"BEST YET"

Evening of Dancing To Launch Festival

Due to the hard work and enthusiasm of Buddy Taft, director of the Civic Centre school of dancing this year's dancing section of the Tenth, Annual Competitive Drama and Dancing Festival which starts tomorrow night shows promise of being the biggest and best Dancing Festival ever held in Prince Rupert.

Out of 23 numbers entered in the dancing portion of the Festival, 21 are from the Civic Centre school. The other two entries are square dancing groups from Booth Memorial High school under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cake. Mr. Taft's entries include six group numbers and 15 solos, ranging from tap and soft shoe ballet to the Irish jig. Some of the more advanced students will be executing ballet numbers and acrobatic dancing. Mrs. Floyd Eby, Keith DeWitt and Donald MacDonald will provide piano accompaniment for the dancers.

The entire festival program for tomorrow night has been set aside for dancing, and if the ingenuity and artistry of Mr. Taft's past programs can be taken as any indication, tomorrow evening promises to be one of Prince Rupert's entertainment highlights of the year.

The adjudicator for the dancing wil be Mrs. Dorothy Forster of Fort St. John, who was well known for many years as Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, a teacher at the Vancouver School of Dancing. She was choreographer for the Theater Under the Stars for Several years after it was first organized. She has adjudicated the widely renowned Ballet Festival of Vancouver, and is well known in many other parts of the province for her work as an adjudicator.

Burns Club Hears Two Speakers

Speakers at Prince Rupert Burns club monthly dinner at the Commodore cafe Friday were Hugh Muir, maintenance superintendent at Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., and local marine biologist John Stokes.

Mr. Muir discussed the plywood business in eastern Canada and Mrs. Stokes talked about the problems of fish conservation.

The next meeting, which will be a mixed gathering, was set for April 12.

Re-Broadcast Set

Residents who didn't have the opportunity, and those who did and still want to hear it again, can listen to a recording of "Prince Rupert night" held February 21 in Vancouver tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. over radio station CFPR.

CBC program director, Rod Faulkner said today the program is being re-broadcast by popular request.

On the tape are voices of many of Prince Rupert's former citizens from mayors to businessmen all of whom expressed sorrow at having left their northland city.

Personally Speaking . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCool of Rivad in the city for a two-week Zealandia, Saskatchewan arstay with Mrs. McCool's brother-in-law and sister, **Mr. and Mrs. Lester Franklin**, 718 Lotbiniere Street, en route to their home from a winter holiday in California.

Miss Darlene Cummine, RN, on the nursing staff of Prince Rupert General Hospital left this morning by CPA plane via Terrace for Vancouver en route to Victoria where she will spend a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fahey, 420 Fifth Avenue West, left by CPA plane today for Vancouver.

Rev. Alexander Hart, 103 Haya Cove Circle, left by CPA plane today for Vancouver where he will attend a ministerial convention. He plans to return Saturday.

James Letham, Elizabeth Apartments, left by plane today for Queen Charlotte City for a short visit.

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Offbeats

By RON MONK

News Editor **Dick Ayres** was bouncing around the office like a two-year-old this morning until he received this telegram:

"Though life is so uncertain when you wear a newsman's shoes,
And dangers you are skirtin' as you daily print the news,
The triby's doffed to you son, this far to have come through,
There's few Prince Rupert newsmen live to forty-two."

It was brother **Geoff's** way of sending birthday greetings to Dick, who hadn't realized he had skidded past the 40 mark until he saw it in cold print.

Ex-News sports editor Geoff is now with Kamloops Daily Sentinel.

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The winds that swirled around Prince Rupert last night were nothing compared to the gale that swept through the Broadway Cafe. It was no act of nature that caused the stir at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, though natural acts were mentioned frequently during discussion on one point.

No, the smoke-haze at the Broadway was cleared by a series of reports from the most tenacious reporter I've met in Canada, **Hugo Kraupner.** He is the Chamber's Highways Committee chairman and all members should be grateful.

When Hugo had finished with the projects affecting Prince Rupert this year, next year, sometime, if ever, he'd raised as much dust as a car churns up on Highway 16 all summer. I'd hate to be the subject under scrutiny by Hugo. It must be like being chased by a jet-propelled or VW-powered bulldozer.

Altogether, the Chamber of Commerce seemed a far livelier group than many other similar organizations I've known. It appears they use their meetings for something more than just tossing around financial gossip and picking up odd bits of business.

But one suggestion I must make as a reporter is that one or two members observe an elementary rule of public speaking by getting on their feet when they have something to say. The action is a courtesy to the chair, a means of identification to all attending the meeting and it helps the speaker to be heard.

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Overheard outside the **City Hall** yesterday: I can't see why you want to go to **England** to see all those old buildings when you can stay here and look at the **Fire Hall** and the **city offices.**

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Sunday was too nice a day to be wasted in sacrifice to my usual off-duty formula of sleeping, eating, reading, chess and sleeping. Pat and I went walking and talking and looking.

Our main call was made at the Yacht Club, where boats as bright as Spring were bustin' out all over—shrugging off their winter wrappings. On the steps of the caretaker's office, **Sten Didricksen** surveyed the colorful scene and said: "It never changes. Every year they wait for the sun to break through and whoosh . . . they tear down here to fix their craft. I love to see it."

We watched the bouncing boats roar out towards Digby Island, veer away in lovely long sweeps and race back to their floats. Then Sten took us inside his office. It looked like an art gallery. Four pictures, two large and two smaller, dominated the room.

Sten explained they were for today's exhibition at **Booth Memorial High school** and told us why each portrayed the sea. He came to Canada from Copenhagen, where he was a boat-builder.

A heart attack three or four years ago forced Sten to pay more attention to art. It was one hobby that did not demand too much energy. He feels his work shows a consequent improvement.

I left Sten with a happy smile on his face. He'd just told me he was expecting a visit from his daughter on Saturday. She's coming down from Anchorage and it will be their first meeting for seven years.

Incidentally, after seeing **Dr. Bill Kergin** wandering around the floats on Sunday I now know that if anyone looks more lost than a dog without a bone, it's a doctor without a boat . . .

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Japanese ladies are quarreling over female rights at that time-honored institution, the public bathhouse.

The neighborhood bathhouse is a Japanese community centre where children and adults pay about a nickel for a hot bath. Men and women soak in separate steaming pools separated by a thin wall. While soaping and scrubbing, they discuss the day's news and exchange neighborhood gossip.

But **Miss Ayako Taimaki**, 39, wants to know: "Why has honorable female behavior reached such a disgusting low at our honorable bathhouses?"

In a letter to a **Tokyo** newspaper, **The Shimbun**, she objected to too much laughter and loud singing in the bathhouse, especially of bawdy male songs audible over the wall.

She added: "Some ladies literally tear off their honorable kimonos and dash for the honorable bathtub, waving their hands like a bunch of primary school children on picnic. Some stand without their panties in front of the mirrer to admire themselves."

Mrs. Kiyeko Kosuge, 25, disagreed in an answering letter: "Why are there so many middle-aged women acting like mothers-in-law? Let those who want to, stand without their panties and admire themselves—they probably can't afford a large mirror at home like these in the bathhouse. After all, it is a feminine privilege to admire one's own figure."

Sorry, no pictures.

Two Films To Be Presented With Two-Day Art Exhibition

A collection of outstanding paintings and Eskimo carvings will be featured along with two colored films and refreshments today and Wednesday when the Prince Rupert Art club stages an exhibition in the Booth Memorial High School activity room.

The two-day show will be held from 2:30 p.m. through to 10 p.m. on each of the two days.

Movies entitled "Varley" and "Westwind" to be shown at 3:30, 8 and 9 p.m. tell the story of two well-known Canadian artists, Varley and Tom Thomson.

Refreshments will be served throughout the exhibit.

Along with 25 paintings by A. C. Leighton some 25 paintings by local artists will be on view. The 32 Eskimo carvings will have information submitted by Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes of this city.

Mrs. Arthur Williams Heads Nurses Association

New president of the Prince Rupert Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia is Mrs. Arthur Williams.

She was elected at last night's annual meeting at the Nurses' Home at Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Other officers elected were: vice-president Mrs. Helena Edmeston, secretary Mrs. Roy Fraser, treasurer Mrs. Alek Bill. Committee chairmen: sick visiting Mrs. W. N. Poole, refreshments and co-operative nursing Mrs. James Hadden, membership Mrs. John Parks, publicity Mrs. Eugene Bartlett and programs Miss Pauline Watkinson.

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- This year's Dance Festival Wednesday evening in the Civic Centre is the best yet. And don't forget the Drama Festival on Thursday afternoon and evening and all day Friday. (55)
- U.F.A.W.U. Fishermen and Shoreworkers, Special meeting, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7. A. Gerdon, Business Agent; H. Stevens, Secretary, in attendance. (56)
- Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m. (55)
- Regular meeting, Loyal Order of Moose, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. (1t)

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Conrad Boy Scouts, Cubs, Fathers Enjoy Annual Banquet

Some 140 fathers, sons and guests attended the annual "Father and Son" banquet staged Friday night by the Second Prince Rupert Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack in the Conrad Street school hall.

Table centrepieces were composed of miniature tents, representing the Scout patrols and color sixes of Cub Packs, surrounded by pussy willows and flags.

Canon Basil S. Prockter said grace.

Scout master A. C. Cameron led the group in singing Scout songs while A. H. Ogilvie welcomed the guests and expressed thanks to the members of the Women's auxiliary to the group who sponsored the banquet. Mr. Ogilvie also gave thanks to several city merchants who donated the food for the affair.

District commissioner A. E. Williamson commended the active work being done by the movement in the city. However, he said that there was still a dire need for leaders in all the troops and packs.

Canon Prockter, addressing the assembly praised the group for its continued efforts in keeping the movement alive in Prince Rupert. He said that 11 years ago the Conrad group was the only troop functioning in the city.

G. Douglas Frizzell as president of the District Boy Scout association brought greetings and expressed his appreciation at being present.

Joseph Turner of Prince George and field commissioner of the northern district led the boys in singing action songs.

Co-conveners for the successful event were Mrs. Olgilvie, Mrs. Marcel Girardet and Mrs. Cameron. Some 20 WA members assisted with the banquet.

How to KEEP FIT after 50

In the old days fifty seemed the signal to slow down—take things easy—watch your diet—get more rest. It's still good advice. But these days you can face fifty with many interesting and active years ahead,—active, that is, if you can avoid backache and the "tired-out" feeling, due to kidney and bladder disorders, that often develop around that age. For more than 60 years Dodd's Kidney Pills have been helping men and women of all ages to keep kidneys and bladder in good order,—helping them to feel better, to work better, and get more fun out of life. If you are approaching fifty, or past it, Dodd's Kidney Pills may help you, too. You can depend on Dodd's. 54

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