PRINCIPAL GIVEN HONORARY POST

Mrs. John Denning re-elected Conrad school PTA president

Mrs. John Denning was re-elected president of the Conrad Street school Parent-Teacher association for a second term Tuesday night when the PTA held its annual meeting.

Others taking office were Mrs. Jens Knudsen, secretary and Mrs. Richard Cameron, re-elected treasurer.

Social conveners elected were Mrs. Frank Morowski and Mrs. William Currie.

Mrs. Knudsen was elected PT council representative; Mrs. Constance Weise, Miss Norma Irving and Mrs. Ronald Barbour, membership conveners; T. G. Bateman, school principal, elected safety representative and Mrs. S. A. McCready, publicity.

Mr. Bateman was also appointed honorary president.

The positions of vice-president and program convener were not filled but it was announced elections for the posts would be held at the September meeting. In the meantime the executive was delegated to take charge of programming.

The well-baby clinic representative was filled temporarily by Mrs. Knudsen.

During the business session Mrs. Denning submitted an excellent report on the recent convention held in Penticton by the PT Federation.

Tentative dates were set for next year's bazaar as March 29 or March 31.

Mr. Bateman announced that the opaque projector is in good working order.

A recommendation was made to the executive to condense business sessions into five regular meetings, as is now being done by the King Edward School PTA.

Kitimat hospital to host visitors at regional meet

The Kitimat General hospital will be host to many delegates tomorrow and Saturday when the North West Regional council of the British Columbia Hospital association holds its annual meeting in the smelter town.

Chairman of the region is E. H. Knight, Prince Rupert General hospital administrator.

Delegates from hospital administrative personnel and Women's auxiliaries will attend from Ocean Falls, Miller Bay Indian hospital; Terrace, Kitimat, Hazelton, Smithers, Burns Lake and Prince Rupert.

With Mr. Knight attending from Prince Rupert will be hospital board chairman J. K. Shaw, hospital pharmascist, W. H. Dumont, G. M. Barrow, hospital accountant and Women's auxiliary president Mrs. Carl Strand with WA members, Mrs. T. S. Haupt and Mrs. C. C. Mills. Official host is D. A. Robertson, Kitimat hospital administrator and main speaker will be Kenneth Conibear, executive secretary of B.C. hospital associations, of Vancouver.

It is the first time that Kitimat has been chosen for the parley and delegates will be given a tour of the new Kitimat General hospital.

A banquet in honor of all visiting delegates has also been planned for.

During the business sessions discussion on regional activities will be held and interesting topics have been scheduled for the addresses to be given.

SHIPPING DISPATCHER—Enid Whittaker, once an agriculture student at the University of Saskatchewan, now handles a key position in the shipping trade on Canada's west coast. Miss Whittaker is shown in her Vancouver office pointing to a map dotted with pins marking positions of ships and pilots. Born in Saskatoon, she was forced to give up her study of agriculture because of family illness. —CP photo.

Deepsea pilot dispatcher has frustrated love for farm

VANCOUVER (CP)—Enid Whittaker, a former Prairie girl with a frustrated love for the farm, now finds herself a keystone in the British Columbia shipping trade.

Bright-eyed Miss Whittaker dispatches all the pilots on the B.C. coast. From her office in downtown Vancouver, she must keep a constant check on every deepsea vessel between Puget Sound in Washington State to the south and Alaska to the north.

There are 55 pilots—the men who take over guidance of foreign ships for their entry into port—in the British Columbia Pilotage District.

For the last three months they have been working at close to capacity as more and more ships head for the numerous ports along the B.C. coast.

Miss Whittaker and fellow dispatchers must know the whereabouts of the pilots every hour of the day. When the call comes in for a pilot from a ship at sea, they must be prepared to send a man to any of the 30 ports in the B.C. district.

Control centre of the pilotage district is a large map of the coast is Miss Whittaker's office. Magnetic pins mark the location of every ocean ship and pilot on duty.

There are 11,000 miles of coastline to be serviced and often it must be done on short notice.

"We have a crystal ball down here that we rub every now and again," she says. "It's an exciting business because there's always something unexpected nappening.

"Most of all, it's a job of meticulous detail."

Born in Saskatoon, she studied agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. Illness in the family forced her to give up her courses and move to Vancouver nine years ago.

She took an office job with the pilotage authority and five years ago became dispatcher.

"We have a place called the bull-pen in the office, and that's about as close as I get to farming right now. I still have a year to go in my agriculture course, but I don't know whether I'll ever complete it.

"But I would still love to get into that kind of work."

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Wedding plans presaged at shower party

Wedding plans of guest-of-honor Mrs. Hazel Burrell, who will marry Frederick W. McIntosh May 14, were presaged last night when friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Lorne Anderson.

Co-hostesses for the lovely shower party were Mrs. Hubert Hennessy and Miss Stella Dumas.

Seated in the shower chair, decked with pink and white streamers, Mrs. Burrell received her miscellaneous gifts in a basket decorated en tone and was presented with a corsage of roses.

Bingo and other games were enjoyed followed by refreshments.

Invited guests were Mrs. Ernest Gilbertson of Vancouver and matron-of-honor elect; Mrs. Laura Cazes, Mrs. Frank Martel, Mrs. Robert Sim, Mrs. Kenneth Harris, Miss Sandra Crummy, Miss Heather Haldane, Mrs. Maxwell Fleming, Mrs. Frank Dumas, Mrs. John Fosty and Mrs. Paul Boulliott.

ITALIAN TRADE

Italy's adverse trade balance in the first two months of 1960—excess of imports over exports—was 87 per cent higher than in 1959.

SPAGHETTI DINNER—SATURDAY NIGHT

OORP elects HRL Mrs. James Flaten

Mrs. James Flaten was elected Honored Royal Lady of the Order of the Royal Purple last night when the OORP held its election of officers in the Elks lodge.

Others elected to office were Mrs. William McChesney Jr., associate royal lady; Mrs. D. S. Bill, loyal lady; Mrs. Alan Currie, lecturing lady; Mrs. A. B. Irvine, conductress; Mrs. Robert McNiles, chaplain; Mrs. Joseph Gallant, secretary; Mrs. Donald Hawryluk, treasurer; Mrs. John Rosedale, three-year trustee; Mrs. Keith Young, inner guard and Mrs. Andrew Menzies, outer guard.

Plans were completed for the annual "Spaghetti Dinner" to be held Saturday night in the Elks lodge.

It was announced that there will be two sittings, one at 6:30 p.m. and another sitting at 8 p.m.

Ticket convener is Mrs. Robert Menzies. Tickets may be obtained at the Esquire Shop and Annettes.

Gay plans have been arranged for the annual dinner in a "Jubilee" setting, marking the city's 50th golden anniversary. Wines and salads will be served with the meal, to be followed by a party featuring a three-piece orchestra.

In other business it was decided to purchase wreaths to be placed on the graves of deceased members at Fairview Cemetery.

David Scott's name was drawn for the "Dress of the Month" raffle.

Mrs. William Sundberg's name was drawn for the attendance prize.

Refreshments conclude the meeting.

PERSONALS

Dr. Peter Postuk, former city resident, with his wife and one of his two daughters, Jayne, is in the city spending a two-week vacation renewing acquaintances and visiting members of his family. While here they are houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Pavlikis, 1017 Third Avenue West. Prior to arriving in Prince Rupert Sunday night by car, they were guests of Dr. Postuk's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schaeffer in Terrace.

Long-time city residents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAra left last week by train en route to Victoria where they will take up temporary residence before moving to make their home at Saanich, Vancouver Island.

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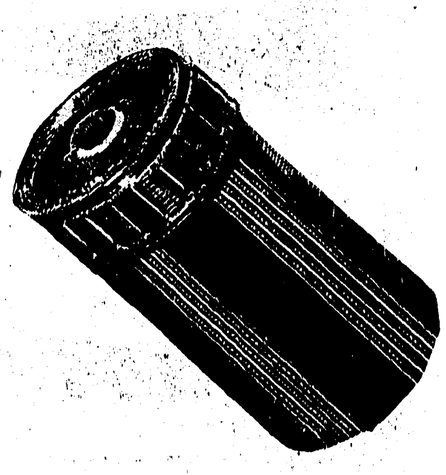

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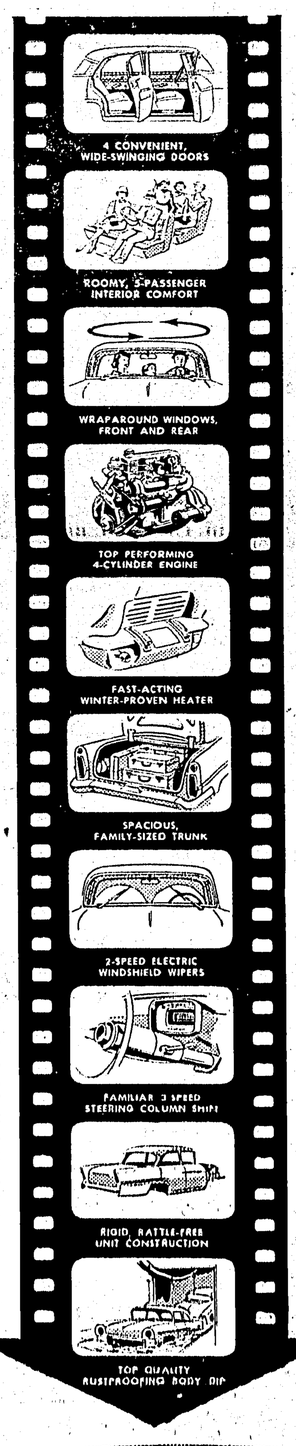

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