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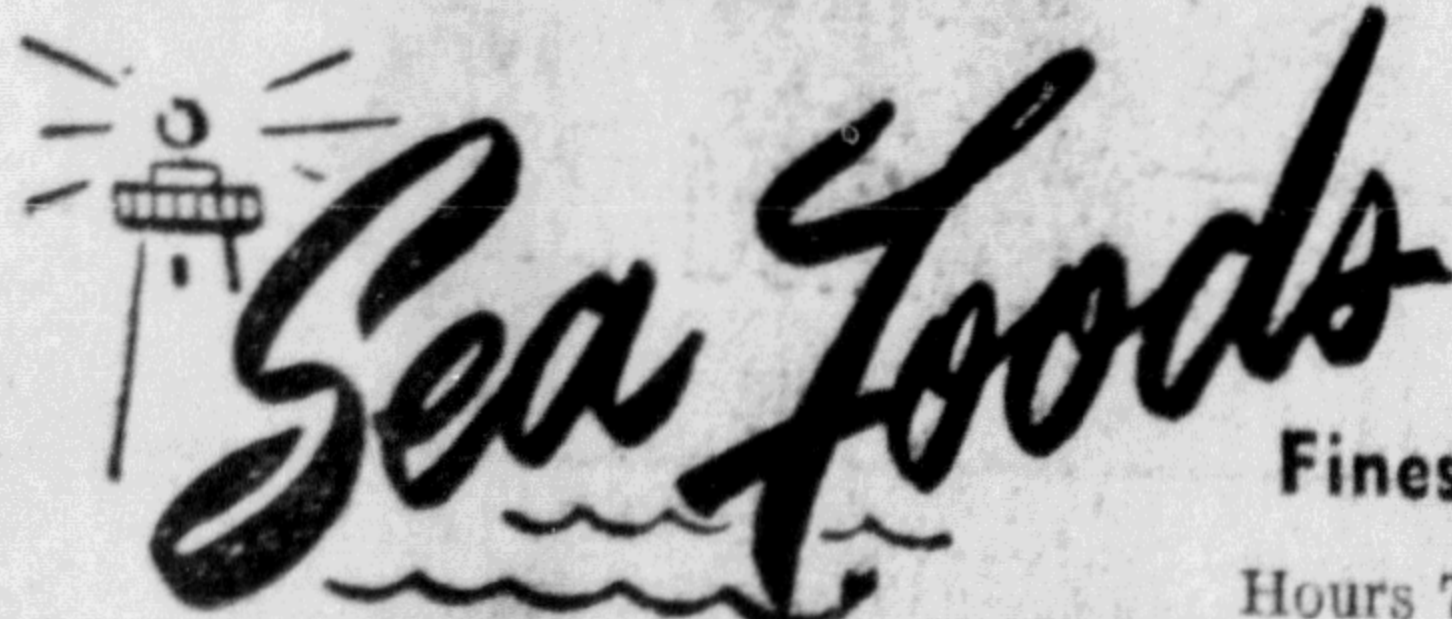
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Packed House At Xmas Concert

Youngsters were everywhere at the Civic Centre Friday. They were on the stage, on the floor, in and out the doors, yelling, running, and enjoying themselves to their young hearts' content.

"Hey, look there, there's my Joey on the stage. Now, isn't that sweet?" one excited father was saying.

"Jeannie wants to be an actress," a mother was whispering to another mother who was eyeing the stage looking for her Susie.

The event, staged to a packed house at the Civic Centre auditorium Friday was the annual Christmas concert of King Edward school. Grades one to six combined to present an excellent show and much credit must be given to patient teachers who helped make the concert a success.

The audience of parents and guests without a doubt, enjoyed the show. It's that thrill in a lifetime to see one's little tot performing, breaking all the rules of showmanship but nevertheless standing on his or her own two feet.

A varied program of precision chorus drills, choruses and plays was presented. Highlights of the program were the junior choir, grades 1, 2 and 3, under the direction of Mrs. Christianson, and the senior choir, grades 4, 5 and 6, under the supervision of J. Goscoe.

A Mother Goose play, entitled "Nursery Land," featured grade one students dressed in various colorful costumes. Miss A. Rogers and Miss Margaret Tait supervised the children for that particular contribution to the concert.

A musicale, "Christmas Tree," had grade three students on the stage hoping they would justify Miss A. Patterson's teaching.

Grade three students of Miss Patterson presented another number called "Peppermint Candy Cane." A three-act play by the grade two students of Miss D. Robertson was well liked. This was the story of the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Miss M. Caldwell's grade four students acted out a Christmas Story which featured the Three Wise Men.

Wind-up of the concert were two plays, "Coming Events" and "Teacher, It's Nearly Christmas" presented by grades 4, 5 and 6 students. R. G. Moore and J. Goscoe were in director roles.

Jeanette Spark was announcer and Miss Rogers, pianist. Supervisors of the concert were Mrs. B. Andrews and Principal R. G. Moore.

Hot Drama Of Desert

Searchng drama of nine men and a woman seeking fabulous treasure in the desert is the story of "Walking Hills," co-starring Randolph Scott and Ella Raines, which is showing at the Capitol Theatre here this Monday and Tuesday. The cast also features William Bishop, Edgar Buchanan, Arthur Kennedy, John Ireland, Jerome Courtland and Josh White, the blues singer.

The story revolves about a group of border characters from all walks of life who set out in search of a legendary golden treasure supposed to have been lost 100 years ago in the shifting sand dunes picturesquely called the "Walking Hills," located north of the Mexican border.

The characters include a cut-throat, a cowboy, a renegade and a policeman, all gamblers, who seek the storied treasure and escape from their pasts. Into this oddly assembled group stumbles the lone woman, Miss

Scott and Bishop, two of the gold seekers. Violent passions of love, hate and greed then clash hectically in the desert. A terrible desert sand-storm forms the feature of a blasting climax.

SKEENA MEMBER (Continued from Page One)

to be making very little progress but perhaps I expected too much of my first session.

"Two matters were a great disappointment to me: I was disappointed at not being able to persuade the government to reopen Atlin as a customs port of entry for aircraft. I feel very strong that developments in that part of the district justify this. In fact I think it is essential and I don't intend to let it drop.

"The other major disappointment, which will be a disappointment to thousands in our district was my failure to obtain a settlement of the problems and radio reception for Prince Rupert and the other towns on the northern main line of the Canadian National Railways. I hope that every organization from Prince Rupert to Burns Lake will keep up relentless pressure on this subject until we get it solved."

Mr. Applewhite paid tribute to Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent. "There is no question at all," he said "but that the Prime Minister emerged from this session as a very outstanding Canadian. He did not speak often in the House but, whenever he did, he was listened to by all sides with the greatest of attention and respect. This was more than the courtesy due to the position of Prime Minister. It was a tribute to the qualities of the man. Having seen all the cabinet ministers in action, I feel surer than ever that the affairs of Canada are in very good hands."

At the same time, Mr. Applewhite feels that not all outstanding Canadians are on the government side of the House. George Drew, M. J. Coldwell and Solon Low are "all big men—men entitled to our very real respect, whether we agree with their poli-

cies or not." Mr. Applewhite also was anxious to mention the friendly and helpful attitude of the older members—those who had been in Parliament before—towards the new and inexperienced members such as himself. "It is good to realize from actual experience that politics and policies are one thing and they do not affect the human qualities of people and that human friendliness does not depend upon or is spoiled by party affiliations."

Speaking of other local matters, Mr. Applewhite said, he was hopeful that by next year there might be weekly air-mail service from Prince Rupert to Alice Arm, Stewart and Graham Island, arranged to alternate with the present weekly boat mail services.

The possibility of having an air field built at Prince Rupert also engaged Mr. Applewhite's attention at Ottawa. He will be active on it while at home between sessions.

Speaking of the breakwater for the protection of the fishing fleet at the Fairview Bay floats, the Skeena member said that the public works department had issued instructions to obtain estimates immediately on the cost of materials which would be needed so that tenders would be called with a minimum of delay.

Mr. Applewhite already has been booked for speaking appointments during the next few weeks including the annual meetings of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the Terrace and District Board of Trade and the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Smithers.

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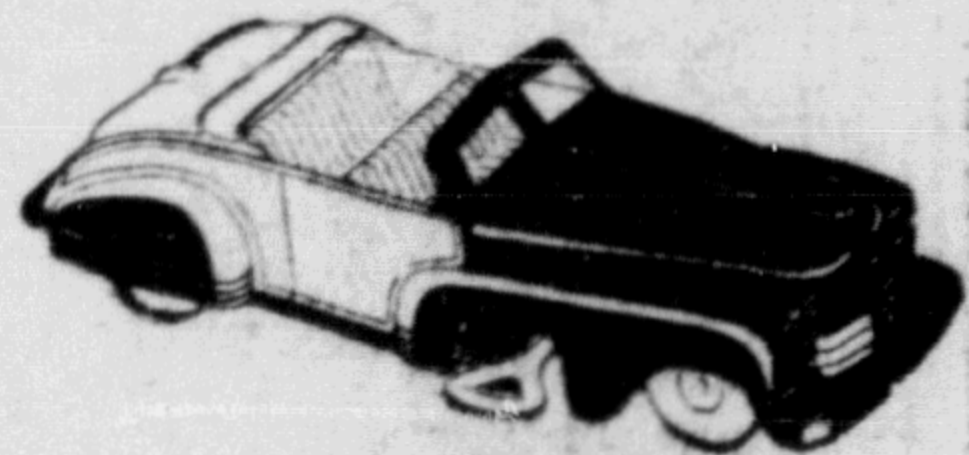
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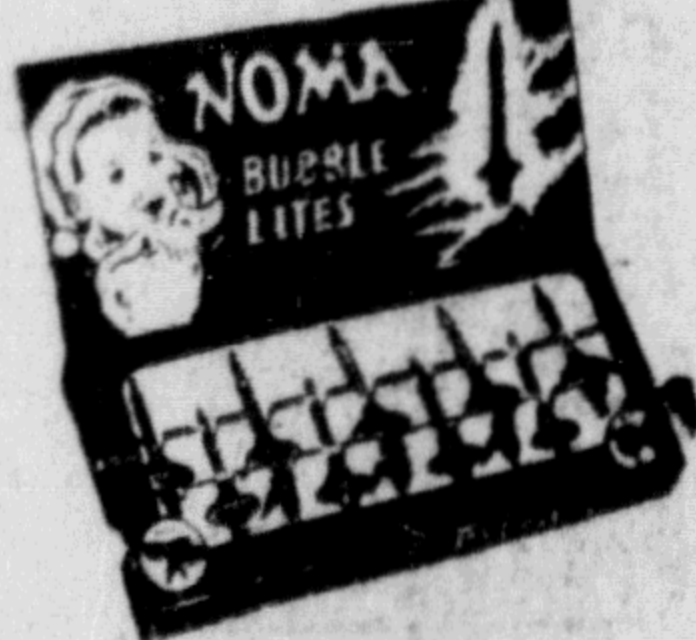


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