

Elks Conclude Splendid Year To Sponsor Musical Festival

HAL ROCHE RECEIVES JEWEL OF OFFICE

In other columns of this issue there appears the financial statement covering the operation of the Skating Rink during the past season by the B.P.O. Elks. The report was tabled at this week's meeting of the lodge.

One of the most active lodges in the great Elk band is Number 288 in the heart of the British Columbia section of the Peace River Block, at Fort St. John. This thriving little town got started with its lodge in August, 1944, at which time there were 96 charter applicants for membership. By the end of 1945 the group had grown to embrace 128 members. It had handled through its treasury some five thousand dollars and had become a source of inspiration to the entire community.

Officers from the lodge's inception until the end of 1945 included H. E. Roche, Exalted Ruler; Al Kirkness, Leading Knight; Ken Dodds, Loyal Knight; N. V. MacLean, Lecturing Knight; W. J. Lumsden, Secretary; R. L. Pickell, Treasurer; H. A. Olson, Inner Guard; P. DuFresne, Tyler; H. Stiles, Esquire; Vic Winter, Chaplain; (Continued on page five)

ST. JOHN ELKS DISCUSS PLANS AT INTERESTING MEETING APRIL 2

The Fort St. John Elks, at their monthly meeting this week, decided to sponsor and lend every support to the coming Musical Festival, to be held in Fort St. John the week ending May 25. Word is being awaited by the Festival executive as to final arrangements with the adjudicators, and it is expected that Monday and Tuesday, the 20th and 21st of May, will be chosen. Entrants will be heard both days at the Carlsonia Theatre and Hall, jointly.

A decision, or even further discussion of the proposal of the Red Cross for a swimming instructor at Fort St. John was held over to enable the committee to make further enquiries regarding a swimming pool.

The proposed Summer Carnival is being temporarily shelved, awaiting announcements on the new regulations imposed by the government on games and carnival attractions. July First, however, was agreed upon as Children's Day — and a programme of sports, free ice cream, and entertainment for everybody, is being drawn up.

The second annual Trans- (Continued on page five)

These Pretty Girls Are Being Asked To Go Places!

Following the first presentation of the Alcan Follies and the successful encore concert which followed it a week later, the musicians and cast of the Alcan Follies are turning down engagements! Later on, however, they plan to visit Dawson Creek and Grande Prairie, travelling with the show.

A. H. Momes, director of the Follies, says that he would like to hear from young people in the community who would be interested in learning to play the piano, violin, or other instrument, or who would learn to dance or act if he or she had the chance. A studio is being considered for Fort St. John at the present time and any indication would be helpful to the directors.



A GLIMPSE OF THE STAGE as the Alcan Follies swung into their finale number, "Dixie." The vocal is being done by Miss Lois Sjolke, assisted by the chorus. Chorus and orchestra, by the way, are ahead yhard at work for another show.

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LOCAL FIRMS DONATE TROPHIES FOR FESTIVAL

Generous support throughout the community is being given the first Fort St. John Musical Festival and the committee hopes that the number of entrants will justify such support.

Already five beautiful silver trophies have been offered for competition. These include shields, cups, Oscars, and other appropriate awards, and have been donated by such local business concerns as Bowes & Heron, Fort St. John Lumber Company, Canadian Public Utilities, Hudson Hope Coal Mines, and the Pomeroy Hotel. It is ex-

pected that the large trophies will be awarded in the various categories in the Festival, and they will be earmarked for annual competition.

With the allocation of Festival dates, (May 20 and 21) the committee can now say that entries should be in the hands of the secretary by April 30. Late entries not later than May 15. The music director is this week circulating rural schools as to the possible number of entries. All enquiries should be made to the secretary, Mrs. Janet Williamson, Fort St. John.

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Canada Ball, sponsored by the Elks in an effort to aid with their "Save the Children" work, will be held here June 7. A committee has been appointed to arrange and promote the party, and it includes Messrs. Ralph Pomeroy, Bob Campbell and Gordon Youngberg.

A district convention of the lodge will be held May 29, at Dawson Creek, when all members are urged to attend. Steve Dubenchuck and Harry Mason, both of Fort St. John, were proposed for membership this month. There are 116 members

Hal Roche this week in Fort St. John. Under the leadership of these officers the lodge was able to put away \$2,000 in Victory bonds, at the same time spending some \$2,400 in community improvement up to the end of 1945. This work included Christmas tree activities for both years, the sponsoring of the Boy Scouts and the Brownies, the taking over and management of the skating rink for five months this past winter.

Carnivals, the Stampede last summer, from which \$1,200 was realized, and the first annual Winter Ice Carnival, held in New York. The representative, F. A. Coleman, asks for details on what the Alcan Follies hopes to do—something of its background, extent, scope—and any pictures available for publication.

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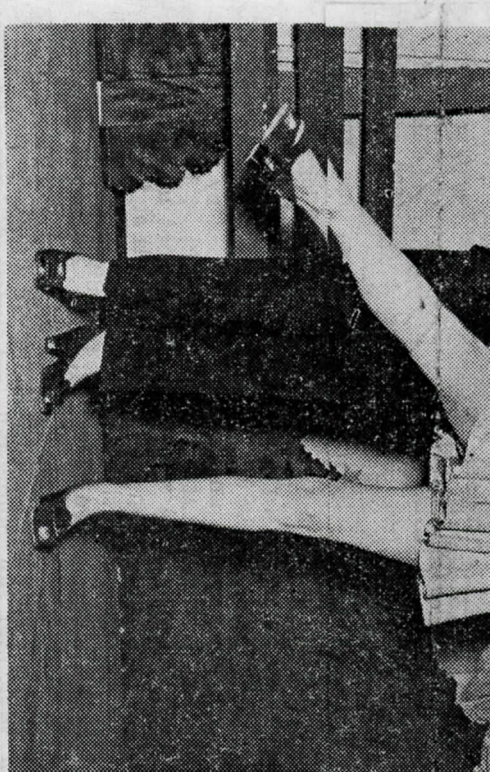
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George Murray, Historian; F. Williscroft, Trustees.

borne, R. Campbell and W. A jewel, marking the badge of his late office was presented to Immediate Past Exalted Ruler

and so on, and recreation and banquet rooms.

At an election of officers recently, the following gentlemen were made officers of the lodge: Exalted Ruler, Bill Lumsden; Immediate Past Exalted Ruler, H. E. Roche; Leading Knight, W. R. J. Campbell; Loyal Knight, R. Mitchell; Lecturing Knight, R. Duncan; Secretary, J. D. Williams; Treasurer, G. E. Youngberg; Inner Guard, Ernie Carriere; Tyler, A. E. Lander; Esquire, T. Mitchell; Chaplain, Vic Williams; Historian, George Murray; Organist, C. Schubert; Trustees, N. V. MacLean (three years), E. Carlson (two years), and C. Holmes (one year).



TWO PRETTY FORT ST. JOHN GIRLS who took part in the recent "Alcan Follies" are pictured above—Miss Diana Sandy and Miss Mary Anne Lohman. Their clever little tap dancing number was one of the many worthwhile acts in the show. Miss Sandy's costume was made right here in town. She is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sandy, while Mary Anne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Schauwecker, Sr., all of Fort St. John.

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