

Junior Soloists of Porcupine Skating Club



Left to Right—Charles Burkholder, Dorothy Devine, Kathleen Hill, Arlene Cameron, Dorothy Belec, Jackie Belec.

Intermediate Soloists of Porcupine Skating Club



Left to Right—Gordon Paul, Olga Bernyk, Hilka Filppula, John O'Donnell, Mary Lou Landreville, Mildred Verbiak, Jacqueline Byers, Glen Cameron.

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on ice. Premiere Danseuse was Miss Margaret Keeley, junior pair champion 1943. The costuming for this number was one of picturesque beauty. Miss Keeley, performed a wonderful ballet solo and proved that she is the most talented of the local club. The supporting Corps de Ballet also were outstanding in their talented display of ballet skating, which is one of Miss Madge Austin's specialties. Those skating in the Corps de Ballet were: Corps de Ballet:—Jean Zadorozny, Jacqueline Byers, Helen Channon, Nancy McNeil, Hilka Filppula, Doreen Keizer, Marjorie Wharton, Sheila Moran, Katie Burke, Kathryn Lafontaine, Shirley Karahan, Veronica Shantz, Margaret Kirkland, Audrey Jenkin, Julie Popovich, Gladys Kean, Beverley Cooke, Mildred Verbiak, Patricia Baron, Jessie McKie, Marie Wilson, Doris Shantz, Mary Kirkland, Pat Campbell, Mary Lou Landreville, Lillian diMarco, Marjorie McChesney, Caroline Perkovich, Pauline Perkovich, Elizabeth Sandul, Marjorie Tomkinson, Anita Flynn.

"Dance Militaire" by the Jenkin Sisters showed this popular young pair to advantage. The team work of these skaters was perfect and at the conclusion of their artistic exhibition, they responded to the plaudits of the audience by a short encore routine.

"The Navy" with Roger Todhunter, James Fraser, Julie Popovich and Jean Zadorozny, dressed in true sailor uniforms, gave a striking fast moving display. These four members of the Intermediates are well on the way to reaching high standing in the skating world.

"Allies For Freedom" "Allies for Freedom" a tableaux closed the evening performances. The flags of all the countries were carried and after completing a drill movement, "Britannia" mounted a raised platform in the centre of the arena and all the others circled around her. This made a most patriotic and thrilling finale to what must be stated as the "biggest and best" of all Porcupine ice carnivals.

Free France—Carmen Theriault Netherlands—Pat Campbell Czechoslovakia—Mary Balik. Poland—Marjorie Wharton Brazil—Lillian diMarco Belgium—Miss Gracie Costa Rica—Margot Kirkland Nicaragua—Mrs. Urquhart Cuba—Gwen Hill El Salvador—Jean Fraser America—Nadine O'Connor China—Helen Moran South Africa—Patsy Brewer New Zealand—Joyce Coffey Australia—Frances Morris Norway—Sheila Moran Greece—Helen Channon Mexico—Nancy McNeil Yugoslavia—Veronica Shantz Guatemala—Edith Kilborn Dominican Republic—Gwenneth Robb Haiti—Jean Sweet Honduras—Barbara Fleming Panama—Rosemary Dougherty.

**Porcupine Skating Club** President—R. J. Ennis Honorary Presidents—J. P. Bickell, Bernard H. Smith. Vice-President—D. E. Keeley. Board of Directors—R. J. Ennis, D. E. Keeley, Dr. W. D. Robson, A. H. Wolhrab, A. R. Harkness, W. O. Lafontaine. Board of Management—W. O. Lafontaine (chairman), Mrs. H. Hudson, Mrs. Wolhrab, Roy Dunbar, Miss Katie Burke. Entertainment—Mrs. H. Hudson, Mrs. J. Dalton, Sid Cook, O. Atkins. Permanent Costumes—Mrs. Roy Dunbar. Treasurer—A. R. Harkness. Secretary—Miss Doreen Dutton. Club Professional—Miss Madge Austin.

**Carnival Committee** Carnival Executive—Dr. W. D. Robson (chairman), Mrs. Roy Dunbar, Miss Phyllis Deme, H. E. Sloan, W. O. Lafontaine. Director of Performance—Dr. W. D. Robson.

**Costume Committee**—Mrs. Roy Dunbar (chairman), Mrs. A. R. Harkness, Mrs. W. D. Robson, Mrs. P. Jenkin, Mrs. H. Dobson, Miss Elizabeth Sandul, Mrs. W. O. Lafontaine. Dressers—Mrs. W. O. Lafontaine, Mrs. E. C. Keeley, Mrs. H. Clutchey, Mrs. E. W. Bennett, Mrs. A. R. Hark-

Canadian Junior Pair Champion



Miss Margaret Keeley, one of the stars of the Porcupine Skating Club.

ness, Mrs. W. S. Paul, Mrs. D. Keeley, Mrs. H. G. Skavlem, Mrs. P. Jenkin, Mrs. S. Cooke, Mrs. F. Skene, Mrs. W. D. Robson. Scenery—Mrs. M. MacMillan. Lighting—F. W. Gilbert, E. W. Pooley. Publicity & Programme: H. E. Sloan. Music—R. J. Ennis, Miss Madge Austin, Lieut. J. W. S. Lomas.

Make-up: Mrs. A. H. Wolhrab (chairman); assisted by Miss Brown. Cosmetic make-up donated by the Elizabeth Arden Co., through their agent, J. Bert Sutherland, Timmins. Sets and Properties—Designed by Harry Idsardi. Art Work—By Mrs. M. MacMillan. Executed by Joe Amm. Photography—Dessane Studio.

Special Notes on the Show

High praise must be given to Miss Madge Austin, popular instructress for the training of the young children taking part. This has taken weeks of hard work and much careful planning. The superb performances of all the children more than repaid Miss Austin, who along with the 5,000 odd citizens who viewed the show thrilled at the finished product.

Special mention can also be given to the young junior soloists—The Perkovich Twins, Dorothy Devine, Arlene Cameron, Kathleen Hill, Dorothy Belec, Charlie Burkholder and Jackie Belec. All of whom gave very talented and pleasing performances.

In the Intermediate Group Hilka Filppula on merit was most outstanding. Others who gave sterling exhibitions were Vera and Joyce Jenkin, Velma Popovitch, Mildred Verbiak, Jacqueline Byers, Gordon Paul, Jimmy Fraser, Roger Todhunter, John O'Donnell and Lionel Boni. Their performances during the show were features of its success.

Miss Margaret Keeley, Miss Olga Bernyk, Miss Doreen Dutton and all the Senior club members showed to perfection the skill and grace of the skating art. The ballroom dancing and the ballet number were items of charm and skilful training and hard practice.

Presentation of a beautiful basket of cut flowers and a special curtain call for Miss Madge Austin on Monday night brought thunderous applause. Miss Austin did not skate this year but nevertheless the crowd showed its approval for her high talent.

Miss Gretchen Merrill, U.S. Junior Lady Champion for the past two years, and also a gold medalist proved to all that her title is a very worthy one. Her exhibitions were a pleasure to witness and all are hoping for an early return of this talented young skater from across the border. At each evening performance Miss Merrill was presented with beautiful baskets of roses and other cut flowers.

A word must be given to the committee in charge of costumes. In the two main scenes Cinderella and Peter Pan the costumes were supplied by the Malabar Co., Toronto. All others were the work of energetic women of the district under the chairmanship of Mrs. Roy Dunbar. The costumes put the touch of beauty to the very elaborate setting of the Arena surface.

The artistic painting of the "Story Book" was also another noteworthy attraction. This was the skilled work of Mrs. MacMillan, of Schumacher, who is an artist of exceptional merit and ability. Her talent was much praised by all.

Those assisting Miss Madge Austin in the choreography were Miss Dene, Miss Sundul, Miss M. Keeley, Miss Doreen Dutton, Miss Olga Bernyk, Misses Vera Jenkin, Joyce Jenkin, Mary Lou Landreville and Mildred Verbiak. To all these are extended popular praise for their efforts in the success of the show.

The orchestral music as provided by Lt. J. Lomas was of a high order and his talented group of musicians were a standout feature of the Ice Carnival. The musical settings were of classical nature and only on one or two occasions did the popular music of today enter into the musical theme.

562 Entries Received for the Porcupine Festival of Music

Record Made for Number of Entries for 1944 Event.

At the meeting of the Executive of the Porcupine Festival of Music held on Friday evening in the Timmins Town hall the secretary, Mrs. J. W. Thomson, reported that 562 entries had been received which surpasses all previous years. In 1942 there were but 362. This means that the adjudicator, Mr. George Couits, will have an extremely busy time while the festival is on from May 8 to 12.

It was decided to give certificates to the three obtaining the highest marks in each event rather than to all contestants, and red, blue and green ribbons will be attached signifying first, second and third award.

The committee in charge of the fund for scholarships reported generous donations. These scholarships will be given on the basis of musical merit to the most promising young musicians in vocal, violin and piano departments, and the awards will be made entirely on recommendation of the adjudicator. Membership tickets to cover all events of the five days may be obtained from the executive at one dollar.

Contestants in the vocal and violin sections should have their own accompanist. A committee of Rev. J. C. Thomson, Robert Paillie and Miss Kelly was appointed to secure music for the adjudicator. Mrs. J. McClinton will again have charge of securing chairmen and secretaries for the sessions and the treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Weir, will secure ticket-takers. The Festival will again be held in the First United Church, Timmins.

Soldier Savs, "You Can't Beat Scottish Hospitality"

Last week The New Liskeard Speaker published a letter from George Cozac, a Canadian soldier overseas, that is so typical of so many other similar letters that a couple of extracts are given herewith:—

"Since I came over here, like a lot of other Canadians, I fell for one of those bonnie Scottish lassies and we were married last June. She is very much looking forward to the day when she will see our grand old Canada, and I am sure that she will like it."

"I like it very much here in England, and get along fine, but you can't beat Scotland for hospitality."

Science News-Letter: A self-lighting cigarette which ignites when scratched on a striking surface, recently patented, is an improvement over previous self-lighters. It is claimed that the striking tip will not fly off, does not lengthen the cigarette and creates no noxious odors.

Among the Porcupine Skating Stars



Misses Vera and Joyce Jenkin, whose clever work at the carnival attracted attention.

Some Junior Members of the Porcupine Skating Club



Left to Right—Mose Greer, Bernard Youlton, Velma Popovitch, Matt Salich, Neil Pooley.

Salute to The Navy



This was an attractive number. From left to right—Roger Todhunter, Jean Zadorozny, James Fraser, Julie Popovitch.