HOSPITALS OVERCROWDED, UNDERSTAFFED

President gives report on retarded children

Hospitals for retarded children are dangerously overcrowded and shockingly understaffed.

The above statement while reiterated by Ruth McConnell in an article in June Chatelaine were the tragic facts discussed at the annual provincial convention of the Retarded Children's Society of B.C. held last month in Duncan.

Reporting to the Prince Rupert chapter Monday night, William F. Stone, president of the local group and provincial director said that the dreadful condition is causing added hardships to parents of retarded children.

Quoting from Mrs. McConnell's article Mr. Stone said "with the present rate of admission to our institutions, with the lowered standards which are the result of overcrowding and the snail's pace of building, by 1970 our hospitals for retarded children may become again the "asylums for idiots" of the 19th century.

"Many children now in institutions would not need to remain there indefinitely if they were to receive proper training," Mrs. McConnell said. She estimated that many more than the 70 or so per institution who now graduate every year could become self-supporting if the professional staff and workshops at the hospital schools were adequate.

"However," Mr. Stone said, "for many children there are no hospitals for them to enter, causing unknown heartache to families with normal children."

Turning to other business, it was reported that a double-easle blackboard had been donated to the Jack and Jill School for retarded children in the city by the Imperial Industries Limited.

A further donation had been received from city Boy Scouts and Cubs, it was announced.

School closing date was set for June 17.

The branch executive reported that it was investigating the possibility of obtaining dental treatment for the children.

Mr. Stone announced that Dr. J. D. McGann had been appointed professional director for the B.C. association and that the appointment of Mrs. W. Goepel, executive director, who is retiring, will be announced in the near future.

FIFTY-FOUR FIRST-COMMUNION CHILDREN are pictured above following the service solemnized in the Church of the Annunciation. Shown at left is Rev. James Tracey, parish priest and at right is Sister Rosella, Grade 1 teacher at Annunciation school. The children received first-communion at the 9.30 a.m. mass Sunday with Father Tracey officiating. A Girls' Choir from Grades 6, 7 and 8 provided the musical selections with C. P. Balagno, as church organist. At 7:30 p.m. the first-communion children led the May procession. Miss Joanne Murray, 1960 Grade 12 graduate crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, while her flower girls in attendance were Anna Gibaldi, Enza Gibaldi and Karen Hamilton. —Photo by Chandler Studios.

FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

$100 bursary offered by WA to UFAWU

The Women's auxiliary to the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union will offer a $100 bursary to a high school graduating student who is a child of a Union of WA member, it was announced last week at the group's regular meeting.

With president Mrs. William Greenwood in the chair it was reported that the bursary is to provide further education for a deserving student.

In other business bingo chairmen for the next four months were appointed as Mrs. Ernest Campbell, June; Mrs. R. A. August and Mrs. Gordon Ron-Gardiner, July; Mrs. Nels Nelson, son, September. Bingo is held each Wednesday night in the Sons of Norway hall.

A wind-up season house party was planned to be held June 11 at the home of Mrs. A. C. Woodruff.

Refreshments served by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Anna Young concluded the meeting. Door prize, donated by Mrs. Ronson was won by Mrs. Gardiner.

$600 OVER OBJECTIVE

Terrace, Kitimat top CARS campaign quota

The Terrace and Kitimat branches of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society have just completed an outstandingly successful fund-raising campaign. Between them, these two areas raised $1,974 for CARS, topping their quota by $600, it was announced today.

Campaign president Hal Windt, organized 80 canvassers in Terrace and the Kitimat drive was run by the Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple and the Rebekahs, under the direction of Mrs. K. Myskow.

CARS Executive Director of B.C., Miss Mary Pack said "This overwhelming response shows that the people in these districts of the province fully realize the importance of the CARS program.

The inspiring leadership of Miss Muriel Rowe, the Terrace branch president, is in no small way responsible for the success of the drive".

Miss Pack added, "If this same enthusiasm could be carried to all parts of British Columbia, research into the cause and cure of arthritis could be increased and the final victory over this dread disease would be even nearer."

YOUNG CANADIAN METROPOLITAN OPERA STAR, Teresa Stratas, will sing the lead role in the Vancouver Festival opera production of "Madame Butterfly" from July 22 to August 5. Dubbed by music critics as the "baby Maria Callas", the 23 year old soprano from Oshawa, Ontario, won the Metropolitan Opera auditions last year and has since been cast in many top operatic roles at the Met. The petite Miss Stratas won critical acclaim in Canada for her interpretation of Italian opera.

PERSONALS

T. C. Melville, manager of the Bank of Montreal returned to the city Monday after attending the 12th annual conference of the Alaska Bankers' association held at Seward, Alaska from May 25 to 28.

Mrs. A. P. Crawley, worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and Mrs. William Wasyk, past matron left today by Canadian Pacific Airlines plane to attend the provincial Grand Chapter of OES in Victoria, June 6, 7 and 8. Mrs. W. D. Vance, a provincial past grand matron left Monday by CPA to attend the annual sessions.

Mrs. Richard Wesch and children Dallas and Sheree of 1330 Sixth Avenue East planned to leave today by CPA plane en route to Lake Cowichan to visit her parents for a month's holiday, before being joined by Mr. Wesch who is being transferred to the south by Kelly Douglas and Company Ltd. Leaving with her is her sister Mrs. Morris Dean and son Billy, of 815 McBride Street, also to spend a month's holiday visiting her parents. Mr. Dean will join his family later on in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rance, Besner Apartments, planned to leave today by plane for a month's holiday in Victoria to visit relatives and friends.

Francois Lake News

By AGNES H. NEAVE
Daily News Correspondent

FRANCOIS LAKE—The Burns Lake District is now evidently free from fear of polio and we understand that it is now the safest district in the province. Although there were a few cases south of Francois Lake we did not have a single case here.

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Two carloads of ladies from our Women's Institute attended the Glenwood Institute District Conference in the Driftwood Hall on May 20. They enjoyed their outing and the hospitality of the Glenwood ladies.

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Mrs. Ralph Johnson called in for a few minutes on Monday evening on her way home from attending the Leadership Training Institute held in Prince Rupert on May 20 and 21. I asked her if there was anything exciting that she would remember specially, and she said "Oh no, everything was exciting from beginning to end." She travelled to Prince Rupert and back by bus.

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A party of five stayed in our Log Cottage here over the weekend from Kitimat. Although the weather wasn't pleasant they enjoyed themselves as they are all rockhounds, and they collected a wonderful assortment of opals, agates and fossils. Dr. W. O. Windrum and his son Billy eight years old, A. C. Wendel brought his son Andy of 13 years and D. R. Markeau was with the party. The two lads were as enthusiastic as the men.

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Our son Hugh's wife Josie has left for Vancouver to attend the W.I. Annual Conference there as our delegate. Seven-year-old Marie is missing her mother and wrote her a letter, put it in an envelope and addressed it "My Mummie, from Marie." She brought it to me in the Post Office and wanted me to stamp it and send it. I explained that she would need an address, but she was quite sure that everybody would know her Mummie, even in Vancouver.

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On Monday morning we saw a boat go past the landing with a raft behind, and on the raft were two horses standing side by side. This is the first time that we have seen this in the 19 years we've been here, but many years ago it was quite common of course, as there were no roads to speak of.

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Our District, No. 55 (Burns Lake) voted on Saturday and passed the School Loan referendum of total estimate $383,035.

We were all afraid that our big day Monday May 23 would be a washout for we had a lot of rain and everything was soaking wet on Sunday. However, Monday was a beautiful day and our ball grounds were gay with a crowd of youngsters and parents.

There were stalls doing a terrific business with hot dogs and ice cream.

This year the May Queen was an attractive native girl, Rita Plasway, and she did her part with dignity and looked very lovely in a floor-length gown of flowered nylon, and she carried a bouquet of roses.

Her attendants were Sandra Loveseth and Sandra Remanda. Trainbearers were Patsy Wiens and Terry Brice, and Crown-bearer and Record Bearer were Bobby Peterson and Brian Remanda.

After crowning the Queen by our MLA Cyril Shelford, the school children danced the May-pole dance and the Wistaria and Burns Lake Baton groups gave an exhibition.

There were several games of softball and a picture show in the hall in the evening. The Womens Institute ladies took care of the stalls and must have been busy for they sold a hundred pounds of weiners made up into hot dogs.

Royal couple to return without fuss

PORTSMOUTH, England (Reuters) — The homecoming on June 18 of Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones from their six-weeks Caribbean honeymoon cruise will be strictly informal.

No guard of honor, ceremonial parade or band will welcome the royal yacht Britannia when it docks at this southern port in the afternoon, a naval spokesman said today.

SAFE GUARDS

A daily dose of vitamin D is necessary to children from birth right through their growing years, in order to develop strong bones and teeth and to prevent rickets.

Closing day party enjoyed by Anglican kindergarten

Treats and special prizes highlighted the closing day at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral kindergarten when 32 pre-school children were given a party by leaders Mrs. Carl Strand and Mrs. Graham Alexander in the cathedral hall.

Each child was presented with a story book and a certificate of attendance.

Awarded special perfect attendance prizes were Jackie MacDonald, Bruce McDonald, James Melville and Marilyn Wong.

Cathie Shaw received a special award for her outstanding work performed throughout the year.

In conclusion treats of ice cream, chocolate cake, candy and soft drinks were served to the delight of the children.

Equal rights not given women says director

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) — Canada has a "depression psychology" in attitudes towards employment of married women, Marion Royce of Ottawa, director of the women's bureau, department of labor, said Tuesday night.

She told the 67th annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada: "Married women are not given equal rights with other employees in many countries, including Canada."

Miss Royce, reporting on the 14th session of the United Nations commission on the status of women, was Canada's alternate delegate at the Buenos Aires meeting this year.

She said the UN commission was divided on whether women should have the same retirement age as men. The Soviet Union and Austria were among countries favoring an earlier retirement age for women. Thirty-two countries ratified the commission's resolution on equal pay for equal work.

New books at library

New books received by the Prince Rupert Public Library include:

"Three Men on the Left Hand," (memoirs) by Ilka Chase.

Literature and Western Man" (non fiction) by J. B. Priestley.

"Ritual in the Dark" (fiction) by Colin Wilson.

"How Wide the Heart" (fiction) by Elizabeth Ogilvie.

"When Doctors Marry" (fiction) by Elizabeth Seifert.

Miller Bay Tidbits

By STEVIE STEPHENSON

Dr. and Mrs. Pierre Flor-Henri and son left Wednesday for Edmonton. Dr. Flor-Henri will go on the medical staff at the Charles Camsell Hospital.

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Thomas Baltz of Edmonton student at the University of Edmonton in medicine and Nils Parson of Vancouver, student at the UBC in medicine have joined the Medical Staff for the summer months.

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The sympathy of the staff and patients is extended to Miss Lillian McCullough who was called to Toronto this week owning to the illness of her mother.

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Carl Etzerza was a proud person this week when he received the publication of the Indian Record with the picture of his three brothers Albert, Belfry and William in it. The three Etzerza brothers are on the Maryhouse Champion Hockey team at Whitehorse. William is the high scorer of the league.

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Olive Stewart, Mary Wilson, Garry Morgan and Philip Connington had the honor of representing Miller Bay Cubs and Guides in the Guard of Honor for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross on Friday in Prince Rupert.

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The patients and staff were thrilled with the beautiful roses and gladioli sent to them by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Ross.

Announcements

● Legion L.A. meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m. (107)

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DAY TO REMEMBER—Ruth Pelletier has special reason to remember her wedding day. The blonde, 10-year-old went to the church by boat when the flooding Ottawa River came right up to her doorstop. Her father, Samuel, hands her into the boat as Ruth goes to the church to marry Gerard LaLonde, 22. Mr. and Mrs. LaLonde left later on their honeymoon by car. —CP photo.