Setting, costumes, music make season's gayest ball

Italo-Canadian club masquerade outstanding success for project

By GRACE BROWN
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A dance record was made in Prince Rupert Saturday night.

And it wasn't made only in music or minutes.

It was in the magnificent decor which decorated the Armoury for the occasion to bring to life a "Garden of Venice", after months of preparation by the Italo-Canadian club to stage a "Venetian Night Masquerade Ball".

It was in the fabulous costumes of romance and make-believe worn by some 350 guests in attendance and it was in the delectable food-fare, a "Midnight Cenone Banquet."

For the Italo-Canadian club to excel its own efforts in holding the gayest event of the season will be a challenge.

PRECEDENT SET

And so a precedent has now been established by the energetic group of city citizens who, in only its second year, has undertaken to build a "Fountain-Plaza," a gift to Prince Rupert to mark its golden jubilee year.

"The wonderful response shown by the people of Prince Rupert in attending our masquerade has made it a most profitable event, as well as a gigantic social success for us," Chairman Vernon Ciccone said.

All net proceeds from the function go towards the jubilee project.

Also equally grateful at the enthusiastic reception and turnout by the public was Club President John Barazzuol.

Besides welcoming his many costumed guests, the president was a very busy man supervising the delicious midnight supper of more than 10 dishes fit to titillate the palate of a gourmet.

Mr. Barazzuol was also in charge of the "Garden of Venice" decor, a fantasy in colored lanterns and authentic murals drawn by Georgio Guistini and thousands of multi-colored flowers to enhance the green background foliage.

For those who didn't care to dance to the down-beat rhythm of the colorfully garbed six-piece orchestra there was entertainment in watching the dancers costumed in the grandest array of gay outfits seen in Prince Rupert in many a season.

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHPOINT

A highpoint in the night's activities was the entertainment interlude which featured beautiful Viennese waltzes played by accordianist Michael Colussi and his orchestra.

So compelling was the music that the crowd joined in a community sing.

Also featured on the program was Mrs. Michael Karasosky, who sang several selections.

Zero hour arrived, when after the grand march, a trio of unidentified judges chose Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jensen, as the best-dressed couple for appearing as King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Hugh Muir was given the prize for the best individual costume, dressed as a sheik and Vernon Ciccone, as a court jester, received the most comical prize.

Mayor P. J. Lester presented prizes of brass plaques to Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, a mantle clock to Mr. Muir and a case of macaroni to Mr. Ciccone.

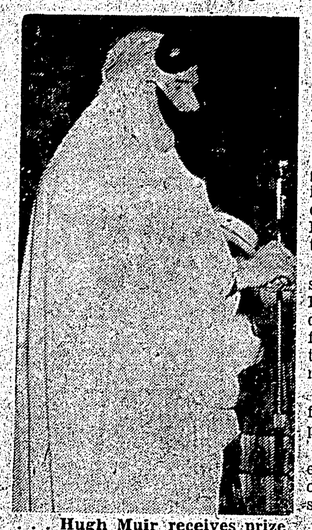
A table of guests garbed as Men of Sherwood Forest, headed by Robin Hood, Friar Tuck and Maid Marion, received outstanding recognition and a special prize.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Halliwell, Mr. and Mrs. William Dibben, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pallant and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Davis.

It was a most successful first for the Italo-Canadian club and all indications point up to another fabulous function next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jensen receive best-dressed couple prize from Mayor P. J. Lester. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio

. . . Pictured above are masquerade ball committee members left to right — Peter Presotto, Antonio Seccia, John Barazzuol, Mrs. James Ciccone, Otto Sambol, Peter Ferraro, Adolfo Matteucci, Joseph Seccia, Charles P. Balagno and Vernon Ciccone. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio



. . . Hugh Muir receives prize for sheik outfit. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio.

. . . Court jester costume wins prize for Vernon Ciccone — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio.

. . . Gaily garbed guests shown at tables enhanced by colored lanterns imported from Italy. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio

. . . Caught in action from balcony shot are costumed guests dancing to six-piece orchestra. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio

. . . Providing down-beat rhythm is the six-piece orchestra, pictured in a Garden of Venice setting. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio

FEBRUARY 21 AT LA GONDOLA

OORP plans dinner for district official

A dinner meeting in honor of District Deputy Supreme Honored Royal Lady of the Order of the Royal Purple, Mrs. Rae Jeffrey will be held by the city OORP February 21 in La Gondola cafe at 7 p.m.

Plans for the annual fete were made Wednesday night when the group held its regular meeting with Mrs. James Flaten, honored royal lady, presiding.

It was announced that the initiation of four new members will be conducted at this meeting and the drawing of dress tickets will also be held.

In other business Mrs. Louis Gastaldini was named convener for a rummage sale to be held on Sixth Street, Friday, February 17 in the evening.

Members with rummage for pick-ups are asked to telephone Mrs. Flaten at 4347.

Kinettes to record activities

The Prince Rupert Kinettes will now have a record in book form on all its activities following the decision Thursday night to purchase a scrap book.

At the regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. W. Long, with President, Mrs. D. K. Cameron, presiding, Mrs. Long was named historian of the book.

In other business the sum of $50 was voted to be given the "Mother's March" fund.

It was announced that the bake sale Saturday earned the sum of $50.

The president appointed the nominating committee headed by Mrs. I. H. Currie, chairman and Mrs. R. A. Andrew and Mrs. W. A. Gordon.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Lessard, March 9 with Mrs. J. M. Pylot as co-hostess.

Good News for Homemakers
Carolyn Campbell

Hearty Fare For February

The weather outside is frightful while the food inside is delightful . . . that is if you're a clever menu planner . . . as you probably are.

Ignore winter's icy blast with warming, hearty foods. Set a gay but simple table to serve a tempting chili dish to your family.

Most of the ingredients come right from your pantry shelf. Start with canned condensed tomato soup, famous as a soup and good as a cooking ingredient. Combine it with canned kidney beans, wieners, green pepper, onion, and chili powder for this February special.

Crackers, and a crisp salad garnished with cucumber slices are perfect accompaniments to this chili dish.

WIENERS AND BEANS CHILI

½ pound wieners, cut in ½-inch slices
½ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
½ teaspoon chili powder
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 cans (1 pound, 4 ounces each) kidney beans, drained
1 can (10 fluid ounces) condensed tomato soup
1 teaspoon vinegar
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

In skillet, cook wieners, onion, green pepper, and chili powder in butter until wieners are browned. Add remaining ingredients. Cover; cook over low heat about 15 minutes, stirring now and then. Makes 6 servings.

Teachers give view tonight

All parents of children one to six years are encouraged to attend the special meeting being held tonight by the Annunciation Home and School association in the Annunciation School auditorium, at 8 p.m.

"Come and Hear A Teacher's View", is the theme of the address being sponsored by the teachers for the benefit of the parents.

Since education begins at birth, the teachers are inviting all parents of pre-school children to attend this meeting.

Association president Emile Blain also extends an invitation to parents and interested friends.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke McLean of White Rock, B.C., left this morning by car for their home following a short visit in the city. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMeekin, 1030 Atlin Avenue.

City boy in UBC musical

Special to The Prince Rupert Daily News

VANCOUVER — A third-year commerce student from Prince Rupert is taking part in the Musical Society's production of "Damn Yankees" at the University of British Columbia.

He is Kenneth McKinnon, son of Mrs. Florence McKinnon of 727 Fraser Street, Prince Rupert.

Ken is in the dancing chorus of "Mussoc's" production of the Broadway hit, carrying on an interest which began in his high school years. He took dancing parts in Prince Rupert's Little Theatre productions of "Brigadoon," "Mikado" and "HMS Pinafore."

Ken graduated from high school in 1956 and was awarded the Alan McLean Hearst award for university entrance. He plans to become a chartered accountant and will be articling with an accounting firm next year.

In addition to his studies at UBC Ken has done some figure skating and is this year treasurer of Acadia Council, the governing body of one of the student residences.

"Damn Yankees" is Mussoc's 31st annual musical show, and is being directed by James Johnson of Vancouver's Theatre Under the Stars. The musical direction and choreography are by Beverly Fyfe and Grace McDonald, also of TUTS.

Ken is one of four men and four girls who rehearse two evenings a week for their parts in the dancing chorus. Full scale rehearsals take up further time.

Ken said that he is enjoying working with the directors of TUTS in puting on this student show.

PROCEEDS EARNED AT SALES FOR SOROPTIMIST PROJECT

Plans for a rummage sale to be held February 24 on Sixth Street were completed last night when the Prince Rupert Soroptimist club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. G. M. Turner.

President Mrs. Catherine Holder reminded members that items for rummage were still needed and persons wishing pick-ups may telephone numbers, 2888, 2831, 4563 or 5944.

In other business it was announced that the last night of the "Round Robin" bridge series would be held March 3 at the home of Mrs. F. St. John Madeley, with Mrs. John Bateman convening.

An Easter variety bake sale was set for April 1.

Also announced was the date of the annual tag day to be held June 17.

All proceeds from theses functions go towards the club's project to furnish the main lounge of the Senior Citizens Housing units.

Miller Bay Tidbits

By STEVIE STEPHENSON

Victor Westcott, New Westminster has joined the staff as pharmacist.

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Miss Betty Krausert, a graduate from Vegreville Hospital, Vegreville, Alberta and Miss Lois Haffey, a graduate from Essondale Hospital, New Westminster, have joined the nursing staff.

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Mrs. Nina Douglas, RN, left Saturday morning by plane via Terrace for Vancouver where she will spend the next few days holidaying.

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Miss Rena Thomas and Miss Harriett Johnston entertained Saturday evening at a bridge party in the nurses lounge. A delicious luncheon was served from a beautifully decorated table with a centrepiece of leaves and hearts and red and white carnations. Winners of the bridge were Mrs. W. N. McKee, Miss Elizabeth Stephenson and Miss Mary Small.

HELD AT ELKS LODGE

Prystay couple honored by friends at farewell fete

The Elks lodge was the scene of a gay farewell party Saturday night when more than 70 guests gatherd to honor Mr. and Mrs. Theo Prystay.

Hosts for the going-away function were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson.

The guests-of-honor leave tomorrow morning by car with their three children, Linda, David and Craid, en route to Woodfibre, B.C. where Mr. Prystay will be employed in the mechanical department of the Rayonier Canada Limited pulp mill.

Here since 1948, Mr. Prystay first worked at Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, Watson Island during construction and joined the production plant when it opened.

Highlight of the party-fare was the presentation of a suitably engraved wall clock to the couple, made by Mr. Anderson on behalf of the guests. Mrs. Prystsay was also presented with a corsage.

Dancing and a cold-plate buffet supper was included in the night's activities.

Accompanying the Prystays to Woodfibre, will be Mrs. Josie Beaudry, Mrs. Prystay's mother.

PERSONALS

John Gurvich arrived home Saturday by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane after a four-week stay in Vancouver where he was receiving eye treatment.

United church WA plan next-to-new sale Sat.

Plans for a forthcoming sale and fish and chip supper took top priority Thursday night when the First United church Woman's association held its regular meeting in the church hall.

Preparations were completed for the "Next-to-New" sale to be held Saturday, February 18 in the church hall.

Planned for March was the fish and chip supper to be held March 24 in the church hall.

It was reported that the recent bake sale held February 4 was successful and realized the sum of $84.

Convening the event were Mrs. Arthur Logan, Mrs. James Ciccone, Mrs. Percy Berg, Mrs. Primo Vacchet and Miss Alida Johnson.

In other business Mrs. Thor Strimbold was installed as corresponding secretary, replacing Mrs. G. W. J. Fiddes.

During the reading period Mrs. R. W. K. Elliott, wife of Rev. Dr. Elliott, church pastor, gave a short outline on the New Woman's Organization being formed in the United Church of Canada.

Announcements

● Annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society to be held Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 8 p.m. at the Civic Centre. All interested persons are urged to attend. (31)

● D.V.A. representative will be at the Legion Feb. 20 between 10:30 and 12 noon. Phone 4141 for appointment. (34)

● The Annual meeting of the Co-ordinating Council will be held on Wednesday at 2:30 at the Civic Centre. All representatives please attend. (31)

● V.L.A. representative will be at the Prince Rupert Hotel, Feb. 16, 17 and 18. (34)

BOY SCOUT WEEK ★ Feb. 20-26