Francois Lake News

By AGNES H. NEAVE

FRANCOIS LAKE: Mrs. John Keefe entertained at her home on Sunday afternoon as it was her husband's birthday and also her son John Keefe Jr., and his family were leaving shortly for Prince George, so the party was for both of them. It was planned to have refreshments on the lawn but a cold wind came up and we were glad to go into the warm house. There was a huge birthday cake with candles for the granchildren to blow out and with so many at the gathering there was hardly a piece left.

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Little Billy Wiens ran a nail into his foot on Monday and by night was running a high temperature so his mother came for our son Hugh to take them to Burns Lake hospital. He is still in hospital but he has a strep throat infection and the nail really had nothing to do with his illness.

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For about a year we have noticed the store has been going down at one corner so on Tuesday, Hugh and a man managed to jack it up and put concrete blocks under the corner. This made the front door so that it wouldn't close, so it was lucky that it happened to be open when they straightened up the store or they would never have got it open. Now we have to get busy and put concrete under the back or this will start dropping also.

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A friend sent us a small apricot tree from Saskatoon as this variety seems to be able to withstand the climate there, and he feels sure that it will come through our winters. I am very doubtful about it but will baby it along as well as is possible.

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I wonder what kind of weather you had in Prince Rupert on the holiday Monday and hope that it was pleasant and warm. After a spell of hot weather it turned quite cold although there was no wind or rain. Victoria Day is a big day here always and we look forward to it all year. On the hall grounds we have hot dog stands and they sell ice cream and other treats. There are swings for the little ones and the older children play games and run races. Sandra Remanda was the May Queen this year and she looked very lovely in white with a long purple train and she carried a bouquet o fyellow roses. Little Wilma Shaffer was flower girl and Mona Rensby and Alita Peters her maids-in-waiting. Lorraine Jeffrey and Janene Hazelton were trainbearers, Fred Peters was crown bearer and Jack Wiens was the record bearer.

After the party was settled on the dais which was decorated with evergreen boughs, our MLA Cyril Shelford placed the crown on the queen's head and he gave a short address on the meaning of Victoria Day. Mrs. Mastin presented a gift to all those in the party. For the first time our own Cubs were able to take part under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Beatty, and Ken Rensby, Michael O'Meara and Richard Neave were flag bearers accompanied by Bill Beatty. The children of our school danced the Maypole dance in front of the queen and her retinue, the Colleymount Baton Group gave a splendid performance, and the Southbank children danced a square dance.

The Burns Lake Fire Department raffled a fine new boat and engine which was won by Lloyd Watt. There was a picture show in the evening in the hall followed by a dance sponsored by the Rod and Gun club. It was a busy day for those in the booths and those planning the entertainment and helping, but I am sure that all felt that it was well worth the effort.

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It was a most lovely day on Sunday so Hal and I went over to Hamre's Bay for trout. We wasted a lot of time fishing close to shore where we had lots of strikes and then realized that those fish in shore were small ones and we were just feeding them. So we went out into the lake and right away we started to get some that were really worthwhile.

But we lost about four to everyone we caught and brought home eight, which was all we really needed. I brought one nice large one half way to the boat when it jumped out of the water and got loose. But it did not know it was loose and it started jumping out of the water again and again. Hal said: "If it keeps this up much longer we'll scoop it up in the net as it jumps," but it stopped its antics before we could get that close. It looked pretty as it was out of the water, as the rainbow down its side was quite clear and the water splashed off its back into the lake with drops that looked like diamonds.

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PERSONALS

City women, Mrs Otto Jerstad and Mrs. Ingrid Sandhals left this morning by CPA plane on the first leg of a European holiday. Making the trip by 'Polar Route,' in Vancouver they joined Mrs. Othelia Bendiksen and all will visit relatives in Norway, returning in September.

Mrs. A. T. Ivarson, long-time resident, left this morning by train en route to Vancouver where she will make her permanent home.

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Manitoba Court of Appeal ruled Tuesday that a Winkler, Man., farmer failed to establish he had the legal right to witness the birth of his child.

But farmer Henry K. Elias apparently is going to appeal the judgment direct to the Supreme Court of Canada. His counsel William A. Gibbon indicated such an appeal would quite likely be launched.

The five-member court unanimously dismissed with cost Elias' contention that he had the right to be in the delivery room of the Winkler hospital when his wife was giving birth to their fifth child.

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"THE NEW STAR" by MARGARET PETERSON

Margaret Peterson of Victoria is one of six women artists in Canada who had submitted entries and has her work represented in the Fourth Biennial of Canadian Art by the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. Pictured above is her work entitled "The New Star". Also selected by the International Jury was a work by Vancouver's Molly Bobak, well-known in Prince Rupert and B.C. art circles. Of more than 1,800 submissions, the jury selected 91 works. The Biennial is intended to discover new talent and also to present the finest in painting and prints produced by Canadian artists during the past two years. The first Biennial took place in 1955 when 62 works were selected. Opened May 10, the exhibition will remain at the National Gallery until September 4, when it will travel across Canada. Of the 91 selections, the National Gallery has purchased 17 works.

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