Thousands witness Centennial parade

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Thousands of Prince Rupert people lined Second and Third avenues Saturday to see a successful Grand Parade that managed to squeeze through minutes before a heavy downpour of rain.

The parade opened a day full of activities that brought Prince Rupert's Centennial Celebrations week to a close.

Taking first prize for the best fraternal entry was the Prince Rupert Chinese Association with their ancient "Lion Dance" that drew a good hand of applause all the way through the streets. Also included in the Chinese association entry were a group of children and men carrying lances and swords and women dressed in colorful Chinese costumes.

Second prize winner in the fraternal floats category was the Sons of Norway entry. Parks Commission took third prize.

First prize winner among the marching units was the U.S. Army color guard, while runner-up was the Prince Rupert Centennial girls' drill team.

Best industrial float prize was won by Nelson Brothers Fisheries and the best commercial float prize was taken by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association.

Taking first prize for the best float depicting a Centennial theme was the Moose Lodge.

First prizes for the most ancient car and the best decorated car were both won by Dan's Service station. Judged most comical entry was the Fire Department's float.

While nine judges were choosing the best floats, the Aiyansh and Greenville bands entertained crowds of people in front of the new museum.

Float judges were: R. G. Moore, Peter Bird, E. P. O'Neil, H. S. King, Dr. J. R. Groves, Daniel Kristmanson, Vernon Ciccone, and Patrick Deane.

Other entries making up the successful parade were as follows: the Pipe band of the 120th Independent Field Battery, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Port Day Queen and her attendants, the Order of the Royal Purple, Centennial Band, Prince Rupert Centennial Girls' drill team, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Kinsmen, Rotary and Kitimat Gyro club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Sons of Norway, Parks Association, Miller Bay Indian Hospital, HMCS Chatham, Native Float, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association, IODE, Aiyansh Band, Eric's Grocery, Lindsay's Cartage, Gordon and Anderson, Shop-Easy, Eby and Sons, La Gondola Cafe, Nelson Brothers fisheries, Columbia Cellulose, B.C. Packers, Broadway Cafe, and Bob Parker Ltd.

PERSONALS

Well-known radio and television star Jack Jensen of the "Rhythm Pals" of Vancouver, arrived in the city Thursday night with his wife and children to spend a short holiday visiting his sisters Mrs. Trevor Hill and Mrs. Oke Jackson and their families. Leaving Sunday Mr. Jensen returns to Vancouver before leaving for Toronto where he will continue his career in the entertainment field.

Prince Rupert-born Miss Jean McLean, now of Scotland, was presently visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Barclay, 1169 Ambrose Avenue for a ten-day holiday. During her stay she has visited her cousin D. R. Barclay, jr., in Kitimat. Educated in Prince Rupert Miss McLean moved to Scotland in 1951 as a school teacher. She will be accompanied by her aunt to Vancouver, Monday. They leave by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane.

Washington visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barrett, arrived Friday afternoon by CPA plane to attend the weekend Centennial celebrations. While here for a week they are guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ensley Kahley, Elizabeth Apartments.

Visitors from Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Doyle and their son Frederick, arrived in the city Tuesday by plane for a week's holiday as guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Doyle, 511 Eighth Avenue East.

Leaving Saturday by CPA plane are Mrs. H. N. Nelson, 855 First Avenue West, and Miss Marena Postula, for Vancouver en route to Chilliwack in preparation for her son Eugene Nelson's wedding to Miss Betty Long, to take place August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Moore, 220 Seventh Avenue East, left Saturday by CPA plane for Vancouver en route to California where they will make their future home. Mr. Moore is planning to take a three-year course in electronics in Hollywood.

Mrs. Margaret Fowler of Vancouver left Saturday by CPA plane following a month's holiday as guest of relatives Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sinclair, 812 Sixth Avenue East.

Miss Dolyn McMeekin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McMeekin, 1030 Atlin Avenue, left Sunday by plane for Port Moody to spend a month's holiday visiting former city residents Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vaughan and their daughter Gaye.

Ricky Lindseth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lindseth, 245 Sixth Avenue East, left Saturday by plane for Vancouver en route to Victoria to spend a month's holiday visiting his grandparents.

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FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL between the American and the Canadian navy was once again displayed Saturday night when Lt. Cmdr. R. A. Ratti, captain of the visiting U.S. Coast Guard cutter Balsam met wardroom officers. Others in top row left to right were Lt. Ronald A. Orton, HMCS Chatham staff officer; Mrs. Robert Tough; Mrs. E. W. K. McLeod; Lt. Cmdr. McLeod, Chatham commanding officer; Mrs. John Denning and Ensign Larry Johnson of the Balsam, escort of Miss Prince Rupert at the Port Day Ball. Bottom row left to right: Lt. George J. Brown, Mrs. Orton, Cd. Bos'n Denning, Mrs. Brown and Cd. Bos'n Tough. —Staff photo

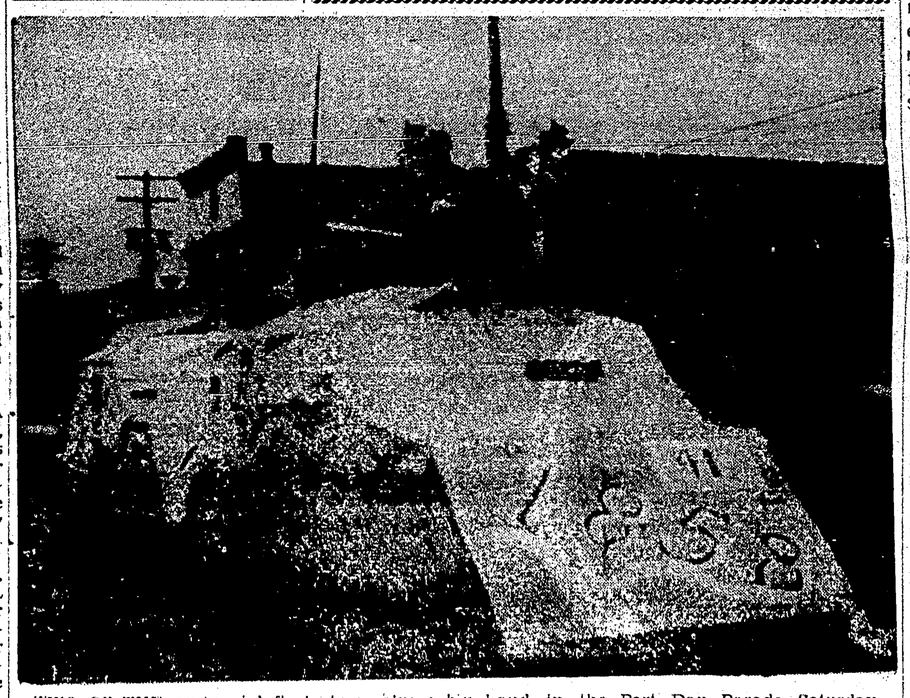
Port Day Ball provides grand centennial finale

The Port Day Ball was a fitting grand finale for Prince Rupert's Potlatch Week Saturday night when more than 1,000 teenagers and adults gathered in the navy drill hall to attend one of the most successful public dances ever staged in the city.

Amid balloons and a colorful sealife decor, hundreds of couples danced to he swinging rhythm of Stan Veitch and his orchestra while others enjoyed the ball from the sidelines.

Hundreds of hot-dogs and soft drinks were consumed before the affair concluded at one a.m.

Taking the spotlight throughout the function was Miss Prince Rupert, Merwyn Hennesey and her princesses, Miss Gail Harvey and Miss Susan Hidber.



TWO OF THE centennial floats to receive a big hand in the Port Day Parade Saturday morning were the Eby and Sons twin floats, depicting trade and commerce in 1858 and 1958. The clever decor was topped by a canoe and a speedboat. —Staff photo.

UNDAUNTED by rain are smiling beauty queen contenders Virginia Enwright left and Sylvia Bellis as they parade through the streets in a comfortible during the Port Day Parade Saturday morning. (Staff photo)

Hundreds applaud Port Day Queen

By GRACE BROWN
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Prince Rupert was not graced by a visit by a royal princess to highlight the B.C. Centennial celebrations but it did crown a lovely queen Friday night before some 500 people in the Navy Drill Hall, following a long-awaited and difficult decision by six judges.

Merwyn Hennesey with tears in her eyes received her 'Queen's bouquet" given by beauty contest sponsor Sons of Norway, from former Miss PNE, Mrs. Vernon Ciccone, and made a beautiful picture as she sat on her throne beside her princesses Gail Harvey and Susan Hidber to be crowned "Miss Prince Rupert" by Mrs. Ciccone.

The charming light-haired and blue-eyed payroll clerk at Columbia Cellulose Company Limited plant, won her title over 10 other contestants entered in the Port Day Beauty Queen contest.

The winning title gives Miss Hennesey, who was attractively gowned in pink and white cotton frock, a free trip to Vancouver, where she will vie for the Miss PNE title, August 25.

Master of ceremonies Len Harrington announced the winner which was received with thundering applause.

"This is as much of a surprise to me as it is to you" said the Miss Kinsmen entry. She then became speechless as her eyes filled with tears.

The queen and her princesses, Gail Harvey as Miss Canadian Legion and Susan Hidber as Miss Gyro, who were gowned in cottons of white and pink respectively, received centennial dollar necklaces and all contestants received $20 gift certificates, donated by city merchants.

Having to make the difficult decision for a winning queen based on charm, personality, beauty of face and figure, ability to speak and special talents were judges: Alderman Kay Smith, Mrs. Ciccone, barrister Willa Ray, government agent Howard Harding, bank manager A. D. Perley and RCMP Inspector H. E. Bloxham.

The beauty queen contestants first made their appearance on stage in white T-shirts and shorts, in the hall setting of colorful sealife decor.

Emcee Harrington filled the few lulls with clever ad libbing while entertainment was provided by Nelson Kinney and Marilyn Anderson.

Addressing the audience with greetings from Alaska were visiting American dignitaries Mayor J. E. Winston of Ketchikan and Mayor M. D. MacSpadden of Juneau.

Other stage highlights were the presentations of prizes to the winners in the Centennial Fishing Derby for children, held July 26, and made by John Wondga, on behalf of the Centennial committee.

Chaperoning and assisting the beauty contestants were Mrs. Micholas Gurvich and Mrs. Ciccone.

A fun-packed teen dance followed to the music of Stan Veitch and his orchestra, which was attended by the "Prince Rupert Lovelies."

Boy christened

The Church of the Annunciation was the scene of a lovely christening ceremony yesterday afternoon when the three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, 335 Sixth Avenue East, received names Carl Arthur.

Parish priest Rev. M. J. Morrin officiated.

Attending the tiny principal as godparents were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Whitehouse of this city.

The baby is a brother to Sharon, 12, and his maternal grandmother is former city resident Mrs. C. E. Johnson, now of Vancouver.

PERSONALS

Miss Gladys Goddard, 1117 Seventh Avenue East, left Sunday by plane via Terrace for a two-week holiday visiting her parents in Cloverdale, B.C.

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Recent bride feted at Surprise shower

Popular city bride of July 25, Mrs. Terence John Shenton, was the recipient of a large assortment of miscellaneous gifts Tuesday night when friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Charles Whatman, 2070 Atlin Avenue, to fete the former Miss Gail Jeanne Weise, with a surprise shower.

Seated in a decorated chair, festooned with pink and white stremaers and pinched with roses, the guest-of-honor received a corsage of fresh cut flowers and gifts.

Games of bingo and a luncheon, which featured a bride's cake decorated by Mrs. J. H. Jeffries, comprised the night's activities.

Assisting the hostess as serviteurs were Miss Carol Nelson, Miss Luise Pierce, Miss Jill Weise and Mrs. Norman Shenton.

Invited guests offering best wishes and gifts were Mrs. Harry Nelson, Mrs. Webb Pierce, Mrs. Thomas Black, Mrs. J. W. Ratchford, Mrs. E. L. Hartwig, Mrs. Jeannie Campbell, Mrs. Robert Armstrong, Mrs. Thomas Christoff, Mrs. Frank Ratchford, Mrs. Mary McLeod, Mrs. Constance Weise, Mrs. Herbert Morgan, Mrs. George Shenton, Mrs. J. H. Jeffries, Mrs. Erling Pedersen, Mrs. W. J. Pinniger, Mrs. John Comadina, Mrs. G. P. Lyons and Mrs. Vernon Rydde.

B. I. Anderson, Canadian Pacific Airlines agent, with his wife and family, left Thursday by plane for Calgary via Vancouver to spend a two-week holiday visiting relatives.

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