Lively discussion sparks PTA panel

A lively and oft-times humorous panel discussion on "Should we continue PTA?" sparked the first meeting of the Secondary School PTA held last Wednesday at the Booth Memorial Junior High School.

PTA should be continued—so almost three-quarters of the audience decided. After a panel of four speakers had voiced views on PTA and how it should be continued, the audience was asked to fill out questionnaires, and gave an assuring vote for continuing PTA, although there were different opinions on how this should be done. With a vote of 71 for PTA and 28 against, nearly 40 of the affirmative were in favor of having two PTA's—one for the Senior High School and one for the Junior.

Mr. E. T. Applewhaite acted as moderator, and he speakers were: Mr. L. G. Truscott, principal, Prince Rupert Senior High School; Mr. W. W. Baldry, vice-principal, Booth Memorial Junior High School; Mrs. J. R. Ayres, PTA member and a past-president of King Edward PTA; and Mrs. A. L. Bell, regional representative of the B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation.

Mrs. Bell started the discussion by saying that although everybody accepted and believed in the aims and objects of PTA, they disagreed with the way they were put into effect. She felt that if each member really believed in the aims and objects and felt some concern and was willing to take some responsibility, then the members could co-operatively achieve whatever they wished to instead of criticizing the PTA as it now stands.

Now members leave the responsibility to the executive, and not taking part in it themselves, never feel a part of the association. She said the PTA is needed to keep parents and teachers informed, and it is the only group in the community concerned about the school and what it teaches.

Mrs. Ayres took the stand that the PTA has outlived its function and is relegated to a fund-raising and social organization. She felt that the School Board should supply the equipment for the school. Since teacher-parent conferences are now available and arranged by the schools, liaison between the school and the home is now adequately solved, according to the speaker, and the PTA no longer necessary. She felt that most parents were not interested in the PTA, and therefore could hardly expect the teachers to be, and suggested that the PTA pack it up and call it quits.

Mr. Baldry felt that the PTA as it exists was an extremely worthwhile organization and that the people who attended the meetings were worthy of considerable commendation for their devotion to the organization. At the same time, it was felt that if the PTA were to improve the methods of running the meetings, of presenting programs, and most important, decide on a specific aim to their work they would better cater to the needs and wishes of the membership. One specific suggestion put forth was that the PTA should elect its executive in October instead of in June. In this way it would be possible to draw from a larger body for executive members as well as to facilitate the smooth changeover from one executive to another.

Mr. Truscott suggested that the PTA have a rest for a year and that during that time, the Principals call together the parents of specific grades. For instance, he intended to talk to the parents of Grade 12 students about the Commencement Exercises, and suggested that Grade 8 parents would like to be informed about Grade 9 subjects to help their children decide on the courses they should take. Or, if this idea was not acceptable, then the PTA should split—one for the Senior High School and one for the Junior, and he pointed out the advantages of such a move.

The statements of the panel members and the comments of the audience will be studied by the executive in the hope of improving the PTA and making it more acceptable to a larger number of parents and teachers, Mrs. Bell reported in her summary.

At the business session of the meeting, Mrs. Bell was in the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. Harold Thomas. She presented a Past-President's Pin to Mrs. O. R. Green, who was last year's president. Mrs. Green then installed the officers for this year.

The meeting voted that the following appointments be made: Mr. A. E. Wood and Mrs. V. Duplisse, conveners for the Student Accident Insurance program; Mrs. Earl Dean, convener of the soup program at Booth; Mrs. A. H. Ogilvie, convener, and Mrs. Earl Becker, co-convener of the Baby Sitting Course to be sponsored by the PTA.

The chairman announced that the Regional Conference will be held at Smithers, October 20 and 21, and the next meeting to be at the Senior High School on October 18.

Both the principals, Mr. Truscott and Mr. Dunford gave reports for their schools. Mr. Truscott reported that there were only 23 failures out of 300 government exams written last June, and that 6 of the students had received recognition in the "Money for Marks" program, and 17 of last year's graduating class are continuing their education at University. Mr. Dunford announced the modified Grade 8 program which is now being tried on an experimental basis.

The meeting closed with a social coffee hour.

Girl Guide LA meets tonight

There will be a meeting of the Prince Rupert Association to Girl Guides and Brownies at the Civic Centre tonight, District Commissioner Mrs. George W. Cook announced today.

Guider Susan Gibbett will give a short talk on her recent camping experiences in England and show slides of activities there.

The meeting slated for 8 p.m. is open to all mothers of local Guides and Brownies.

Announcements

● Canadian Legion Dinner meeting Wednesday, September 27, 1961, at 6:30 p.m. Dinner ticket $1.00. Guest speaker Mr. T. Applewhaite. (189)

● S.O.N. social meeting, Sept. 25, 8:00 p.m. (187)

PROUD SIXER DAVID JORDAN of the 8th Prince Rupert Cub Pack receives the Commissioner's Trophy on behalf of the 17 members of the Cub Pack from District Commissioner W. D. Sutherland at St. Peter's Hall Thursday night. The Pack earned the most points at the Cubaree held at McClymont Park on June 20. Last year the trophy was held by the Port Edward Pack. Standing behind David is Cubmaster John Hurst; and assistants Donald Baldwin and Garland Garrioch are in the background. James Hyndman also helped with the Pack last year. Mr. Hurst is transferring to the Second Prince Rupert Scout Troop as Scoutmaster, and the two assistants will take over the Pack, aided by W. G. Duffus.

— Staff photo by Phylis Bowman

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE NEWS

Many activities planned for Fall

A busy round of activities was planned by the Prince Rupert Chapter 211 of the Women of the Moose at their regular business meeting held at the Moose Hall last Wednesday with Senior Regent Mrs. John Jordan presiding.

Hospital chairman Mrs. Matt Garbelya was given permission to purchase new toys for the children's ward of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. She read a letter from student nurse Irene Bellamy who is being sponsored by the group during her training period.

Graduate Regent, Mrs. Kenneth Hardy announced that plans were being made for the gigantic bake sale which the chapter is holding at a later date in an effort to raise funds for the Moosehaven break - water project.

The chapter again agreed to sponsor a team in the bowling league.

Child care chairman Mrs. Clayton Hutt announced that the annual children's Hallowe'en party would be held Sunday, October 29 at 7 p.m. in the Moose hall. This party is open to children throughout the city up to 12 years of age. She also reminded the membership of her committee social and dance being held on the harvest theme on Friday, September 29 with music by Kelly's trio.

Tickets and materials for the fall bazaar are available from the convenor, Graduate Regent Mrs. Percy Bond and chairman Mrs. Molly Olson. The fall bazaar will be held in the hall on Wednesday, October 27.

A standing committee report was given by Mrs. William Sharp, chairman of the publicity committee.

The teen dances are starting again with Graduate Regent Mrs. William Pilford and her committee in charge. The dances will be held the last Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and admission to the dances is a note of permission from the parents.

In charge of the bingo for the next two weeks are the hospital and friendship committees.

The name drawn for the lucky box was Mrs. Arthur Wyant and the winner of the Ray McMillan raffle was Mrs. Joseph Long.

A Moose film entitled "A Picture of You," was shown and lunch was served to conclude the meeting.

Unusual piano team slated for concert Tuesday night

A most unusual piano team will open the Alaska Music Trail twelfth season. Milton and Peggy Salkind specialize in — and are famous for — their presentation of music originally written for four-hands at one piano. The Concert Society will open the Prince Rupert concert season on Tuesday, October 3, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Centre, when the Salkinds will bow to music lovers.

Both members of this spirited husband-and-wife team studied piano from childhood, Peggy in her native San Diego, Milton in his home state of Delaware. Peggy went to Juilliard School in New York with a four-year scholarship to study with James Friskin there. Milton had studied in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and received his B.A. from George Washington University. He then was called to the army for 3½ years, during which time he performed at the White House and abroad in Egypt and Turkey. He entered the Juilliard School as a student of Irwin Freundlich and received his B.S. in music.

Peggy and Milton first met at Juilliard, in a literature and materials class of Julius Herford. "I was sitting behind Milton in the class," said Peggy, "and I mumbled all the time. He kept turning around — and he couldn't stand my noises!" Following their graduation from Juilliard both Salkinds studied with Edward Steuermann in New York, and decided to make their home in California.

"Most pianists don't like to share the bench," remarks Milton, "but we do. We find the repertoire for four hands beautiful and rewarding." Through the Salkinds' unique artistry, four-hand music has once again found its rightful place on the concert stage.

The four-hand concert is an exciting one for young and old alike. The art of performing duets at the piano is an old one, and four-hand playing flourished as far back as the 16th century. The finest works of composers like Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert, fill the four-hand repertoire. Works of the romantic school abound and are not only fine as virtuoso displays, but are sublime music as well. The Salkinds have chosen an appealing program for their Alaska Music Trail tour, including the popular Fantasy in F minor by Schubert, the exquisite Mozart D major Sonata, and works by Debussy, Poulenc and Bizet.

FAREWELL GIFT to Lt. M. M. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston was made Friday night at the Composite Mess by Capt. J. C. Ewart on behalf of members of the Officers Mess Club. A second gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston by members of the unit by Robert Larkman. A combined party wished them "Good Luck" in their move to Fort St. John. — Staff photo by John Pain

LESS SUSCEPTIBLE

Only about one per cent of the female population suffers from color blindness, compared to about 10 per cent of the males.

Rotary clears $1100

The Country Store and Auction sale held Friday and Saturday in the old Bank of Commerce building by the Rotary Club was termed a huge success today by co-convenors Vernon Scherk and Leonard Brewerton. The sum of $1100 was raised and this will be donated to the New Friendship House.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott, 1203 Second Avenue West, left Sunday by car for a holiday trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

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Miss Marilyn Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, 531 Sixth Avenue West, has returned from a year's stay in Vancouver where she attended vocational school.

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