, captain Wayne Specht accepted the trophy presented for the first time and donated by Len Harrington and Tom Masich.

Receiving individual trophies were Skip Cronk, most valuable player; Bill Pottle, most sportsmanlike; Sven Rasmussen, best goalie and Ian Cullen, most valuable man to the league.

Mrs. Peterson received a special gift from the mothers and children of the rhythm band as well as a bouquet from volunteer leaders, Mrs. Arthur Lees, Mrs. T. Pavola, Mrs. William Rothwell and Mrs. Roy Boychuk, who also received gifts of corsages from the rhythm band mothers.

Popular master of ceremonies was W. D. Smith.

LA gets new members donates money to fund

Two new members were received into the Canadian Legion branch No. 27 Ladies auxiliary Thursday night when the group held its regular meeting in the Canadian Legion auditorium.

On behalf of president Dorothy Ballinger, who was absent for the first half of the meeting, vice-president Mrs. Alex Pihera welcomed new members Mrs. Isabel George and Mrs. D. R. Sanders.

During the business session reports were given by Mrs. A. J. Bernard on the Cancer Society dinner and Mrs. Michael Karasosky, who reported on the LA birthday banquet, March 15.

The sum of $10 was donated to the Cuthbert Morven Family Fund.

Co-conveners were named for the annual "International Dinner" to be held June 17. Conveners are Mrs. Pihera and Mrs. Harold Anderson.

Appointed to attend the annual provincial convention in Vancouver May 29 were the president and Mrs. Michael Karasosky, standard bearer.

It was announced that Mrs. William Rothwell, who will be in Vancouver at the time of the convention will attend the session as a fraternal delegate.

Refreshments concluded the meeting.

Youth fitness

OTTAWA (CP)—Almost 60 per cent of the 184 youngsters who took part in a physical fitness week course sponsored by the Ottawa boys' club were unable to meet the required standard. The tests included push-ups, rope climbing, jumping and running.

United Church Group Gives Family Clothing

The Joyce M. Facey United hall Women's association donated clothing to the Cuthbert Morven Family Fund, from articles in its Thrift Shop at Friendship House, it was announced at the group's last meeting held in the church hall.

With president Mrs. R. H. Larson in the chair, members noted that work had begun on the new addition to the hall.

In other business plans were completed for a bake sale to be held at Gordon and Anderson's April 30 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Conveners are Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Charles Roberts and Mrs. R. A. Linton.

TO FEATURE BOOTH

IODE Cambrai donates money to Morven family

The Cuthbert Morven Family Fund will be boosted by $10 following the meeting of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire Cambrai chapter Wednesday night held at the home of Mrs. W. J. McLean.

Mrs. G. P. Lyons chaired the session on behalf of Regent Mrs. T. A. McMeekin, who was in Vancouver attending the IODE provincial chapter convention.

Plans were completed for candy booth to be featured at the Civic Centre Arts and Crafts exhibition Friday April 22.

It was decided to hold a rummage sale on May 6.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Comadina, 336 Fifth Avenue West, May 4.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Breen, 625 Fifth Avenue East, left the city Saturday night aboard the "Canadian Prince" for a two-month holiday. While away they will visit members of their family in Port Alberni and friends former city residents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moore in Nanaimo. The Moores and the Breens will return to Prince Rupert by car.

G. L. G. Mandeville arrived in the city Thursday afternoon by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane to spend an extended holiday with his son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. R. A. Orton. Mr. Mandeville's home is in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Arriving in the city by car Friday afternoon from their home in West Summerland were Mr. and Mrs. Earle B. Wilson, to spend the Easter holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wells, 1643 Atlin Avenue.

Mrs. Black re-elected zone official

Mrs. J. S. Black was unanimously re-elected zone representative at the annual zone meeting of the Ladies auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held in Kitimat, Saturday.

Attending with Mrs. Black from the LA to branch No. 27 was Mrs. Frederick Barber, who was elected to serve as secretary for the annual meeting.

Delegates attended from Kitimat and Terrace and other communities were represented by letter.

The Kitimat LA feted the visiting members to a banquet following the meeting.

Kitimat president Mrs. Frances Thompson was chairman and official hostess for the annual session.

School play "Old King Cole" enjoyed by 1,000 at three shows

From the colorful pages of Mother Goose came the famous characters of nursery rhymes to delight more than 700 adults and children at the two performances of "Old King Cole," Thursday and Friday nights at the Roosevelt Park School, presented by a cast of 29 students.

At a "Dress Rehearsal" Tuesday afternoon 400 school children wildly applauded the humorous antics of the young troupers.

With actors garbed in gayest authentic costumes and the scenery set in nursery rhyme decor, the three-act play provided laughter, music and keen merriment for the entire family.

Under the direction of school principle John H. Steele, the young pupils gave "highly polished" performances executing perfect timing and excellent character acting.

Show producer was vice-principal Mrs. Doris Cobb.

"So many persons are responsible for our success," Mr. Steele said today.

"Besides the young actors themselves, there was the teaching staff who gave many hours of help and the Parent-Teacher association members, who sponsored the production."

District Scout News

Second Prince Rupert Cub Pack—The big event during the month of March was a "Special Night" held on a pirate theme. The Cubs as well as all the leaders were in costumes and it was a difficult task for the Captains to judge the most original dress of their crews. Each six also portrayed a scene of piracy. The meeting began with the raising of the Jolly Rodger and closed with a pardon from her Majesty the Queen, and hoisting of the Union Jack.

The hungry crews were fed on boiled rice, tropical fruit salad, cookies and cocoa.

A very keen competition still continues in star and badge work. The team players badge was awarded to Craig Nixon and Douglas Cameron and the collector's badge to Roddy Schwab.

Second Prince Rupert Troop—Three new members were added to this troop. Jim Blackstone, Dale Fleming and Rene Bond. A going-up ceremony is planned at which three more boys will be admitted. This will bring the strength to 24 Scouts. Byron Lindstrom earned the artists badge, but being a tenderfoot he has to earn his second class Scout badge before he can wear it.

Third Prince Rupert Troop—The following boys were received into this Troop, Fraser Wilson, Lloyd Frader, John Bremner and Ken Bowman. Invested as Scouts were Alec Halkett and John Menard. The second class Scout badge was awarded to Larry Gordon and Brian Eby.

Sixth Cub Pack—The following Cubs received their first star as well as the swimmers badge, Billy Montgomery, Donny Hansen, George Greer, James Britten, Robert Hitchcock, Raymond Nagy. The first star was given to David Anderson, Doug Christison, Blair Johnstone, Michael Phipps and Rickey Van Nice.

Invested were Tommy Spiller, David Balchin and John Simmons. The following promotions were also made, Billy Montgomery to Sixer; James Britten, Donny Hansen and Raymond Ubell to Seconds.

Mark anniversary in sanatorium

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bronson of Beebe, Que., both patients at St. Francis Sanatorium, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Among their 10 children, Douglas is police chief of Beebe and Arnold Jr. is police chief of Rock Island.

Announcements

● Whist and dance at SON Hall, Fri., April 8. All proceeds for Morven Fund. Whist at 8, dancing from 10-2. (70)

● SON meeting Monday, April 11, 8 p.m. (70)

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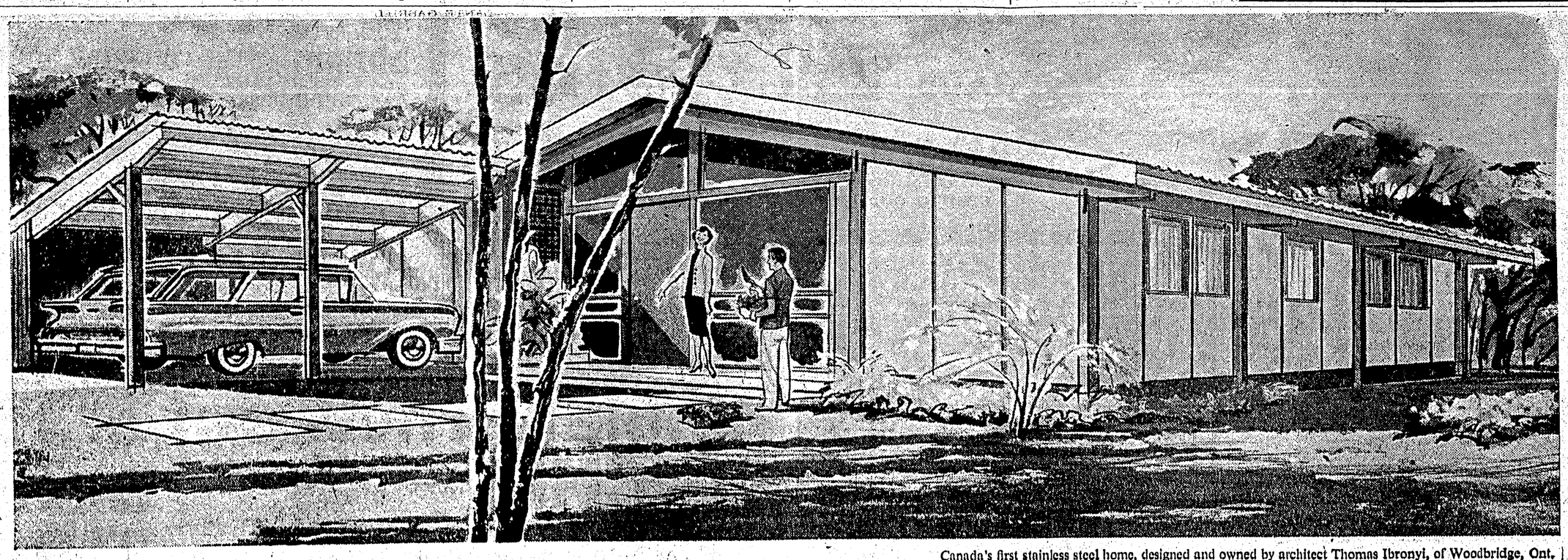

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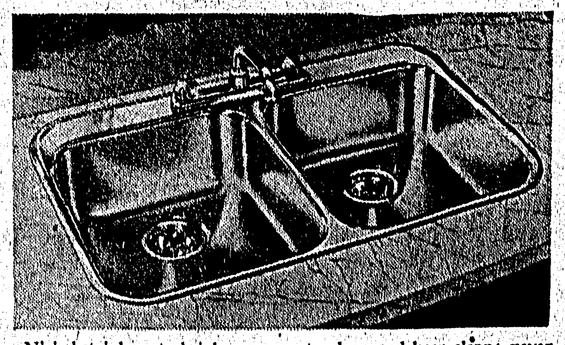

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