

Huge Crowd Attends Even Bigger Banquet

Hundreds of people converged on the Canadian Legion, BESL, Branch 27 last night to enjoy a massive seafood banquet, highlight of the six-day Marine Bonspiel.

Staged in a marine setting of trawl nets, the banquet featured every type of seafood possible. Dancing followed to a three-piece aggregation from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Both curling club president R. F. Rudderham and bonspiel chairman J. S. Lindsay expressed their appreciation for the big turnout of curlers and guests and thanked the members of the Order of the Royal Purple who prepared the huge banquet.

"I hope all the visiting rinks are having a good time and winning a few games," Mr. Rudderham said.

Mr. Lindsay expressed the hope that everyone was enjoying the first Marine bonspiel and would return next year. He thanked his committee and also complimented the OORP on the banquet.

seafood was provided by five local fish plants, was supervised by B.C. Packers Ltd., food consultant, Mrs. M. L. Brock of Vancouver.

Praising what she described as "tremendous co-operation," Mrs. Brock said: "I hope that if Prince Rupert continues to grow it will never lose this wonderful feeling of friendliness and atmosphere all round."

The seafood, which included crabmeat, shrimp, smoked fish, salmon, and herring, was donated by B.C. Packers Ltd., Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd., Nelson Bros. Ltd., Royal Fisheries Ltd., and Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association.

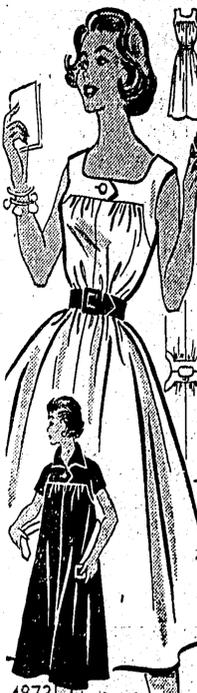
Visiting rinks had souvenir pictures taken against a background of a ship's wheel, one of the many nautical decorations around the enlarged Legion auditorium.

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Offbeats

By RON MONK

Even close friends of our Don Ritchie may find it hard to imagine him sitting with his head supported on a cool napkin and a woman murmuring: "There darling, just lean your head on this and you'll feel much better."

But then, you couldn't imagine half the things that happen when a city goes as curl-crazy as Prince Rupert is at present. Curling chatter even overflowed into the Council Chamber last night—which was when I heard Aid: Don Ritchie tell the saga of the serviette.

Mayor George E. Hillis had no sooner ordered a few moments' recess than Bonspiel talk swamped every other project in sight. Aid: Norman Bellis suggested the non-curlers on the council should play the "professionals"—some challenge when City Clerk Bill Long and Don Ritchie are around to accept it.

They agreed finally to fix up the match as soon as the rink is available. Aid: Kay Smith mentioned something about it costing each of them a dollar, but Mayor Hillis warned the regular curlers it would cost them a heck of a lot more than one dollar if the novices won.

Throughout this, Aid: T. Norton Youngs kept denouncing the sport as nothing more than a series of dead ends, but his was a very lone voice in the non-curling wilderness.

Incidentally, Don Ritchie's head was mounted on a rolled-up napkin at about 10 a.m. yesterday, when he staggered into a city cafe after spending eight of the past 24 hours sliding rocks.

People have been asking what happened to "Mathilda" the Daily News automatic secretary. The answer is that she retired to a rest home just before Christmas to recover from the mass of foul language, filthy jokes and idiotic gibberish she recorded during her term here.

"Mathilda", an electronic beauty, answered callers who were supposed to have news or messages for us and recorded their conversation. She wasn't a trained reporter, so she couldn't decipher filth from fact—she took the lot.

Unfortunately, it didn't end there. Each morning Jeannie Nixon, of the Advertising Department, had to listen to every word in case there was something important recorded.

Manager Gerry Woodside rates Jeannie too highly to have her face a daily dose of mechanical muck—especially when the worst culprit was a woman. He fired "Mathilda."

A Brooklyn watchdog named Queenie is so rattled by motherhood she can't tell friend from foe.

Queenie, a German shepherd, and her four new pups remained as quiet as church mice Friday night, as burglars rifled a cigarette machine in the restaurant operated by her master, William Hise.

He didn't expect the pups to be alert, but he thought he could count on Queenie.

She was ready Sunday. When a patrolman came to examine the scene of the crime, Queenie bit him on the ankle.

It pays to be attentive when you're dining at Folsom, California. A dispute that began when someone ignored the petulant plea "pass the salt, please", ended with two convicts shot and one minus parts of both ears.

Poison prison authorities say the guards did the shooting when another request—to stop fighting—was also ignored.

Soviet geologists have found a prehistoric creature preserved alive in frozen earth for thousands of years. It is officially described as an "antediluvian triton"—a marine snail.

American propagandists will no doubt dismiss it as an overdue creep from the Kremlin before their Russian counterparts can establish tired triton as a vital Communistic link in evolution.

Six Receive Bridge Prizes For Cambrai Chapter Play

Six women received bridge prizes Wednesday night when ten tables were in play in the last session of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire Cambrai chapter's "Round Robin."

The bridge play-off held at the spacious home of Mrs. H. Weldon Steel concluded five months of regular bridge nights. Winning in a tie in the first group of 20 players were partners Mrs. William Noble and Mrs. C. G. Ham and partners Mrs. C. P. Balagno and Mrs. G. P. Lyons.

Partners Mrs. T. B. Black and Mrs. A. Donald Ritchie took first prizes in the second group of 20 players.

Bridge conveners were Mrs. Ham and Miss Evelyn Rivett. Non-playing Cambrai members were hostesses for the night's activities.

Retreat, Easter Dance Planned By Catholic Youth Organization

A retreat in preparation for league. Players will be drawn Easter Sunday to be followed by from the parish with the nucleus of an Easter dance will be planned coming from the CYO.

for Sunday night when the Catholic Youth Organization held its regular meeting in the Annunciation school auditorium.

The annual CYO retreat will be held Passion Sunday, April 7, to begin at 9:30 a.m. mass and continue through until 5 p.m. it was announced. Plans are being made for a father from the Vicariate of Prince Rupert to preside at the day of meditation and prayer.

The first social after Lent will be a "Bunny Hop" to be held April 28 in the auditorium. The public is invited to attend the Easter dance. Under the organization's new by-law the doors will close at midnight. Dancing, however, will continue until 1:30 a.m., president John LaPorte reported.

It was decided to sponsor a senior men's softball team in the local Senior Men's Softball League.

SAVING SPACE

KING'S LYNN, England.—A cut-rate burial scheme for short-lived persons was announced by municipal authorities of this Norfolk town. A grave not exceeding seven feet by three feet can be bought for £6 10s 6d. A normal grave—nine by four feet—costs £10 10s.

ry Daily News Classifieds

130 Contestants Entered For 10th Music Festival

Despite the fact local entries are down and no out-of-town competitors listed, more than 130 contestants have entered the Tenth Annual Music Festival to be staged in the Civic Centre April 4 and 5, under the auspices of the Prince Rupert District Music and Drama Festival Association.

Adjudicator for the two-day festival will be well-known Vancouver pianist and conductor John Avison.

Piano classifications include solo performances in the modern composers section and classics in the Beethoven, Mozart and Bach sections and piano duets.

Vocal groups have been entered by school choirs and the Rotary Chorus. There are 26 classes in vocal solos and duets. Instrumental groups of violin

solos, duets, accordion solos and bands will feature two new classes in the Euphonium and bagpipe sections.

Hours of the three sessions each day are 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Stewart News

By W. SHIELDS ORR
STEWART—Stewart General Daily News Correspondent held its annual meeting Monday in the courthouse. Mrs. Olive Bulman was elected president succeeding Mrs. Lila Beatrice. Mrs. Martha Behnen was elected vice-president; Mrs. C. Powell, secretary and Mrs. Joyce Bouzek, treasurer. Mrs. E. Hole, who has been very active in the work of the organization and is now leaving for Bella Coola, was given a small going away gift. The presentation was made by the retiring president, Mrs. Edith Wilkinson also presented Mrs. Hole with a small gift on behalf of the St. Mark's Anglican church W.A.

The Loyal Order of Moose shuffle board competition ended on Monday with Mrs. Eleanor Kustas and Julian Berkosha winning the first prize. Miss Mary Manojlovich and Richard Housenast won second prize. All the games on the final night were close.

Eileen Laurie, CBC commentator arrived on the Union steamer Thursday for a short visit.

Roosevelt Park School PTA Poised for 10-Cent Carnival

Dimes will be the medium of exchange at the first annual Roosevelt Park school's 10 cent Carnival to be held Friday night in the school's activity room.

In a gay atmosphere girls can win themselves one of the dolls, now on display in the Civic Centre lobby by entering the doll-walks. There will be marble guessing games for the boys and for one game, youngsters can see one-half hour of movie cartoons.

In the eating department there will be stands of soft drinks, doughnuts, coffee, candy and a home-cooking counter.

Fancy aprons and comics will also be on sale.

The public has three more days to collect dimes which will provide "great fun" in the school's "house of amusement."

General convenor for the event will be Parent-Teacher association president Mrs. James Pliniger.

Proceeds from the affair will go towards the PTA's project, an opaque projector and the group's share in the Parent-Teacher council's bursary fund.

O. K. Olson Whist Winner

O. K. Olson was a double winner at the Sons of Norway weekly whist drive and dance Friday night, when he took men's second whist and men's pool prizes, held in the school hall with 12 tables in play.

Men's first whist winner was Jacob Krokey.

In the women's section, Mrs. A. E. Norton took first, Mrs. Carl Giske, second and splitting the pool prize were Mrs. Gunnard Anderson and Lillian Williams.

Committee in charge were Mr. and Mrs. John Fredhelm, Mrs. Carl Strand, Mrs. Gunnar Selvie, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Herman Rensvold and Thomas Thompson.

Sociability Series Topic

The sociability of Canadians is the theme of a spring series of weekly Lenten radio talks beginning on CBC radio station CFRP at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, and ending on Easter Sunday, April 21.

The series, under the general heading "Are Canadians Sociable?" will be given by Rev. Matthew G. Mehan, rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic College, Brockville, Ont. St. Mary's chorists will sing the Gregorian chant and Polyphony under the direction of Rev. James Davis.

The first talk is entitled "Are Canadians Sociable with New Canadians?"

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