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'Xmas Service At Burns Lake

BURNS LAKE, Jan. 2.—An inspiring Christmas service was held in the United Church with a large congregation present. After singing the well known Christmas Carols the main service began. Two solos "Nazareth" and "The Gift" were sung by Miss Dorreen Little and Mrs. Roy Jewell respectively. A trio "Star of the East" was given by Miss Annie Lund, Bernice McIntyre and Dorreen Little. The sermon theme of Rev. Adam Crisp was "The Gift Supreme."

GOOD YEAR FOR FILMS

Movies Hit Their Stride With Anti-Nazi Productions

By LEON EDEL
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
NEW YORK, Jan. 2: (CP)—The first full year of war has been a hard year for the theatre and a prosperous and highly successful one for the more adaptable movies.

The war's effect on Broadway was felt most acutely when Hitler's legions overran the Low Countries. As they flanked the Maginot line New Yorkers, in this theatre centre of America, hugged their radios close. Theatre attendance fell off alarmingly. A number of hits suddenly developed into flops.

This made the producers wary and the new season has found them ready to provide musicals and comedies but very cautious where serious plays are concerned. The cinema, always close to the front pages, lost no time in finding war subjects, dropped its taboo on anti-Nazi films and produced a series of important and striking pictures.

Some Good Plays
Broadway had a few excellent plays, however. The interesting, if somewhat over-rated, Pulitzer prize winner, "The Time of Your Life" by William Saroyan was one; there were also Kingsley's "The World We Make," Hemingway's "Fifth Column" and the moving piece of theatrical journalism, "There Shall be No Night," by Robert Sherwood, which Canada has been seeing lately. In comedy it had the slick but funny "Man Who Came to Dinner" and the urbane "Life With Father," both still running.

In musicals there were Buddy De Sylva's three productions, "Louisiana Purchase," "Panama Hat" and "Du Barry Was a Lady," Al Jolson's "Hold On to Your Hats" and the Ed Wynn success, "Boys and Girls Together." A recent serious play to arrive is set for a long and successful run, Enlyn Williams' "The Corn is Green" with Ethel Barrymore. And there are, of course, the perpetual "Tobacco Road," now in its eighth year, and the long-run-frolic "Helzapoppin," now in its third year.

Many Anti-Nazi
The screen, waking to the fact that its European market was smashed, discovered it could express its dislike for the Nazis without having to care any more about whether it pleased Dr. Goebbels. Top anti-Nazi pictures of the year were Charlie Chaplin's human and provocative "The Great Dictator," the exciting "Escape," with Montygomery Clift, and the British film "Pastor Hall."

A series of highly adult films came out of Hollywood on a variety of subjects—"The Grapes of Wrath" an unusually realistic film, and "Of Mice and Men," as well as "Waterloo Bridge" and "The Long Voyage Home." Screen biography achieved a notable portrait in Warner Brothers' "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," Alfred Hitchcock, British wizard of screen suspense, came to Hollywood and made two exciting pictures, "Rebecca" and "Foreign Correspondent." "Pride and Prejudice" show that costume pictures and classics can be intelligently adapted to the screen. A fine example of honest screen narrative was "They Knew What They Wanted" while light film comedies scored highly, among these being "Bachelor Mother," and "The Primrose Path," both with Ginger Rogers.

In the realm of the fantastic, Walt Disney and Leopold Stokowski created their controversial music-cinematic "Fantasia" while Alexandra Korda, head of Britain's producers, in a Hollywood production showed how to spin another type of fantasy with his "Thief of Bagdad." Notable among cinematic spectacles was Cecil B. DeMille's "Northwest Mounted Police" in which a stirring page of Canadian history was told with Hollywood embellishment but elaborately and colorfully.

OLD CHURCH DESTROYED
LONDON, Jan. 2: (CP)—The Rectory of St. James, Piccadilly, was destroyed when a bomb fell in the forecourt of the Wren Church. The church boasted an organ given by Queen Mary (wife of William III), in 1691.

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Whifflets From The Waterfront

The Anglican mission boat West-ehm Hope, with Engineer Fred Belas in charge, arrived in port late Tuesday afternoon from Massett, bringing in to the Prince Rupert General Hospital Robert Johnson, a Massett fisherman, who had suffered a heart attack. The Western Hope will leave tomorrow morning on her return to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

With a good-sized list of passengers, C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. H. E. Nedden, arrived in port at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from Vancouver, Powell River and Ocean Falls and sailed at 3 p.m. for Ketchikan and Stewart whence she will return here this evening south-bound.

LESS RAIN LAST YEAR

1940. While Setting No Records, Was Better From Weather Standpoint Than 1939

While setting no record for drought, 1940 saw considerably less rain in Prince Rupert than the year previous. The total precipitation for the year just ended was 91.76 inches as compared with 118.94 inches in 1939. The wettest month of the last year in Prince Rupert was December with 13.84 inches, August being a close second with 13.41 inches. The driest month of the year was July with only 2.89 inches of rain.

Sunshine for the year 1940 aggregated 972.7 hours as compared with 899 hours in 1939. The finest month of the old year was May with 186.9 hours of bright sunshine. January, with but 26.4 hours of sunshine, was the dullest month of the year.

The warmest day of 1940 was September 7 when 79 above was recorded. The lowest thermometer reading of the year was 16° above on February 26.

The weather summary for the month of December just ended, as announced by S. J. Mellor, Digby Island, Dominion meteorologist, was as follows:

Maximum barometer reading at sea level, 30.595 on December 10.
Minimum barometer reading at sea level, 29.029 on December 22.
Maximum temperature reading, 53 on December 2.
Minimum temperature reading, 28 on December 30.
Mean temperature for month, 39.6.
Total precipitation, 13.84 inches.
Total sunshine, 41.7 hours.
Maximum wind velocity, 40 miles, southeast, December 4.

United Church 'Xmas Concert

Large Audience Enjoys Very Fine Program At Burns Lake

BURNS LAKE, Jan. 2:—The United Church held its Christmas concert when a program of outstanding merit was heartily enjoyed by a crowded audience.

Instrumental selections were rendered by Betty, Ann and Margery Loper and a piano duet was given by Gladys Romeiou and Evelyn Nicholls. A vocal solo, "The Village Choir," was sung by Hilbert Anderson and Mrs. Roy Jewell sang "Deck the Hall," "Hang Up Your Stockings" and "Santa Claus is Coming." Mrs. M. F. Nourse accompanied the carol singing. Victor Jafeto sang "Away in a Manger" and Glen Valde, "Jingle Bells." A recitation was given by Bessie Anderson. The primary class of the Sunday School gave a playlet entitled "Bringing Our Gifts." A cantata, "Heart of the Bells," was the crowning event of the evening. It was presented by the choir and Sunday School.

At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared with a treat for everyone present.

During the evening a presentation was made to Rev. and Mrs. Adam Crisp of a valuable set of electric bedroom lights. The presentation was made by Miss Dorreen Little on behalf of the parents of the Sunday School children and members of the choir.

START BREN GUNS
MELBOURNE, Jan. 2: (CP)—After long delays with equipment, Australian manufacture of Bren Guns for the British forces will start early in 1941.

SOCIETY COMEDY

"Susan and God," With Joan Crawford and Frederick March, Showing At Capitol Theatre

"Susan and God," picturization of a noted stage hit, comes to the screen of the Capitol Theatre here tonight and Thursday with Joan Crawford and Frederick March costarred.

This is the story of a social gadabout who adopts a new fad and insists on trying to convert her friends, only to make a muddle of her own life and theirs.

The picture blends hilarious comedy with highly dramatic situations. There is scintillating dialogue.

Latest distinctive fashions highlight the production and will be of particular interest to women.

Miss Crawford plays the part of the society wife, Frederick March is the husband, Rita Quigley, young newcomer to the screen, is the lovely, unwanted daughter. Rose Hobart is a Long Island hostess at whose home much of the action takes place. Bruce Cabot is a young sportsman who is in love with the daughter.

MIDWINTER SEA BATHS

Port Simpson Folk, After Last Sunday, Think About Starting Polar Bear Club

PORT SIMPSON, Jan. 2:—Port Simpson folks are talking about organizing a Polar Bear Club following events of last Sunday.

That afternoon residents of Port Simpson were amazed to see Dr. Whiting cavorting about in the water off one of the village's lovely beaches. As he emerged, they were surprised to see that he was fully clad and that the swim had been quite unintended.

But that was not all. A short time later another splash broke the surface of the still waters. This time a head appeared and a burst of Chinese words rent the air. Dong Duck, the hospital laundryman, had taken a midwinter, like his employer being also full clad.

Both Dr. Whiting and Dong Duck had slipped from the icy decks of the cruiser Sunbeam III.

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