

20 YRS AGO — JAN 4, 1958

THE DRAMA Festival dates start February 20 for three days. It appears to be shaping up for a good Festival this year, with eight or ten plays in the works so far. Two or three will be original efforts - one of these concerns the naming of Squaw Creek. It is by Mrs Les Bazeley of Bear Flat. Another is a comedy concerning Centennial Year, written by Marguerite Davies. Newcomers to the district are bound to enrich the Festival with their contributions. One of these, Mrs Dilys Loucks, a professional in her Native England, is directing a play. If anyone is interested in acting directing or helping with any of these plays, please phone Mrs Frank Davies. 308W.

25 YRS AGO, FEB 15, 1958

THE NORTH Peace Festival Association wishes to thank the merchants of Fort St John who are offering to close at 6 pm on February 22, the last night of the Drama Festival. The success of the Festival ensures funds for the children's Music, Dancing and Elocution Festival in the spring, as well as deficits on the Music Trail celebrity series - and other community projects. We certainly appreciate such evidence of community spirit and co-operation. (Signed: Marguerite Davies for the Committee)

✓ STORES WILL CLOSE 7 p.m. on the 22 to allow everyone to attend the last night of the three-day FSJ Drama Festival. FEB 13, 1958

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PARADE OF BC Styles since 1858: (picture) These youngsters, in the chorus of "A Century with Sam" were a great hit at the recent Drama Festival. You will have an opportunity of seeing them again Friday, March 14 at the High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Centennial Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The lassie in the middle, in the flapper outfit, is Joyce Bouffieux, who was an Award Winner in the Junior Class, best supporting actress. Not shown is the star of the show, Clarke Hazlett. The News is reserving a picture of Clarke for use later. (Another picture) Minutes after the adjudicator had asked Kirk Gable to autograph his program, the entire cast came trouping on stage to take another bow for "Snow White," a delightful play adapted for children and directed by Jean Gross.

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FESTIVAL AWARDS CAME to Mrs Martha Bazeley for the best original play "Squaw Creek". Best elementary play "Snow White" directed by Mrs. Frank Gross. Costumes by Della Cuthill. Clarke Hazlett was chosen best junior actor in "Century Sam". Best supporting actress, Joyce Bouffieux. Best adult, Rodger Ventress in "Stars Above Me". Best supporting senior high actress, Diedre Sandy in "The Storm." MAR 6, 1958

FESTIVAL CHOIR INVITED TO BROADCAST

MAY 22, 1958 The Fort St. John Elementary School choir of grades five and six who won the top honors at the recent Festival here have been requested to come to Dawson Creek to sing over the Radio. It is unlikely the whole choir will go but a tape of the voices will be made and sent for broadcasting on May 31st. Mr. Bill Sinclair, Principal said. Taylor school choir has also received an invitation to make a broadcast. Both schools hope to assemble their pupils and prepare the recording in the schools, respectively.

The North Peace Festival Association presents its Centennial concert the DON COSSACKS CHOIR AND DANCERS, October 16 at 8 p.m. Available at Glacier Drugs Ltd. The Canadian Bank of Commerce

North Peace High School Auditorium Tickets: ADULTS \$1.50; STUDENTS \$1.00

Don Cossacks at auditorium October 16

The North Peace Festival Association is bringing the Don Cossacks Choir and Dancers to Fort St. John October 16, Thursday, at the High School Auditorium. The choir is under the baton of Gen. Nicholas Kostroff and needs no embellishment in these columns, except perhaps to point out that this time they are accompanied by their own troupe of very accomplished dancers. The show will be well over two hours, with two intermissions. The festival association has an investment of close to \$1,000 tied up in the presentation and no effort is being spared to sell out the house for October 16. Pictures and program in next week's issue of the News.

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1958 THE DON COSSACK choir played to a full house last Wednesday when 550 turned out to the high school auditorium to hear them. OCT 23, 1958 A.P.S

DC Players Winners At Festival

FEB 25, 1958

Dawson Creek players captured a lion's share of the awards in the annual North Peace drama festival, staged in Fort St. John the latter part of last week.

"Best production" and "best actor and actress" awards, plus a string of other honors were won in several classes by thespians from here.

For the second year in a row, the players group from the M.I.A. of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints won the shield for the best play in the adult group.

As well, best actor and best actress awards went to members of the cast of the prize-winning, "Night of Storm", which was directed by Miss Mary McPhee and guest director Anne Manson.

Best actor award went to Harold Roth for his role as Pausanias and best actress award was won by Marjorie Montezuma, as Olym-pius.

As top winner in the regional festival, the cast will participate at Burnaby in the provincial drama festival later this year. Last year, the group competed at Vernon, where Miss Montezuma won "best supporting actress" honors, and both she and Miss McPhee won scholarships at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

In other divisions, Dawson Creek players won these awards:

Best senior high productions — "Johnny Dunn", South Peace Senior High School.

Best actor — Eric Schneider as Johnny Dunn.

Best actress — Freida Honisch as the queen in "The Poison Party."

Best actress (junior high division) — Deanna Johnson as the Queen in "The Ugly Duckling".

Best supporting actor (junior high) — Bill Braden as Tod in "Georgie Porgie."

Best supporting actress — Marion Thompson as Mrs. Abernathy in "The Late Lamented", in the division.

In the prize-winning adult en-semble, other members of the cast were: John Geddes, Dick Udy, Lorna Fuhriman, J. J. Gram-pola, Mel Schoonover, Gordon Elwood, Mary Hansen, Peggy Morrow, Karen Sheridan, Hazel Proctor, Mary McPhee, Steve Romaniuk, Guy Leeds and Ralph Brown with Marjorie Giles in charge of costuming and lighting and sound effects handled by Eric Young and Lyle Sandy.

Two plays entered from the senior high school and two from the junior high were directed by Tom Kerr. Another entry from the junior high was directed by Miss Frances Dolan. Mr. Kerr also directed two entries in the adult division.

SPHS Presents Three Plays

FEB 25, 1958

Three plays will be presented each evening, this Thursday and Friday, at the South Peace Senior High School auditorium in the third annual house drama festival.

On each evening, a guest from the Central Junior High School, and two plays from the senior high will be staged. The senior plays will be in competition for the best production shield presented by the house council together with the English department.

Plays from the senior high will be directed by J. P. Mentha, Mrs. K. Howes, G. Moor and W. Logan. Junior high school plays will be under the direction of Miss F. Dolan and Tom Kerr.

Adjudicator will be Walter Kaasa, Canadian actor-director from Edmonton.

Besides the award for top production, honors will be given for best actor and actress, best supporting actor and actress and best junior performer.

Plays to be performed are:

Thursday — "The Man Who Wouldn't go to Heaven"; "Evening Dress Indispensable"; "Georgie Porgie".

Friday — "The Late Lamented"; "The Hasty Heart"; "The Ugly Duckling".

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MAY 3, 1958

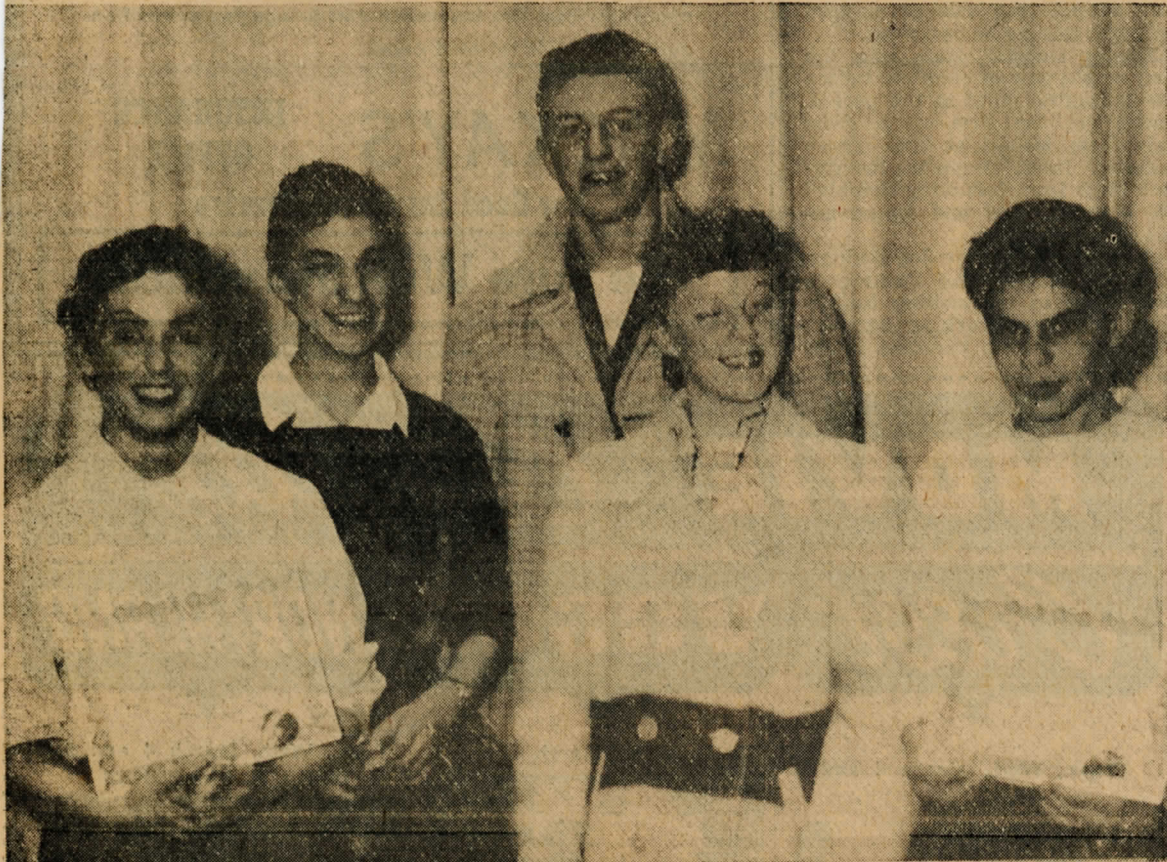
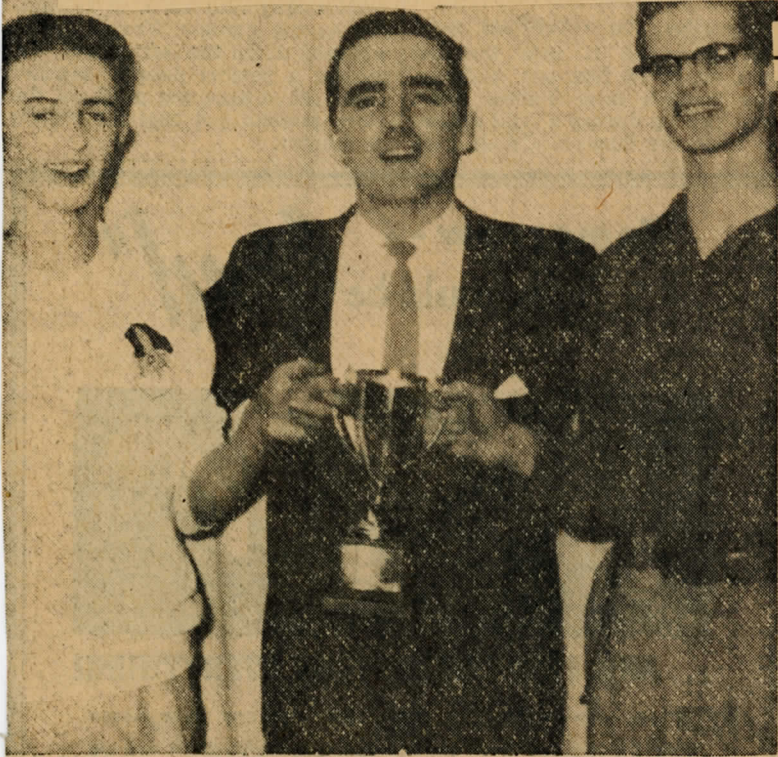
Commenting on the festival, one reviewer noted:

"The festival was extremely successful from an audience point of view and the adjudicator, Mr. Walter Kaasa, pleased the majority.

"It is a pity that superfluity of adjectives such as 'brilliant', 'excellent' and 'magnificent' were dropped so easily and so often. More experienced players wait years to hear anything approaching these profundities. It is not thought that this kind of meaningless adjudication is of any value to the serious amateur."

S. P. High Students Receive Drama Awards

DAWSON CREEK STAR, TUES., MARCH 4, 1958



PACKED AUDITORIUMS greeted the South Peace High School's third annual house drama festival held here on Thursday and Friday. In addition to the four house plays, the crowds also enjoyed three guest performances. The House C play, "The Hasty Heart" was judged "best of the festival" by adjudicator Jack McGrath, drama director of Alberta. Following the conclusion of the plays, various awards were presented. Above, left, director Tom Kerr is shown as he made the presentation of the best actor's trophy to Eric Schneider and Gordon Dohle, joint winners. Centre photo shows Jim McIntyre

presenting the best actress trophy to Bev Rimbey. Right photo shows adjudicator Jack McGrath awarding the house shield to Mrs. K. Howes, who directed the winning play. Lower Photo, at right, shows those who received secondary awards: back row - Charlyn Roberts, best female junior performer; and Blain Fairman, best supporting actor; Front row - Bev Weatherhead, best supporting actress; Mary Short, best junior female performer and George Wiley, best male junior performer.

(Staff Photos)



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