

Musical Program Pleases Packed Theatre Audience

A capacity audience went home happy and full of praise last night for the musical production "Impressions of '53," staged at the Capitol Theatre last night in aid of the Kinsmen's B.C. Polio Fund.

Performing before the largest crowd to attend the series of Sunday shows this winter were eight talented local artists who drew prolonged applause many times for their impressions of various popular singers.

Also receiving a big hand were the Westerners, who clowned with the other performers to round out a lively concert.

The show began with a scene in a night club, with Pat Bolton, Mel Thompson and Mel Skalmerud starring.

Bolton kept the more than 700 persons in laughter for several minutes as he impersonated Danny Kay in the song entitled "The Peony Bush in My Garden." Thompson gave a near-perfect

imitation of singer Johnny Ray and others in the cast—Marie Lavigne, Carol Brentz, Frankie Murphy, Jim Cummings and John Currie—all joined in a variety of acts in a show which featured records of popular artists.

The show was in two acts—first the modern pops, followed by a western scene in which the Westerners took part.

Members of the Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron, under Flt. Sgt. Roy Pedersen handled the ushering chores and cloakroom facilities.

The cadets volunteered to assist in the show as their contribution to the polio drive. Earlier in the day the cadets held a church parade.

Handling the stage set-up was Pat Ratchford and "disc jockey" was Kinsman Bill Long.

Jack Cross was in charge of arrangements for the Kinsmen Club.

Bill Bond, president of the Kinsmen Club, in a brief address after the show thanked the artists for donating their time and talent and the audience for their contribution to the polio fund.

Entire proceeds of the musical go towards the fund.

Scouts Hear Newspaperman

A visit from Scouter Ken Johnstone, Kemsley newspaperman of London, England, highlighted last week's meeting of the 1st and 2nd Prince Rupert Scout troops.

Mr. Johnstone told the boys of his travels across Canada and his work at Kitimat where he was Scoutmaster of the 1st Kitimat troop, illustrating his remarks with amusing Scout yarns.

He complimented Queen's Scouts David Ridsdale, troop leader, and Jimmy Baldwin, patrol leader, whom he had met at the national jamboree of 1953 in Ottawa, and told the group of seeing the Jamboree film at Kitimat, advising them to attend the Jamboree film showing and concert tonight in the Civic Centre.

During the troop meeting Patrol Leader Baldwin led the boys in a skit entitled "Worst Aid," demonstrating how not to give first aid.

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Hospital Employees Honored

Two staff members of the Prince Rupert General Hospital were honored Saturday afternoon, marking completion of 10 years' service with the hospital.

They are Miss Isabel Cole, RN, and G. K. Laird, chief engineer, both of whom received engraved silver trays from the hospital board.

Miss Cole also received a lovely bouquet of spring flowers, presented by Little Miss Leona Wick, who was born in the hospital Jan. 4, 1944, and was one of the first babies nursed by Miss Cole in her capacity as nursery nurse.

The youngster is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Wick, 545 Eighth Avenue East.

R. G. Moore, board chairman, in making the presentations complimented both Miss Cole and Mr. Laird on their long, loyal service, and was seconded by W. G. Seaby, chairman of the personnel committee of the hospital board.

Almost the entire hospital staff was assembled for the presentation ceremony in the staff dining rooms, at which the two honorees also received birthday cakes, each with ten candles.

More than 300,000 Canadian women have been given home nursing instruction by Canadian Red Cross volunteer nurses in the past 25 years.

Mr. Gilmour has been with the firm for the past eight years. He came here from Regina.

Announcement of the appointment was made by W. E. Drake, president of the company, before he returned to Vancouver after a week-long visit here.

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BEAUTIFUL WIN MIN THAN, a 21-year-old Burmese girl who has never acted before, has won the part of the romantic lead opposite Gregory Peck in the movie, "The Purple Plain." She got the role after an amateur photographer in Rangoon took a picture of her and sent it to film producer John Bryan, who was in the Far East fixing location sites and looking for a native girl to play in the picture. After a series of screen tests in England, studio officials hailed her as a natural actress and a new star.

Nearly \$42,000 Provided Canadian Schools by IODE

Contribution of approximately \$42,000 to over 1,500 Canadian schools during 1953 is reported by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

In a report received by the Prince Rupert Municipal Chap-

ter of the order, it was noted that British Columbia chapters have adopted and assisted 107 schools in isolated parts of the province.

Among the many school projects sponsored by the IODE were provision of an English teacher for New Canadians at a Vancouver Island community and sponsorship of a sight-saving class in an interior school.

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