



AMBROSE ELEMENTARY School choir assisted in official opening of the new C. M. Finch Elementary School on January 23, 1973. Some of the students at the school are seen here seated on floor of auditorium listening to former School Board Chairman J. W. Baker telling them of the pioneer for whom the school was named. Dr. Kearney Junior Secondary was also officially opened on the same date.



ACCORDING TO ERNIE CARRIERE, parade marshal, and everybody who viewed it, the Saturday parade through the streets of Fort St John was the biggest and best this community has ever had. There were aircraft above, and all sorts of floats, horses and vehicles

down below. It made a pleasant visit for the thousands who thronged the route. Above the Rotary Pipe Band — below, some of the pleasant scenes that marked the week.



COLORFUL COSTUMES worn by the Indian dancers made a bright spot, June 23

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Potters' Guild News

Members of the Fort St John Potters' Guild are busily preparing for their fourth annual sale which takes place Friday, November 2 from 6 to 10 pm and Saturday, November 3 from 9 am to 5 pm. There will be many items for sale, and prices will range from 10 cents upwards, so there will be something for everyone! Whether you want a bird feeder or a tea set, be sure to be there.

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Coffee will be served.

Meanwhile, two classes are currently underway under the direction of Mrs Hannaford.

Anyone wishing more information on this group's activities may call 785-3890 or 785-6295.

49'ers dance for fun

The 49'ers Square Dance Club was organized about 15 years ago for people in the Fort St John area who wanted to learn how to square dance.

And it has been fun ever since!

The best known part of square dancing is when four couples

make up a square and dance to the directions of a caller. The words are put to music, mainly country and western style. But there is also a more difficult version round dancing. One couple performs a dance with intricate steps to music but no directions from a caller. In-

stead, the steps are memorized.

The 49'ers meet once a week in the Presbyterian church hall on 98th street and also travel around to various clubs in Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, Ray Lake and Beaverlodge. In the summer, some members travel down to the Penticton Jamboree that is held yearly and which is internationally famous.

Approximately 200 members belong to the club which will be putting on a demonstration

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dance on Centre avenue for the New Totem Days event. The demonstration is not to recruit new members, but anyone who is interested is welcome to come and kick up their heels next September. And for encouragement there are three free dances for people to learn a few steps.

Guild holds pottery course

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The Fort St John Potters' Guild, a non-profit organization has its facilities located in the Arena Complex. The Guild has just completed a short course in pottery — it was open to the public. The club membership is open to anyone 16 years of age and older. The regular membership is \$20 per year. This entitles use of the equipment situated in the 'studio' gives you voting rights, lets you sell ware through the club Annual Sale and through club consignee.

A student membership is also available — to those between the ages of 16 and 18 or students enrolled at college during the

school year. The cost of this membership is \$10 a year. Privileges are the same as for a regular membership. Also available is an associate membership which means that you are kept informed of club activities the fee here being \$1. This is for the benefit of potters with facilities in their own private home but who may wish to participate in workshops and classes. For more information contact Edna Adlard at 785-3890 or Audrey Langhorst at 785-6295.

Arts council annual set for May 29

The annual general meeting of the Fort St John Community Arts Council is to be held at the Recreation Centre, in the basement, at 7:30 pm on Tuesday May 29.

The Arts Council is the local branch of the provincial body, the Community Arts Councils of BC and originally came into existence to distribute the annual BC Cultural fund grant. Since that time membership has increased and the body, a non-profit organization, is endeavoring to foster interest and activity in the arts within the community, to encourage and subsidize where possible, performances and workshops in Fort St. John, to co-ordinate the activities of various groups, to encourage interest in our cultural heritage and to provide a space for the use of members for work, rehearsal and practice. The council has

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recently been successful in obtaining working space in the Recreation Centre and intends to help organize recreational - arts-crafts programs in the fall.

Group and individual memberships are available at hominal cost. As the council is extending its activities it is anxious to recruit new members. Members need not, of course, be actively engaged in the arts.

Anyone who feels they may be able to help bring more extensive cultural activities to present and future Fort St John and area residents and-or feel they could benefit from membership in the council is asked to come to the annual meeting. If in addition they feel they could allow their home to stand for election as a director on the council, or would like further information they are asked to call 785-4924.

MRS JEAN CHIRSTIE

Children's play to be performed

Jack and the Beanstalk has been chosen by the Workshop Players as their annual children's play for 1973. Children in this area can eagerly anticipate being entertained by a stage-struck

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cow, clowns, a loveable hen, as well as the Giant, Jack, and his mother.

Preliminary plans for this production promise imaginative set and lighting effects. Bob Bennetts, president of the Workshop Players, will direct the production. Stage manager is Ken Berean. Auditions for roles in Jack and the Beanstalk will be announced very soon. First performance for this children's play is scheduled for early November.

Workshop Players met with Paddy Malcolm English last week to access theatre in the Peace River area. Mrs English, presently working on a government grant assisting drama groups throughout BC as a result of this meeting, a make-up workshop is slated for early October. Members look forward to two days of demonstrations and techniques by a theatrical make-up specialist from Edmonton.

The Workshop Players welcome new members. Next regular meeting on October 1, will be held in the arts council rooms of the recreation centre.

Spring recital

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This year's annual spring recital by students of the North Peace Music Teachers' Association was held in the gym of the new Dr Kearney Junior Secondary School on Sunday May 27. Despite a different piano in new surroundings and rather poor acoustics, the performers and audience seemed at home and relaxed as the varied programme proceeded. Special guests for the occasion, the St Luke's Church choir sang Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach and Mozart's Laudate Dominum.

The students had probably not heard this type of choir music before and seemed particularly interested. The soloist was Pauline Hopkins and the music very beautiful.

At the sixth inning stretch Mr Sergeant presented a puzzle for the audience Brenda Kraus, Cheryl Bartell, Barbara Holland, and Jennifer Embreus guessed the puzzle, correctly identifying excerpts of Bach, Brahms and Beethoven as played by the recital's chairman, Helen Woolley.

Open house

APR 4, 1973

The Fort St John Potter's Guild have just recently moved into their new location in the northeast corner of the North Peace Recreation centre. The club is holding an "Open House" to all those interested from 7-10 on Friday April 6.

An invitation is extended to those wishing to take classes, wishing to join, or those who would like to get acquainted with the art of pottery. Members of the Guild will be present and shall be happy to show you through. Refreshments will be served.

Arts Council

MAR 7, 1973

The Community Arts Council of Fort St John held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 27 in the Public Library.

Several matters were discussed including progress on the construction of Arts Council space in the Recreation Centre, the proposed showcase to be administered by the Arts Council, various arts, crafts workshops to be held and the future of music in town.

The next meeting is to be held in the library on March 27 at 8 pm. Interested people and new members are, of course, welcome.

Things of beauty from simple clay



HERE IS A GLIMPSE of what is happening in the northeast corner of the North Peace Recreation Centre. In the Potter's Studio the members are hard at work preparing for their annual sale. All shapes and sizes of pottery evolve from masses of clay — items range from ashtrays to tea sets and bird feeders. There will be almost 400 items to choose from, and prices will be from 10c upwards. The sale will be held on Friday, November 2 from 6 to 10 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Above, Lil Fedoruk works at the potter's wheel, and below Janet Johnson unloads the kiln and admires some of the newly fired pots.

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"STORY HOUR" at the Fort St John Library.

Every Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 2 - 3, little folk 3 - 4 years old congregate for a program of stories and activities. This very popular session under the organization of

Theresa Hayduck, the Librarian has mothers helping and on this particular Wednesday November 14, they were Audrey Langhurst, Nadia Botherston, Marty Salisbury and Edith Hunszinger. Results of the contest are on page 1, section two.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE the winners of the book mark and picture contest that was promoted by the local Library for Young Canada's Book Week. Pictured is Norm Sacuta chairman of the library board who made the presentation, after a film and puppet show — beautifully presented by Mr and Mrs Ed Sergeant to a very eager young crowd that had braved the sub zero weather on Saturday November 17.



*Music can
be fun*

It is an important time to listen to the sounds that young people can create. At the opening concert for Canada Music Week in Fort St John, the North Peace Secondary School folk singers will be guest performers on Sunday,

afternoon, November 18 at the Dr Kearney School. Making the music will be sponsor Ms G Huxley and Brian Kelly, Darrell Hubbell, Karen Fedun and Donna Fraser.

Worthwhile listening!



PATIENTS IN THE Fort St John General Hospital were treated to some Christmas cheer

on Friday December 14, when the Dr Kearney Girls' Choir entertained with Christmas carols.



This is Christmas '73

JOAN CHURCHILL, a Fort St John music teacher checking and worrying over her student list just before the recital at the NPSS auditorium on Sunday December 16. Joan had over 50 of her music pupils performing a lovely Christmas surprise for some parents to hear their children play their pieces so perfectly after weeks of hard work.



FEET NOT EVEN touching the floor little Leanne Erickson plays "London Bridge" on the grand piano at Sunday's recital, one little boy found it easier to stand to play his musical piece. Considering it was the first time on stage for some, there seemed little outward nervousness showing.



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THE VERY SERIOUS concentration on the faces of Christine and Joyce Wuthrich playing their duet "Arkansas Traveler" was worth it, they played it beautifully. The parents and

relatives watching and listening were very appreciative of the hardworking efforts of the music students, ranging in age from 5 years to 20.