

About 60 friends and dignitaries gathered to see lawyer *Victor Curtis* elevated to position of county court judge during a ceremony April 6 at county court.

Performing one of his last duties in Prince George before he leaves to serve as judge of the county court of Vancouver, *Judge Stephen Hardinge* escorted his successor, *Judge Curtis*, to his position on the top tier in the court.

Judge Frank S. Perry explained that under normal circumstances the new judge would be sworn in during the ceremony, but the swearing in ceremony had been held Mar. 19.

"I can assure you that he is a judge and has sworn allegiance to the Queen and undertook to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities," said Judge Perry.

In congratulating Judge Curtis on his appointment, *Fred Fatt*, lawyer and vice-president of the Prince George Bar Association, described him as a "lawyer's lawyer" and added that his knowledge of the law and his respect for all people would ensure those leaving his court would feel justice had been served.

Judge Curtis said he enjoyed practicing law in Prince George for the past 13 years and hoped to serve the county of Cariboo for many years to come.

Prince George's potato king, *John Ryser*, has done it again.

The potato grower, who resides south of the city near Woodpecker, recently captured four first place awards plus the "best all around trophy" for top seed potatoes at the Potato Growers competition held recently in Fort St. John.

This is the fourth successive year John has taken awards for his spuds which he grows on 10 to 12 acres and sells as seed to other potato growers.

In the past he has received letters from the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture commending him for his outstanding displays.

One of the best quips of the week was heard at the school board meeting Tuesday.

It was a long meeting during which trustees were dealing with the district's budget.

Festival Fair shapes up

Prince George Community Arts Council's Studio 2880 is busy preparing for Festival Fair.

The fair will be held May 4 to 8 at Studio 2880, in conjunction with the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

Crafts made by the tenant groups of the studio including weaving, painting, quilting, pottery. All this and more will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the five-day fair in the multi purpose room at the studio.

A tent outside of the studio will house nine or 10 local and regional craft booths selling crafts including hand-painted silk scarves, brass-inlaid wooden jewellery, clay sculptures, pottery and more from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 4 and 5.

Free tours and demonstrations by tenant groups to show the public what is available in the city will be held from 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. May 4 to 8.

Le Cercle de Canadiens Francais sponsor Cafe Terrasse featuring light foods with a French flare.

Everyone is welcome to participate and view local and regional crafts during the free fair.

For more information contact Sue Carlyle at Studio 2880 at 562-4526.

Studio 2880 is now taking registration for two new spring classes.

CARTOONING is a four-week course for those 10 years and older beginning April 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

HELPING CHILDREN CREATE is for adults interested in developing understanding of the child's creative process including how children see, ways to help them and what we can learn from them. It's a four-week course beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 8.

Tickets are being offered this week at Studio 2880 for A Spring Concert April 26 and 27 by the Prince George Cantata Singers, Alberta Ballet April 18 and 19 presented by the Prince George Concert Association and Minstrels Cabaret Night May 10 presented by the Northern Society of Musicians.

For more information call 562-4526 or drop into the Studio at 2880 15th Ave. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday or from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

gin at 11 a.m. from the provincial building on Third Avenue and end at St. Michael's and All Angels' Anglican Church.

This year's theme is 'It's Our World' and organizers are hoping to emphasize their belief that it's worthwhile for everyone to make their views known on peace and disarmament.

Mackenzie Turns Twenty is the name of a newly-published book written to commemorate that northern town's twentieth anniversary this May.

The 120-page book depicts the development of the community from its history and early settlement through its growing pains and coming of age until today when a population of 5,500 is poised for a three-day celebration May 17 to 19.

Two thousand copies of the book have been published with assistance from B.C. Heritage Trust.

Written by *Mai Veemes*, who lived there from 1968 to 1984, the book is on sale at \$10.75 per copy at the Mackenzie's Recreation Centre, Chamber of Commerce and Co-op supermarket.

The Bowl-For-Millions campaign, sponsored by Big Brothers — Big Sisters of Prince George was a great success this year, says secretary *Joan Dillabough*.

Approximately 350 league bowlers, celebrities, bank employees and Big and Little Brothers and Sisters participated during the

week-long event to raise between \$16,000 and \$17,000 through pledges.

The association is grateful to all who participated or helped and supported the event.

Alderman *John Backhouse's* favorite quote is Groucho Marx's definition of politics:

"The art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies."

"I think all politicians should make sure they don't live up to Groucho's definition," says Backhouse.

Prince George Theatre Workshop's production of *Perfect Plastic* has won the right to compete in Theatre B.C.'s provincial competition being held here during the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

The one-act play, written by *Sherman Snukal* (author of *Talking Dirty*), competed at a regional level during the Upper Fraser zone festival in Williams Lake.

The play captured awards for best director, *George Sipos*, best actor, *John O'Hara*, best actress, *Lori Dale* and best set.

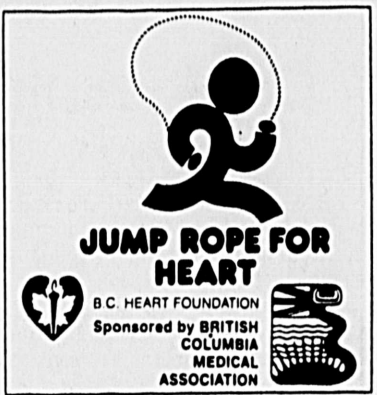
Art Knight is the producer, construction and stage manager while *Tom Bircham* handles lighting and *Lesley Bircham* manages costumes and props.

Lord Nelson School in Vancouver is marking its 75th anniversary May 9 with a reunion.

The school needs the assistance of graduates and former teachers to help locate former students and old photographs depicting the school.

Call 254-0707 during school hours or 255-8184 after school.

All those who graduated from Burnaby Central Senior Secondary School in 1976 is invited to attend a 10-year reunion May 31. Call 438-8213 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or 421-2165 in the evening.



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