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It took 44 years for the children of the late Edward and Margit Erickson of Summit Lake to get together.

The occasion was an autumn family reunion at the Summit Lake Road "homeplace" which was purchased and built on in 1934.

Attending the event were Ernest from Williams Lake, Wilfred from Summit Lake, Doug from Comox, Elsie (Homenick) from Edmonton, Alice (Spence) from Fort Langley and



The Ericksons, from left, Wilfred, Douglas, Alice, Ernest and (front) Elsie are all together for the first time in 44 years.

their families including 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Celebrations included a home-cooked dinner and informal program.

The family extends thanks to Lawrence La Flame and Wendy Erickson who made it possible for Elsie — who resides in a nursing home — to attend.

Prince George Regional Hospital Auxiliary's new executive following recent elections include Doris Holzworth, president; Lois Power, first vice-president; Marg Rohl, second vice-president; Laura Dawson, secretary; Bev Cline, treasurer; Thelma Bell and Cheryl Geissler, members at large. Past president is Jean Stitt.

The executive will be installed at a dinner meeting Feb. 13.

Have you noticed any 1983 quarters among your loose change lately? One local coin collector says they're scarce as hen's teeth, but is at a loss as to why.

Prince George central Lions Club has made donations to 18 Prince George non-profit organizations from the more than \$50,000 earned in its Pine Street house lottery.

The biggest donation goes to the Northern Interior Easter Seal House on Carney Street for upkeep and renovations of the home-away-from-home for visitors here for medical attention.

About 50 Prince George Regional Hospital employees were honored recently at a long-service award banquet.

Joyce Fredin was honored for 25 years of service and Stella Anderson, Norma Bleich, Chris Bressette, Dorothy Hale and Hazel Schmelzel received 20-year pins. Those awarded 15-year pins include Irene Chouinard, Val Donovan, Carol Edelmann, Doreen Itkonen, Cynthia Morrow, Mary Neil, Linda Owen, Iris Stinson and John Vantol.

Author visits library

Ed Sager, author of the recently published book, *The Bootlegger's Lady*, will be at the Prince George Public Library on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The *Bootlegger's Lady* is the story of Edith Frye, a courageous pioneer woman who drove a freight wagon from North Dakota to the Tete Jaune Cache area in the early 1900s. She raised nine children and endured the lawlessness and brutality of her bootlegging husband.

In 1922 Edith Frye shot and killed her husband to protect herself and her children from one of his murderous rages. The sensational story hit the front page of the Prince George Citizen.

The *Bootlegger's Lady* will be available for purchase during the autograph session at the library and at Woodward's Bookstore from 1 to 3 p.m.

senior centre

Schedule of events at the Senior Activity Centre, 425 Brunswick St.:

Friday: Darts at 10 a.m., bazaar and white elephant sale at 10 a.m. and whist at 1 p.m.

Saturday: Senior Centre Bingo begins with early bird games at 12:30 p.m. Players more than 18 years are welcome.

Monday: Fitness begins at 10 a.m. and crib at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Crib begins at 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Bridge at 1 p.m.

Thursday: Fitness at 10 a.m. Penny bingo at 12:45 p.m.

Nov. 28 bridge winners: Winnie Russell, first; Callie Strachan, second and Ruth Vincent, third.

Nov. 26 crib winners: Bruno Roth, Hilda Roth, Gladys Ward, Bill Feyer and Albert Bleich.

Nov. 30 whist winners: Dorothy Irving, first; Ethel Lang, second and Bruno Roth, third.

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'Y' keeping busy

What's happening at the YM-YWCA on Massey Drive?

•During the Christmas break, the After School Care Program for children of working or absent-from-home parents will operate full time from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 27, 28, and 31; Jan. 2, 3 and 4.

Hours Dec. 24 are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children's activities are in the areas of arts and crafts, cooking, gymnasium activities and sports as well as swimming at a local pool.

For more information call 562-9341.

•Operation Birth is a caesarean support group meeting the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Y meeting room.

The group works toward making caesarean births positive and fulfilling events and is putting together a medical advisory board, information booklets and a newsletter. For more information call Marla O'Brien at 964-9743.

•The Childminding

Service is offering a Christmas special for shopping mothers. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, parents are invited to leave two children for the price of one between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. so they may shop in leisure knowing the children are safe.

The first Tools For Peace Campaign in Prince George is being termed a "huge success" by volunteer workers.

Chairman Chuck Hatherly reports, "Not only did we collect between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of tools, toys, medical supplies and educational goods for (the people of) Ni-

'Tools' for peace'

caragua; we also collected \$1,000 in cash."

The cash will be used to offset the costs of shipping goods from Vancouver to Corinto, Nicaragua.

The Prince George shipment has been sent to Vancouver for loading on a ship filled with donations from across Canada, says Hatherly.

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