

30 YRS AGO — MAR 7, 1950

MONTNEY. Following a 10 am practise, members of the Montney Young People's orchestra, 20 strong journeyed by sleigh to the Clay Martin home where a turkey dinner awaited them. The afternoon was spent sleighing on the banks of the creek, snow-balling, following which the group spent a time of merriment in the rumpus room. With law and order restored all present sat down to a lunch consisting of hot-dogs, ice cream and cake. With appropriate words Miss Helen Holden, on behalf of the members of the orchestra thanked Mrs Martin for the wonderful time enjoyed by all, thus concluding one more, happy, memorial event in the lives of our local young folks.

30 YRS AGO — Mar 31, 1950

CECIL LAKE. Transpine and Cecil Lake Schools together held a concert and dance in aid of the Red Cross. There was a big crowd out to enjoy the children's performance, and the dance after lasted longer than usual. Worthy of special mention in the program was the quality of Tommy Green's singing and the Highland Fling steps done in perfect time by little Joyce Green and Vicki Nicholson, while Ronald Nicholson played the violin music for it. For the first part of the dance, the "music box" just bought for the hall was tried out and a real success. Then when local musicians played, the PA System carried the music to the far end of the hall.

30 YRS AGO — OCT 20,
1950

MONTNEY MUSICAL: Montney Community hall was packed at the doors on Saturday night when the North Pine and Montney Young Peoples' orchestras put on a musical evening. The Rev J H & Mrs Cheesman who have promoted and trained the youthful talent of the two communities in connection with their work in the mission field of the United Church, were in direction of the program and Margaret (Ma) Murray acted as chairman for the evening. Prior to the musical program the mothers and others of the children spread a lovely dinner in the hall at which some 50 attended. The evening closed with a couple of films for child interest, of music and comics, and lunch was served to wind up the evening. Mr & Mrs Cheesman were warmly congratulated in their first presentation of a wholly musical evening. Mr Ian Currie, made a presentation to young Kenneth Cheesman during the evening, a beneficent sum of \$40 which had been collected from the two groups for the young lad to acquire a coronet. Young Kenneth plays in the Montney Orchestra.
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30 YRS AGO — OCT 21,
1950

MONTNEY MUSICAL
(Cont'd) It was satisfying to hear about 24 youngsters play their instruments and also arise before the audience and give solos which comprised vocal, dancing, and stringed instruments. It was further notable that most of the numbers were of religious trend. It is not surprising when added to the performers, oldsters such as

“Dad” Wood and Bill Teigs who took the platform and not only contributed to the program but excelled in old fashioned performance. Mr Wood is an artist with the bones and at eightyish, he can rattle out the music with a verve and zip that tantalized the feet of most of the audience. “Dad” Wood hails from Nebraska, and how he can fiddle them strings! It is worthy to note

that artists of the violin of these days cannot get the music out of the strings like those old time fiddlers. “Dad” was encored, and obliged, with number after number. He was accompanied by his granddaughter with an equally zestful cording. Mr Teigs, whose hand was out of form, loaned his 300 year old violin to Dad for the numbers. (Cont'd)



THOSE WHO ARE TAKING an interest in the efforts of our town band will be interested in this old-time photo of the band Gene Forster used to have 11 years ago. This picture, taken in December 1950, shows, back row, left to right, Davie Romine, Morris Fines, Bud Mac-

Lean and Glen Pomeroy; front row, Peter Hornick, Sunny Mager, Norman Carlson, Charlie Watson. Joy Fjetland is doing the singing while Gene Forster, bandmaster, plays the sax. The new town band will give a performance at Mrs. Lambly's Christmas concert on December 20.

30 YRS AGO, DEC. 22, 1950

SCHOOL CONCERT.

The elementary teaching staff went away to their Christmas holidaying with much satisfaction warming in their hearts after the finest Christmas effort ever put forward here. The Pro Rec Hall proved an incentive for everyone to make the most of the first Christmas held in it. From the beginning song of 'Welcome' to the end of the Dicken's Christmas sketch, there was never a lull of interest. Mrs. Harold Plain and Miss Thompson, together with Dorothy Forster who did the choreography, began to train 60, little Grade 1 and 2 students in a play called the 'Toymaker's Dream.' Gerry Tucker was an excellent Toymaker with his grey whiskers and iron thatch. When he fell asleep, Pat Martin with her voice and Marguerite Galibois at the piano, brought to life all the little toys in the shop. The little elves didn't get very far when the fairy queen arrived with her cortege of fairies and drove them away. The toys arose in life from their numerous shelves: Rag dolls, China dolls, baby dolls, toy soldiers, jack-in-the-boxes, golliwogs, etc. Marguerite Galibois, Jr. was the only guest actor in the dream. She tap-danced the toys into order and was on hand when the old Toymaker awakened. The number brought rounds and rounds of applause. Grade 2 gave a choral speech. It was some effort and a great deal of class when Mrs. Harmer's 40 voices chanted 'The Night Before Christmas.' In a scene from Hansel and Gretal, the old witch got what was coming to her by Grade 2 pupils from instruction of Miss Caverley. Six children from Grade 2

put on an illustration of 'I'm A Little Teapot'. Mrs. Hazlett's Grade 5 gave a rendition of 'Christmas Bells' and made a presentation to an old lady, which was pleasing and humorous. (Cont'd.)

10 YEARS AGO—December 28, 1950

NEW YEAR'S EVE frolic begins at 11 p.m. in the Elks Hall—20 will compete for the Kiddie Kar tournament of 1960. Winner will hold the cup for one year—Stan Kent is defending his title. Be on hand to see the fun—Miss New Year will hail the new and Miss Old Year will bid farewell to the old. Buy tickets now, only 50c. Good music and good fun.

With the closing of the RCAF station Fort St. John was left without a dance band until Gene Foster decided to organize a school band. They call themselves The Northern Lites and the members are Davie Romine, Morris Fines, Bud MacLean, Glen Pomeroy, Peter Hornick, Sonny Mager, Norman Carlson, Charlie Watson with Joy Tjetland doing the vocals. All will wear white jackets with black ties and will play for the New Year's dance.