RCAF Officers Coming Here To Inspect Cadet Squadron

Six RCAF officers and air cadet officials are due here May 18 to attend the annual inspection of the Prince Rupert air cadet squadron, it was learned today from league headquarters at Vancouver.

The visitors will be headed by Air Commodore W. A. Orr, CBE, CD, Group Commander of RCAF No. 12 Air Defence Group, and Capt. F. le Clarke, B.C. committee chairman of the Air Cadet League of Canada. Others in the group will be V. R. Clerihue, immediate past chairman of the B.C. committee; J. A. Brown, member of the B.C. committee; V. F. Forbes, Powell River, member-at-large of the B.C. committee; and flight Lt. H. E. Carling air cadet liaison officer.

The Prince Rupert air cadets will be in competition for the trophy awarded to the squadron making the best showing in its annual inspection. In recent weeks they have been going through intensive drill manoeuvres to prepare for the event. On May 23 they will commence their local air cadet week, starting with a church parade.

IODE Names New Officers

Welcome to two new members and appointment of new officers to replace resigned members highlighted yesterday's meeting of the Queen Mary Chapter, IODE, held at the home of Regent Mrs. J. R. Carr, 925 Borden Street.

Mrs. E. Kwast and Mrs. V. Morrison were the new members accepted, while resignations were received from Mrs. Grace Gillis, who left recently to make her home in Vancouver, and Mrs. G. W. Graham, who left last night for Victoria.

Mrs. W. Bussey was named first vice-president, Mrs. B. J. Bacon, second vice-president and Mrs. Kwast, standard-bearer.

The meeting discussed tentative plans for Empire Day activities at local schools, and heard an article on "The Canadian Way of Life," read by Mrs. J. Clark for Empire Study.

Members volunteered to assist with ushering and other work at the Music and Drama Festival being held here next week.

Knitted articles were turned in for shipment overseas and a gift of daffodils for each member was received from Mrs. Carr's mother at Port Simpson.

The monthly prize was won by Mrs. W. Bussey.

Flying Club Launches New Season

The Prince Rupert Aero Club yesterday started preparations for their summer flying season, launching one of their two Taylorcraft planes.

About 12 students already are lined up for instruction in the club which, in the past five years, has graduated 24 pilots, two of whom are now flying for commercial airlines.

Dick Melcombe, flying instructor for the club, checked over the instruction craft, a two-seater on floats, yesterday. The other Taylorcraft owned by the club, a twin to the model floated yesterday, is being overhauled but will be put to work later in the season.

Meanwhile, Jay Burns, Aero Club president, has been notified of a coast-to-coast light aircraft cavalcade planned to tie in with opening of the British Empire Games in Vancouver.

The Royal Canadian Flying Clubs' Association in Ottawa, is sponsoring the flight which will see planes from across the country joining in a flight to Vancouver, winding up July 30.

Mr. Burns has further information on the project available for any club member, or owners of private aircraft throughout this district interested in the trans-Canada flight.

Guides, Brownies Help Greek Tots

Prince Rupert's Guides and Brownies today proudly reported completion of a mass good deed project.

The youngsters have been gathering up good, clean used clothing for the past few weeks and yesterday shipped it off to the Save the Children Fund in Vancouver for distribution in Korea and Greece.

The youngsters packed five large cartons of clothing, weighing 55 to 65 pounds each, for the project which was launched when the girls heard of sister Guides in Greece struggling along with nothing but rags for clothing.

CANADIANS are reported taking television—started nearly two years ago in this country—in their stride. This photo shows Phyllis Marshall, singing star of "The Big Revue," which originates at the CBC Toronto studios, in a production number with several dancers. (CP Photo)

Television Opening Up In New Areas in Canada

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TORONTO (CP) — Television is opening in new areas in Canada. New viewers are going to discover what other regions have found—you can't please everybody at the same time.

The men may stick to the set for sports shows including boxing and wrestling, hockey, football and important horse races baseball's world series.

The women soon discover their own favorites, which may include cooking lessons and fashion shows.

For the youngsters, programs that have instant appeal to the child under eight will leave the teen-ager cold. The latter group will go for crooners or orchestras.

CORONATION EPIC

But in the whole range of television fare there's a proportion of programs that appeal to everyone.

Canadian television's biggest audience up to that time was drawn by the Coronation in June, 1953. Interest in the historic ritual had been stirred by the transatlantic race of jet planes carrying films for TV networks on this continent. The CBC was able to show the Westminster Abbey service on television earlier than any United States station, starting at 4:14 p.m.

Regular TV watchers were again joined by a host of others for the Grey Cup game last November, when the football classic was televised direct from Varsity Stadium in Toronto. The Grey Cup final, Canada's biggest single sports event, had been televised by means of film the previous year.

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

The CBC will provide a minimum of 10½ hours weekly in programs to private stations, who will produce much of the remainder themselves.

In addition to the occasional special feature, CBC television now shows several popular American programs such as the Jackie Gleason show on Saturdays, and Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" on Sunday.

Biggest of the CBC's own productions are the Big Revue on Fridays and more serious programs such as a Sunday evening show with the Leslie Bell singers and Howard Cable's orchestra.

POOL OF TALENT

At the Toronto television studios the CBC selects around 200 actors from various shows each week, and roughly 85 of these will be new to the programs. Around 100 are given singing parts. An average week will see about 30 solo musicians facing the cameras, while special performers fill another score of program spots.

The big singing and dancing shows of course are only a segment of the whole TV menu, ranging from puppets to public panels, from harmonicas to symphony orchestras. One recent feature was the TV debut at Toronto of the National Ballet Company of Canada.

DIVORCE RATE

Newfoundland in 1953 had the lowest divorce rate of any province, 2.3 per 100,000 population.

Next Little Theatre Vehicle Riotous Noel Coward Comedy

After the presentation of two outstanding American plays, "Streetcar Named Desire" and "Born Yesterday," Prince Rupert Little Theatre is producing a new Noel Coward comedy "Present Laughter," for the third offering of the season.

Noel Coward, probably the most noted and certainly the most colorful theatrical personality in London, has been responsible for a number of fine movies which have come across the Atlantic since the war years. "In Which We Serve," "Brief Encounter" and "Blithe Spirit" are perhaps the best known, but "Present Laughter" has not yet been filmed.

In "Present Laugnter" Coward has written a play about himself. The story revolves around Garry Essendine—easily recognizable as Coward—and his intimate associates. Some uproariously funny situations arise in the highly amoral mixups with his women friends, theatre managers, and fans. It gives the audience a peep through the keyhole into the most intimate details of the life of England's most talked about stage personality.

The part of Garry Essendine will be played by Ian Dobbie, who directed "Streetcar" and "Born Yesterday." Mr. Dobbie played the part in England, taking the part over from Noel Coward himself when the production went on tour. The Little Theatre presentation will open at the Civic Centre Monday, May 17.

YOUNG FLIER

EDMONTON (CP)—Ten-year-old Maureen Godson is perhaps the youngest flying student in North America. Flying instructor Al Lang who teaches Maureen in her father's plane, says she's ready to fly solo. Under federal regulations, however, she cannot fly alone until she is 16.

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