"PRETTY SCRUFFY LOT"

Cream of student crop sought for teachers

Until the cream of the academic crop of high school students can be drawn into the College of Education British Columbia's new teachers will continue to be a mediocre lot and their products just like themselves, the Prince Rupert Rotary club was told Thursday.

Dr. Harry L. Stein, director of graduate studies at the British Columbia College of Education asked the public to have compassion on teachers because they were being drawn from the middle 25 per cent of the student crop and "they are doing the best they can."

He said that the top 25 percent of students were taking up engineering, architecture, medicine and theology.

Even the second 25 per cent were not going into teaching.

"It is the third, or middle 25 per cent from which we draw our teachers and that is why you are getting a pretty scruffy lot in your classroom," Dr. Stein told Rotarians.

He said that if parents thought that their children were not getting the best education or that they were not getting the education the tax payer was paying for, they should remember that the rewards for the teachers were still not high enough to attract students to that profession.

LOWLY PROFESSION

"Teaching has always been considered a lowly profession," Dr. Stein said. "It has never reached the status or had the prestige of the telephone lineman or the logger.

"And while the logger and the lineman and the dishwasher continue to draw down more money than the person that is teaching your child, you will have third-rate teachers."

He said that the plumbers were a tight organization which could demand $3.75 an hour and get it.

Teachers on the other hand were a divided group.

"There are too many women among them and the teachers do not produce the solidarity that labor unions do," he said.

Under the old normal school system teachers didn't have a liberal arts background and were not cultured enough, Dr. Stein said.

It was decided to put them into the university and boost the course to two years for elementary teachers. The purpose was:

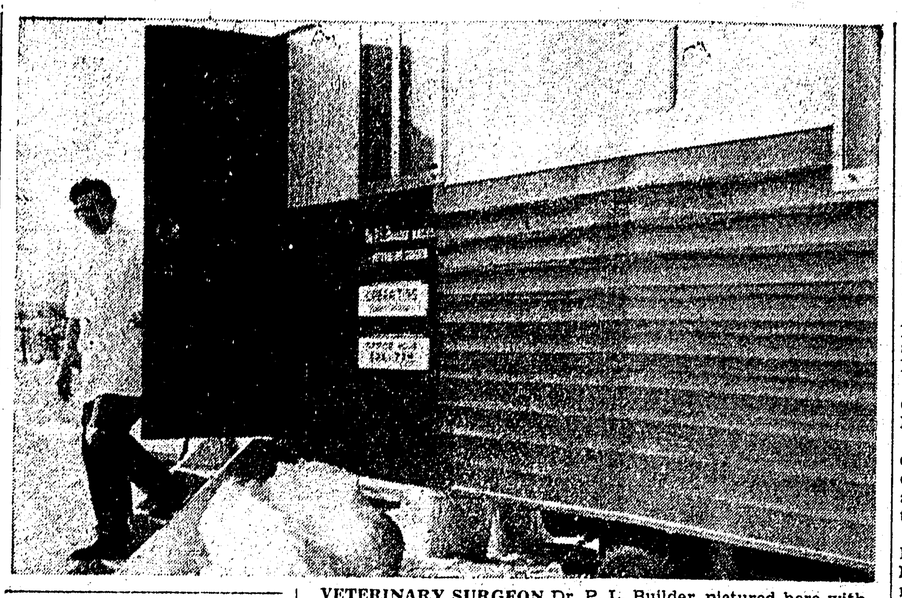
- To produce the best possible teachers
- To ensure that the teachers know their subjects.
- To give them a thorough academic background.

"It is no use a teacher being good with children, a leader of the Boy Scouts and a community-minded citizen if they can't teach," Dr. Stein said.

The College of Education wanted the teachers to be of good moral character and good with children but "what is most important we want them to be good teachers."

"Until we can draw some of the top 25 per cent of the students into teaching, until there is sufficient reward to attract them, "you will have to have compassion on those you have now. They are doing the best they can."

Dr. Stein was introduced by William Noble and thanked by A. Bruce Brown.



VETERINARY SURGEON Dr. P. L. Builder, pictured here with his mobile animal hospital, will be in Prince Rupert May 6 to May 14, to treat dogs, cats and other pets in his trailer clinic which will be stationed at the Mink Farm on Eleventh Avenue East. Distemper vaccinations, consultations etc. will be available each evening between 6 and 7 p.m. without appointment. Spaying and other surgical work will be carried out on appointment by telephone 2583 after 5 p.m.

Moose lodge, WOTM hold memorial rites

A memorial service was conducted in the Moose Temple yesterday afternoon when some 65 members of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 1051 and Women of the Moose Chapter No. 211 gathered to pay tribute to deceased members.

Governor William Way, assisted by past governor William MacCallum presided over the ceremony.

WOTM chaplain Mrs. Arnold Assman, conducted the prayer and graduate regent Mrs. Kenneth Hardy gave the address.

Pianist was Mrs. J. R. Carr and soloists were Mrs. T. A. Ross of Jasper and WOTM member Mrs. Lewis Holder.

Twelve members of the Women of the Moose formed the memory cross to conclude the impressive service.

Rotary award winner given

Winner of the Rotary club's "Adventure in Citizenship" award, Vallerie Dearden was presented with her passage and expense money at the club's luncheon meeting last week.

Making the presentation was Robert McKay, president who said that Miss Dearden would be a fitting representative of the City when she visits Ottawa later this month.

She was introduced by chairman of the Rotary award contest E. T. Applewhaite. Runner-up in the competition Christopher Harvey was presented by Mr. McKay with a book.

Mrs. H. G. Watts named WA head for fifth time

The election of Mrs. H. G. Watts for the fifth time as president of the Caledonia Diocesan board of the women's auxiliary to the Anglican Church of Canada Friday highlighted the last day of the 46th annual meeting, held in the St. Andrew's Anglican cathedral and hall.

Others taking office were Mrs. A. L. Holtby, honorary vice-president; Mrs. T. B. Black, first vice-president; Mrs. Rosa Watson, second vice-president; Mrs. G. C. Stanford, recording secretary; Mrs. A. E. Boyle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. F. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. T. M. Christie, united thank offering secretary; Mrs. C. A. Hinchcliffe, dorcas secretary; Mrs. C. E. Bennett, social service secretary; Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, girl's auxiliary secretary-treasurer and Mrs. K. H. Tucker for junior auxiliary.

Mrs. Dennis Light, little helpers secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. D. Yamada, education secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A. E. Hendy, editor, Living Message; Mrs. Eric Faure, secretary-treasurer Living Message; Mrs. Jack Prince, prayer partner secretary and Mrs. Bert West, candidates secretary.

An address by Miss Winnifred Gray RN, Women's auxiliary missionary in India, took top priority in the day's itinerary. She illustrated her interesting talk with a showing of authentice costumes of the natives of India.

Following the installation of officers with the Rt. Rev. H. G. Watts, Bishop of Caledonia presiding, Mrs. Watts, received the 50 delegates and friends at the "Closing Tea" held in the Bishop's Lodge.

Profusion of fresh cut flowers were arranged throughout the spacious rooms of the Lodge, centred by a bouquet of pink wild orchids, brought from Masset by delegates Mrs. Robert Davidson of Haida and presented to Mrs. Watts.

Presiding at the pouring table, centred with blue iris and pink tapers were Mrs. C. A. Hinchliffe and Mrs. A. E. Hendy.

Mrs. C. C. Mills and Mrs. N. A. Bekelov assisted as hostesses.

Kitchen directors were Mrs. Emma St. Clair and Mrs. George Philippson. Serviteurs were Mrs. Lillian Lucey, Mrs. Stanley Leech, Mrs. Graham Tucker, Mrs. Sam Kinley, Miss D. Savery and Miss Elaine Bulmer.

OLD SYSTEM

Just like automobiles of today, owners of chariots paid a sort of licence tax in ancient Rome.

readers

- **The postponed Burns Club "Bring the Mrs." Night will be held in the Canadian Legion Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd. All those holding tickets intending to be present should retain them. Others not able to be persent should return their tickets to the seller for refund.** (91)
- W.A. to Local 708 meeting, Monday, Billiard Room, Civic Centre, 8 p.m. All members urged to attend. Important business. (91)

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LAUGH-FILLED SHOW

Teenage "Capers" hit with more than 1,000

By GRACE BROWN
Daily News Staff Writer

A keen sense of show business, good timing and a touch of vaudeville provided 1,000 persons with a hilarious two hours Friday and Saturday night as Len Harrington and Mel Thompson staged their Centennial Capers in the Civic Centre.

It was standing room only Saturday night as the Booth Memorial High school troupe, sparked by Nelson Kinney kept the stage alive with music and comedy as they mimed well-known recording stars Stan Freberg, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Spike Jones, Lawrence Welk and Gordon Hathaway.

Inexpensive props, simplicity of costumes and stage setting emphasized the teenagers talent for effectiveness.

Setting the pace in nifty vaudeville fashion was Nelson Kinney's take-off of an Italian prima donna rehearsing "Cara Nome" with plenty of slapstick background from members of the cast.

Cuties of the show Irene Bellamy, Deanna Peterson and Gailya Grimolfson, were knockouts clad in white shirts and top hats for their Pajama Game number "Steam Heat."

Hit parader "Short Shorts" was mimed and danced by Nelson Kinney, Derek Allen, Don Scott, Stan Valpy, John Scuby, Gail Weise, Deanna Peterson, Marilyn Anderson and Ann Youngman. Black leather jackets for the boys and candy-striped shorts for the gals, plus a good dance routine and clever action gave this number plenty of zip.

One of the funniest numbers was "Wunerful, Wunerful" a take-off of Lawrence Welk by Stan Freberg with Irene Bellamy as Welk and assisted by Gail Weise, Gailya Grimolfson, Marg Ritchie, Lynne Roberts, Gladys Grimolfson, Deanne Peterson, Elinor Peterson, Marg Pavich, Jackie Halliwell, and Ann Youngman.

Garbed in Mexican costume, Don Scott got his laughs for Mel Blanc's "Hat I got for Christmas is Too Beeg."

Diaper-clad Stan Valpy, Len Harrington and Nelson Kinney were hilarious in "Triplets."

The audience was again "in stitches" when Don Scott and Len Harrington breezed through "The Great Pretender" by Stan Freberg, followed by "Hart Brake Motel", cleverly mimed by Stan Valpy and Nelson Kinney, who were equipped with guitars and cowboy hats.

Spike Jones' "Little One" took the spotlight in a riotous impression by John Scuby as a baby, and Derek Allen as Daddy.

Roberta Sherwood's rendition of "Up the Lazy River" was given the full treatment by Gail Weise.

Main attraction "If Men Played Poker Like Women Do" enacted by Derek Allen, Nelson Kinney, Stan Valpy and John Scuby had the audience "rolling in the aisles" as the boys razzed the fairer sex and kidded local residents.

Teeing off the second half of the program were Marg Ritchie and Derek Allen with the full cast in number from Pajama Game "No Business Like Show Business," followed by another Broadway musical selection "I'm not at all in Love" with Jackie Halliwell and girls.

Spike Jones' "Chloe" was never funnier than mimed by Len Harrington and his fugitives from the North Pole.

Gailya Grimolfson's impression of "Long Tall Sally" was followed by Deanna Peterson's toe ballet version of "St. Louis Blues."

Rock 'n' roll was demonstrated by Lorna and Nelson Kinney with "bop" from the "cats" for Gordon Hathaway's "High Ho Steve O."

Frankie Laine's "High Noon" was given a new gun toting rendition by Don Scott, Derek Allen and John Scuby.

Most outsanding number was hit parader "Tequilla" by "The Champs." Dusky faced Jackie Halliwell, Irene Bellamy, Gailya and Gladys Grimolfson, Ann Youngman and Deanna Peterson in black toreador pants, danced the exciting rhythm of the mamba to their own choreography as Nelson Kinney added to the score with acrobatics.

Next came "I'll Never be Jealous Again" by Gladys Grimolfson and Len Harrington and "Anything You can Do" mimed by Nelson Kinney and Marilyn Anderson.

Getting "the fast speed' treatment was Elvis Presley's "I Need You So" mimed by Irene Bellamy.

Show stopper was the L. C. Jones' "Champagne Cocktails" mimed by Len Harrington and Stan Valpy.

The finale "That's Entertainment" from the "Band Wagon," summed up the entire show—top-notch entertainment of song, music and dance.

Assisting guests artists were singers Victor Wells, and Henry Kenny; dancers Buddy Taft, his Merry Makers and Joan MacDonald, Scotch dancer Twink Murdoch, piper RCMP Staff Sgt. J. W. Todd and accordionist Casey Wilson.

Assistant director was Inga Alderdice, properties were handled by Jenny Mulhern and Ted Haupt was lighting director.

Bill Kincaid and Al Simpson were make-up artists with Mel Thompson as emcee.

AT FIRST UNITED

Many attend WA tea, sale despite rain

The First United church pastor Rev. Vernon E. McEachern officially opened the Women's association spring tea and sale held in the church hall Saturday afternoon.

Despite the wet weather, WA president Mrs. Erling Pedersen and Mrs. McEachern received a large number of guests.

General convener for the successful affair was Mrs. Bruce Bennett.

The serving table centrepiece of fresh-cut flowers off-set the dainty May baskets of flowers, arranged on the individual tea tables.

Tea room hostess was Mrs. C. E. Ritchie and serviteurs were Mrs. William Dibben, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. A. B. Faulkner, Mrs. J. R. Groves and Mrs. F. E. Hertha.

Directing the kitchen was Mrs. O. R. Green, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Harding, Mrs. John Decker and Mrs. Ron Vaselenak.

The home-cooking table was convened by Mrs. Robert McBride, Mrs. Roy Boychuk, Mrs. T. M. Carscadden and Miss Alida Johnson.

Fancy work counter was attended by Mrs. James Ciccone, Mrs. Dominic Santurbano and Mrs. S. R. Tordiffe.

The apron stall was handled by Mrs. Eugene Pierce and Mrs. Floyd Eby.

Attending the plant booth were Mrs. A. Donald Ritchie, Mrs. A. S. Tindill and Mrs. Harold Thomas.

The Canadian Girls in training handled the candy and novelty counter while the Explorer Group, under the convenership of Mrs. Arthur Oswald and Mrs. Harry Beltz, handled the fish pond.

Cashiers were Mrs. R. W. Large and Mrs. Alice McComb.

PRISON COSTS

VANCOUVER (CP)—More than 14,000 adults committed to British Columbia jails in 1957 cost taxpayers $3,500,000, R. Smith, deputy director of correctional institutions, said in an address.

PERSONALS

F. St. John Madeley, probation officer, left today by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane via Terrace for Vancouver en route to Penticton to attend staff meetings May 7 and 8. He plans to return Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clark, leave tomorrow by plane for Vancouver en route to Victoria for a visit.

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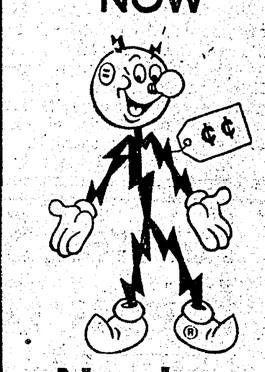

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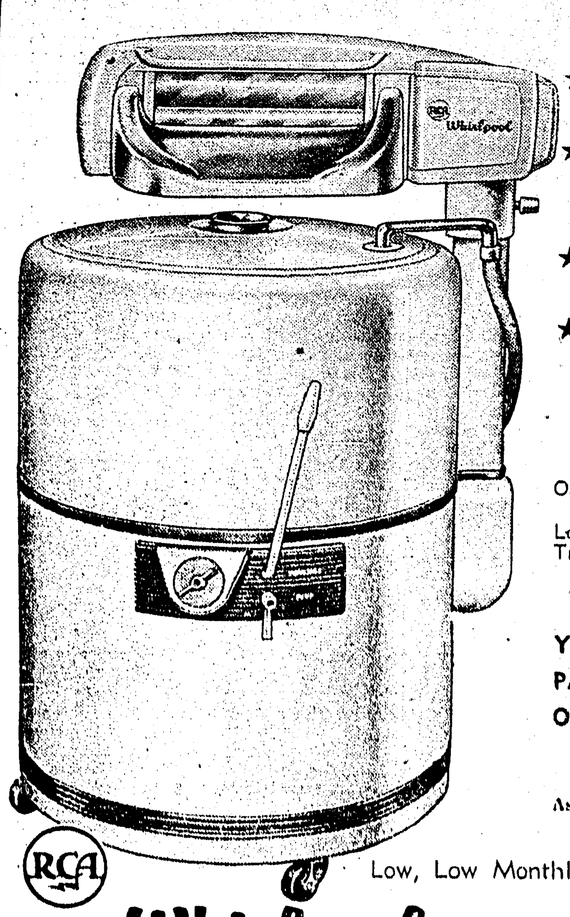

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