ALASKAN PIANIST — THIRD ARTIST

Concert-goers hear thrilling performance

A superlative piano repertoire performed by a pianist of outstanding talent and great versatility offered some 300 music lovers a dual thrill last night when Alaskan artist Michi North took the spotlight in the third recital of the Prince Rupert Concert Society series on stage of the Civic Centre auditorium.

Enthusiastic applause and two encores followed at the conclusion of the program chosen by the young and beautiful Japanese-born artist who presented concert-goers with one of the most appealing recitals of the season.

FLAWLESS TECHNIQUE

It was a performance of flawless musicianship, technique and powerful force while displayed in an easy, relaxed and highly competent manner.

Through works of Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Gershwin, Debussy and Liszt, the fortissimo passages were thunderous belying the effortless movements of the artist.

At all times the pianist, whose forte is technique coupled with a superb beauty of tone and touch was in command.

The outstanding interpretation given in Bach's dramatic "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor," followed by Beethoven's "Sonata in C Minor, Opus 27, No. 2," and three compositions by Chopin, "Grande Valse, Opus 42," "Nocturne, Opus 48, No. 1" and "Polonaise, Opus 53," was just a forerunner of brilliance to follow in the second half of the program.

CROWD PLEASER

Receiving the most receptive applause was Michi North's rendition of Liszt-Paganini "La Campanella," one of the three Liszt-Paganini Etudes she executed with dazzling technique, ability and perception, followed by Etudes "No. 5 in E Major," and "No. 6 in A Minor."

The audience received further pleasure with her powerful playing of "Three Preludes" by Gershwin, and Debussy's "Suite Bergamasque," including the Prelude, Minuet, Clair de Lune and Passepied.

For her encores Michi North played the Brahms "Intermezzo" and "March Militaire" by Schubert.

During the afternoon, the charming Alaskan pianist performed for high school students at Booth Memorial Junior High School. —G.V.B.

RUMMAGE SALE — FRIDAY NIGHT

Duchess of Edinburgh head to attend B.C. convention

In her new office as Regent of the Duchess of Edinburgh Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Mrs. Neil MacDonald will attend the annual provincial convention of IODE in Victoria April 11 to 14.

The appointment was made last Thursday night when the chapter held its regular meeting at the home of past regent Mrs. Ervin Lindstrom.

In other business, chaired by Mrs. MacDonald, plans were completed for a rummage sale to be held March 24 on Sixth Street, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

May 27 was set as the date for the annual Apple Blossom tea with Mrs. Lindstrom named ticket convener.

Members who volunteered to canvass for the Red Cross drive, Saturday, March 18, are Mrs. V. P. Dexter, Mrs. K. R. Harris, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Alex Slater.

It was announced that the Duchess of Edinburgh chapter will be hostess for the next Municipal chapter meeting April 3 at the home of Mrs. MacDonald.

The chapter's regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dexter.

Mrs. John Ewen was named as the chapter's representative to the Prince Rupert Women's Co-ordinating council.

Refreshments and a showing of films concluded the night's activities. Hostesses were Mrs. George Miller and Mrs. Slater.

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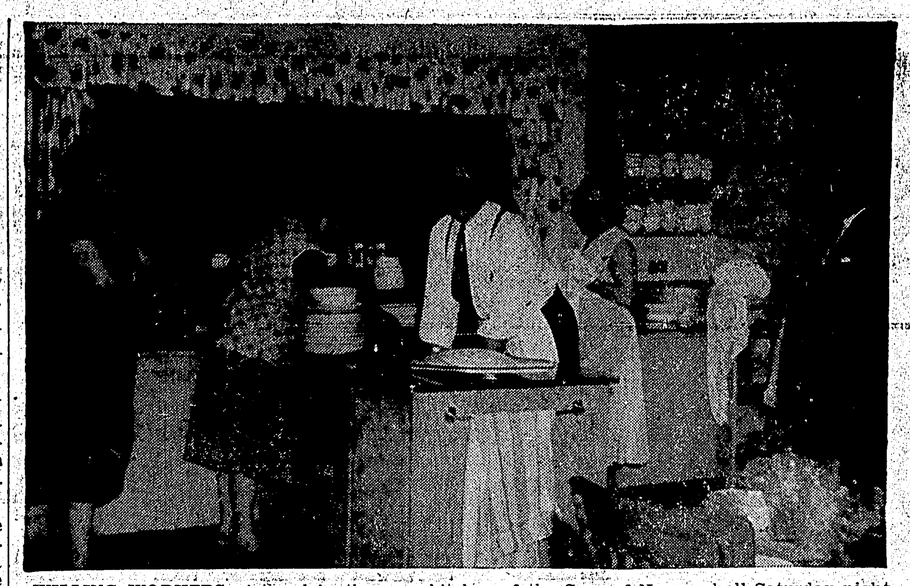

WILLING WORKERS pictured in the new kitchen of the Sons of Norway hall Saturday night after the Prince Rupert Vessel Owners banquet quickly cleared the tables ready for the dancing and handled the chores in quick time to enable them to take part themselves. Some 150 guests attended the evening social which was partly a pre-sailing party for the halibut boats which will be heading for the Bering Sea about April 1. — Staff photo by John Pain

Francois Lake News

Daily News Correspondent
By AGNES H. NEAVE

FRANCOIS LAKE: When the folks were waiting for their mail to be sorted on Monday morning, the conversation was about strange names and whether it would be a good idea to change ones name if it was one that would cause comment.

John Logan, who has recently moved here from the States, told us that where he was in Weiser, Idaho, people by the name of Comehither lived on one side of the street, and another family with the names of Goforth lived opposite. I was able to tell that in our county town of Ipswich in Suffolk, England, James Bullock married a Miss Heffer, and Miss Swallow married Richard Starling.

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We hear that 25 members of a lapidary society are planning on staying in this district this spring to collect rocks.

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On Thursday afternoon our Jersey cow presented us with a lovely little red heifer calf. Both her last calves were little bulls and we have been hoping for a heifer so that we coud keep her for a cow later on, so everybody is happy.

Hugh took the calf away from the cow and put her in a little pen so that the mother is not fretting as they are apt to do when the calf is left with the mother for a few days. The calf started to drink milk from the pan the same evening and is already looking for her meal when one of us goes to her.

We will be able to use the milk from the cow on Monday and we are all looking forward to real milk after having to use powdered milk for two months when the cow was dry.

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News came over the radio on Friday afternoon that Robert Skin was given 10 years in jail for killing old Jimmy Andrews. The first two copies of the Daily News telling of the start of the trial were left in the store for folk to read and I doubt if any papers ever got more wear and tear than these two, for the people here know all those involved in the case as it happened right across the lake from us here. Some of the witnesses have already come home we hear.

Rev. John Frame held the fourth Enquiry and Study Group meeting in Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Calder's home on Thursday evening.

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Annette and Doug Van Tine have a baby boy, Victor Meryl, born on Monday night in the Burns Lake hospital. They have a small daughter of two years. The baby boy's second name Meryl is after Doug's brother who was killed overseas in the last war. The Van Tine family lived at Ootsa Lake where Mr. Van Tine was a well known guide and trapper. Before the lake was flooded their huge log house was lifted and moved further back, and Mrs. Van Tine is still living there.

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We have been interested in Mrs. Cox's story over CBC on Thursday evenings of how her father Mr. Hankin pioneered and started the first settlement at Hazelton.

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The children and parents can now relax once more with the Lakes District Music Festival over for this year. It was held in Burns Lake on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and contestants came from Smithers, Fort St. James, Vanderhoof and other districts.

Miss Anne Burrows was the adjudicator this year, and as she is blind her ear is no doubt very acute. There were several pianoforte entries from here, and five were certificate winners. All were Mrs. Wallie Jeffrey's pupils. Our little granddaughter Marie, who is seven, played her little solo "Birds in the Tree Tops" and was given 77 points. She sang "Bed Time" and won first place certificate with 85 points, so we are proud of her. She is fortunate for she is not at all nervous and enjoys being on the stage.

A bull from Earl Deeder's Echo Valley Ranch will head an Okanagan pure bred herd. H. O. Paynter of Westbank bought Tchesinkut Perfection for his registered herd of Polled Herefords. After selling at the Kamloops bull sale, Mr. Paynter with Geoff and Glean drove to Francois Lake to chose a herd sire. The children thought the young bull looked lonely in the truck so Daddy bought a beautiful heifer to keep him company on the long trip home.

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Word reached here on Monday noon that Verne Taylor was killed in an accident Sunday at Kamloops. Verne is well known here as he owned this store before we bought it from him 20 years ago. He married a local girl, Edith Funnell and they have two grown sons. Verne bought the Sunset Hardware Store in Burns Lake when he left here and was active in all the public affairs there before he left four years ago to live in Coquitlam.

School board represented at trustee day

Mrs. A. L. Bell, trustee of School District 52 was among representatives in British Columbia who attended the annual "Trustee Day" yesterday at the College of Education at the University of British Columbia.

Also in attendance was School District 52 superintendent, J. M. Phillipson.

It was announced that "Trustee Day" was planned essentially to bring trustees and students together to promote better understanding for future trustee - teacher relations and to give trustees an opportunity to tell students, informally about their schools and districts.

CIVIC CENTRE SCHEDULE
Thursday

1 p.m.—Casual Basketball; 2 p.m.—Tiny Tots (5-6 yrs.); 4 p.m.—Jr. Handicrafts (9-12 yrs.), Jr. Ceramics, Casual Basketball; 6:30 p.m. — Judo, Basketball, semi-final game (Old Empress vs New Royal Int.); 7 p.m. — Adult Rifle, Weaving Class; 7:30 p.m. — Copper Tooling, Lapidary; 7:45 p.m. — Basketball, semi - finals game (Sunrise vs CCC Int.); 8 p.m. — Ladies Keep Fit; 9 p.m. — 3rd Game of Sr. B Ball semi-final game (Savoy vs Old Empress), Casual Weight Training, Casual Table Tennis, Casual Handball, Teen Town.

Many tourists to visit Palmyra

By DAVE LANCASHIRE

PALMYRA, Syria (AP)—Six hundred tourists are scheduled to drive across the sun-parched Syrian desert this spring to stare in wonder at a tiny village oasis that once held sway over the Middle East.

The drab mud walls and sandy streets of Palmyra are surrounded by some of the least-studied ruins of ancient times.

Massive temples, rows of pillars, triumphal arches, golden as the sand that covered them for centuries, reflect the time when Palmyra was a mighty Greek-Roman city of 30,000.

Until 200 years after Christ it controlled trade between the Mediterranean and the Orient. Its camel caravans carried spices, silks, jewels and textiles to and from the coast to Arabia, Persia, India and China.

Co-op officials en route south tomorrow

A contingent of top officials of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative association leaves tomorrow morning by car for two weeks of meetings in the south.

In the group are Kenneth Harding, manager; Carl Giske, president of the association; Randolph Mostad, director and Foster Husoy, public relations director.

They will attend meetings in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Ucluelet, Kyuquot and Pender Harbor. While away, until the end of the month, they will also attend the annual convention of the B.C. Co-operative Union in Cloverdale, March 24, 25 and the B.C. Co-operative wholesalers meeting in Burnaby, March 27 and 28.

A. R. McLeod, assistant manager of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Credit Union will join the group in Vancouver, Friday.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association will be held in the Civic Centre, Main Lounge, March 23rd, 1961, at 8:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

To receive Annual Reports
To receive Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 1960.
To elect members to the Board of Trustees
To appoint an Auditor

Membership renewals are available at the Hospital, Ormes Drugs, Deaths Gifts, and Langford Pharmacy, on payment of $1.00 annual dues.

Prospective members must pay membership dues on or before March 16th, 1961, if they wish voting privileges.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - EVENING

Annunciation parish to celebraie St. Patrick's day with tea, social

Gala plans are in the making to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 17 by the parish of the Church of the Annunciation.

The Annunciation school auditorium is being transformed into an Irish setting of shamrocks and white and green streamers for the afternoon and evening social events.

From 2:30 to 5 p.m. the Catholic Women's League will stage its annual St. Patrick's Day tea and sale, under the co-convenership of Mrs. R. A. Jensen and Mrs. A. A. Eleven.

CWL President Mrs. G. P. Lyons will receive the invited public at the door.

Besides the attractive ticket prizes, the function will feature a home-baking table and an apron stall.

Beginning at 8 p.m. the Catholic Men's Club will sponsor a St. Patrick's Parish Social, under the convenership of R. A. Jensen.

Designed to attract all adult and high school members of the parish, the gay affair will feature games of chance, skill, pie-eating contest, refreshments and a dance hour.

Highpoint of the night's activities will be a program of Irish entertainment.

The Catholic Youth Organization is presenting a humorous Irish skit along with musical numbers and Irish dancing acts by well-known city artists.

Emcee for the fun-fare program will be Mr. Jensen.

PERSONALS

Leaving this morning by car were Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Large en route south for a six-week holiday. While away they will join former city residents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starr of Kelowna in San Diego, California. They will also visit in Phoenix, Arizona and Dr. Large will attend a B.C. Surgical Society convention at Harrison Hot Springs, before returning to Prince Rupert.

Edgar Woodward, representative of the Canadian Legion Branch No. 27 leaves tomorrow by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane en route to Queen Charlotte City where he will attend a zone meeting of the Canadian Legion branches, to be held tomorrow night.

Mrs. William Greenwood, Mrs. Gordon Ronson and Mrs. Ivan Adams Sr., leave tomorrow by CPA plane en route to Vancouver where they will represent the Prince Rupert Women's auxiliary to the United Fishermen's and Allied Worker's Union, at the annual provincial UFAWU convention which begins Saturday.

E. F. Bradley of Vernon, B.C., leaves tomorrow by plane en route to Vancouver to make plans to join the permanent Canadian Army. While in the city since Christmas he has been guest of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Greissel.

Announcements

● Sons of Norway Masquerade Dance, Fri., March 17, 10 o'clock. (54)

FOR PARAPLEGICS

VANCOUVER (CP)—Eight front seats in the new Queen Elizabeth theatre here are being removed to make room for wheelchairs. These and other facilities, to cost about $3,200 a year, will enable four or five paraplegics to attend functions at the theatre.

The king with the largest number of children was James II of England with 19—eight by his first wife and seven by his second.

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