



Mable Grinsted

(1882-1974)

“A strong, determined, hard-working individual”

Mable Grinsted was born in Crewe, Cheshire, England. She was blessed with a fine musical talent and trained as a concert soprano and pianist. Following her marriage to Robert Grinsted, they emigrated to Canada and settled in Mission around 1929.

She never sang professionally following her marriage but was enthusiastically involved in the musical community of Mission and area.

During the depression years of the 1930s she, and others, organized a musical concert troupe called the “Co-Optimists”. Mable also played piano for many school functions as well as Bernice Stein’s Dance Studio, travelling with them when they put on performances.

During WWII Mable Grinsted was Captain in the Canadian Women’s Training Corps. and in charge of the army recruiting office.

She embraced the community she and her husband had chosen and pitched in whenever community effort was needed. She was an organist and choir member in All Saints Anglican church right into her 70s, early member of the Orange Lodge and long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary.

An article published in the local newspaper in 1953, described Mable as “...*the sort who through quiet and generous contributions and neighbourly ways go to make a town.*”

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