

Banff Masked Ball Is Fun Festival; Carnival Ends With Crowning of Queen

Mrs. Frank Patrick of Vancouver Chosen Queen; Old-timers Dance Indian War Dance

(Written specially for The Albertan by Onoto Watanna)

The Dog Derby was, of course, the supreme event of the Banff carnival; but the masquerade ball was a whirlring success.

"For sheer originality and inventiveness, for downright sporting, mischievous fun," declared Mr. Peters, artist and illustrator of "Life," "I have never seen anything beat the Banff masquerade ball."

Mr. Peters, who himself has taken part in the many costume balls given by the illustrators and artists of New York, declared that considering the limitations and facilities of the country, the giddy, gaudy costumes achieved at this dance excelled in ingenuity and originality any he had seen elsewhere. Nor was Mr. Peters alone in his praise. A bewildering variety of clever costumes, dependent not so much upon their costliness of material, as the oddity and uniqueness of the characters represented, paraded amid uproarious applause and cheers over the ball room floor. The first prize went to Miss Rich, who was a dazzling dragon-fly. Old men and women came dressed as "kids," while the young folk staggered in, arrayed in the habilaments of age.

Old Timers' Dance

What brought the most applause was in itself a whole vaudeville act. Ten old timers of Banff, dressed as Stoney Indian chiefs and braves, formed into a circle, and beginning slowly and deliberately, the war dance of the tribe grew steadily in speed and fervour till presently, going round and round, the "Indians" whirled with something of the fierce freedom and fire of the Indian war dance. I saw this dance done at Lake Windermere last summer, when the Thomson Memorial exercises were celebrated, and the Old Timers of Banff gave almost as vivid a performance as the Indians at Lake Windermere. Such men as Norman Luxton, James Brewster and Mr. Sibbald were among the dancers. Another novelty at the ball was a hockey game played on the floor by the masqueraders. This brought gales of laughter and excited applause and cheers. A Cannibal Chief won the second prize. Arrayed mainly in his ebony skin, and a few feathers he achieved a barbaric and bloodcurdling appearance.

Dog Derby Starts

The snow and the zero weather that had come overnight, followed by a brilliant sun, made ideal carnival conditions for Saturday, and although the masquerade ball lasted till the small hours, at eight in the morning the revellers were on hand to see the start of the Dog Derby.

The end of the carnival was celebrated by a ball Saturday evening. Those who had danced all of the previous night at the masquerade ball and had gone out to Lake Minnewanka to see the start of the derby, now were on hand for the crowning of the new queen of the carnival, and stayed again till the dance was done.

Carnival Queen Crowned

The crown which had been worn with such distinction and grace by the beautiful young queen of the previous year, Miss Fern Brewster, of Banff, now rested upon the head of Mrs. Frank Patrick, of Vancouver, one of the visiting hockey team, and a contestant for the crown of the previous year. Her majority was overwhelming, and overwhelming was the enthusiasm and cheering when her name was announced. Miss Rich, of the Trimble-Murfin motion picture outfit, came second. There was a general feeling of gratification that the carnival queen of this year should be a Canadian girl, and that the return of the Vancouver team for next year was assured.

What followed the crowning brought the last touch of wild hilarity to a night that was packed full of fun.

Adopted Into O. O. D.

The queen was adopted into the Order of Dog, and the ceremony of initiation followed. The head of this order was helped to the platform by several pushing hands and took an unsteady stand before an audience that indulged in gales of laughter as his rich oratory poured forth. The speech was delivered with fire and fervor and emotion and ran on and on up splendid heights and flights, to

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Fidelis class, First Baptist church, meeting and supper, church, 6:30 p.m.

Calgary Past Noble Grand Association, meeting, board room, public library, 8 p.m.

Parkhill P.-T.A., whist drive and dance, school, 8 p.m.

Tan-nis-uk chapter I. O. D. E., meeting, public library, 7:45 p.m.

First Baptist church, moving picture, "From the Manger to the Cross," given by Wm. Aberhart, at 8 p.m.

Pro-Cathedral Women's Guild, devotional service, Cathedral, 3:15 p.m.

Earl Gray P.-T.A., executive meeting, 3 p.m., address by Dr. Macaulay, 3:45 p.m.

Samaritan Club, tea and sale, at the home of Mrs. William Hackney, 3835 Six-A street west, 3 p.m.

O. O. R. P., bridge and 500 party, Elks' club rooms, 2:30 p.m.

L. A. to Associated Travelers, address by Mrs. Alice Curtis, Y.W. C.A., 8 p.m.

Upper Hillhurst P.-T.A., musical evening, at the home of Mrs. Dick, 1709 Second avenue northwest, at 8 p.m.

Central High school P.-T.A., meeting, assembly hall, 8 p.m.

American Women's Club, election of officers, Oddfellows' hall, at 2:30 p.m.

British Israel Association, meeting, public library, address by R. C. Jackson, 8 p.m.

the accompaniment of roars of laughter. The orator explained, with emotion, that he had had a little drink or two, and that he was feeling in prime shape.

Presently the Vancouver hockey team, which had been jubilantly cheering and yipping like Indians ever since their candidate was elected, formed into a knot and let out yells indicative of anything but jubilation at the attitude of the still spelling orator. The queen seized the moment to make her final escape and a dozen hands were laid upon the still talking happy orator, and he was led, still talking, away. The dance was over.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Calgary Theaters will hold their first annual dance carnival at the Memorial hall, Friday evening, when special vaudeville attractions will be given. Tickets may be secured at any box office.

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The King George Community club will hold a tea at the home of Mrs. W. E. Gillihan, 1522 Seventeenth avenue northwest, Wednesday afternoon. A silver collection will be taken for the sick fund.

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The Ladies' auxiliary to the Second Battalion, Calgary Regiment, will meet in the G.W.V.A. hall, Wednesday, at 7:45 p.m.

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The Al Azhar Arab Patrol will hold a card party at the Al Azhar Temple, Thursday evening, at 8:30 sharp. Tables may be reserved from Mrs. Maxwell, W1313.

HOLD SHOWER FOR POPULAR BRIDE-ELECT

(Special to The Albertan)

CASTOR, March 6.—Mrs. R. J. Gregson and Miss Statia Newsham gave a miscellaneous shower during the week-end in honor of Miss Julia Ellergodt, a bride-elect, when seventy guests were present. The many beautiful gifts were presented to Miss Ellergodt in a pretty basket. During the afternoon Mrs. T. J. Hamilton sang delightfully, accompanied by Miss B. Sharpe, and Miss O. Gathercole played several pianoforte selections.

Adventures of

(By OLIVE ROBERT)

