

## Daughters' Drill Team Win Praise at Regatta

Still bubbling with enthusiasm over a great week's fun are girls of the Prince Rupert Job's Daughters Drill Team who returned home Wednesday aboard the Prince Rupert from a five-day visit to Kelowna where they thrilled crowds with their routine and were thrilled themselves by a whirlwind of events at the Kelowna Regatta.

The group of 29 girls left here by train August 6, and started their adventures in Jasper where they enjoyed a two-day unexpected stop-over, due to a wash-out, swimming, riding and bicycling.

### SPECIAL TRAIN

From Jasper they travelled to Kamloops where they boarded a special train for Kelowna. Owing to the Jasper delay, the girls missed their scheduled first performance and a lawn party planned for them by women of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kelowna.

However, they swung into their busy schedule of performances early Wednesday, August 11, and won rounds of applause for each appearance. Their first drill was staged on a Kelowna street with the girls and their new Prince

Rupert banner given an enthusiastic reception.

That evening they repeated their performance on the aquatic stage with Drill Captain Carole Hill winning special credit as she manoeuvred the team on the 12 by 60 foot stage before 5,000 spectators who gasped with anxiety as the girls, blinded by spotlights, marched on the edge of the float, where any mis-step would mean a plunge in the lake.

Thursday the girls performed twice, once on the street and once in the park.

Friday evening the girls thrilled crowds estimated at 8,000 as they marched in the big regatta parade, when they were the only drill team to include precision routines.

Saturday, the girls opened the show for the Lady of the Lake Ball in the arena.

Other special events of the girls' stay included an Eastern Star-sponsored jaunt to a glacial farm, and visits to grape and peacock farms.

Sunday morning the girls left by bus for Kamloops where they boarded the train for Vancouver, spending a day in that city before sailing for home.

Drill Master Alex Mitchell, who

with his wife, chaperoned the team on the trip, today voiced thanks to several former Prince Rupert people who made the Kelowna visit enjoyable. He thanked Alex Halg, who had arranged the girls' appearances, and Mrs. Halg who is now caring for team member Elaine Christensen who underwent an appendix operation at Kelowna.

Tom Caroff, former co-owner of the Boston Cafe here, who treated the girls to soft drinks and ice cream, Mrs. M. Mussalem,

mother of Jack Mussalem of Rupert, who entertained the team at her home, and others, including Harry Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones.

Girls of the team, and Rupert

residents who also attended the regatta returning home aboard the Rupert, included Jackie Hallwell, Sharon Williams, Beatrice Thorarinson, Julia Mackay, Gale Gomez, Kathie Finlayson, Sonja Jensen, Margit MacArthur, Carole Hill, Judy Lloyd, Ann Evelyn, Pat Mitchell, Elizabeth Jones, Gracie Woods, Mrs. Robert Gordon, Miss Doina MacArthur, Miss Helen Wright, Mrs. V. Long, Mrs. B. Sliversides, Mrs. Richard Morgan and Alex and Laura Mitchell.

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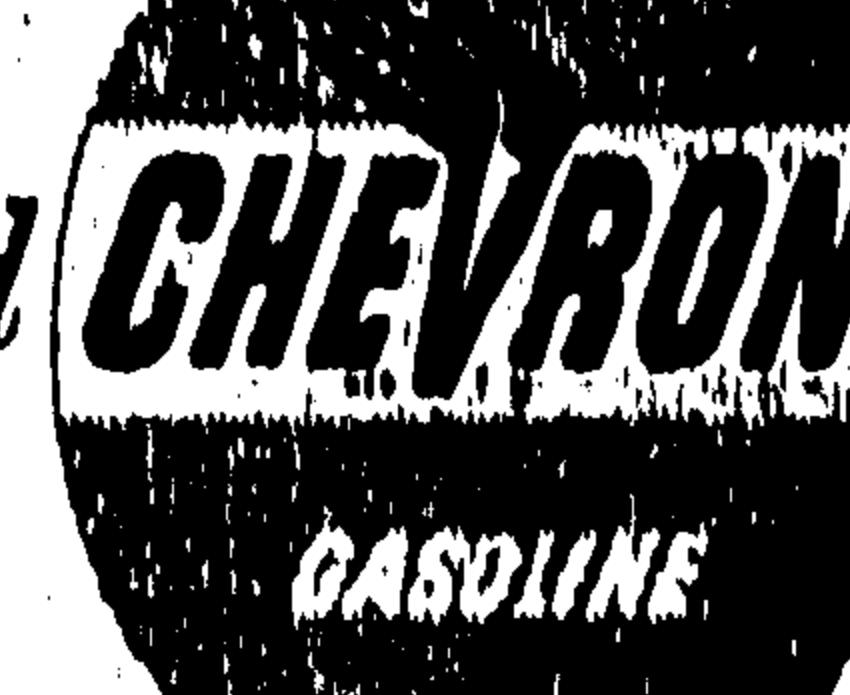
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