LEWIS HEADS NEW GROUP

School Seen Here Soon For Retarded Children

Formation of a day school for "retarded children" by September was foreseen Friday night following the organizational meeting of a local association for retarded children in Prince Rupert and district. The meeting was held in the Civic Centre and sponsored by the Cambrai chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

More than 60 persons heard J. G. Lewis, newly-elected chairman, express optimism that with the present enthusiasm shown by the public there was no reason why a school couldn't be set up by September for the dozen children needing special training and school classes.

Others elected to office were Dr. W. B. Laing, first vice-president; Mrs. R. A. McLean, second vice-president; Mrs. W. S. Kerpin, recording secretary; Mrs. K. R. Slater, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. C. Griffiths, treasurer.

W. C. Hankinson, Mrs. B. S. Prockter, Mrs. Joe Ridsdale and T. G. Bateman are directors while H. Weldon Steele and Dr. Laing, advisory board.

Nominations committee for the election was composed of Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. H. W. Steele and Miss Eve Rivett all of the Cambrai chapter, I.O.D.E.

The meeting heard reports by Mr. Lewis, Mr. Hankinson and Mrs. A Cooper of Miller Bay Indian hospital who gave opinions and reports on problems existing in the province with the some 3,000 retarded children in British Columbia.

Mr. Hankinson, representative of the Canadian Mental Health association, said "that the lack of understanding between the public and those working for the retarded children must be bridged if the school is to be a success."

Mrs. Cooper, who was instrumental in starting a class for retarded children in Trail four years ago, told the meeting of the problems encountered and the methods of teaching in use at that time.

A panel discussion was held with Mr. Hankinson, Dr. Laing and Mrs. Cooper, answering questions asked by the meeting.

A film entitled "A School for Tommy" showed the operation of day schools for retarded children.

On behalf of the Cambrai chapter, Mrs. Griffiths expressed the appreciation of the attitude of the speakers and the meeting towards the problems of retarded children and the formation of a day school in Prince Rupert for these children

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Mrs. Rudolph Braun of Vancouver returned home Saturday morning aboard the Union Steamship Coquitlam after attending the funeral of her husband.

Small Audience Applauds Follies

Despite a disappointing turnout Saturday night, the hard-working cast of the West Coast Varieties' "Frisco Follies" sponsored by the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, staged a laugh-provoking and enjoyable show that had the audience "rolling in the aisles." In the afternoon they pleased a "packed house" free matinee for children.

Paced by versatile Slim Allan, juggling, panto-mimic and master of ceremonies, the show featured clever tap dancing by Teddy Felton, hot Latin American dances by August Mae Walker, Spanish dances by Lois Dryer, popular songs pleasingly presented by Gloria Weston and accordion music by Peggy Benson.

Helping out in the show were Daily News sports editor Geoff Ayres, Dennis Mulroney, A. L. Bell, Lorne Kennedy.

Assisting Follies pianist Harold Gaard, drummer Val Mock was local artist James Cumming on the double-bass.

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● Regular meeting of Plumbers and Pipefitter's Local 180 Thursday, April 26, 8 p.m. Election of officers. (98)

● C.C.F. Club meeting, Civic Centre, Tuesday, April 24, 8 p.m. (96)

● Sons of Norway meeting, Monday, April 23, 8 p.m. (95)

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Visit of Premier Bennett First For Music Festival

Although musical talent takes the spotlight in the city this week the fact that a premier of British Columbia will attend the Prince Rupert District Music festival for the first time is a notable occasion.

The three-day festival, which starts Wednesday morning, will be climaxed Friday night by the attendance of Premier W. A. C. Bennett, who is making an official one-day visit to Prince Rupert. Mr. Bennett will appear at the festival at 9 p.m. at the invitation of the association.

Eurton L. Kurth of Vancouver, who has been connected with the festival movement for more than 30 years will adjudicate 180 entrants.

Mr. Kurth also adjudicated the 1951 and 1954 Prince Rupert District Music Festivals.

Highlighting the festival will be the 45-piece Ketchikan High school band competing against the Booth Memorial High school band; 30 voices entered from the Hazelton Amalgamated Elementary Senior High school and Mike Colussi's accordion band.

Honorary-president C. G. Ham will officially open the festival Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Henry Vanderheide Elected Sunday School Superintendent

Henry Vanderheide was elected superintendent of the First Baptist church Sunday school last Tuesday night when the Sunday school teachers of the First Baptist church held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Johnstone on Fourth Avenue East.

In other appointments Dr. D. L. Sherk was elected assistant superintendent; Arthur Jones, junior department head, assisted by Judy Lloyd, Katherine Semple, Mrs. Kenneth Bateman, David Owens and Mrs. M. H. Waters, organist.

Mrs. W. D. Smith was elected to head the primary department, assisted by Mrs. Henry Vanderheide, Maynard Vanderheide and Donald Patrick. Mrs. T. R. Lloyd was elected head of the beginners' department, assisted by Mrs. D. L. Sherk, Mrs. R. B. MacDonald, Miss Geraldine Wilkins and Mrs. Lloyd Bowman, organist.

Miss Betty Blake was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school.

During the business session plans were discussed to hold a ten-day "Daily Vacation Bible school" during the summer holidays.

The meeting discussed the possibility of joining with the Baptist church of Kitimat, to hold a camp this summer at Lakelse Lake.

Members were told that a booklet called "The Volunteer Choir" containing a mother's day hymn, composed by former resident, Mrs. J. C. Gilker of Seattle, has now been received in the city. Words for the hymn, called "We Thank Thee for Our Mothers" was written by Mrs. Frederick Antrobus, wife of former minister of the church who is now incumbent at First Baptist church in Yorkton, Sask.

Rev. J. A. Roskam, church pastor, was in attendance at the meeting.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Greiner left this morning aboard the Camosun for a honeymoon trip to Edmonton via Vancouver, where they will take up permanent residence. Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were married Saturday night in the First United church with Rev. L. G. Sieber officiating.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Daniel Slevert, 1329 Eighth Avenue East, left this morning by CPA plane for a three-week holiday in Vancouver.

Rudolph Olson, former city resident, left by plane this morning for his home in New Westminster after a week's visit in the city as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lien, 424 Dunsmuir Street.

Alfred Burnip, 1426 Second Avenue West and his daughter June left the city Saturday morning by boat for a two-week visit in Vancouver.

Mrs. O. Greiner of Edmonton returned home this morning by CPA plane via Vancouver after attending the wedding of her son Raymond Greiner to Marie Skalmerud, Saturday night in the First United church.

Rasmus Tysse of Porcher island left this morning from Prince Rupert by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane for Vancouver en route to Norway where he will spend an extended holiday visiting relatives.

David Zille, 702 Fifth Avenue West, left this morning by boat for a two-week holiday in Vancouver and Vancouver island.

Mrs. Ellis A. Enridge, 1236 Second Avenue West, left by boat this morning for Vancouver en route to South Burnaby where she will join Mr. Enridge and take up permanent residence.

Miss Geraldine Moorehouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moorehouse, 1635 Eighth Avenue East, arrived home Saturday afternoon by plane for a month's holiday with her parents. Miss Moorehouse is in first year training at the provincial mental hospital at Essondale, B.C.

Dr. W. B. Laing, medical health officer of Skeena Health Unit, left this morning for Stewart on a routine visit. He expects to return Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. McRae, 406 Fourth Avenue West, left the city this morning aboard the Union Steamship Camosun for a two-week holiday in Duncan, B.C., where she will visit Mr. McRae's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Qualley and Mr. McRae's mother, Mrs. Duncan C. McRae.

Past Mistresses Of LOBA Meet

Members of the Past Mistresses association of the Ladies Orange Benevolent association gathered in Club 27 Wednesday night for their annual dinner meeting.

Presiding was president Mrs. Harry Paulson.

In the short business session which followed the dinner, final plans were made for the "Past Mistresses" annual tea May 10.

The meeting made a donation to the Protestant Home in New Westminster. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Carr, 925 Borden Street.

FORMOSAN PEAK

Mou[illegible], 14,500 feet, is the highest peak on the island of Formosa, stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists.

Boat Course Again Tonight

Second session of the Civic Centre small-boat course being conducted by Harbormaster William Koughan, will be held tonight in the Common lounge. Course takes in harbor regulations, boat construction and chart reading.

PLUNGING WATERS

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (—The New Brunswick travel bureau and other officials are working on a picnic site at the famed Reversing Falls here. The falls, which alter with the tides, are a top tourist attraction.

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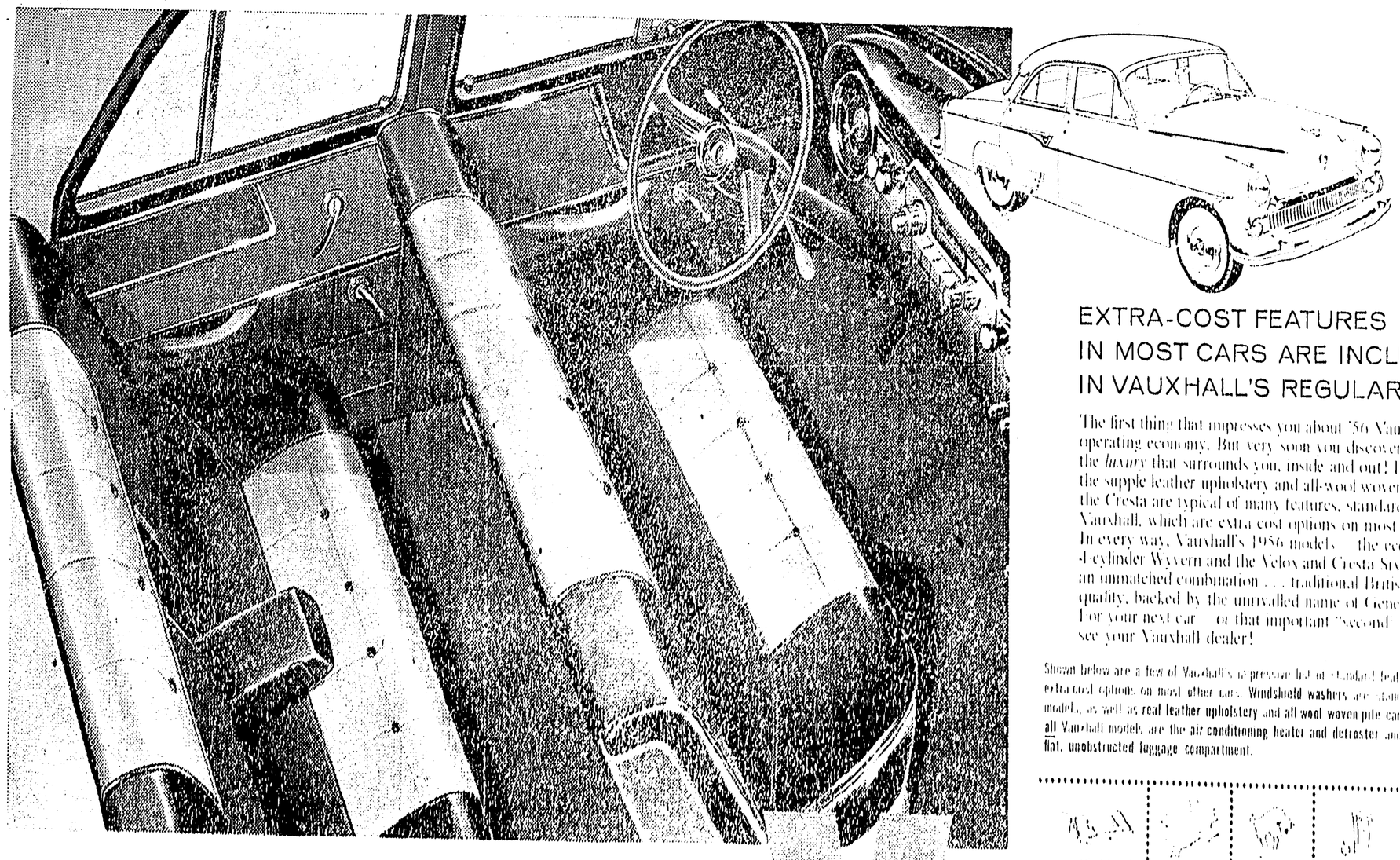

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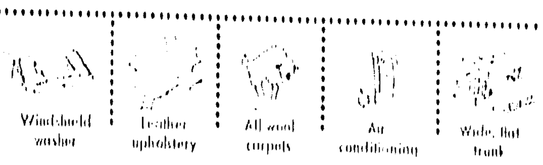

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