

are Players Win Praise of 600 Fine Performance in 'Streetcar'

Nina Youngman Outstanding In Difficult Starring Role

More than 600 people took an imaginary trip on "A Streetcar Named Desire" last night and had the journey of their lives, running the gamut of emotions and leaving the Civic Centre auditorium exhausted but happy.

Their vehicle was Tennessee Williams' famous Broadway play, "A Streetcar Named Desire," staged by the Prince Rupert Little Theatre, and Prince Rupert had never seen anything like it.

Rousing applause was accorded the players as they took their curtain calls at the close of the performance.

The dynamic story with its psychological impact, the imaginative stage setting, lighting and sound effects and an outstanding cast combined to make the opening night a huge success.

The fine professional touch of director Ian Dobbie was recognizable throughout, in cast, stage set and lighting, but Nina Youngman in the leading part earned individual honors, as did Gerry Woodside and Marjorie Leeman in the major supporting roles.

Miss Youngman was superb as "Blanche DuBois," a well-bred sensitive girl who, through tragic circumstances had fallen to almost the lowest point of degradation.

EXACTING PART

The exacting part, one of the most difficult in stage history for a woman, called for almost constant presence on stage with several long soliloquies.

Miss Youngman carried it off beautifully, displaying considerable acting ability. She started off as a paranoiac, alcoholic and nymphomaniac, struggling to hide her circumstances from her sister and brother-in-law, and gradually becoming more ill, reaching insanity at the end of the play.

Gerry Woodside also showed acting ability, giving a convincing portrayal of Stanley, a fundamentally decent but down-to-earth and excitable Polish-American, husband of Blanche's sister, Stella.

His growing resentment of Blanche's high-falutin' pretences and her gradual intrusion between him and his wife, his drunken brawls, attacks on his wife, followed by broken pleas for forgiveness, all were well-presented.

GOOD CHARACTERIZATION

Marjorie Leeman managed a good characterization of bewildered Stella, torn between loyalty to her husband and to Blanche

and unable to believe Stanley's reports of Blanche's degradation.

The clever stage setting, virtually unchanged throughout the two-part play, combined with the unusual lighting and sound effects added to the reality of the play as did the southern drawls, convincingly affected by the cast.

The curtains never changed on the stage setting, but minor scene changes were carried out in the dark, with the lights coming up to spotlight the opening actions of each scene.

WELL-DESERVED APPLAUSE

Also deserving plaudits were all members of the supporting cast, who gave their all to the comparatively minor parts. Leading the supporting cast were Keith Faught as "Mitch," an impressionable friend of Stanley's who falls for Blanche's airs and graces, and Shirley Hill playing Eunice Hubbell, a slovenly but good-hearted neighbor.

Others in the cast were Marian Thomas, Jim Cumming, Ted Capstick, Archie McLeod, Gayle Leeman, Marjorie Smith and Werner Jensen.

Harold Thomas was stage manager assisted by Robin Bird and Keith Faught, properties by Marian Thomas, set painted by Gillian Hodge, sound effects by Bob Hill, and lighting operation by Dick Paul.

"Streetcar" will be staged again tonight and at a hold-over performance Wednesday night in the Civic Centre.

The Little Theatre's next production will be "Born Yesterday," a Broadway hit comedy.

Shower Fetes Bride-Elect

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. Kris Berg, Hays Cove Avenue, in honor of Miss Paulette Madsen, whose wedding will take place in Vancouver next month.

Streamers and bells decked the honoree's chair and similar decorations graced the rooms for the event. Decorations were by Mrs. Geraldine Holbrook.

The guests enjoyed Bingo after which the many lovely gifts were wheeled in on a gaily decorated miniature truck by young Kristen Berg.

Refreshments were served at the close by the hostess.

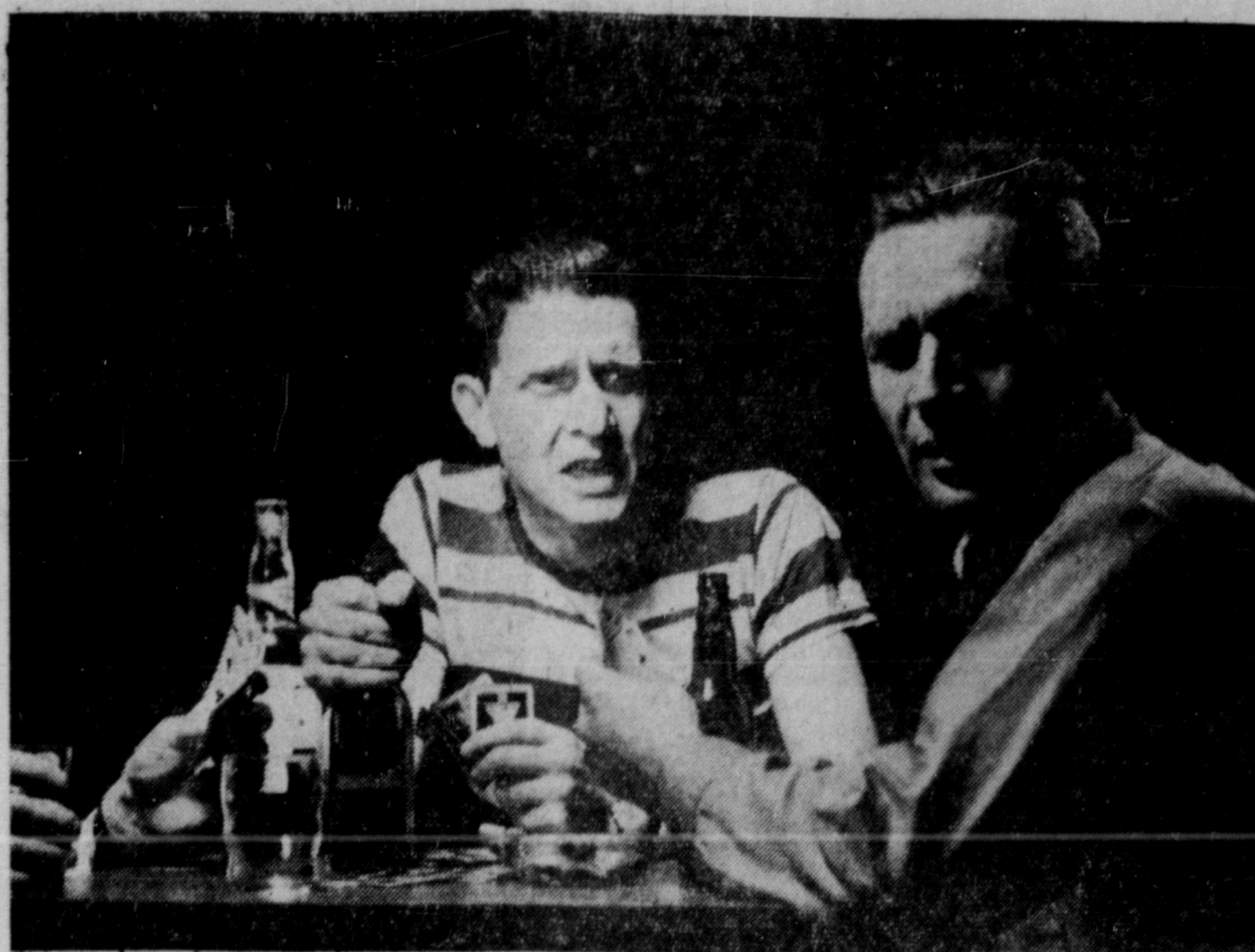
Invited guests included Mrs. Rose Telseth, mother of the bride-to-be, Bertha Anderson, Gunvar Berg, Esther Husvik, Jean Johnson, Audrey Bremner, Geraldine Holbrook, Irene Berg, Caroline Grimble, Leona Berg, Jessie Hoff and Evelyn Green.

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GRIPPING TENSION is portrayed in this dramatic study of Stanley Kowolski (left) and Howard (Mitch) Mitchell in the Prince Rupert Little Theatre production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." The play, the first of a series to be staged by the group under the direction of Ian Dobbie, opened at the Civic Centre last night. Gerry Woodside plays the part of "Stanley" and Keith Faught stars as "Mitch."

Hiroshima's Recovery From Atom Bomb Described by Missionary at Meet Here

Hiroshima's recovery from the atom bomb was described for a meeting of over 100 church women here yesterday by the Rev. H. J. McSherry, who has served as an Anglican missionary in Hiroshima for many years.

Speaking to a combined meeting of the WA's of St. Andrew's and St. Peter's churches, with representatives of other church women's groups, he said he felt that the west owes Japan a debt for the devastation caused by the bomb.

He said the bomb had been to some extent unnecessary. Japan had reached the end of its tether before the bomb. The people were starving and near the breaking point, and then the bomb had killed 100,000 innocent women and children.

Five years after the dropping of the bomb, he said, there had still been much evidence of its devastation. However, at present, nine years later, there are few if any signs of the bomb.

He also noted that the multi-million dollar American atom bomb casualty commission in Hiroshima is spending thousands yearly on A-bomb damage research but little to aid the victims.

Turning to his own work in Japan, he said that mission work now is different from the old conception. "We don't go as missionaries but as partners in evangelising the world, helping to bring to foreign lands the belief of Christians."

He said missionaries now go as guests and servants, on the request of the people of Japan, to work as assistants to the Japanese ministers.

One of the thrills of mission work, he said, is the great welcome given by the people "who are hungry for our teachings."

He also spoke of the church in which he served in Hiroshima, "Church of the Resurrection," which was financed almost entirely by one Japanese Christian who had lost his family in the A-bomb attack.

Mr. McSherry illustrated his remarks with pictures of Hiroshima, shortly after the bomb

and recently, as well as pictures depicting various phases of life in Japan and concluded his talk with praise for the Japanese people. He had a great respect for the hard-working Japanese who had rebuilt their land and come through their suffering with dignity and faith.

The meeting wound up with a

social hour and refreshments served by the Anglican WA.

Mr. McSherry also spoke at St. Peter's Seal Cove church Sunday night and attended a fireside meeting of the Anglican Young People's Association after church.

He left today for Terrace and other points east, including Prince George.

Fulltime Officer With Wrens Inspects Rupert Detachment

A Wren officer on full time duty with the Royal Canadian Navy—Lieut. Myrtle Irene Allen—last night inspected the Wren division at HMCS Chatham.

An enthusiastic exponent of the navy as a career opportunity for single girls, she is on a tour of western Canadian

centres. Lieut. Allen hopes to address various women's and girls' organizations explaining the various jobs now performed by women in the navy.

Lieut. Allen served as a Wren and later as a Wren officer during the Second World War. She was one of the last to be demobilized after hostilities ceased and when the Wrens were re-introduced in 1951, was one of the first group of officers to be employed fulltime at naval headquarters in Ottawa.

She is at present on the staff of the commanding officer, naval divisions, at Hamilton, Ontario.

Lieut. Allen will leave here by air Thursday for Victoria.

At the inspection last night, she complimented the Rupert Wrens for their work.

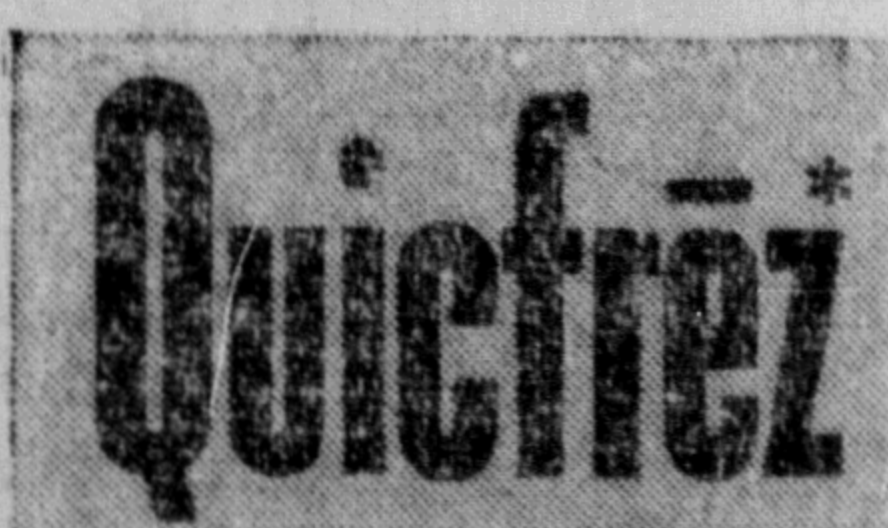
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● Legion Auxiliary meeting, Thursday 8 p.m. Legion Auditorium. (11c)

● Attention All Fishermen—The Fishermen's Local, UFAWU meets Thursday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in the Metropole Hall. Election of Convention delegates. Please be on time. (53)



MRS. HUGH O'DONNELL of Quebec (left) daughter of Prime Minister St. Laurent and travelling with him on his Commonwealth tour, wears a red dopatta (head covering) in a cottage industry shop in Karachi. Begum Husain Malik, secretary-general of All-Pakistan Women's Association, explains to Mrs. O'Donnell, workmanship of a hookah, Pakistani smoking pipe.



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O. Ness Wins Store Contest

Winner in the Guess the Weather Contest Number One sponsored by Super-Valu Food Store for the week February 21-27 is Mr. O. Ness of the M/V Sea Gull.

Mr. Ness estimated the high and low temperatures of the week to be 41.85 degrees and 33.71 degrees, while actual readings taken at the weather station on Digby showed actual averages of 41.84 degrees and 34.07 degrees.

The very small margin between Mr. Ness's estimate and the actual readings made him the closest of the many entries. He wins the \$25 prize.

80 Couples At Navy Dance

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Queen Greet Polio Victims In Melbourne

MELBOURNE (AP)—Queen Elizabeth today greeted 65 children recovering from poliomyelitis.

She was on her way to a women's organization luncheon when she stopped her car for a few seconds as it drove through the Government House gardens, to ask "how are you all" of the 65 children, who came from a convalescent home especially to see her.

The children, sitting up in long mobile beds and wheel chairs, waved, shouted and cried with delight.

The Queen lunched with 650 women representing 175 Victoria state organizations.

In the afternoon the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh mingled with 5,000 guests at a garden party at the Government House.

A polio scare yesterday interrupted the smoother progress of the Queen's tour.

Western Australia has 25 polio victims, including Mrs. Kim Beazley, wife of a member of the federal parliament. Two weeks ago, she shook hands with the Queen.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were given injections of gamma globulin to strengthen resistance to polio.