

SMITHERS CONCERT

Fine Program Featured by Play and Other Items

SMITHERS — The Smithers Elementary and High Schools combined to present a very successful Christmas concert on the nights of December 19 and 20. It was opened with the singing of "O Canada." The curtain rose at 8 p.m. for the Elementary School operetta "Hansel and Gretel" with Roberta Hann as Gretel and Tom Dixon as Hansel. Other members of the cast were fairies, wood imps and angels. Between acts the operetta chorus sang Christmas carols.

Next on the program was a comical pantomime followed by a draw for the door prize. Numbered program sheets had been handed to each member of the audience from which a little girl was picked to draw the num-

bers from a hat. The prizes were won by Mrs. C. E. Motte on the first night and by Bill Bovill on the second night.

Following this was a display of pyramids and fans by the boys and girls of the High School.

"Deep Purple," a piano solo by Joyce Muirhead, was next on the program. This rising young pianist was called back for an encore both nights.

Last of the program was the High School play, "Kidnapping Betty," with a cast including Owen Jones, Gordon Hartman, John Fleury, Anna Emerson, Joyce Muirhead, Athlyn Bruce and Rosa Langston.

A party for the High School pupils and their invited guests was held after the concert on the final night. Games, dancing, and a midnight lunch was enjoyed by all.

Many peasants' homes in Cuba are built entirely of the manac palm.



Waterfront Whiffs

FINE "NEW YEAR" BOAT TO BE LAUNCHED — U.S. TRANSPORT HAD LONG TRIP.

New Year's babies customarily get a big play, which is proper enough, but this year Prince Rupert will welcome a New Year boat. At least it will be almost a New Year boat for, although it will not be launched on New Year's Day, it will drop into the water on an extreme high tide shortly after. The

boat is a 46-foot troller being built by Ole Wick at his Cow Bay boat shop for Frank Armsted, veteran coast troller who took up residence in Prince Rupert this year after many years of fishing out of Namu.

This fine boat—and we really mean fine — will replace Mr. Armsted's former boat, Redfern II, which he sold this fall in Vancouver. With a length of 46 feet, the new vessel has a beam of 11 feet six inches and a draft of six feet. She has a fir keel, two by three-inch oak ribs, fir beams and cedar planking. Her decking is of fir. Sleek and unpainted, except for a coating of pitch below the waterline, the new boat is standing on the ways while workmen caulk the deck.

The new vessel will be powered with a 60 h.p. Caterpillar diesel engine and, with her sleek lines, ought to be one of the fastest boats in the local trolling fleet, as well as one of the largest. Mr. Wick, who is justifiably proud of the job he is completing, plans to build a new 37-foot troller for himself when the present job is completed. Primarily a fisherman he spends his summers trolling, returning to his boat shop in the winter months. He designs the boats he constructs.

This may be the age of atoms and jet propulsion but passen-

gers aboard the United States vessel Toloo, which docked here Friday to unload frozen fish, say that they wouldn't know much about it. Speed, they say, hasn't meant much to them lately. From the good-natured griping of a number of the 150-odd American servicemen aboard it was gathered that they had been afloat so long that they had almost ceased to wonder if they ever would get ashore permanently.

The Toloo, they said, had embarked 150 servicemen and 200 civilian workers at Adak, far out on the Aleutian chain on November 30. By December 21 they had got as far as Prince Rupert.

"Adak is sho' a lo-o-ng way from Bu'min'ham," said one serviceman and, from his extended drawl and chocolate skin, it was evident that he did not mean Birmingham, England. He was a member of a colored combat infantry regiment and had been eighteen months at Adak.

Another serviceman from Idaho had been a ground crew member of the Army Air Force of which there were several aboard. He had served as a wireless operator between aircraft and landing field and hoped eagerly to be at home for Christmas.

"Most of the men have re-enlisted in the regular army and have been given Christmas leave. It looks as if some of the boys from the east won't make it home by Christmas," he said.

A large part of the trip was made up of cargo stops at Dutch Harbor, Whittier, Juneau and Ketchikan. The Toloo was scheduled to sail from here at 6 o'clock last night and to arrive in Seattle sometime Monday.

The third 32-foot gillnet-troller of a series of 10 being built by Crawley and Didrickson for Nelson Brothers was launched without ceremony at noon Wednesday and almost immediately the fir keel of the fourth

boat was set on the trestles from which its predecessor had just been launched.

With 26 passengers aboard, most of them scheduled to transfer to the Cardena for passage to Vancouver, the Cassiar arrived here at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from Massett, sailing for the south Islands last night.

A 100 h.p. Cummings diesel engine was installed in the newly-built Five Princes, a 48-foot halibutter owned by Jack Price, this morning. The 4,000-pound engine was set in the hold of the Five Princes as she lay at the Albert and McCaffery dock by the naval derrick scow. Described along the waterfront as a "fine boat" the Five Princes will be rigged and ready for the 1946 halibut season.

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