

# WAR SERVICES BOW OUT IN RUPERT

## RECREATION LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT

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P.T.I. with the Army Service Corps, which may account for the way in which he has been able to "smarten up" some of the more uncontrollable members of the boys' classes. He has also introduced many new innovations for encouraging class discipline.

Johnny Thompson, former Senior N.C.O. of the Sea Cadets, missed graduating from the leaders' course due to sickness but his athletic ability is steadily increasing in the current leaders' classes.

The newest Rup-Rec "find" among the latest talent of this city is Mrs. Jean Potter. Mrs. Potter, in addition to being a very charming person, is a most efficient dancing teacher. You will see proof of her ability as the girls swing into their tap routines at the display on March 6. Tap dancing will be taught in the open classes for girls, and "tappers" in the display will be well prepared to teach the elementary steps to others, with the assistance and guidance of Mrs. Potter. Following the policy governing the selection of new leaders, and to ensure a continuous supply of talent, two girls who were in the ladies gymnastic class, but showed exceptional ability, were promoted to the leaders' class. These were Lynne Gowan and Jean Krause, whose proficiency in gymnastics has justified their being taken into the leaders training class.

The leaders in the junior girls class are Miss Louise Patrick, a natural leader, who has often taken full command of the gymnasium in the absence of the instructress. Miss Diane Kennedy, who overcame an injured arm to become an outstanding performer and leader. Miss Arletta Hamilton, Miss Jean Faught and Miss Lorraine Youngman; all efficient leaders. Other leaders who graduated from the training course are: Laverna Linney, who appears to excel in whatever subject she becomes interested in; Betty Hamilton, who, in spite of being loaded down with the burden of Senior Matriculation, finds time to play on the High School basketball team, attend leaders' classes and be proficient in all three; Miss Christine Curry and Iren Kildal, the smallest members of the group, who, for this reason, usually end up on top of the pyramid; Miss Francis Webber, Miss Dorothy Hutchinson, Miss Marjorie Shrubbsall and Miss Rosemary Hartwig complete this aggregation of talent. All the leaders have shown all-round ability in teaching and demonstrating recreational

activities, their academic standing as high and many are leaders in other community youth groups as well.

It may appear incredible, but is nevertheless true that among the six men who qualified for leaders' training and graduated, three work together for a local electrical firm. They are Ted Parkhouse, Don Wilson and Bill Collins. Don Wilson has taken over the instruction of junior boys work at Seal Cove Community Hall, which was organized by the Rev. Gordon Smith of St. Peter's Anglican Church in that area.

Ex-Airman Bill Collins, who had never before attempted gymnastics before Rup-Rec got underway, finished the strenuous course by dint of perseverance and a naturally powerful and extremely supple physique. Dave Clark learned his gymnastics on the playgrounds of Prince Rupert, and at Seal Cove gym under the instruction of George Ferguson, a former member of the Pro-Rec gymnastic team, which represented Prince Rupert in the provincial championships at Vancouver in 1939. Dave performs well on all pieces of apparatus.

In our mention of Rup-Rec personalities we should certainly not omit two of the hardest working members of the organization. Staff pianists Miss Watson and Andy McNaughton have provided the music to which the fundamental gymnastic tables are performed, and their efforts are more than appreciated.

## SHADES OF HAPPY TIMES RECALLED AS "Y" STAFF FINISH THEIR WORK

By PETE COLLINS (Y.M.C. Building Supervisor)

It is not without feelings of regret that the "Y" staff finish their work in the War Services Centre. During the year that the building has been open, it has been the scene of many happy times. Especially during the

I.O.D.E. and others provided volunteer workers to help give service in this department. Without their unstinting help, the work of the canteen would have been well nigh impossible.

The gymnasium also holds many memories of basketball games and floor hockey tilts at the Maple Leaf Gardens, when the various service teams battled for the honors. Badminton, volley ball and other forms of gym activities have had their devotees as well.

The auditorium too, is the home of many shades of sparkling events. Its stage has become a fairyland of lights and music when concert parties and plays were presented for the delight of thousands of service personnel and their friends. Its floor now holds a smooth gloss that bespeaks the thousands of pairs of feet that have danced over it and its corners echo with the haunting notes of the orchestras that have provided the music for the merry-makers.

Each part of the building holds its memories — music hours, bridge, bingos, hard-fought contests on the tables, tennis and billiard tables, quiet spots for reading and writing, the scenes of battle, splendor and unreality brought by the movie camera, and so on.

We of the staff too hold within us the memories of men and women who have been our friends. We remember those who have come to us with their problems, the confidences that have been given to us by loyal hearts. Although we think with pride of the great numbers that we have been able to serve, our fondest recollections are of those who stood out from the masses as individuals. Their friendship we still cherish.

The work of the "Y" would not have been complete without the help of the many kind folk who gave freely of their time and energy to our program. The hostess clubs, the referees, the musicians and many others who have assisted us are not forgotten. To one and all we tender our sincere thanks.

But while all these things speak of the past, there is also

of things to come. During the past few months, the younger generation of Prince Rupert, under the guidance of Prince Rupert's own Recreational Council have had the use of the for their Rup-Rec Golden from them we get a glimpse what the future holds when building becomes Prince Rupert's Civic Centre.

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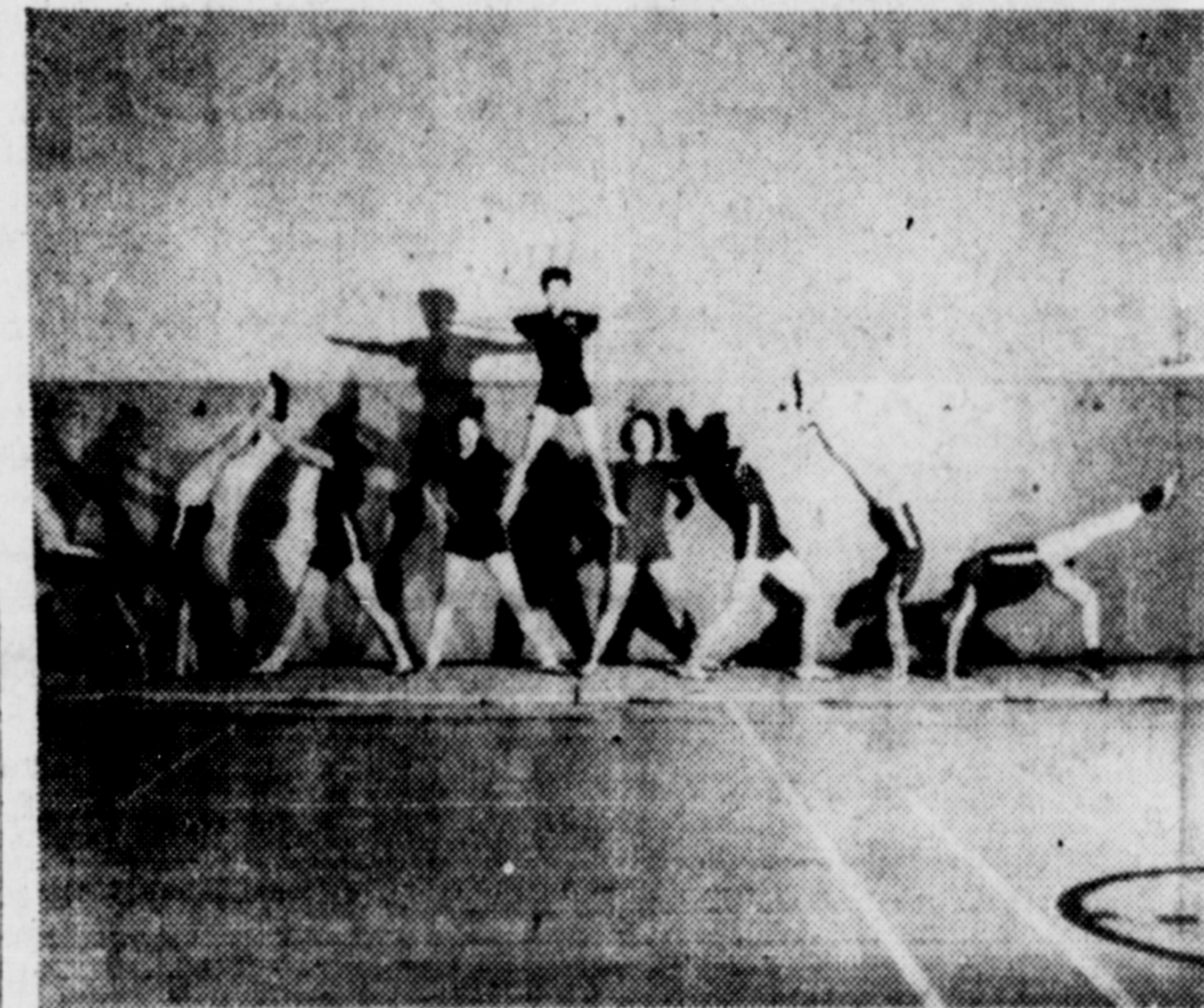
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## Prince Rupert's Civic Centre

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MORE SOLIDLY ATTRACTIVE than anything out of Egypt is this pyramid built by nine of the Rup-Rec ladies' leaders' training class. Even more complicated and difficult gymnastics are carried on with pleasing grace by the girls. Their names, left to right, are Jean Krause, Jean Faught, Francis Webber, Betty Hamilton, Mary Gogal, Marjorie Jackson, Laverna Linney, Christine Currie

## BOILERMAKERS AND KINSMEN PLAYED PART

The Boilermakers' Union and Kinsmen's Club played an important part in the events immediately leading up to the establishment of organized physical education of Rup-Rec in Prince Rupert.

When wartime shipbuilding was at its height in Prince Rupert and there was a dearth of healthful occupation for the lads with lots of energy and nowhere to expend it, the Boilermakers' Union developed the idea of a boxing club and gymnastic centre which found its first home under rather makeshift conditions at old Seal Cove School. There a very popular function

was fulfilled and the highlight achievement was the sending of representation to the Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Vancouver.

With shipbuilding later tapering off, the Kinsmen's Club became interested and finally took over from the Boilermakers.

Then, with the entering of Rup-Rec organization on the scene, the Kinsmen turned over to the community organization. Some of the boys who started with the old Boilermakers' boxing club are now among the key personnel of Rup-Rec, continuing activities beneficial to themselves and helping to extend the benefits to others.

Carnival Queen contests have played a large part in raising funds for the Civic Centre at the annual summer carnivals held since 1940. Sale of entrance tickets in the form of votes for candidates was responsible for raising thousands of dollars and in recognition of this the Carnival committee last summer presented silver compacts to all past winners of the royal honors.

## CIVIC CENTRE BUILDING IS FULFILMENT OF 20 YEAR DREAM

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tion on the cost of the Civic Centre building when it materialized.

On this foundation was built the present day fund of about \$85,000, the balance being raised by the popular Civic Centre carnivals which have been held every summer since 1940.

Originally, the Civic Centre building was envisioned as a \$28,000 structure, to be situated on the southwesterly of Third Avenue and McBride Street, but the war intervened, making construction impossible. When the Department of War Services approved the building of the new Y.M.C.A. War Services centre, a tentative agreement to take over the building at the conclusion of hostilities caused the modest original plan to be shelved.

## Carnivals Have Been Successful

Most active force in raising the Civic Centre fund during the last six years has been the Civic Centre carnival committee, which has been sparked by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, but has also had the enthusiastic support of the other member bodies of the Civic Centre Association.

These carnivals have raised more than \$75,000 in the six years since 1940, the war years having swollen the receipts vastly. Carnival receipts, year by year, were as follows:

- 1940—\$2000.
- 1941—\$4000.
- 1942—\$16,000.
- 1943—\$26,000.
- 1944—\$15,000.
- 1945—\$12,000.

Conceived as a capital fund for the purchase or construction of a building, the fund was carefully controlled against possible pressure for more expedient purposes over the years.

Chairman of the original Civic Centre Committee was Dr. R. G. Large, who has long had an ac-

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