

## LEGION NEWS

by JO SELKIRK

A recent issue of The Citizen carried a picture of Cadet Sergeant Mark Espenat holding an impressive trophy. Sgt. Espenat is a member of local Air Cadet Squadron No. 396 which is sponsored by Branch 43.

This past summer Mark attended cadet camp at Nanaimo where cadets from various parts of Canada took their flying training on powered aircraft. He was one of the top ten air cadets from this province, and won the trophy for the singular distinction of earning highest marks out of a class of 60 cadets who participated. Last year Mark took the course on gliding, and this year

received the coveted wings after successfully completing the course on powered aircraft. The trophy was presented to Mark at the last general meeting of Branch 43, and congratulations are proudly extended to Mark for this achievement. Those wings you wear so proudly, Mark, are worth all the hard work and dedication so necessary for this accomplishment.

A word about Air Cadet Squadrons . . . A boy or girl may enrol at the age of 13 and continue until the age of 19. The training consists of navigation, meteorology, principles of flight, airmanship, citizenship and leadership training, drill

and general service knowledge.

Cadet camps are of six weeks' duration and are held every summer at Cold Lake, Penhold, Vernon and Esquimalt, with others in eastern Canada. Cadets have to qualify in the senior leadership course to attend at Cold Lake or Nanaimo, where the gliding and powered flying take place.

Air Cadet Squadron 396 owns a Switzer Glider 2-33 and a tow plane, and this equipment is also used by squadrons in the district. It was through the assistance of Branch 43 and its Ladies Auxiliary that it was possible for this equipment to

be made available. Branch 43 is indeed proud to sponsor this group of young people. Their training in such an organization will help prepare them for the responsibilities of adulthood.

This coming Sunday will see children of legion members attending the annual Children's Christmas Party. There will be a picture show consisting mainly of cartoons. It will be noisy, and apprehensive "Oh's" will be heard when there is a situation where Bugs Bunny's ears may be temporarily pinned to a briar bush . . . and loud enthusiastic cheers when Mickey Mouse extricates himself from a potentially dangerous situation! A general exodus takes place after the show and the kids have a chance to meet with Santa Claus, who will distribute presents and goodies. A very fine time for the very

young and those still young at heart, and it all takes place at Parkwood commencing at 1 p.m.

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Last Saturday morning the relatives, friends, members of the Elks Club, Legionnaires and the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 43 gathered in Knox United Church to pay final tribute to Lorna Moffat Archibald who passed away after a lengthy illness. Lorna was a familiar figure at both Branch 43 and the Elks Club where she had been the receptionist. Lorna was proud of her heritage which went back to the early 1800's. She was an accomplished and versatile lady, and maintained her keen sense of humour and pert attitude which endeared her to those who came in contact with her. Sympathy and understanding are sincerely extended to Lorna's family and those who had been close to her.

## GALLERY NOTES

Upstairs and downstairs the Prince George Art Gallery offers the public ever changing variety in the arts and crafts from local, regional and national sources.

Now showing on the upper floor you will find paintings by Nick Bott of Smithers. The lower floor is featuring the works of three artists, two photographers and a potter. The photographers are Noel Kierstead from Prince George, exhibiting photos of two weeks with the students workers tour of China. Bert Shendel, also a local photographer is exhibiting photographs from his 1970 tour of 43 countries.

Dorothy Doherty, a Williams Lake potter completes the show on the lower floor with her interesting display of pottery. These shows will be at the gallery for you viewing or purchasing until Dec. 2.

The Art Gallery sends its thanks to the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation for the \$1,000 grant received. This grant was given to the gallery to help with special tour guides.

The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation was established in 1955 to foster higher education, cultural activities and generally the public welfare in British Columbia. The foundation intends to stimulate and invigorate cultural and educational life by enabling institutions and individuals to undertake activities which would not be possible without the initiation of such special assistance.

In general the foundation, with its limited resources, does not make grants to cover the routine operating expenses of an organization, to meet deficits, or to support research. It does not contribute to capital expenditures.

Grants are made to institutions, or through them to persons who the foundation believes will carry out responsibly the projects proposed. Such institutions include universities, libraries, charitable and non-profit bodies in the areas of interest described, and organizations that are devoted to the fine arts, the preservation of history, and other related activities, which are recognized by the taxation authorities.

The foundation restricts its grants to projects undertaken in British Columbia.

Monday evening, Dec. 4, all members are invited to preview two new shows. Opening night only, members will be given a 10 per cent discount on any purchase from the two new shows. Stocking Trade and paintings by Ken Ferris make up these shows, which will open to the public Tuesday at 10 a.m. through to Dec. 23.

The gallery has UNICEF, Save the Children and Xmas cards from the Prince George College for sale. Memberships, gift memberships and gift certificates are also available at the gallery.

The gallery is located at 2820 15th Ave. and is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## NEWS FOR ELDERS

We have some tickets available to Seniors and handicapped persons for the Mohawk Hockey games. For further information please call Pat or Louise at 563-1915.

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Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards making our bazaar a success. We have some items left which can still be seen at the Drop Inn Centre.

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Last Monday's Cribbage winners were first - Roland

Goyer, Second - Joe Paquette.

Get well wishes go out to Andy Tasa, Lillian Schultz, Martha Alin, Andrew Estok, Speed Wall, Elzear Ouellet, Betty Wright, Virginia Andersen, Gordon Taylor, Ruth Hearst, August Dornbier.

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