



MEMBERS OF THE FORT ST JOHN POTTERS Guild have been working hard to prepare for their 3rd annual Christmas show and sale — to be held in Hunters' Mall on November 3 and 4, during store hours. There will be a preview on Thursday, November 2, to which the public is

invited. Above, Mrs Gordon Adlard works at her wheel preparing a piece of local handcrafted pottery that will be available at the sale. Guild members suggest that the wide range of pieces — ranging from mugs and ashtrays, to weed pots and even sculpture, make excellent Christmas gifts.

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# FSJ to mark "Music Week"

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Sunday, November 19 marked the beginning of Canada Music Week which was proclaimed by the mayor of Fort St John as a time to recognize the importance of music, musicians and musical organizations to the cultural life of our community and country. A total of 10 original composers and 32 other pianists performed for their parents and friends at Burch Presbyterian Hall on Sunday afternoon and a similar group will be playing on Saturday at 2 pm. It was fun to participate in the sharing of music, but it was obvious too, from the attitude of the master of ceremonies, Peter Onofrachuck, that it was a serious business and not to be made light of!

Serious music (so-called!) can be great fun too. The group that meets on Tuesday evenings has proved this. During music week Tuesday will see a performers' workshop under the direction of Ed Sergeant gathering at Burch Presbyterian Hall at 8 pm.

Those students who have not yet written their own compositions but intend to do so should remember to get busy before the spring deadline.

President of the North Peace Music Teachers' Association, Mrs Amy Smith, presented certificates of merit to four piano students and three theory candidates who received first class honors in their 1972 examinations. These were: Mary Dixon, Guy Olson, Karen Gregersen, John Janssen, Debbie Scheck, Lawrence Posehn and Sherry Esau.

## Music Teachers' plan

# New piano need as important as an arena?

The first meeting of the North Peace Music Teachers' Association, held at the home of Mrs Evelyn Hoffman, welcomed a new member, Mrs Phyllis Klassen, and did some advance planning for Canada Music Week. It is hoped that all interested groups, choir leaders, private teachers or performers wishing to be involved the week of November 19-26 will contact Mrs Donna Schafer at 5-4652 and will attend the planning meeting on October 16. Last year's celebrations, involving concerts by local bands and choirs, was of limited success because of insufficient preparation.

Donna Fines and Helen Woolley attended a teachers' workshop in Dawson Creek conducted by Miss Anne Burrows of Edmonton. Valuable insights and methods for teaching beginners were brought back from this outstanding teacher of pedagogy.

SEPT 27, 1972  
A workshop on the new Theoretical Requirements of the Royal Conservatory will be conducted by Mrs Rummel of Victoria if sufficient interest is indicated. All persons in the community interested in harmony, form, and counterpoint in music should contact Mrs Fines at 5-4124.

The Madrigal Society met under the direction of Ed Sergeant at the home of Mr and Mrs Walter Posehn. A very good beginning has been made towards making music together with 7 singers and 3 instrumentalists. More male singers and instrumentalists are needed. A cello or other bass instrument, and a classical guitar would be most welcome. Those interested in regular Tuesday evening gatherings to enjoy classical music should contact Ed Sergeant at 5-2742.

Parents, teachers, and prospective teachers will be interested to know that the



# BAND BEAT <sup>1972</sup>

JULY 1972

During May and June the Fort St John Community Band made two appearances under the direction of Dave Hood. In May for Jack Mussons retirement party and for New Totem Days in June. The band combined with the visiting Kitimat Band to play for a very poorly attended concert here in May.

Following over a year's hard work of fund raising the Vancouver trip came to reality on May 18. They travelled by bus arriving in Vancouver Friday noon. A workshop was held under section leaders of the New Westminster Band on Saturday. On Sunday they gave an outdoor concert in Queen's Park with the New Westminster intermediate band also participating. They arrived home at 6 am Tuesday, 27 tired but happy boys and girls. Chaperones were Mrs Temple, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Jensen and bandmaster Dave Hood, all reporting a very enjoyable weekend.

Band practices are continuing on Monday nights at Ambrose School (portable G) for students wishing to attend as well as new or former students Mr Hood will also give private lessons during the holidays, interested parties contact him at the Monday



**INITIAL DONATION.** A cheque for \$50 was presented to Bertha Kirschner, president of the Community Arts Council, to kickoff the building

fund for a permanent building for the Arts Council in this area. Presenting the money from the Fort St John Potters' Guild is Audrey Langhorst, right.

# Peace Arts off to good start

*Winnipeg Free Press Feb 2, 1972*  
The new Peace Arts centre, established with the aid of a federal local initiatives grant, officially commenced operations January 28-29 when registrations opened. (5)

Sixty-six adults registered for instruction but, as a number of them are taking more than one subject, total class registrations totalled 91. So far as pre-schoolers are concerned 12 have so far been registered but it is thought that more will be coming forward. It has been decided to split the 12 children into two classes of six — one to be held on Mondays and Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays and Fridays, so there are vacancies available in both classes. No pre-school class will be held on Wednesdays.

Most popular subjects at the moment appear to be ceramics and painting. Although there is room for the registration of another 30 students overall, there are only two possible vacancies in ceramics and 10 for painting.

Registrations can still be accepted from those interested.

Classes will commence 9 am Monday, February 7.

# Peace Arts to display work

MAR 22, 1972

At the close of the first seven week session Peace Arts propose to hold an exhibition of the work done by students. This will include all forms of art and many of the items will be offered for sale. Commission on sales will go to Peace Arts funds.

The exhibition will be staged on the Peace Arts premises on Saturday, March 25, between the hours of 1 and 9 pm and also on Sunday, March 26, from 1-5 pm. Coffee and biscuits will be served and visitors will have the opportunity of obtaining lightning portrait sketches of themselves or their children at \$1 a time.

A new series of instructional classes will commence April 10. Registration at the end of last week was brisk but there are still a number of vacancies available, particularly in graphics, drawing and sculpture as well as in the pre-school classes. In the latter connection it is proposed to set aside one morning weekly for classes for three-year-olds. Otherwise the syllabus will be basically the same as the course just completed with minor changes in class arrangements.





AN OUTSTANDING Fort St John Christmas musical concert on December 21 featured choirs, ensembles, band music, even the

stirring skirl of the Scottish bagpipes. Photographed above are the combined junior and senior community bands as they performed under the direction of Randy Raymert.





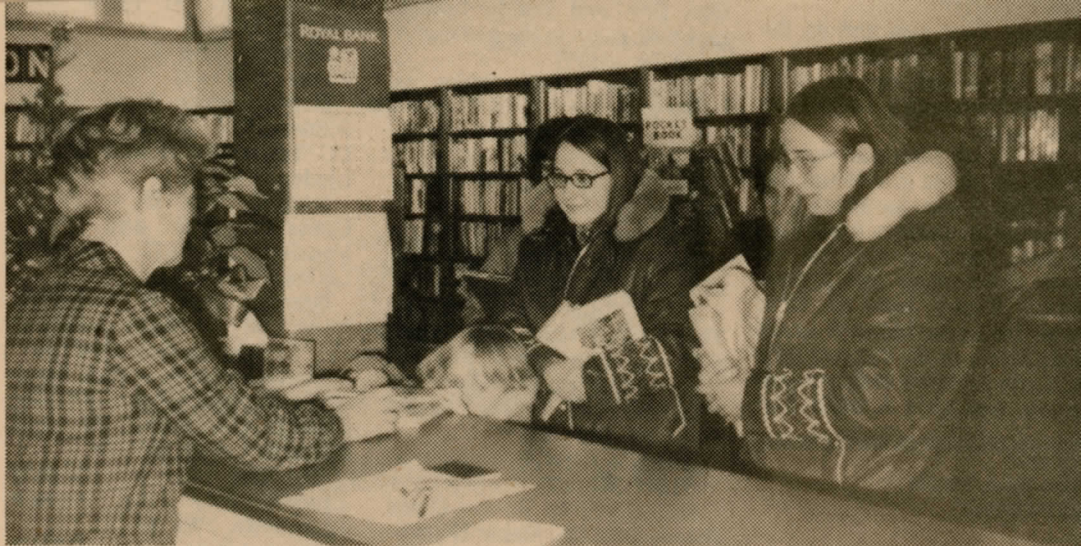
THE AMBROSE SCHOOL CHOIR, under the direction of Mrs Helen Raham sang a Schubert

selection and English and American traditional Christmas medleys at the Fort St John concert on December 21.



UNDER THE DIRECTION of pipe major G Adlard and drum sergeant Miss R Thorlakson, the Fort St John Rotary pipe band brought joy to many a Gaelic heart at the December 21 Christmas concert.

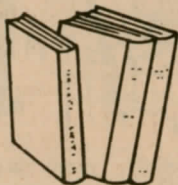




LIBRARIAN MARY ANDERSON is busy, busy, busy, left, as she handles a steady flow of Fort St John readers at the local public library. Iden-

tified are Paula Nickel, 6 and the Sacuta girls Donna, left and Dianne.

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## Library round up

Library Development Commission

By HOWARD OVEREND

**FORT ST. JOHN** — A story hour for three and four-year-old children will begin January 11, library officials said.

Volunteering their services to read and tell stories are Mrs Anne White, Mrs Zandy Dundee and Mrs Karen Dehod.

On a six-weeks trial basis, the story hour at the library will be offered every Tuesday from 2-3 pm it was learned.

**DAWSON CREEK** — Jim Rose, resident architect for Killick Metz Field Associates, will be guest speaker at the forthcoming annual meeting of the public library association.

The meeting, open to all interested persons, will be held in the library on Monday, January 31 at 7:30 pm.

Mr Rose's topic will be the design of the new library building approved by referendum December 11. There will be an election of a new board for 1972 and reports will be given of library activities in 1971.

**CHETWYND** — Rheta Rix was returned as chairman of the Chetwynd public library board at the library's annual meeting January 12.

an hour and helps them do handicraft projects for the rest of the hour.

Mrs Dixon said the library story hour is open to all children up to age nine.

Other officers elected were Edith Dimond, vice-president; Margaret Grant, secretary; John Martens, treasurer; and Bunny Hoffman, publicity.

Newcomers Sandra Wood and Alderman Ron Horswell complete the slate for 1972. Horswell represents the village council on the library board.

**HUDSON'S HOPE** — A date for its annual meeting will be set by the library board when it meets January 20, it was learned today.

A new rack with a capacity of 240 paperback books will be delivered to the Hudson's Hope public library within a week, the Library Development Commission in Dawson Creek announced January 14.

**FORT ST JOHN** — Mary Anderson, Fort St John librarian, will participate in a film program for retarded children.

Mrs Anderson will use the library projector to show National Film Board movies to pupils of Northside School under the sponsorship of the Fort St John Elks club.

The starting date depends on supply of films from the NFB depot in Prince George, Mrs Anderson said.

**POUCE COUPE** — The library story hour needs more listeners, according to Suzanne Dixon who conducts the sessions from 11-12 noon every Saturday morning.

Mrs Dixon said attendance had dropped off somewhat since Christmas. Aided by her daughter-in-law Leslie, Mrs Dixon reads to children for half



**CHILDREN APPRECIATE** the public library. Eight year old Nyla Swallow, left, and Noella Blanchette borrow armfuls of books from the Fort St John Library.



# Big audience enjoys annual spring recital

JUN 2, 1972

The annual spring recital of the North Peace Music Teachers' Association was held on May 28 in the Burch Presbyterian hall.

A capacity audience was welcomed by the president, Mrs Amy Smith, who introduced the student master of ceremonies,

Debbie Nelson. The recital included students of 10 of the local piano teachers and struck a balance between classical and contemporary music that was very pleasant.

Three adult guests joined the 25 student pianists to provide even more variety. These were Wayne Donn who played the Chopin C minor etude, and David Hood who played a clarinet solo accompanied by Donna Fines, the second movement of Von Weber's Concert No 2 in E flat.

Accompanied by Joan Churchill, Walter Posehn sang two tenor solos, "Go Home with Bonnie Jean," and "The Ash Grove." The winner of the BC Registered Music Teachers' Association's competition in melody writing was Denise Bennet, not present, but she and two other entrants, Carol Ljuden, and Noreen Adlard were awarded prizes by the local association. Carol also played her original composition, The Merry-go-round.

The recital, arranged by Mrs Schafer, gave the community a chance to enjoy and share some of the musical efforts being made by the young people of this area. They can be highly commended for their achievements and encouraged to continue making music a rich experience in their lives.

## Arts and Crafts show success

Approximately 600 persons attended the Arts and Crafts show and coffee party, spon-

sored by Fort St John and District local Council of Women, held in Hunter's Mall April 28 and 29, 1972.

Many varied displays were exhibited, from precious stones to home-made soap. Winning draw tickets were; Ambulance Fund, centrepiece donated by Schrader's Flowers, No 64572; floral arrangement donated by Friend-ly Gardens, No 65127; pair of pictures donated by Mrs Herb Bennett, No 64923. Ticket-holders are asked to retain tickets, in case of need for a second draw. Anyone holding one or more of these tickets phone 785-6751 or 785-2937.

The LCW wish to thank firstly, Ken Hunter, for the generous loan of his premises; those donating the prizes for the draws; those who helped us so liberally with time and effort; the Messrs. Ken Hunter, Jan Kuin, Al Plant, Arne Lee and sons, Alex Smetaniuk, Ron McKenzie, Ken Barber and any other men; the Mesdames Vroni Bartell, Elsie Okrainec, Gladys Tucker, Hazel Fisher and any others; the CWL for the loan of chairs and tables, the Presbyterian Women for loan of tables and coffee urn, CKNL and Alaska Highway News for



PAINTINGS OF LEATHER of Canada's native sons on display at the LCW exhibition of Arts and

Crafts held in Hunter's Mall April 28 and 29. These clever and attractive portraits are the work of local artist, Phyllis Ljuden.

their excellent pre-event coverage, donated to us and Hamilton Stationers for the loan of their cash register, lastly the forty-three entrants upon whose co-operation the whole Arts and Crafts display depended.

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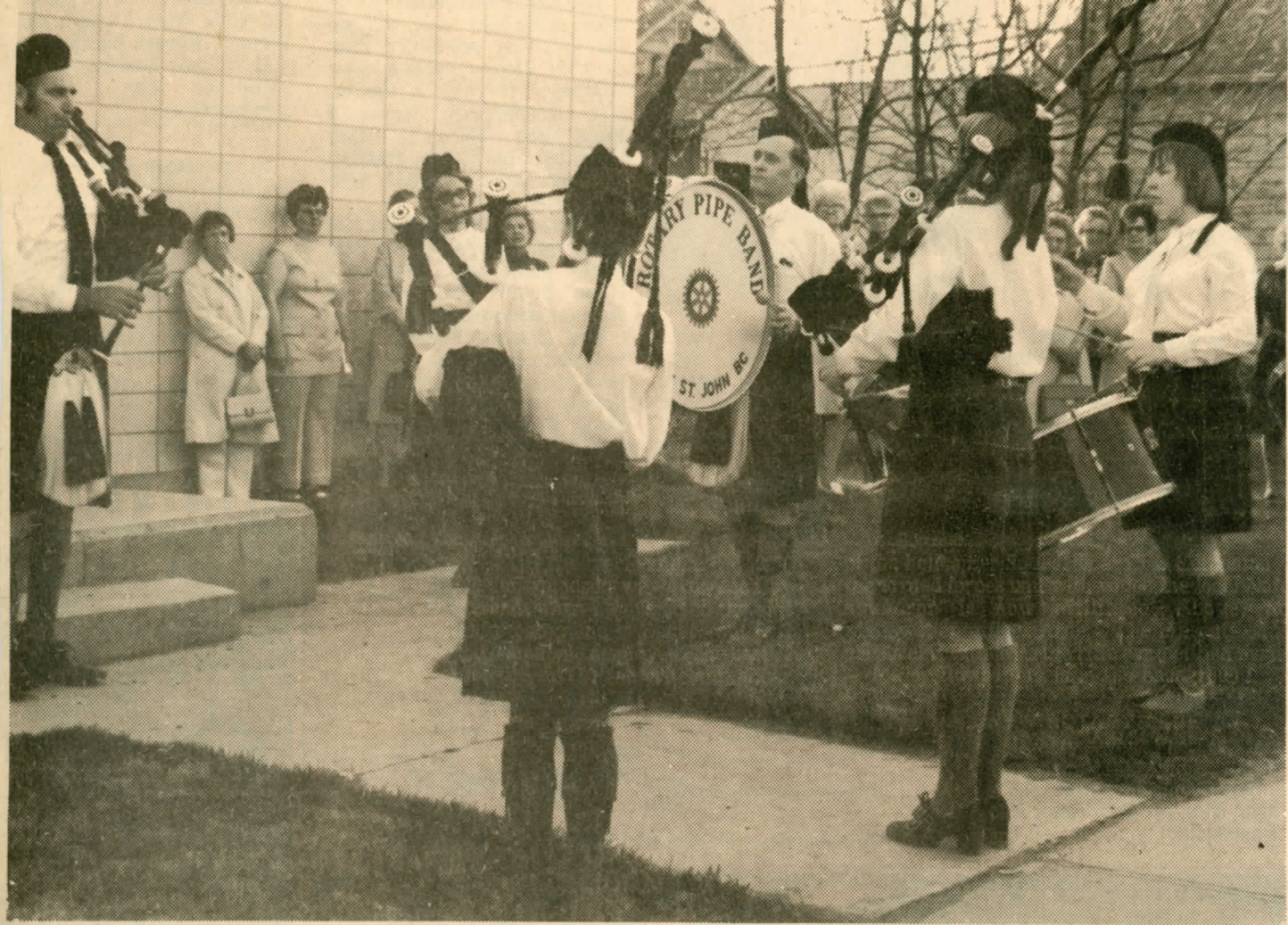


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**EDNA KORNELOVITCH**, chairman of the LCW Art and Crafts committee and **Evelyne Smetaniuk**, committee member, shown ready to collect door prize entries and draw ticket money at the exhibition of Arts and Crafts staged in Hunters Mall, April 28 and 29.





**THE FORT ST JOHN ROTARY** Pipe Band performing at the Sunset ceremony at the Cenotaph. This was part of the celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion Women's

Auxiliary at the Legion Hall May 19. The ladies of the Legion WA and some of the guests at the dinner and dance can be seen in the background watching the Sunset ceremony.





**ALD JUNE DAVIDSON** chats with Gordon Adlard, director of the Rotary Pipe Band, at the reception held in the Fort Hotel following the official opening of the North Peace Recreation Centre December





THE FORT ST JOHN COMMUNITY BAND made its contribution to the ceremonies attending the opening of the North Peace

Recreation Centre December 4. A special band platform is situated in the south-east corner of the arena.



THE BAND ROOM in the new Dr Kearney school with visitors inspecting the display of in-

struments on show for the official at-home December 1.



# Council of women to hold April arts and crafts show

MAR 8, 1972

Fort St John and District Local council of women announce the holding of an Arts and Crafts show, in Hunters' Mall on April 28, from 4-9 pm.

This display is open to any person or group; an opportunity to advertise, display, demonstrate or sell a hobby, or handicraft, art, or collector's items.

The council hopes for a large variety of handicowrk shown, for the interest of the public; lapidary, ceramics, painting, leathercraft, fancy baking or fancy sewing, jewelry, bead work, resin work, plastics, wall hangings quilts, rugs, crochet

work, basketry, woodwork or any other craft.

Our aim in holding this display is solely a service to the community, and not intended for profit. Prospective entrants please advise us at the earliest date possible if you wish to have a table or wall space reserved.

There is no table or booth charge, but there is a cover charge of 75 cents per person, at the door, which covers a chance at a door prize, tea or coffee with sandwiches and a sweet; and inspection of the various tables and displays.