LITTLE THEATRE group which Friday and Saturday staged the play "Ask me no Questions" poses here for picture above. Shown are from left to right, back row: Julia McKay, Agnes Dearaway, Sue Madeley, Connie Chastney, Al Simpson; front row: Shannon Pallant, Steve Bartlett, Valerie Dearden. In picture at left, director William F. Kincaid.
—Staff photo by Meinhart Lagles.

Dramatists score hit with local production

Approximately 400 persons were treated to a well-presented three-act comedy mystery Friday and Saturday nights as Prince Rupert Little Theatre association staged Lee Edward's "Ask Me No Questions."

Undeterred by a small crowd of first nighters the ambitious group of young actors and actresses came back Saturday night to win scores of chuckles and outright "belly-laughs" with their delivery of the sideslitting dialogue.

Director W. F. Kincaid and stage manager Ted Hupt, the former in his first locally produced effort, are to be congratulated on the production of the play and the excellence of the casting. The set was particularly effective.

The comedy, consisting of a first-scene prologue, an extensive flashback and a finale, deals with mystery writer Perry Thornhill calling in a psychiatrist to curb his apparent failing of being a pathological liar. The story given the amazed doctor is one of five murders committed by a charming but deadly woman who, so Thornhill says, has perfected hypnosis against the will. The story leaves the doctor flabbergasted and he is pushed further "over the edge" when he learns the writer was testing a new plot for a mystery novel.

Stephen Bartlett, who played Perry Thornhill didn't attain the heights he has reached in other plays in which he has demonstrated his potential as a talented and polished actor.

In the first scene, where he is outlining his problem to the doctor, it was difficult to hear him beyond the fifth row. For a good portion of the play, Mr. Bartlett spoke his lines with his head down, slumped over and wringing his hands too often. However, he shone in three different instances where he was being made love to by the mysterious Mrs. Jennifer Baxter, her sister-in-law, the deaf-mute Mrs. Constance Parsons, and the siren-type friend of Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Hildegarde Benson.

Carrying most of the spirited action of the play on her young shoulders was Valerie Deardon, the southern belle fiancee of Thornhill, Phyllis Dixon. She maintained her role throughout, was able to switch from the terrified miss to the outraged southerner, infuriated by both her fiancee's actions and those of the "damn-Yankees" with which she found herself surrounded.

Both Shannon Pallant as the domineering and hypnotic Mrs. Baxter and Al Simpson as the confused psychiatrist Dr. Pilsbury, turned in excellent performances. Miss Pallant's hypnotic scenes were most believable and Mr. Simpson displayed the correct mount of astonishment required of him.

Sue Madeley as the woman detective, Gene Potter, appeared but briefly but turned in a satisfying role as she evinced skepticism at Thornhill's charges against her friend Mrs. Baxter.

Actual highlights of the play were the murder scenes in which Mrs. Baxter hypnotized her victims and made them take an overdose of sleeping pills. Connie Chastney as the overbearing housekeeper Mathilda, Agnes Dearaway as the deaf mute Mrs. Parsons and Julia McKay as the slinky Mrs. Benson, gave these scenes their utmost and "died" most convincingly.

Apart from a slight tendency to drag in spots the comedy provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment for which the Prince Rupert Little Theatre group is to be commended.

However, while an introduction was given pleasingly enough by Brian Hall, it was superfluous to theatre-goers who, especially since there were no reserved seats, had been waiting anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes for the curtain to rise. It was a time-waster since most of the audience had had ample time to read their programs twice over and familiarize themselves with the setting and the cast.
—JRA.

Little Theatre meeting slated

All interested in acting and other stage work are asked to attend a Little Theatre organizational meeting at the Civic Centre at 7:30 tomorrow night.

Plans will be discussed for the group's next production. No previous experience is necessary for those wishing to attend.

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- Prince Rupert Fishing Vessel Owners' Association Annual Meeting will be held Mon. 31st March in Civic Centre at 8 p.m. All members please attend. (67)
- Registered Nurses Association regular meeting Tuesday, April 1 at 8:00 p.m. Nurses Residence. (68)

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Ethel West, nurse's aide at Miller Bay Indian hospital, leaves tomorrow by CPA plane via Terrace for Vancouver for a three-week vacation.

School talent competition underway

Sixty-six children of Roosevelt Park school will take part in a "School Talent Festival" this week.

A large variety of talent has been registered in 59 entries, principal John Steele said today.

Mr. Steel said that the festival is in a small way replacing the annual Music and Dancing festival formerly held here each year to provide a medium for the children to display their talents and artistic accomplishments which they learned during the past year.

Tomorrow, teacher Miss Norma Greig will hear 39 musical entries, ranging from piano to trumpet solos and 14 dancing numbers while Mr. Steele will hear six entries of recitations.

From these entries the teachers will pick a representative program of the best talent to be presented to the school children Thursday afternoon. Interested parents are also invited to attend, Mr. Steele said.

"Army" campaign features film

The "God Seeks You" campaign commenced last Saturday at The Salvation Army citadel with the showing of the film "Belgian Congo" and the message given by Brigadier Hector Nyrerod who is here from Vancouver to conduct the campaign.

On Sunday more than a hundred persons attended. In the morning the Brigadier spoke on "The Joy of the Christian," while the evening sermon was entitled "The Conquering Saviour." Many persons requested prayer for their spiritual need and twelve persons sought Christ as their Saviour.

Brigadier Nyrerod will conduct Holy Week meetings each night this week at the citadel at 8:00 p.m. while on Good Friday a special service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The Brigadier's message tonight will be on the great subject of "God."

UNIQUE MOBILE PET CLINIC DUE TO VISIT PRINCE RUPERT

Prince Rupert pet owners will soon be able to take their dogs, cats, budgy birds and other animals to the "doctor" when the world's only mobile veterinary clinic comes here for a short stay.

Dr. P. L. Builder, only veterinary surgeon in northern British Columbia, was in town yesterday to arrange for a location to accommodate his 37-foot trailer containing a vet clinic complete with nurse and Hi-Fi set.

Dr. Builder says he will bring the mobile clinic which he says is the only one of its kind existing to Prince Rupert in about six weeks.

Equipped to treat anything from birds to horses, the roving veterinarian is accompanied by a nurse, Miss J. F. Allman.

Absent bride-elect honored at shower

The wedding plans of popular bride-elect Miss Ann Petroff were presaged Thursday night when a group of friends gathered at the home of hostess Mrs. James Ciccone.

Miss Petroff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Petroff of this city, now residing in Vancouver was honored on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Kristopher Veljacic which will be an event of April 30, in Vancouver.

Co-hostess for the trousseau shower was Mrs. D. L. Santurbane.

On behalf of the absent bride-elect, Mrs. Vernon Ciccone accepted a set of lingerie as she was seated under a canopy of white bells and streamers.

A personal touch was added to the delightful affair when each guest brought a favorite recipe to be sent along with the trousseau garments and a letter of "Best Wishes" composed on-the-spot by the group.

Buffet lunch was served from the luncheon table, attractively centred with a bowl of daffodils, which was flanked by white tapers in silver holders.

Invited guests were Mrs. Leslie Brain, Mrs. N. F. Willson, Mrs. Leslie Franklin, Mrs. Rupert Greissel, Mrs. D. V. McDougall, Mrs. W. J. Gordon, Mrs. C. V. Sutherland, Mrs. K. F. Harding, Mrs. Florence Leask, Miss Elsa Schmidt, Miss Delphine Astoria, Mrs. Gerard Patzold, Mrs. William Dibben, Mrs. Theodore Rempel, Mrs. William Gunn, Mrs. Will Murdoch, Miss Donna Petroff and Miss Alida Johnson.

Five baptized at United Church

The baptisms of five children highlighted the morning service in the First United church, yesterday.

Rev. Vernon E. McEachern baptized Ture Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Erickson; Deborah Robyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Dunlop; Florence Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Green; Barbara Lillian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. Schmidt and Richard Trent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Wanamaker, all of this city.

A congregation of nearly 200, including friends and relatives attended the baptismal ceremony.

Heirloom robe focal point of christening

A crocketed-lace christening robe made from a gown worn by a former member of the House of Lords more than 130 years ago was the focal point in the baptismal service conducted in the First Presbyterian church March 23 when the nine-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Terrace received names Lyle Robert.

The tiny principal wore the heirloom garment handed down from the maternal side of the family, and upon its creation from parliamentary robes was first worn by his mother, nee Myrna Knutsen, formerly of this city.

Officiating was Rev. Ivan S. Gamble.

Godparents are Miss Ann Botham, presently a student nurse at Royal Jubilee hospital, Victoria, B.C. and Robert Knutsen, the baby's uncle, of New Westminster.

Carnival set by PTA group

A flash-back into the past 100 years will be featured in King Edward school Wednesday night when the King Edward Parent-Teacher association, garbed in the first authentic B.C. Centennial costumes to be worn in the city, stages its "Centennial Carnival."

The gala event will be packed with fun, games, doll and cake walks, film showings, and a large variety of stalls including home-cooking, candy, plants, children's books, toys and comics, gift stall and a fish pond.

A special booth, featuring 'attic treasures' will be an added attraction.

Tickets for the event to be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. may be purchased at the door and each ticket event will cost one dime.

Mrs. T. A. Johnstone is convener.

Francois Lake News

By AGNES H. NEAVE
Daily News Correspondent

The roads were closed to heavy loads at midnight on Thursday as the roads are breaking up. On Saturday night the ferry will be laid up for overhauling and will probably not be crossing again for a month. A boat will be available to take passengers across, but cars will have to travel round the head of the lake.

Louis Snyder left on Wednesday morning by car on a two thousand mile drive to Salt Lake City where he will meet his grandmother and bring her home to Francois Lake.

Gwen and Robert Bruce and little daughter Lauren called in and stayed for a night last week on their way from Kitimat to Kamloops. They expect to be away for two weeks and on their return will make their home in Terrace.

Mrs. W. Jeffrey taught school here while Mrs. W. Harrison was away for a few days.

Eunice and John Jeffe's little girl Diane was rushed from he home in Houston to Smithers on Friday with a badly cut chin. She had knocked down a standard electric light lamp, then fell and cut herself on a piece of loose glass on the floor. Ten stitches were needed to close the wound.

Mrs. Partington is teaching the children several attractive little songs which they will sing at the concert on April 26 here.

TRAVELLING VETERINARIAN Dr. P. L. Builder is shown here treating a dog in his mobile clinic, a specially designed trailer, in which he is travelling through northern British Columbia. Dr. Builder hopes to be able to come to Prince Rupert in about six weeks.

PERSONALS

Mrs. William Gordon and her son Lawrence of 1724 Eighth Avenue East leave tomorrow by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane for Vancouver where she will attend the Soroptimist International regional convention, April 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Vancouver Hotel. Before returning, Mrs. Gordon and her son will spend a four-day visit with Mr. Gordon's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martinuk, Leeds Apartments, leave tomorrow by CPA plane for a visit in Powell River. While away for a week, they will also attend the Electrolux Limited of Canada convention in Vancouver, April 2 and 3.

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