

## BURNS CLUB GETS CHARTER

Universal devotion to the memory of Robert Burns, Scotland's bard, was demonstrated Friday night when Prince Rupert Burns Club was saluted by its honorary president, C. H. Orme, who is currently touring Ayreshire's "Burns country."

The charter night meeting heard a message of congratulation from Mr. Orme, pioneer Prince Rupert citizen, at its charter night meeting in the Broadway Cafe where 34 members gathered to see a charter issued by the Kilmarnock, Scotland, club, accepted by the newly-organized Prince Rupert club.

With Mr. Orme as Mr. Justice A. M. Manson of the British Columbia Supreme Court, also a former Prince Rupert man. Both are on a tour of Scotland.

The charter was presented to Club President J. A. Frew, an Ayreshireman, by Robert Cameron, who had the scroll framed for presentation.

The dinner was followed by community singing of Scottish songs by the gathering. Stan Roberts accompanied the singing at the piano.

members proudly, "couldn't be matched between the coast and Edmonton. Brain's dance orchestra played in communities throughout the central interior.

For seven years during the Second World War they lived at Vancouver. There, Mr. Brain played in the Vancouver Fire Department Band and he still cherishes an illuminated scroll signed by Fire Chief A. E. Condon and many band members. They came to Prince Rupert, where both their children and their grandchildren reside, in October, 1948.

A source of pride to the couple is their 18-year-old granddaughter, Margaret Brain, who last year was "Miss P.N.E." at Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition. She is the daughter of their only son, Leslie. Their daughter is Mrs. Evelyn Berry. Their three other grand-children are Victor Brain, 16, Gordon, 13 and Marilyn Berry, 10.

Their formula for successful marriage has been a simple one. "We have always been able to see the humorous side of life and have mixed a lot with the youngsters. We think that is a good thing," they agreed.

The divine blessing of the Ruler of the Universe had also been with them.

Martial longevity is not uncommon in the Brain family. Mr. Brain's father and mother lived to celebrate their golden and diamond anniversaries and a brother in Auckland, New Zealand, had his golden wedding last year.

church of St. Phillip and St. Jacob in their native Bristol, England, on August 6, 1899, and there is plenty of support for their statement that "we have been very happy during the last 50 years."

Mr. Brain, a cheerful, rotund man with a "bad leg"—a memento of his First World War experiences—provides the music, but he is quick to explain that Mrs. Brain contributes richly to the harmony, in their married life at least.

Since long before his marriage, Mr. Brain has played the trombone, an instrument which he still plays lustily in the Prince Rupert Shrine Club Band and Symphony Orchestra. In that time, he has played in many bands and orchestras in England and Canada.

They came to Canada in 1904, settling in Toronto, where Mr. Brain took employment in a leather company. They lived there for more than 15 years, then moved to Whitby, Ontario, before settling at Vanderhoof, B.C.

Mr. Brain's musical life reached its apex during that period in Toronto for in that time he played in the band of the 48th Highlanders, the Governor-General's Horse Guards and the Toronto City Band, as well as several orchestras. He was solo trombonist with the Governor-General's Horse Guard Band.

Life at Vanderhoof, where he farmed and later managed the Central Interior Grain Pool, offered little opportunity for playing in a band but he did organize an orchestra which he re-



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The couple, both of whom laughingly evasive about ages, were married at the

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