FOUR CURTAIN CALLS

Enthusiastic concert crowd of 350 applauds versatility of Sebastian

One of the largest crowds in many years of Prince Rupert Concert Society presentations was at first pleasantly surprised and later wildly enthusiastic at the versatility of harmonica virtuoso John Sebastian who opened the 1958-59 concert series at the Civic Centre last night.

An audience of slightly more than 350 persons gave four curtain calls to Mr. Sebastian and his talented accompanist Glen Glugston after a program sufficiently varied that at the end nearly everyone had been pleased by some portion of the program.

ENCORES BEST

As usual it was the encores that delighted most, particularly the lively and humorous Roumanian folk tune "Bird Calls" with its lifelike notes and whimsical trills. Ravel's familiar and plaintive "Pavane" was also accorded a sustained ovation.

Highlight of the scheduled program was Mr. Sebastian's own transcription and flawless rendition of Gershwin's "American in Paris." Mr. Sebastian was a complete symphony orchestra in himself as in turn his harmonica switched from strings, to woodwinds to brasses with a commendable background provided by Mr. Glugston at the piano.

KINSHIP TO BAGPIPES

The harmonica's kinship to the bagpipes became apparent in six Greek folk dance tunes arranged by the artist. The spritely tunes from the home of the bagpipes, were given added lustre by Mr. Sebastian's harmonica mastery and Mr. Glugston's superb treatment of the Hovaness piano translation.

Two selections especially composed for the harmonica, "Romance for Harmonica" and "Sailor's Song" from "Suite for Harmonica," gave the artist an opportunity to show the contrast between Vaughan Williams' modern and discordant tone poem and Milhaud's wistful musical meanderings of a French sailor playing a concertina.

First half of the program featuring Gluck's "Melodie from 'Orpheus'", Vivaldi's "Sonata in certo in D Major for Flute", was A Major" and Boccherini's "Constrictly chamber music of a Haydn-ish nature strongly reminiscent of 18th century shepherd's piping to their flocks. To this reviewer it was on the dull and stuffy side and saved only by Mr. Sebastian's ability to make his harmonica sound alternately like a flute, violin, oboe, bagpipe and spinet. The tones were so clear and pure that no doubt was left as to why Mr. Sebastian is world renowned as an exponent of harmonica music.

The audience was welcomed by L. S. McGill on behalf of concert society president Dr. R. G. Large. Mrs. McGill, chairman of the society's hospitality committee, was hostess at a reception in the Teen Lounge where members were able to meet the artists.—JRA.

VALERIE DEARDEN, one of nine contestants entered in Order of the Royal Purple second annual talent show, pictured above as she appeared in leading role "Maid and the Golden Slipper" last spring. Singing, Miss Dearden will compete for cash prizes of $50 and three $25 October 17 in Civic Centre. Winners are selected by audience applause meter. Others taking spotlight will be Kay Schooley, with comedy routines, impersonations, singing and ukelele act; Georgina Dibb, dancing; Ronald Adams, singing guitarist; last year's winner Marion Pierce and brother Douglas, singers; nine and 10-year old dancers Karen Knight and Lorene Lowe and Clifford Rudland, singing guitarist. More entries are encouraged.

Cathedral to receive $200 from WA event

The St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral Women's auxiliary Afternoon branch will give $200 to the church committee for necessary items.

The amount was voted upon Monday when the group held its regular meeting in the Cathedral hall, following the announcement that a recent rummage sale realized the sum of $250.

High on the business agenda, was a report from Mrs. H. G. Watts, president of the WA of the Diocese of Caledonia.

Mrs. Watts thanked members on behalf of her husband the Right Rev. Watts, Bishop of Caledonia for the "splendid way" in which the catering for the recent meetings of the Synod was handled by the WAs.

Further arrangements were made to decorate the Cathedral for the Thanksgiving Day Service, October 12, and members were named to assist with the Pot Luck supper to be held October 13, Thanksgiving Day.

Tea was served by Mrs. George Phillipson and Mrs. C. J. Currie.

Clarence Adland to head Gideons in city camp

Clarence Adland was elected president of a local camp of the Gideons at a meeting held in his home Monday night.

The organizational meeting and election of officers was conducted by Joseph Hitchen, western field secretary of the Gideons.

Others elected to office were I. C. Morris, vice-president; Herbert Deardon, secretary-treasurer; Arthur Jones, chaplain.

Mr. Hitchen outlined the international society's program and policy of placing Gideon Bibles in hotels, motels, camps, schools and other institutions which welcomed such free presentations.

During his stay in the city Mr. Hitchen also addressed Pentecostal Tabernacle and First Baptist church congregations Sunday.

J.M. Facey rummage Saturday

The J. M. Facey United Women's association completed plans for a rummage sale Saturday to be held at 9 a.m. in the old Co-Op bakery store, at the group's regular meeting Monday night.

With president Mrs. R. A. McLean in the chair, the meeting was held in the J. M. Facey hall on 1221 Seventh Avenue East.

In other business it was decided to hold a bake sale on October 25.

In conclusion refreshments were served by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Kenneth Warren.

The University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic was founded in 1538.

Sonja ladies to assist CARS drive

Four members of the Sonja Ladies volunteered to assist the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, Prince Rupert branch campaign for funds, October 15, at the Monday night meeting of the group held at the home of Mrs. Jack Strand.

To canvass will be Mrs. Jack Strand, Mrs. Raymond Montgomery, Mrs. Peter Lien and Mrs. Anton Strand.

Mrs. Peter Ellingsen, representative to the Citizenship council, gave her report on the last council meeting.

It was decided to hold a tea and sale of home-cooking November 7 in the Sons of Norway hall, instead of a fall bazaar.

Chair prize was won by Mrs. Waldemar Simonson.

Raffle was won by Mrs. Gunnar Selvig and Barrie Wick. Refreshments served by the hostesses concluded the session.

IODE fall bazaar features cash prize

A door prize of $20 will be given away at the annual fall bazaar to be staged by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, November 27 in the Civic Centre.

Plans for the function were completed Monday night when the IODE Municipal chapter held its regular meeting with Regent Mrs. Joe Ridsdale in the chair.

In other business, members decided to assist in a seafood demonstration to be sponsored in the near future by the Dominion Fisheries.

It was reported that all chapters had volunteered to assist the Women's Co-ordinating council's tea to be held in the Sons of Norway hall, October 15. Members will donate items for the grocery hamper and home-cooking.

The Duchess of Edinburgh chapter reported that it was represented at the last Citizenship Day presentation of certificates to new Canadians in the Court House.

It was announced that Church Parade will be held November 9 in the First Baptist church.

Due to the shortage of spoons, a spoon shower will be held at the next regular session of the chapter, November 3, when all members are asked to bring a spoon.

Mrs. H. A. Breen won the monthly raffle.

United church receives new members

Eight new members were received into full membership of the First United church by Rev. Vernon E. McEachern during the Sunday night service.

William Dunn, clerk of session, assisted Mr. McEachern.

Received were Mr. and Mrs. William Toderas, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wade, Mrs. Robert W. Montgomery and Miss Anne Harding.

Received by letter of transfer were Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wilson from St. Paul's United, Cochrane, Ontario and Knox United, Cornwall, Ontario.

Some 170 members of the congregation received communion during the morning and evening church services.

TODAY-THURS.

CYO completes plans for parish bazaar

Final plans were made for Annunciation Parish bazaar being held today and tomorrow, by the Catholic Youth Organization when the group held its regular meeting Sunday night in the Annunciation school auditorium.

It was announced that president John LaPorte would handle the dart booth; Jeannette Cloutier, Olga Zabudney and Margret Saunders would attend the candy counter and George Hiensburger, Roy Prystay and Bob Oskey would be in charge of the games and novelties.

It was also decided to stage its next dance, October 17.

Friday, October 31 was the date set for the annual Hallowe'en masquerade dance.

Vice-president Jeannette Cloutier was appointed to order the CYO sweaters for more than 30 members.

Five new members introduced by Miss Cloutier were Vera Bouillot, Cathy Saunders, Marie Dvornek, Wilma Barrie and Fred Blom.

Spiritual chairman Margret Saunders conducted her program entitled "The Ten Commandments."

George Heinsburget, apostolic program chairman presided over the questionaire on "What am I Doing to Become a Better Christian."

Social chairman Roy Prystay was in charge of the games, dancing and refreshments which followed.

READERS

Special L. O. O. M. initiation will be held Friday evening at 9 p.m. All members and candidates are urgently requested to attend. The ladies are invited to social following, at 10:15. (202)

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