

FORT ST JOHN, BC, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1976

Syllabi for festival here

The syllabi are here! With January 26 as the deadline, the Peace River North Festival Association plans on having the syllabi material available shortly. The requested number of booklets sent us were cut from one hundred and fifty to one hundred copies. Thus, we will not be able to distribute the booklets as freely as last year.

However, a copy will be sent to each school as formerly and other booklets will be placed in the local library and Fort Music store for reference.

Participants will be able to find all necessary information regarding classes and entries at

these locations. The booklets will remain there for peoples' convenience.

March 20, 1976 is the deadline for festival entries.

May 5, 6, 7 are the Festival dates.

Entries may be sent to 10807 - 102 Avenue, Fort St John.

For further information

Phone 5-6802 or 5-2832 between 5 and 7 pm.

Let's all get together as individuals, groups and the community to make our newly re-organized Peace River North Festival an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for everyone!

JEAN THOMPSON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 — The January meeting of the Peace River North Festival Association will be held at the home of Mrs Jean Thompson, 10104-108 St. 7:30 p.m. All interested persons more than welcome. 1976

Festival trophies being called in

The Peace River North Festival Association will hold its next meeting March 18 at the home of Mrs Jean Thompson, 10104-108 Street. The time will be 7:30 pm.

Right now we are busy recalling last year's trophies. The businesses which have sponsored classes and donated trophies will then be able to display the trophies until they are needed at this year's festival again.

The workshop for choral speakers by Mrs Vi Benson from Dawson Creek which was cancelled will now be held on Thursday, March 11 at 4 o'clock at Central School. For those of us interested in the speech arts this should be a most worthwhile workshop. Anyone who has heard a class of Bi's perform knows how outstanding she is in this field. It's a rare opportunity for us all to pick up pointers. See you there!

JEAN THOMPSON

Workshop set for festival

FER 25, 1976
The next meeting of the Peace River North Festival Association will be held on Thursday, February 26 — the same day as two workshops connected with the Festival.

The meeting has been called for 8:30 pm at the home of Mrs Jean Thompson, 10104-108 Street. Time of the meeting is later than usual because of the two workshops that day sponsored by the Primary Teachers' Association.

One workshop is "Drama and Puppetry" by Mrs Nomi Hall of Central School and is scheduled for 4 pm. The other is "Choral Speaking" by Mrs Vi Benson of Peace River South.

Both of these workshops are being presented at Central School and the Festival committee urges all who are interested in learning more about these festival classes to attend.

The Primary Teachers' Association has been commended by the Festival Association for sponsoring these timely and instructive workshops. This type of interest and support is sure to contribute much to making the '76 Festival a real success.

— Jean Thompson

All star adjudication for arts assemblage

APR 28, 1976

Organizers of the upcoming Arts Festival have been fortunate in finding some high powered adjudicators for the different events. Walter Kaasa who is already well known in this area will be coming to judge the plays and speech arts.

Dolores Kirkwood of Burnaby has been engaged to adjudicate the dancing. She is principal of the Kirkwood Academy of Performing Arts and has spent 25 years teaching ballet, tap,

modern jazz and musical comedy.

In her time she has been variously a singer, dancer and actress with ballet groups, night club acts and shows in both Canada and the USA. She is perhaps best known on the lower mainland for her role as Dolly Levi in the UBC production of "Hello Dolly" and also played Mama Rose in a performance of "Gypsy" at the Theatre in the Park.

She is currently working on her 68th musical and has been in adjudication for art festivals in the province for 15 years.

From rather nearer home, Baldonnel in fact, comes Dorothy Aalhus who is to take a look at the drama in schools along with Dilys Loucks. Her experience was mostly gained with amateur dramatics groups, starting with the Blackpool Collegiate Shakespearean Club during the war years in England.

After emigrating she took part in three summer courses in Victoria under Walter Kaasa. She was connected with amateur dramatics in Surrey BC and also here in the city. Last year she assisted Vernice



DOROTHY AALHUS

Farrant with the festival adjudications.

Don Forbes will be in town to judge the music entries in the festival and complete the five judge line-up for the festival.



DOLORES KIRKWOOD

Piano performances win top trophy

MAY 12, 1976

available for next week's issue.

Last Friday night over 300 people attended the Grande Finale concert and awards presentation held at North Peace Senior Secondary concluding this year's Music, Dance and Speech Arts Festival.

The concert featured over 20 local artists who were competitors in the festival and were recommended by the adjudicators for inclusion in the final program.

The high point of the evening came with the presentation of the Grand Aggregate trophy for the most deserving entry in the festival.

This year the top award went to Sherri-dan Klassen for her piano performances. She was followed very closely by Timothy Woolley who was given honorable mention for his tremendous showing in boys' vocal classes. Twenty-nine other trophies were presented to the other musicians, vocalists and dancers who won top honors in their fields during the festival.

The entertainment part of the program offered the audience a good variety, sometimes with solos, sometimes duets and often in groups.

In the opening half of the program, Warren Smith, a primary grade youngster,

recited a poem, Sheri-Lynn Bolin performed a piano solo and Renie Miller of Dawson Creek did a ballet dance. Timothy Woolley sang a piece from the musical "Oliver" and Colleen Florence did a piano solo. There were also performances by a Rhythm Band, a Creative Dance Group from Wonowon, a School Choral group and a Square Dance group.

During the break in the program the junior trophies were awarded. The drama trophy was won by C. F. Finch School with their play, "The Reluctant Dragon," Tricia Beckensell won two trophies — one for Prose under 18 and the other for poetry writing under 18.

Timothy Woolley won three trophies, one for junior poetry, one for bible reading and the other for junior vocal. Warren Smith won the trophy for primary poetry solos. The School Choral Speech Group trophy primary level was won by Central School while the intermediate level trophy was won by Canalta School of Dawson Creek.

Ambrose School won the trophies for group dancing, school choral work and shared the trophy with Central School for traditional or Folk dancing.

Christine Lynch won the trophy for solo dancing while Jereilyn Orcutt and Christine Carnell won the trophy for couple dancing.

The Junior Piano Solo trophy was won by Colleen Florence and Diane Sanderson jointly while Sheri-Lynn Bolin won the trophy for beginner's piano. The other trophy awarded during the break was to the Immaculata Folk Group in the junior church choir group.

During the second half of the concert solos were performed by Janice Haeggard, who told a story, Diane Anderson on piano, Christine Lynch, who performed an acrobatic dance and Metro Semeniuk on the dulcimer.

Sherri-dan Klassen performed a piano solo and then came on later with Carolyn

Schmidt to play a duet on the piano. Joan Thompson recited a lyric poem written by Robert Frost. The final act which particularly caught people's attention was the performance of a song in Swiss by the Lehmann Family.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the trophies to the senior performers. Cornie Hebert both the trophies for both creative writing and prose in the adult category. Gillian Guy won the trophy for senior piano solo.

Sherri-dan Klassen won the trophies for piano sonatas and best piano performance. Frank Spears won the trophy for Bach piano and John Janssen won the trophy for the best performance in quick study.

The best instrumental solo other than piano trophy was won by Metro Semeniuk for his performance on the dulcimer. The best instrumental group trophy went to the Dr. Kearney Band. Pauline Hopkins won the trophy for senior vocal solo while Shirley Harris and Irene Kroecher won the trophy for vocal duet.

The family and community choral trophy was won by Gottlieb Lehmann and family. The special school trophy which is awarded to the school with the most number of points was won during the festival this year by Ambrose Elementary.

Complete results of the week-long Arts Festival had not yet been tabulated early in the week but will probably be

available for next week's issue.

SHERRIDEN KLASSEN proudly displays the Grand Aggregate trophy she has just received from Bob Bennetts for the most deserving entry in the festival.



FESTIVAL WEEK - ALL THE WINNERS

Drama put on by the elementary schools of Central, Taylor, Ambrose, Charlie Lake, CM Finch and Alwin Holland Schools on May 3rd, 4th and 5th introduced our Festival of the Arts Week in a festive style. The adjudicators Dorothy Aalhus and Delys Loucks travelled to the participating schools to judge the plays. Teachers and children appreciated their constructive and encouraging evaluations.

In the Speech Arts section, Walter Kaasa was unable to come at the last minute and Jack McCreath from Edmonton took his place as adjudicator.

Mr McCreath has been Drama Supervisor for the province of Alberta for 20 years. He is now Executive Director of Major Productions.

During his time as Drama Supervisor, he was responsible for all extension drama training programs in Alberta. He initiated and organized all high school drama festivals and started the summer residential drama schools now in their 17th year.

Mr McCreath received his drama training at London University and at the Old Vic. In 1962 he received the Canadian Drama Award for his services to Canadian Drama and in 1974 received the Performing Arts award for the city of Edmonton. He is widely known professionally as a director, actor, playwright and composer.

Mr Don Forbes from Vancouver proved a popular music adjudicator. He taught as will as judged and his demonstrations were thoroughly appreciated. Dolores Kirkwood who adjudicated our one short day

of dancing entries was gracious and helpful in her evaluation.

Space does not permit any more than the names of the gold seal winners this week. To receive "a gold" the participant must have 86 or over awarded for the

SPEECH ARTS

1. Choral Speech, Open — Canalta School (Dawson Creek) Director, Vi Benson.
2. Choral Speech, Open Grade 1 to 3, won by Grade II Central, Director, J Boitduk.
3. Biblical Reading — Solo, 10 years and under, Timothy Woolley.
4. Dramatic Poetry — Solo — 6 years and under — Lily Jean Thompson.
5. Lyric Poetry, Solo, Open Adult — Joan Thompson.
6. Story Telling — Solo — 10 years and under — Timothy Woolley.
7. Story Telling Solo — 10 years and under — De Enna Hamm.
8. Dramatic Poetry — Solo — 8 years and under — Rawena Copes.
9. Open Poetry Solo — 6 years and under — Deneen Babcock
10. Open Poetry Solo — 8 years and under — Warren Smith.
11. Open Poetry Solo — 8 years and under — Kathy Thyryn.
12. Canadian Poetry Open — 10 years and under — Heather Hamilton.
13. Canadian Poetry — Open — 10 years and under — Timothy Woolley

Correction — The little girl pictured in last week's paper doing the story telling in the Grande Finale was Lilly Jean Thompson not Janice Hagerd.

MUSIC

- 1 Family Music — Lehman

Family

- 2 Boys Solo — 8 to 10 years — Timothy Woolley.
- 3 Schoolgirl's Solo — Grade 1 — Shawna Marie Phillips.
4. Schoolgirls Solo — Grade 6 — Karee Phillips.
- 5 Schoolboy's Solo — Grade 5 — Timothy Woolley.
- 6 Vocal Duet — Shirley Harris and Irene Kroecher.
- 7 Folk Ballad Duet Sr — Heidi Roeters and Margaret Langerud.
- 8 Vocal Quartette — Modern Idiom — Cathy Deutsch, Becky Dressler, Tony Sankovic, Doug Dixon.
- 9 Sunday School or Jr Church Choir, Pass It On Folks Group — Immaculata School.
- 10 Community Music Class — 16 and under — Pass It On Folk Group.
- 11 Girl's Solo — 11 years — Joanne Clark.
- 12 Operatic Solo — Open Pauline Hopkins.
- 13 Girl's Folk Song — Solo 12 years and under — Joanne Clark.
- 14 Girl's Solo — 8 to 10 years.
- 15 Impressionism Piano Solo — Open Gillian Guy.
- 16 Accordion Solo — 14 years and under — Bob Thola.
- 17 Trumpet A — Kris ustatson.
- 18 Instrumental Solo — 14 years and under — Metro Semanik.
- 19 School Contemporary Folk Song Chorus — Grades 4 to 6 — Clearview School, directed by Shirley Harris.
- 20 School Folk Song Chorus — Grade 4 to 6 Upper Pine Directed by C Wagner.
- 21 School Folk Song Chorus — Grade 4 to 6 Robert Ogilvie Directed by L Holmes.
- 22 School Folk Song Chorus — Grade 4 to 6 Clearview Choir — Directed by S Harris.

Class — Immaculata.

- 28 Piano Solo — Grade II — Coleen Florence, Joanna Clark, Jan Brown.
- 29 Piano Solo — Grade 7, Sherridan Klaassen and Carolyn Schmidt.
- 30 Grade 7. Sonatina — Sherridan Klaassen.
- 31 Grade 7 Bach — Frank Spears.
- 32 Piano Quick Study — Grade 4 — John Janssen.
- 33 Piano Quick Study — Grade 8. Brenda Kraus.
- 34 Piano Duet — 14 and under Sherridan Klassen and Caroline Schmidt.
- 35 Suzuki Piano — Book 1, Dianna Sanderson, Lisa Olesko, Amanda Gammage.
- 36 Suzuki Piano — Book II Lisa Angela Nelson.
- 37 Creative Music Song — Open. Bevan Davidson.
- 38 Opereta Excerpts — Grade 1 to 3 Ambrose School, directed by S Large
- 39 Community Stage Band Sr Fort St John Jr and Sr

Secondary Band — Directed by P Pearson.

- 40 Concert Band Group 2 directed by B Bernard.
- ## DANCING SECTION
- 1 Any Dancing Not Listed — 10 years and under — Jerelyn Orcutt and Christine Carnell.
 - 2 Folk Character and National Dances — Open Intermediate Girls — Ambrose School.

3 Folk, Character and National Dancer — 10 years and under, Central School.

- 4 Square Dances Grades 1 to 3 Group 1 Ambrose School, Grade 3: Group 2 Ambrose School, Grade 3.
 - 5 Square Dances Grades 4 to 7, Ambrose School.
 - 6 Acrobatic Dances (12 years and under) — Christina Lynch.
- Jean Thompson

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- 21 School Contemporary Folk Song Chorus — Grade 4 to 6 Immaculata School.
- 24 School Action Song — Grade 1 Central School directed by H Bickford.
- 25 Folk Ballad Solo — Solo Sr. — Pauline Hopkins.
- 26 Rhythm Band Kindergarten — Central School directed by N Hall.
- 27 School Creative Music

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Music awards

Friday night at North Peace Senior Secondary was a big night for those competitors in the Music, Dance and Speech Arts Festival which had been selected to perform during the Grande Finale Concert.

During the program which lasted two hours there were solo, duet and group acts ranging from the most junior of performers to the most senior.

The evening was broken up half way through with an awards giving ceremony during which the junior competitors in the festival received their trophies. At the conclusion of the program the seniors were presented with their trophies.



WITH DELICATE GRACE Ballerina Renie Miller from Dawson Creek performed a short ballet piece during last Friday night's Grande Finale concert. Twenty-two different acts were featured on the program. All were prize winning competitors in the festival.



TINY JANICE HAGGARD of Immaculata School thrilled the audience Friday night at the Grande Finale concert when she read a story to them which had been carefully written out in the book she held. Over 300 people came out to hear some of the top performers who were entered in this year's Music, Dance and Speech Arts Festival.

have learned from experience the number of tasks there are to be delegated. For this to be possible we must have more people to call upon. The annual meeting with election of officers will be held June 7 in the Red Garter Room of the Fort Hotel at 8 o'clock. See you there!

CORRECTION: Somehow Philippa Wooley's name was left off the list of "gold seal" winners when it was published. Our apologies Philippa!

JEAN THOMPSON

Festival association see you next year

JUN 2, 1976

Peace River North Festival Association highlights. The home of Mrs Jean Thompson May 27 was the scene of a wrap-up meeting for the 1976 Peace River North Festival Association. President Barry Willis opened the meeting at 7 o'clock and necessary routine business arising from the Festival was settled. Then representatives of the "Task force" who had worked with the adjudicators and in the halls while the festival was on joined us.

Each contributed ideas and suggestions for the next festival in 1977. We regret the number of events which took place the week of the festival when we had chosen our dates six months previously and certainly hope there will be more consideration shown another year. The decision was made to set our festival

festival were thoroughly discussed; topics ranging from the suitability of adjudicators and the basis for awarding certain trophies, to the necessity of ordering blue seals months in advance. Many and varied are the unforeseen questions that arise when hosting a festival! Be that as it may, the general interest and participation has steadily grown with more people determined to keep our festival a yearly event. One big priority is more help. We

Festival appreciated

Editor, Alaska Highway News
On behalf of the North Peace Music Teachers' Association, I would like to thank late Jean Thompson and her committee on the successful success of the Peace Festival this year. The festival could not have been such a success without the countless hours of exhaustive work by the committee and many other interested workers. We wish to say thank you very much.
Mrs Joan Churchill

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Festival set for mid-April

FOR 1977 FESTIVAL

NOV 13, 1976

Date for the Peace River North Festival has been set for April 18 to 23rd, the executive announced this week.

The festival had been tentatively set for early May but was changed after checking with Jerry Howard and the Community Calendar to be sure of suitability of dates.

The association must have dates for the Festival set eight months to a year ahead to ensure the services of good

adjudicators.

Popular Don Forbes who was here last spring for music will be back but Miss Kirkwood, dancing adjudicator, was unable to fit the North Peace Festival into her schedule. Peggy Bain of Maple Ridge, a former pupil of hers, has promised to come as a replacement.

No definite word has yet been received from possible speech arts adjudicator Jose Smith of Prince George. Judging of school plays will

probably be done by experienced local people who are well capable of judging drama.

The executive which has been meeting regularly is in the process of compiling its own syllabus for the Peace River North Festival. During the past two years, when the organization was having a difficult time just re-organizing and becoming a functioning local group again, the Alberta Music Festival syllabus was used.

With input from the Music

Teachers' Association interested and concerned teachers and parents committee is established base for the 1977 festival future festivals. In this syllabus, the committee trying to retain all the suitable items for this and to achieve greater flexibility in many classes.

The committee is anxious to increase participation in the festival. Many adult classes included and adjudication will be as much as possible to accommodate contestants.

Classes for adults public speaking and writing. The festival enriched with more singing groups and bands and junior church choirs.

"We all know there dearth of talent in the Peace area," spokesman for the group.

"With interest, effort and training, this talent improve in every way. responsibility of individuals to contribute success of future with the goal of a true Peace River North Festival our own."

Much help will be needed the association as the festival approach who can offer any help phone one of the executive members:

Mrs Eileen Babcock 6802; Mrs Pearl White 5217; Mrs Fran Ruhoff 2048; Mrs Hazel Frazer 4202; Mrs Elizabeth Thompson 785-4248 or Mr Thompson, 785-2832.

Bigger arts festival '77

Goal gained

Editor, Alaska Highway News

The executive of the Peace River North Arts Festival for 1976 would like to thank all who helped to make our festival a success. Reviewed in 1975 after years of dormancy, the response from the public clearly shows that we were ready to host a Festival of our own again. With this interest and support we can start planning a bigger and better Festival for 1977.

Again, a big "Thank you" to you all.

Jean Thompson

Editor, Alaska Highway News

The North Peace Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society wish to thank everyone who gave so generously in their recent "Conquer Cancer Campaign."

Special thanks to all the volunteer canvassers, your help was greatly appreciated as we exceeded our goal of \$3,500.00 Remember Cancer can be beaten, but only with your help. Total amount to date is \$3,683.65.

Norma Cox, President of Cancer Unit Fort St John

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