Baptists hold concerts

Group songs and a film made up the program of the Sunday school concert of the First Baptist Church held on Monday night.

Nearly 100 children and their parents viewed the film entitled "To Each a Gift," which depicted the life of early settlers and how their social activities at Christmas revolved around their church.

Taking part in the tableau and song called "God's Clock" were Frances Doane, Norma Peterson, Rose Perkins, Monica Kowal, Barbara Tschabold, Beverley Helgason, Paula Seymour, Jacqueline Truscott, Blair Johnstone, Jeffery Bowman and Andrew and Thomas Spiller.

Another number called "The Guiding Star," wth Janet Gordon, Valerie Houchen, Giselle Rathje, Dorothy Hildebrand and Judy Kriitmaa, members of the junior department, was followed by singing "Star of the East."

Accordion solos were played by Kenneth Bowman and the intermediate class sang "One Day."

The carols were accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Bowman on the organ, Larry Bowman on the trumpet and Kalle Kriitmaa on the trombone.

The White Gift offering was taken and will be sent to help build a new Sunday school at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Master of ceremonies was Henry Vanderheide, superintendent of the Sunday school.

The program closed with a prayer by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Roskam.

Bags of candy were handed out to the children at the door by junior department teachers, Mrs. Vanderheide and Mrs. Bowman, David Owens, Arthur Jones and Mr. Vanderheide, intermediate teacher.

On Saturday afternoon, the beginner and primary children had a concert and party at the church with teachers Mrs. T. R. Lloyd, Mrs. R. B. MacDonald and Miss Pamela Painter in charge.

Helpers in these departments are Hilda Lippett, Heather Moore, Monica Kowal, Beverly Carlson and Mary White.

PLAY CAST of "Muggsy's Merry Christmas" staged a dress rehearsal Monday night in the auditorium of the Booth Memorial Junior High School. Students of the school are putting on two plays tomorrow night. They will be "Muggsy" and "Knave of Hearts", produced by Janelle Hayden and James Scollen respectively. — Staff photo by John Pain

European tribunal guards rights of citizens against bureaucrats

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — Western Europe has its own international judicial watchdog—the European Court of Human Rights. The European tribunal was set up to make sure governments observe a citizen's basic human rights.

Still in its infancy, the European court thus far has tried and ruled on only one case. But its existence has influenced governments to be more attentive to constitutional guarantees.

Moreover, the whole complex court machinery is designed to eliminate complaints, and one is heard only as a last resort.

The one case ruled upon was brought by an Irish national Gerard Richard Lawless, against his own government. He accused Dublin authorities of violating the European Convention of Human Rights by detaining him without trial.

LOST CASE

The court eventually ruled last July against Lawless and in favor of Dublin. But the citizen's complaint was aired in court, and the Irish government had to appear at the defendant's table.

The government successfully argued that Lawless' detention was legal because the country was under a state of emergency due to activities of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. Lawless was allegedly a member of the underground army.

This unique tribunal is based on a treaty—The Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms—written in the summer of 1949, during the first session of the Council of Europe's consultative assembly.

The convention was finally signed in Rome November 4, 1950, but the court itself was not established until several years later when the necessary number of ratifications had occurred.

AGREE ON RIGHTS

In signing the treaty, the countries agreed on this list of basic rights and pledged to observe them. The court was set up to see that the governments kept their word. Any signatory state could cite another for alleged violations of this code and bring the offending regime into court.

The builders were, of course, thinking of Germany and of how the Nazis had perverted German justice, and the court was to be a barrier against any recurrence of dictatorial excess in Europe.

The court, which sits in Strasbourg, consists of one judge from each of the Council of Europe's 15 member-states. The judges are nominated by the committee of foreign ministers and elected for fixed terms by the consultative assembly.

While in office, each judge receives a salary from the Council of Europe.

Birds starving

Small hungry birds have been noticed about the city these last few days looking for food in the deep snow.

On Tenth Avenue East, robins, thrushes, starlings and bluejays are being fed by householders who are putting out bread, sprays of cranberries and bags of suet. The birds will eat practically anything to survive.

Sonja Ladies hold party

Games and cards were enjoyed by the 20 members of the Sonja Ladies Lodge and their husbands at a Christmas banquet and party held Saturday night.

Following a dinner at La Gondola Cafe, the party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strand, 540 Fifth Avenue West. Winners of games were Mrs. Oscar Giske, Mrs. Petra Ivarsen, Mrs. Henry Wahl, Mrs. Jacob Strand, Carl Strand and Fritz Mostad.

Moving pictures of the occasion were taken by John Wick.

The Sonja Ladies exchanged "secret pal" gifts and presented their husbands with comic gifts.

President Mrs. Anton Strand thanked the hostess for her hospitality and announced the next meeting of the lodge would be held January 10 at the home of Mrs. Barney Roald, 420 Sixth Avenue East.

Announcements

● Sons of Norway Christmas Tree, Tuesday, December 19, 6 p.m. (247)

● UFAWU Halibut Fishermen will meet December 19, 1:30 p.m. Islander Hall to discuss halibut lay up rules. DSFU members welcome. (247)

● Legion Annual "Old Sweats" Banquet, Saturday, December 23, 6 p.m. If transportation required please phone 4141. (250)

Mrs. G. D. Judd, 220 Sixth Avenue West, left on the Canadian Prince Saturday night for a month's holiday in Vancouver and Powell River.

MOVIE COLUMN

Alberghetti's success on Broadway leads to Hollywood film contracts

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A new Anna Maria Alberghetti is back in town for a glance behind doors that once were closed to her. Anna hit the bigtime as Lili in Carnival on Broadway. She is evidence of what a diffenence a hit play makes.

"Before I left Hollywood, I was earning good money, but many doors were closed to me," she remarked. "I decided that if I was to open those doors, I would have to take a chance. And going to Broadway is a chance, because if you don't make it, the doors can be more tightly shut."

She made it, and the results have been gratifying.

"Before, I was known as a singer," she said. "Now I am also known as an actress. The whole field of the stage is now open to me. And so are movies."

"I used to get offers, but frankly they were second rate. I decided not to do them at all, since I could make money elsewhere. Now I am getting offers of top pictures—"Two Weeks in Another Town" with Kirk Douglas, "The Pigeon That Took Rome" with Charlton Hoston.

"The only trouble is I can't accept them."

ON LEAVE

Anna is here on a two-week pass from the employ of David Merrick, producer of "Carnival." He has been called the abominable showman, and seemed eager to live up to the title when Anna was ill and out of the show earlier this year. He said publicly that her understudy did a better job.

The Italian-born soprano returned to the show after five days in the hospital and fire at home. Oddly, she displayed no rancor toward Merrick. She repeated this conversation:

"I had to protect my show," said the producer.

"David, you should let me in on these publicity stunts, so I can go along with them," she said. "I'm certainly not against publicity. But, please, let's do something with a little dignity."

"How about the six-month extension?" said he.

Anna sees the whole thing as Merrick's plot to get her to sign for another six months in the show after her June 30 deadline. She said he was doubly disappointed because she has made no move to re-sign and she failed to flare back when he slurred her performance.

"You're not like Callas," he said disappointedly.

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District Scout News

Second Prince Rupert: Two Boy Scouts, Gary Stevens and David Hurst, who recently came up from the Cub Pack, received their leaping wolf badges on December 7. More badges will be given out shortly. A training course for patrol leaders and seconders has been in pprogress and has been very successful. Instructors for this were two First Class Boy Scouts.

A new Scoutmaster, Robert Ritchie, has replaced William Donaldson, who left last week for a two-year stay in Australia.

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Third Prince Rupert: Sixer Robert Long, who will shortly be leaving the city, has successfully passed all tests and was awarded his second star and toymaker's badge. Bob was an excellent leader and will be missed by the Cub Pack.

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Fourth Prince Rupert: Six new chums were enrolled last month. They were Robert Postuk, Steven Turner, Brian Carlson, Ivan Peterson, Barry Hansen and Phillip MacIntosh. Nine boys are working for their first stars and 14 are on their second star work. The pack is losing Charles Halkett, who has moved to Victoria.

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YACHT CLUB BOATS lay under a thick blanket of snow Monday following a heavy snowfall Sunday night and Monday morning. The floats, moorings and buildings provided a heavy job of clearing for the club staff. The smaller boats were almost indistinguishable in their unaccustomed cover. — Staff photo by John Pain

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