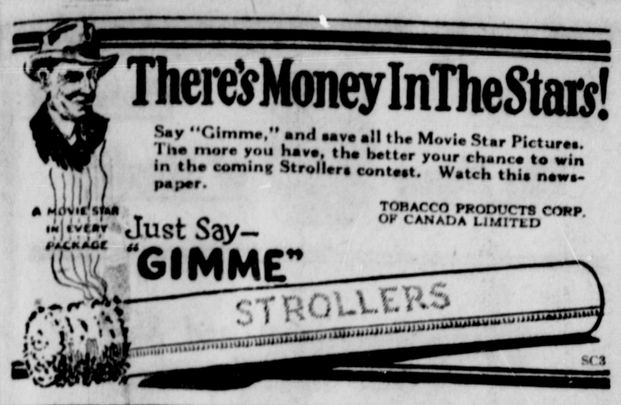

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CHRISTMAS OBSERVED AT KITKATLA VILLAGE

Choir of Church of England Took Active Part in Celebrations Last Week

KITKATLA, Dec. 31. —Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Kitkatla were fittingly observed. The choir of the Church of England practiced diligently for the past few weks and as a result the anthems rendered were given in an excellent manner.

On Christmas Eve the choir sang from one end of the village to the other. Afterwards the church committee entertained them at the home of Joshua Sibasha. After a bountiful repast there were speeches and anthems sung by the choir.

On Christmas Day the church service was well attended. The choir sang "The Heavens Are Telling," "The Hallelujah Chorus," "Bless The Lord, O My Soul," and "And the Glory of the Lord." Miss Winnie Brown 10 years old, sang "The Birthday of Our King" in a most pleasing style and the school children sang two carols at the close of the service.

Much credit is due Henry Brown, the choir director, and all the members are to be congratulated on the success of their Christmas music.

The following compose the choir: Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Frank Bolton, Mrs. James Jackson, Mrs. Heber Robinson, Mrs. Johnathn Hill, James Lewis, James Jackson, Heber Robinson, Johnathan Hill, James Lewis, Alfred Jackson, Matthew Hill, Stephen Ridley, William Ridley, John Nelson, Henry Collinson, Solomon Brown.

ONE OF KITKATLAS OLDEST MEN IS DEAD

Albert Argyle, Churchman, Dies After Brief Illness

KITKATLA, Dec. 31. — Albert Argyle, one of the oldest men in Kitkatla, died on December 13 after a brief illness. Mr. Argyle was much interested in the work of St. Peter's Anglican Church and at one time was one of the churchwardens.

SMITHERS

Rev. L. C. Johnston, of Topley, was a Christmas visitor at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Lees.

Joe Williams made the jump from Jasper to renew acquaintances in town during the festive season. Joe reports all ex-Smithereens in the "Park" town well.

One of the busiest, possibly the busiest man in town just now is "Bookoo" (Al. Finerly) in arranging for the Novelty Dance on New Year's Day. Novelties are Al's strong point, and it is rumored that his previous attempts will be "outnovelried" by the collection he has gathered for the delectation of the crowd at the first and best dance of the year. The dance is being held under the auspices of the Smithers Athletic Association.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lynch entertained as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. J. Howie, of Prince Rupert.

KITKATLA

Thomas, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Gordon, died on December 14.

On December 19 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Temple.

There were forty-seven pupils enrolled in the school register. A few families have not yet returned from camp.

QUIET XMAS AT SMITHERS

Many Delightful Affairs, However, Made Happy Season

SMITHERS, Dec. 31—Supremely quiet might be fittingly ascribed to the passing of Christmas Day in Smithers. Several house parties took place, while the young peoples' dance in the C.N.R. station was well attended. Outwardly there was nothing indicative of a holiday, and the solemnity of the occasion was most marked.

Christmas trees in all their glitter and tinsel could be seen at practically every home, while those on whom misfortune had fallen in the way of sickness, etc., were most generously remembered by kind-hearted citizens, so that no one knowingly would arise on Christmas morn with a poignant heart and prospects of an empty stocking.

Christmas Day, 1923, at the Bulkley Valley District Hospital will long be remembered by t he patients there, as through the generosity of the matron and nurses a magnificent tree was heavily gift-laden for patients, staff, etc., while the children of Mrs. J. Smith (who is invalided) were the guests of the matron and nurses on Christmas morning. Santa Claus aided by generous and sympathetic hearts left nothing undone to make the youngsters happy and they left the building not only with appropriate gifts but with happiness radiant on each little countenance.

PRINCE GEORGE

Jimmy Williams and Jack Johnson arrived in the city last week from the coast.

Harold F. Shaw of Prince Rupert is spending the Christmas holiday with friends in Prince George.

Walter Neil Campbell of the forestry department at Fort Fraser is spending the holidays with friends in the city.

Chief A. McNeil of the provincial police has joined the radio fans. He spent the holiday season in installing a Westinghouse radio receiving set.

With the first of the year the provincial police officers will be stationed in the new government buildings. For the present the prisoners will continue to be kept in the lock-up at South Fort George.

Bert Blackburn, who is working in the logging camp for Blackburn and Hesselfield, Aleza Lake, is back in the city for the Christmas holidays.

There were more people at Prince George during the holiday week than there has been since the days of construction. Hotel accommodation was taxed to its capacity and rooms were requisitioned all over the city.

On New Year's day a game of hockey will be played between teams representative of Prince George and South Fort George. This will be a preliminary game as it is intended to stage a series between the two aggregations during the season for the possession of the hockey cup.

L. P. Chase and Mrs. Chase of Jasper spent the Christmas holiday with friends in the city.

Chief Carlow and Mrs. Carlow will be at home to their friends at their residence, Fourth Ave., on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

D. G. Tate, city clerk, has received the government cheque for the city share in the motor licence fees amounting to $1,515.08 as well as the city share in the racetrack receipts amounting to $1,153.56.

F. E. Anfield, last year's principal of the public school at South Fort George, came up from the coast last week to spend the holidays with friends in the city.

NEW HAZELTON

Arthur and Miss Ralphena Wrinch are home from Vancouver for the holidays and Leonard is home from Edmonton.

Mr. Boyd, teacher of the Mud Creek school, spent Christmas with Dr. Wrinch. Miss Wright of Skeena Crossing was also a guest for the holiday.

Archbishop Du Vernet will visit Hazelton on Sunday, January 6, and will conduct a confirmation service.

Miss Barbeau of Prince Rupert spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sargent.

On Wednesday evening last the Salvation Army held a concert in the hall. A full attendance marked the affair and a splendid program of songs and drills was presented by the natives. Excellent speeches by local army officers were interpreted by Mrs. E. R. Cox.

James Turnbull spent Christmas in town.

Mrs. R. S. Sargent entertained on Thursday at bridge in honor of her sister Miss Barbeau.

On Christmas eve the Indian band and choir paraded the town singing carols and songs. The performance was greatly enjoyed by the townspeople.

On Christmas night Dr. Wrinch followed his established custom for many years and was host to all the staff connected with the hospital to a dinner at his home. Thirty two gathered round the festive board.

Miss Mabel Cox who attends high school in Smithers is spending the holidays at home.

The annual Christmas tree was held at the Hospital on Christmas Day for the patients. The main ward has been made most attractive and the tree decorated including the usual good things sick people are not supposed to have but get on Christmas. In addition, the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary provided a present for each patient in the hospital. The dinner menu was somewhat out of the ordinary and reminded most of the patients of what was going on at home. The day was a great success and was appreciated to the utmost by the inmates.

C. H. Anderson of the Pacific Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau arrived on last night's train from Terrace and is registered at the Hotel Central.

Miss E. V. M. Hilchey of this city was successful in the recent senior civil service stenographers' examinations, the B.C. Gazette announces.

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