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BIG TURNOUT AT CHRISTMAS TREE

Regular Baptist Congregation Enjoys Fine Yuletide Entertainment

One of the larger of many Christmas Tree entertainments being held by the local churches was that which took place last night in the I.O.D.E. Hall when 140 pupils of the Regular Baptist Sunday School, together with a goodly number of parents and adult friends, turned out to enjoy an interesting program prior to the visit of Santa Claus with his big bundle of presents for each and every one of the kiddies. Mrs. G. R. S. Blackaby was organizer and director of the entertainment and G. S. Weatherly was chairman for the evening.

The program consisted of recitations, drills, action songs, a playlet, musical numbers and a tableau, the message of the flowers, to top off the entertainment. Careful and patient training of the large number of youngsters who took part was amply demonstrated in the excellence of their performance. Some were special numbers while others simply depicted regular activities of the Sunday School.

G. R. S. Blackaby, back with his congregation for the first time in months which time he had been laid up with a serious illness, read the Scripture and took an active part in the proceedings. Prayer was offered by Brigadier J. T. Gillingham of the Salvation Army. The accompanist for program numbers and community singing was Mrs. Lois Vaughan with Mr. Nystead playing the guitar. A number of interesting short moving pictures were projected by M. L. Harper.

R. E. Montador played an important part in the evening's proceedings. Centre of attraction was the big and handsomely decorated and lighted Christmas tree.

Others assisting with arrangements for the evening included Mrs. F. Cameron Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franks, Mrs. Ed Martin, Mrs. G. S. Weatherly and Mrs. G. J. G. McDonald.

The program was as follows: Song by school and congregation—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."

Prayer by Brigadier Gillingham of the Salvation Army. "The Christmas Story," read by Mr. Blackaby. Acoustic, "Count Your Blessings"—Intermediate girls and boys.

Exercise, "Chain of Life"—Senior boys and girls.

Motion songs by the Primary class—"Running Over," "Joy, Joy, Joy"; "Jesus Loves the Little Ones Like Me"; "The Gospel Train."

Recitation, "Little Boys"—Primary boys.

Pantomime, "A Joy Ride"—Senior boys.

Recitation—Marjorie Hughan. Recitation, "One Little Lamb"; "Thankful Peter"—Beginners' department.

Play, "Spirit of Christmas"—Joyce Strand, Lenore Hughan, Phyllis Mysterd, Alf Strand, Henry Blackaby.

Recitation—Gwen Alger. Piano selections—Phyllis Mysterd, William Blackaby, Dickie Cameron, Alfred Blackaby.

Play, "Message of the Flowers"—By Senior girls—Margaret

THE SEAL OF QUALITY

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Waterfront Whiffs

Herring Seiners Keeping Eye Out—Pioneer Harbor Runs Recalled—A Merry Xmas!

While herring seiners in southern waters are tying up at Vancouver for the Christmas season after making some outstanding sets, scout boats in the Prince Rupert area have so far been unable to locate the first signs of the schools which make the industry profitable in the north from January to

March. Admittedly, it is a bit early for herring on this part of the coast but the seiners want to get all the advance information they can on the movements of the silver fish. Herring seining is a precarious occupation in which the fisherman pits himself against the uncertain movements of the fish and against stiff competition from other fishermen. Who gets there first, scoops out the most.

Down around Butedale, small landings of herring have been made within the past week or two but these have been negligible as far as commercial fishing goes since the fish are caught from local populations that remain in those waters the year round and are not part of the migratory herds from which the big catches are taken. These local populations are of uneven size, ranging from two inches in length, to as long as 12 and 14 inches, whereas the migratory fish are of consistent size.

While discussing herring, Canon W. P. Rushbrook, Prince Rupert's beloved pioneer churchman, speaking at the "over 70" banquet Thursday afternoon, re-

Giske, Margot Brown, Gwen Alger, Lenore Hughan, Phyllis Mysterd, Rosemarie Kurulck, Joyce Strand, Arlene Cameron, Elvina Oden, Gertrude Wick, Ethel Kruger, Donna Dennison. Song of the school, "Under the Stars."

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By Chic Young

Since this is Saturday, and several days later it will be Wednesday, and Wednesday is Christmas, this year, anyway, the author of this edifice of waterfront comment takes this opportunity to wish the members of Prince Rupert's fishing and marine community a very merry Christmas.

Heavy Movement of Alaska Fish

With no less than twenty-eight carloads of frozen fish from Alaska on board for transshipment to the United States over Canadian National Railways, the refrigerated motorship Palisana arrived in port at 8 o'clock this morning from the north and will sail, it is expected, about midnight for Seattle. The Palisana is contributing materially to two special refrigerated freight trains which will be dispatched East during tonight. The motorship Sydney is also in port today with frozen fish from Ketchikan for transshipment.

Union steamer Catala, Capt. Alex McLennan, arrived in port at 5:45 this morning from the south and sailed at 9:45 a.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

Having sailed at midnight last night for Massett Inlet points, Union steamer Cassiar, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, is due back in port tomorrow morning and will be sailing at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, earlier than usual, for Vancouver via the south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The earlier sailing tomorrow from here is in the expectation of reaching Vancouver by Christmas Day with passengers from the Islands.

C.P.R. steamer Princes Louise has made her final voyage of the season on the Alaska route and will be replaced next voyage by the Princess Norah which is due in port December 30 enroute to Skagway. The Norah will remain on the run for the rest of the winter.

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