

N.B. GOV'T LETS CONTRACT FOR HUGE POWER PROJECT ON ST. JOHN RIVER

Awards Are Presented At Stars Of The Festival Concerts Last Evening

The Stars of the Festival truly shone last night in Queen Charlotte High School and Prince of Wales College Auditoriums last night as the winners of 40 classes appeared before capacity crowds.

It would be difficult without naming each number to pick out the most interesting presentation. It was a Variety Show of excellence. From the skilful young George A. Fraser's pipes to the sweet singing of Shirley MacDonald, the swirl of the square dancer's skirts to the dainty tippy-toeing of the Ballet Group from Montague the taste of everyone was more than satisfied.



FREDERICTON, (CP)—The New Brunswick government awarded a \$7,112,528 contract Friday for an immediate start on long-cherished plans to harness the hydro-electric potential of the St. John river.

The Beechwood project envisions a string of power dams producing 710,000 horsepower along the St. John's snaking length in western New Brunswick close by the Maine border. It is the most ambitious plan of its kind in the history of the province and looks to the eventual participation of the Maine and Quebec governments.

The contract awarded Friday goes to Foundation Maritime Limited of Halifax which will build a 135,000-horsepower dam and hydro plant at the Beechwood site in Carlton county.

ESTIMATE NOT EXCEEDED Premier Hugh John Flemming announced the award and said "it is very pleasing to note" that step by step moves were not exceeding the original cost estimates.

The government views with satisfaction the forward step in what we feel will mark the beginning of a new era for New Brunswick," the premier said.

Foundation will start work on the dam and plant immediately. The target date for completions is 1957.

The Beechwood enterprise was recommended by the U.S. Canada international joint commission as the first move in a long-range scheme to use the resources of the St. John which runs nearly the whole length of the province.

Sow Mines In Red China Waters

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The Nationalists disclosed Friday they have sown mines in waters close to Red China to thwart any invasion moves against offshore islands and to choke off shipping to the Red port of Foochow.

The Nationalists believe the Reds have been getting through with jet fuel and other war supplies to Foochow despite the vigil of garrisons of the Fukien province coast in the Matsu island group.

Yeh said the concept of two Chinias was contrary to the wishes of the Chinese people and that, apart from a few nations supporting the Reds or taking a neutralist stand, no other countries have proposed such a situation.



Junior Class Winners At Festival

Happy? Of course that fact is unmistakable as they are the winners of the junior classes held in Charlottetown and Summerside this past week. It was with keen expectancy that the entrants waited for each adjudication. The thoughts that run through a contestant's mind are many. "Did I play that passage as well as I have before?" "Did I go off key?" "I couldn't win, that other girl was really good."

Conservative Candidates In 3rd, 5th Prince Named

At Progressive Conservative nominating conventions in Summerside last evening, G. B. "Jerry" Sheen and Andrew Perry, both of Summerside, were nominated to contest the 5th District of Prince County, and Cyrus P. Gallant of Urbanville, and James Hickey of Darnley, were chosen to represent the Conservatives in the 3rd district.

Coming Events

- "Cardigan tea party July 27th.
"Variety Concert Tracadie Hall, Monday, May 9th. Curtain 8.30.
"Dance Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, May 10.
"Reserve Tuesday, May 17th, for Lobster Supper, in Long Creek Hall.
"Marshfield Presbyterian Ladies Aid Cake Sale and Bazaar, Simpson-Stears today 1.30 p. m.
"Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge every Tuesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra.
"Kinkora Players will present a three act comedy drama in St. George's Hall, Wednesday, May 11th.
"See Covehead Road Variety Concert in Stanhope, Covehead Community Hall, Monday, May 9th.
"Les MacDowell will commence hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Tuesday, May 10th, once weekly until further notice.
"Legion Zone Meeting at Souris on Wednesday, May 11th, at 8 p. m. All members invited to attend.
"Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday—The Pride of St. Louis—a great baseball picture starring Dan Dailey as Dixie Dean.
"Seven Mile Bay Hall, Friday, May 13th, 8.30, two one act plays, good specialties. Sale of candy. Admission 50c and 25c.
"Custom harrowing with 16 foot spring tooth harrows, \$3 an hour cash. Arthur Campbell, French River.
"Grass and clover seeds now in stock at our Summerside and Charlottetown mills. Suggest you secure while stock is complete. P. L. Morris.
"Red Rooster Restaurant, Crapaud, now open from 9 a. m. to 12 midnight. Come and get Sandwiches, Coffee, Home made Pies, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream.
"Supper Hall, May 12, 8.15 p. m. West Covehead young adult group will present two one-act plays and specialties. Sponsored by Cross Roads W. L.

Charmed Audiences

Miss Shirley MacDonald, New Dominion, charmed audiences at Queen Charlotte High School and Prince of Wales College last night as she sang her test piece "Gentle Annie." Confident and poised, she confirmed the adjudicators' remarks made on Wednesday and Thursday nights when she received 95 marks on each occasion.

Report Russian Troops Pull Out Of Port Arthur

HONG KONG, (Reuters)—The Communist New China news agency announced Friday night that Russian troops have begun pulling out from Port Arthur in Manchuria.

New Bid To Ease Tension

PARIS (Reuters)—The foreign ministers of Britain, the United States, and France meet here this weekend to make a new bid to ease tension with Russia in Europe and to seek a common policy towards crises in the Far East.

Mayor Whitton May Enter Ont. Election

OTTAWA (CP)—There was speculation in city hall corridors Friday that Mayor Charlotte Whitton may attempt to enter the June 9 Ontario election battle as a Progressive Conservative candidate.

To Celebrate Anniversary Of Germany Surrender

RHEIMS, France (Reuters)—The countries of Western Europe, many of them still recovering from the years of bombing and German occupation, Sunday celebrate the 10th anniversary of the German surrender in a schoolroom at Rheims May 7, 1945.

Group From Kensington Enjoy Festival

Another group of happy youngsters who have appeared in the Music Festival this week. From Kensington School they sang, "The Circus Clown." They were in the School Chorus Class, Grades 1 and 2, unison. Although they didn't win, that did not deter them one whit. Agreed each one, "It's lots of fun." Front row, left to right: Brian Clark, Nancy Clark, Freda MacCarville, Barbara MacDonald, Linda Watson, Betty Palmer. Back row: Beverly MacLeod, Gordon Murray, Sherry Clark; Lorna White; Theima Tuplin; Bradford MacArthur. Barter's Film Lab.

Parliament At A Glance

Friday Prime Minister St. Laurent said Saskatchewan has asked that it's needs be declared a national emergency and that the government supply aid.

Immigration Minister Pickersill said his department erred in refusing citizenship applications from immigrants claiming birth in the Ukraine.

Erhart Regier (CCF—Burnaby, Coquitlam) said Canada is taking in too large a proportion of job-seeking immigrants.

Acting Postmaster - General Pickersill said consideration will be given any protests against holiday-time penalties for habitually late employees.

The Commons will consider unemployment insurance legislation. The Senate is adjourned until Tuesday.

Buy N. S. Coal For Ontario Buildings

OTTAWA (CP) Federal government purchases of Nova Scotia coal for Ontario buildings totalled 62,999 tons in 1954, the government said Friday.

A return tabled in the Commons for S. R. Balcom (L—Halifax) also said 12,988 tons were bought in 1953. There were no purchases in 1952.

There were no other names before this convention, and brief remarks were made by each of the candidates who were nominated.

Remarks were also made by Messrs. Reagh, Bagnall, Chester MacDonald, George Key, Major MacDonald, Frank Arnett, John F. Arsenault, and Bennett Carr.

The conventions were presided over by Mr. Pat Morris, and the recording secretary was Mr. Bill Arnett.

Notice! Special lobster supper served every Sunday 4 to 6 p.m. and week nights upon request, during lobster season. At the Orient Hotel, Victoria.

Unloading car of master feeds at Fredericton next week, special prices off car for cash. Contact Preston Rackham, Wheatley River or Arthur Campbell, French River.

Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton; Tuesday Brookfield, 9 a.m., Milton 10, York 1 p. m., Bedford 2, Tracadie 2:30, Mt. Stewart 3, Pisquid 3:30, Fort Augustus 4, Waterville 4:30, Vernon River 5, Pownal 5:30, Wednesday New Glasgow 9 a.m., Wheatley River 10, Holmes Corner 11, New Haven 1 p.m., Bonshaw 1:30, DeSable 2, Kelly's Cross 3, Emerald 4, Clifton 5, Kensington 5:30. Paying \$18 pair for good pigs over 30 pounds each. Will buy any size. Knud Joranson.



Make 81 Marks In Festival Singing

Parkdale School was well represented in many classes this year at the Centennial Festival but few of the entrants were more engaging than these grade three and four youngsters who sang "Little Boy Moon." Sheer enjoyment was apparent in every school chorus entry. Credit is due the music teachers and the school teachers from all parts of the Island who trained the children. Their interest and enthusiasm was caught by the children, other wise they could not have done so well.

Small Boys Tied For Top Spot In Solo Competition

Glen MacEachern, Tea Hill, and Earl Dixon Foster, Parkdale, tied for first place in the boy's solo, 9 years and under in Musical Festival competitions held at P. W. C. yesterday morning. The little chaps have very pleasing voices," said adjudicator Blackford. There were 59 entrants in the girls' solo, 9 years and under and again there was a tie for first place. Bethany MacIntyre, Charlottetown, and Gail Cameron of St. Peter's Road were given marks of 85 for their singing of the quaint little song, "A Fairy Gown."

In the class, Girls' solo 7 years and not under 6 years, Mary Lou Mills came first with a mark of 82 and three girls tied for second place. They were: Heather Jenkins, Southport; Heather MacPherson, Winsloe; Shirley Graham, Charlottetown; marks 79. 3. Brenda Hennessey, Charlottetown, Linda MacCallum, Brackley Point.

AT ST. PAUL'S In the afternoon at St. Paul's Church two young ladies played Bach's, "No. 1 of The Little Preludes and Fugues." Mr. Mitchell. (Continued on page 6 col. 4)

Experts Look Over Survival City Wreckage

SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. (AP)—Civil defence experts examined the wreckage of this atom-blasted town Friday and learned where and how you would die—or survive—in a nuclear attack.

Debris of some homes, such as two which were standing less than a mile from Thursday's mighty atomic explosion, showed that none would have lived in them. The mannequin families in them "died"—so a man. Force of the blast was equal to 25,000 tons of TNT.

The bombs that levelled Hiroshima and Nagasaki had the power of only 20,000 tons. Radiation would have been a powerful weapon against any persons above ground and exposed within the 4,700-foot area.



THE BIGGER THE MAN THE LESS HE HAS TO SAY WHEN INTERVIEWED

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min, Max. Locations include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office says warmer and drier air is expected to reach the Saint John river valley and western Nova Scotia this afternoon.

Dull, cool weather is forecast to continue over the remainder of the district. Fine weather is indicated for most regions Sunday.

Forecast: Northern Nova Scotia; Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with scattered showers today. Continuing cool. Easterly winds 15. Low high at New Glasgow 35 and 50. Charlottetown 35 and 50. Outlook for Sunday: Sunny.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.40 a. m.; at Rustico at 5.45 a. m. and 9.03 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 5 a. m. and sets at 7.25 p. m.