



NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY—Fort St John library workers and some of the books they've selected from the Public Library Commission in Dawson Creek. Left to right Kay Murray, Mary Anderson, Florence Kent, Dr Peter Cribb, Beth Todrick, Betsy Murray and Emmy Lux. *Jul 29, 1965*

Christmas is concerts . . .



A SCENE at the Central school concert. *DEC 30, 1965*



THE NORTH PEACE has come to expect beautiful Christmas presentations from the Central school, and this year's concert was no exception. Here some of the Grade 1 children perform a little Christmas scene 'The

Friendly Beasts', with singing by Cathy Cooper, Grade 1 and Anna Maria Chwyl, Grade 2. The school auditorium was crowded for performances on Monday and Tuesday nights.

DEC 23, 1965

Band receives aid from town

As a result of a delegation from the Fort St John town band to town council last week the future of the band is looking brighter.

Council agreed to pay the band \$140 as the town's share of the cost of the band playing at least season's hockey games. The remainder was paid by the Flyers hockey club.

The question of a direct grant to the band for this season was discussed and provision is to be made in the upcoming budget for such a grant. No figure was set but Ald Bill Stark suggested \$500 and council seemed congenial to this amount. DEC 23, 1965

Many choirs join in old style carol sing

The North Peace Senior Secondary School gym was crowded last Wednesday evening, Dec 15 when over 400 local residents turned out to support Fort St John's 1965 community carol festival.

All 15 choirs and groups were well received, but with-

out a doubt the evening was taken over by the several children's choirs singing old and favorite Christmas numbers.

Interspersed between the rehearsed groups were periods of active audience participation in singing well known carols.

The groups taking part were: Peace Lutheran chapel choir, Calvary Baptist mixed quartet, Immaculata choir, Alliance Church junior choir, Presbyterian Church ladies choir, Central School boys choir, North Peace Mennonite Brethren mixed octet, Peace Lutheran senior choir, North Peace Mennonite Brethren ladies trio,

Peace Lutheran mens chorus, Alliance Church senior choir. Musical accompaniment was supplied by Mrs Evelyn Jamieson, piano and Mrs Ed Haugen, organ.

Scripture readings were given by Rev L Sogge, Rev C Postal and acknowledgements by Rev F Schimke.

Local choirs welcome at community carol festival

The celebration of the Christmas Festival in Fort St John will be greatly enriched this year by a Community Carol Festival. The public is invited to join in a service of singing of the well-known Christmas music on Wednesday Dec 15 at 8 p.m. in the North Peace Senior Secondary School auditorium.

Churches, groups or other organizations are invited to present the Christmas message in two or three numbers by a choir, smaller groups, duets or solos.

Each group is asked to inform Pastor H Throness by

phoning 4644 or 3057 or by mail to Box 185 giving the titles of the songs offered. The planning committee will then lay out the program and decide if all the numbers can be accepted. Notice of intention to participate must be given by Dec 10.

The program is sponsored by the Fort St John Ministerial in co-operation with the Interschool Christian Fellowship. It has not been possible to organize the mass choir this year. The community singing is something everyone enjoys. "O Come Let Us Adore Him."

New officers for band

SEPT 30, 1965

The annual meeting of the Fort St John Concert Band was held Sep 27 at the home of Mr Gene Forster with president Robert Trotter in the chair.

After the business, which showed that the band lacks funds, the election of a new slate of officers took place, which is as follows: president, Gary Matheson; vice president, Ross Haller; secretary-treasurer, Jack Musson; librarian, Lillian Sokel; publicity, Robt Trotter; scrutineers, Ross Haller and Lillian Sokel.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Forster for hosting the meeting.

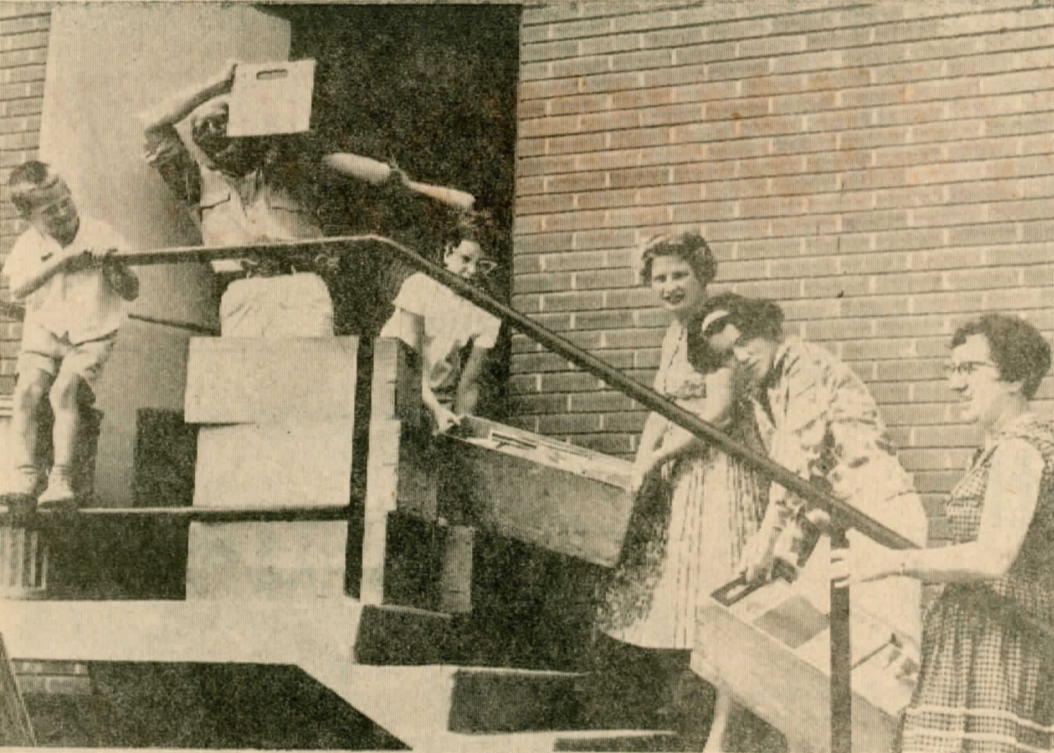
Live entertainment for North Peace

Fort St John will be treated to live entertainment starting tonight when the Jubilation Singers make their first appearance at the Fort Hotel. They will appear nightly (except Sunday) until Oct 16.

The management of the Fort has embarked on this new entertainment program as it feels that there are now enough interested patrons in the North Peace to make live entertainment a commercial possibility.

The Jubilation Singers feature two native Canadians, Doris Lavoie and Len Mason who display a unique blending of vocal and instrumental talents. Len is a master

of the country fiddle which has won the couple engagements throughout Canada and the northwest USA.



NEW BOOKS FOR LOCAL LIBRARY —

Part of 600 new volumes for the Fort St John Library is being unloaded under the supervision of Howard Overend (top left with box of books at the carry). The library gets a new lot of books three

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times a year. Recently it was reported that a family travelling to Alaska donated a load of books to the library. This was not so as it seems folks other than the library were the lucky ones.

'Arms and the man' playing here Tuesday

MAR 18, 1965

"Arms and the Man," Bernard Shaw's enduringly funny comedy that pricks the bubble of military glory, will be given for first performance at the North Peace Auditorium Mar 23. This is the satirical romp that in 1894 first established Shaw as an outstanding playwright, and has continued to be produced frequently ever since — both in its original form that will be seen here, and in the form of the operetta based on it called "The Chocolate Soldier."

The fun of the light-hearted tale begins when a runaway military officer, fleeing a defeat in battle, tries to hide himself in a house back of the lines and finds himself in the bedroom of the lovely daughter of the enemy general. Because he is a plodding, methodical fellow and the girl who hides him is given to romantic fantasies and dreams of a hero who is all gallantry and reckless bravery, the clash of their temperaments gives off sparks that have delighted audiences for upward of 70 years.

Gordon Dohle and Rosemary Ferguson will be co-starred as the coolly intelligent military man with an insistence on realistically facing facts at all times and the girl bewitched with so many romantic notions that she invariably kids herself and lies to others. Mark Lalode and Lois Cumings (Maj Petkoff and Catherine Petkoff) will appear as her parents, Barry Bell (Maj Saranoff) as her dashing but thick-headed fiance, Joy Allen and Terry Roberts (Louka and Nicola) as a pair of servants who forward the plot.

Shaw's chief target in "Arms and the Man" was the romantic notion that foolhardy bravery is the way to win a battle, and a war. That may have been true in Napoleon's time, and the

JAN 21, 1965

Library has 10,000 books in circulation

The town of Fort St John will continue its grant of \$3,000 to the local library in 1965. The request for the annual grant was considered at last week's council meeting.

There was a report from the library, saying that income last year was \$3,000 from the town, \$1,000 from the province and \$811.64 from other sources. Cost of salaries was \$2,800. The library finished the year with a deficit of \$20.

The fact that the library has good use is shown by the following figures: total borrowers are almost 4,000; total number of adult books, 5,000, with a circulation of 19,000; total number of children's books, 4,653, with a circulation of 32,000.

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BETH TODRICK, elected chairman of the Fort St John library board, studies one of the volumes along with Dave Pritchard, vice-chairman, Mary Johnson, left, treasurer and Marigold Cribb, right,

secretary. Elections were held at the annual meeting on Tuesday. Shown on the right is the new bookshelf, especially planned for library use.

15 YRS AGO — JAN 23, 1965 ✨

PROVINCIAL AWARD.

A poem by a 12-year old Fort St John boy has claimed first prize over an estimated 12,500 entries in an essay-verse contest on smoking sponsored by the BC and Yukon division of the Canadian Cancer Society. The winning verse was submitted by Kevin Gainor of Alwin Holland Elementary School in Fort St John.

Laurette LeClerc of the Robert Ogilvie School won second prize in the Cariboo division. This year the BC and Yukon division of the society switched its sights from high school students to elementary school students on smoking education. In previous years an essay contest was conducted among high school students but following surveys indicating that students are at the point of decision on smoking at Grades 6 and 7, it was decided to aim an essay-verse contest at these grades. Kevin's winning verse is reprinted in tomorrow's column.

Folk song duo here Sunday

JAN 28, 1965

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FORT ST JOHN

The exciting Canadian folk song duo of Malka and Joso acclaimed across the continent for their concert program of international folk songs appear at the Central scho here on Sunday, Jan 31 under the auspices of Fort St John Overture Concert Ass'n.

Malka and Joso met at a Toronto coffee house, where Joso, like the man who came to dinner, was booked to sing for one week and stayed for 10 straight months.

When they heard each other sing, each was impressed with the quality of the other's voice, temperament, interpretation, and repertoire. They decided to enrich their individual repertoire by exchanging songs.

While learning the new material, they sang in harmony and when, as a lark they sang together at a coffee house, they discovered that the audience found the combination attractive. They then decided to test the commercial value of the duo by auditioning for a local agent and half an hour later they found themselves with an engagement at the Flaming Grill supper club in the Lord Simcoe Hotel. Since then they haven't stopped working in clubs, concerts and TV.

Malka and Joso have worked in Toronto's top night clubs and supper clubs, have appeared at the Mariposa Folk Festival, and are regular performers on CBC TV's Night Cap program. They have also been featured on several other top network TV and Radio shows.

Malka was born in Israel, appearing on the stage as a child actress, and as a teenager starred in one of the first Israeli movies "The Village Tale". She also performed as a dancer with a leading folk group in Israel. Since her arrival in Canada she has been a popular lecturer for three years, and has appeared as a TV panelist.

Joso was born on the beautiful Dalmation Coast of Yugoslavia and was the first of his family who did not follow the family occupation of fishing.

As a child he sang as a soloist in the city's church. Right after the war he started a serious study of music and studied with the leading teachers at the Zagreb Conservatory of Music. Since he was a child he has performed in many operas and operettas and has given numerous concerts in both folk and classical music.



UNUSUAL COMBINATION of voices is that of Malka, left, born in Israel and Joso, born in Yugoslavia. The couple sing in a large variety of languages and will be in Fort St John on Sunday for an Overture concert. JAN 28, 1965

ANOTHER CONCERT

JAN 28, 1965

In addition to the Overture concert being held here on Sunday, concert members will be able to use their tickets to attend the opera 'die Fledermaus' in Dawson Creek, presented by the Canadian Opera Company on Feb 3.

5 YEARS AGO — JANUARY 28, 1965.

KEVIN GAINOR has brought fame to Fort St John by writing the winning essay in the Canadian Cancer Society verse contest. Contest was open to pupils in grades 6 and 7 all across Canada. Kevin is in grade 7 at the Alwin Holland school.