

20 YRS AGO — FEB 1, 1959

FESTIVAL NOTES: The program cover design competition has proven very interesting. The three winners, all from Grade 10, are Clarke Hazlett, First; Gabor Mezei, Second and Connie Watchell, Third. Honorable mention goes to Mary Davies, Joanne Wolff, Alta Grace Peace and Frances Senz. There was a wealth of good design in the work judged by John Quelle, Mrs C Lutz and Mrs F Davies. Judging was made on the following points: Idea - twenty percent, Lettering Information - ten percent, Artistic ability - 10 percent. The winning cover will be used for the Festival Programs on February 26, 27, and 28. The others will be on display during the Festival in the high school auditorium.

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THE FESTIVAL Association has 14 plays lined up, Roger Ventress, co-ordinator reports, the play "Mr Sampson" will be produced by members of the Canadian Legion. JAN 29, 1959

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BETTY MITCHELL, MA LLD, CDA, is to be the adjudicator for the Peace River North Drama Festival. Dr Mitchell is the distinguished director of the highly lauded Calgary workshops.

10 YEARS AGO — MARCH 6, 1959

SIXTEEN PLAYS were presented at the 14th annual drama festival. Dr Betty Mitchell head of the department of drama, Calgary, was the adjudicator. Room in the Tower brought acclaim to Joanne Wolff who won the best junior supporting actress award.

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MAY 8, 9 AND 10 are the dates set aside by the North Peace Drama Festival Assn for a course in acting which will be given by Mr Sidney Risk of the U B C.

Music, dancing and elocution festival starts Monday ^{APR 28, 1960}

Prices for season tickets for adults for next week's festival are \$1.25, making possible attendance at all sessions. Students seasons are \$1. The grande finale is \$1 for everyone. Programs will be on sale Saturday at Glacier Drugs and at Fort Pharmacy.

The 1960 Music, Dancing and Elocution Festival of May 2, 3 and 4, will get off to a good start on Monday evening at 8 in the high school auditorium. Included in the interesting program will be senior choral speech, ladies' elocution, original poem, the United Church choirs (Dawson Creek and St.

Luke's of Fort St. John), piano and the Harmony Mixed Chorus conducted by Mrs. Lambly.

On Tuesday elocution eliminations will run all day in the recreation hall. The auditorium in the morning will feature the elementary school choruses. The afternoon will offer vocal solos, piano, and high school chorus.

Tuesday night in the auditorium will be of terrific interest. The program features male and female adult solos and duets; adult violin duet and adult dancing, also an accordion class. Several up-and-coming young JayCees have entered the public speaking class and will present their arguments, each being limited to five minutes.

Wednesday morning the recreation hall is given over to choral speech, while the auditorium will feature piano.

A program of wide appeal will be presented in the auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, with the entire program devoted to dancing.

The Taylor, Ogilvie, Holland, Central, North Pine and Bear Flat schools, with the Fort St. John Jr.-Sr. High, will be well represented at the festival.

It will be no easier than previously to choose the items to be presented at the grande finale on Wednesday evening in the Auditorium. Those present-

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MUSIC, DANCING . . .

(Continued from page 1) ations felt to be of the most general interest will be selected. You are advised to come early and get a good seat to see and hear selections representative of what is being done in the community in the field of music, elocution and dancing.

The grande finale will close with the presentation of trophies.

DAVE STEWART, teacher and in charge of music at the Central Elementary school is an accomplished gentleman. He entered both vocal and instrumental sessions of the festival this year. ^{MAY 12, 1960}

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THREE-YEAR-OLD ENTRANT AT FESTIVAL

^{APR 21, 1960}
The festival association is pleased to announce the following adjudicators will be present at the Music, Dancing and Elocution Festival to be held in May.

Gary Robinson, Vancouver, Elocution; Mrs. Janet Joy, Grande Prairie, Dancing and Mr. Ifor Roberts, Supervisor of Music in Vancouver Schools and conductor of the B. C. Electric's Men's Choir. Mr. Roberts was formerly director of Music at Ryerson United Church.

There is a greater adult participation in this year's festival, while the youngest contestant is little Shannon Netterfield, 3, who has entered in elocution.

May 8, 1960

Adjudicators for the North Peace Music Festival criticized parents for not coming out to support their children.

"The children especially become discouraged because not enough parents come out. It's happening all across Canada," said Ivor Roberts, a music adjudicator from Vancouver.

Roberts said that the calibre of the performances were very good and he saw a lot that he liked.

"I heard some very promising young musicians here. Unfortunately, there wasn't anybody here to enjoy it."

The festival included dance, choir, piano and violin. The square dancers were the favorites of the few people that showed up, leaving them tapping their toes and clapping their hands.

CLOSING DATE
FOR FESTIVAL
ENTRIES ^{MAR 31, 1960}

The entry committee of the Spring Festival (music, dancing and elocution) has announced that April 4, Monday, is the last day for entries. Under twelves pay a fee of 25c; 13 - 18 years 50c; 18 - 21 years 75c and adults \$2. Any school age group pays a \$1 entry for the group.

ENTRIES INDICATE "BEST YET" SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

^{APR 17, 1960}
Entries in numbers flocked into the hands of the Spring Festival Committee, Monday, the closing day.

"It's wonderfully encouraging," said Mrs. F. M. Davies, "there are many more than before, and a great number of music entries which pleases us very much."

Dates of the Spring Festival are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 2, 3 and 4, with the concert or grande finale on the fourth. On the 5th is the University of Alberta Mixed Choir which will be heard in a choir of 90 voices.

SUGGEST PLAN * PLAY FOR REGIONAL FINALS

^{Nov 17, 1960}
The Festival Association held their regular meeting in the High School on Monday, November 14. The chief business was the paying of membership dues to the B.C. Drama Association. We are now eligible to send a play to the B.C. Regional Finals to be held at the Coast in May. This is a good time to suggest all groups planning to enter the Fort St. John Drama Festival, February 23, 24, 25 get busy NOW. Your play may be the one to go to the Regional Finals. Contact the festival executive or the library for books of plays if needed.

The next meeting of the Festival Association will be at the high school at 8 p.m. January 9, 1961.

The drama group will meet at Lloyd Amundson's on Friday, November 18. All interested are welcome.