

THE FORT ST JOHN LIBRARY moved to new spacious quarters in the new provincial building. Once settled Mrs Florence Kent and Mrs Gene Foster gave out 130 books to borrowers, the largest number yet.

JAN 10, 1957

FEB 28, 1957

BETTY JEAN HAGAN, Canadian violinist
will be the guest on the last concert of the sea-
son for the Alaska Music Trail.



25 YRS AGO-MAY 3, 1957

THAT'S SHOW BIZ.

When the juniors were going through their paces at the Carlsonia Monday at the opening of the festival it tested their wind and muscles to get to the stage. No steps had been provided from the pit to the stage. Georgina Keddell, one of the executives of the festival, did her best and built a rickety series of steps from boxes, chairs and stools.

Mr. Kerr, the adjudicator, was bothered with it all. How could the little performers perform, if their hearts went pitter pat as they gained access to the spotlight over such a dangerous approach. An older timer in the audience couldn't stand it. He ran into Mr Gene Genzer, building the new theatre across the way who called two fine young carpenters from their work and gave short, crisp, colorful orders. The boys ran across the Carlsonia, measured the height of the stage and returned to make in a few minutes a fine set of steps which were installed while the program was still under way. Bully for Genzer.

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netest in the high school auditorium.

Lido Name For New Theatre

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The New Theatre, owned and operated by the Brooks-Pomeroy-Herron interests of Fort St. John who also own and operate the Carlsonia, is to be known as the Lido Theatre. With good luck, it will open its doors to the public in mid-October.

The first picture to be shown in the theatre will be 'Spirit of St. Louis'.

Admission price for adults will be slightly higher than at the Carlsonia, and some of the pictures booked from now until the new year will be 'Man with the Golden Arm', 'Guys and Dolls', 'Island in the Sun', 'Not as a Stranger'.

The Lido will seat 498 persons. A larger foyer will be modern in every respect, and offer soft drinks, candy, popcorn and other refreshments for sale.

Projectionist for the new movie house has not been decided because those available must take new exams to enable them to operate in the larger capacity theatre.

OCT 31, 1957

ONE OF THE world's finest clarinetists will play in Fort St John next week. Reginald Kell of England will be presented by Alaska Music Trails in the high school auditorium. ✱

15 YEARS AGO — NOVEMBER 7, 1957

THE NEW 500 SEAT Lido Theatre opened its doors. "Bernardine" starring Janet Gaynor was the theatre's first offering and proceeds from the initial performance were turned over to the Fort St John arena.

25 YRS AGO, NOV 10, 1957

(ACTUALLY ON Nov 12th) F E Spicer, Chairman of the Village Commissioners, officially declared the beautiful Lido Theatre open before a packed house. It was snowing heavily outside but didn't hold back a large crowd of people and their children to contribute to the benefit performance in aid of the Arena Fund. Directors of this new venture are CC Brooks, Ralph Pomeroy and Bradin Herron. ... Marwell Construction Co proceeded with steel construction at the new hotel here being built by Frank McMahon and Associates. A large crane was brought in from Taylor and began to swing the steel beams into place.

THE GRAND OPENING of Fort St John's Lido Theatre was a splendid occasion with the arena fund benefitting by \$300 from box office receipts.

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