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## Terrace loses school principal

Well-known Skeena Junior-Senior High School principal John Lawrance left Terrace last week with his family to take up a new position in Ganges on Salt Spring Island off Vancouver Island.

Mr. Lawrance has held the post for four and a half years and will be succeeded by R. D. Magwood.

Leaving by car, the Lawrance's will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lawrance's family in Vancouver before going on to the Island.

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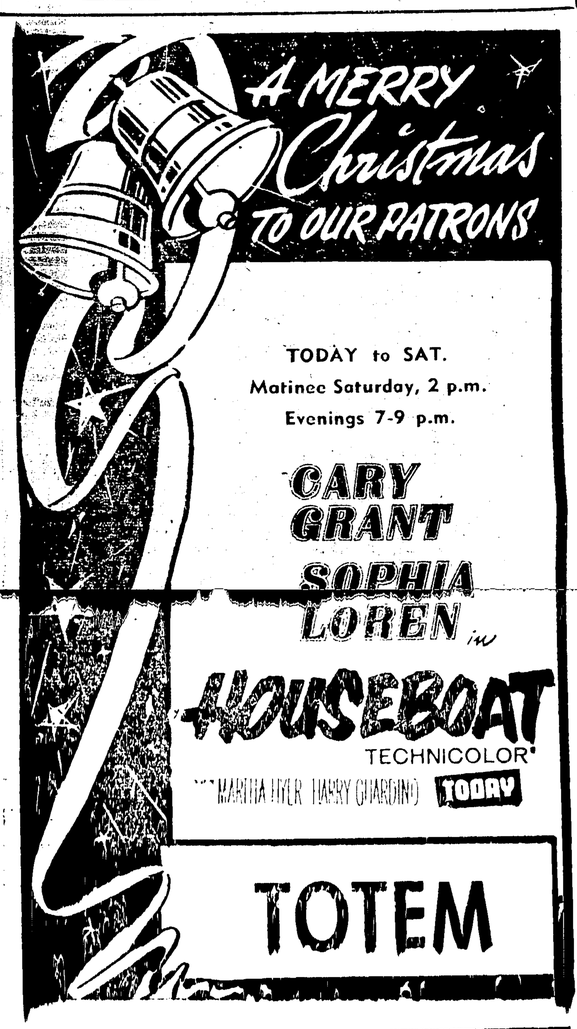

**HAPPY AND EXCITED** at receiving presents from Santa Claus Sunday night are group of children in top photo shown at Miller Bay Indian hospital during annual visit from Kinsmen club. Kinsmen were accompanied by Santa who distributed gifts to children and treats to adults. Centre picture shows Santa talking to wide-eyed youngsters who couldn't believe their good fortune. In bottom picture young Ector Aksidans clings to his present as he poses with Santa in hospital ward.

Mrs. E. M. Corser, 100 Fourth Avenue West, leaves tomorrow by plane to spend Christmas Day in Victoria. She plans to return December 29.

# Santa, Kinsmen club at Miller Bay Hospital

Some 20 members of the Kinsmen Club accompanied by Santa Claus strolled through the corridors and rooms of the Miller Bay Indian Hospital Sunday night and presented patients with candy, oranges and presents.

While Trig Kaardal and his Western Gentlemen supplied Christmas carols, Santa Claus and Kinsmen presented more than 50 smiling children and teenagers with gifts.

The youngsters' eyes sparkled with excitement as Santa Claus made his "grand entry" at about 8 p.m. ringing his little bell and singing: "Here Comes Santa Claus."

**Not only was Santa Claus well received by the younger members of the hospital but he was also enjoyed by the older patients who were handed bags of candy and oranges.**

Funds for the annual Kinsmen drive at the hospital come from the club's peanut "party-pak" drive.

Peter Moroz is chairman of the project.

Assisting Santa Claus and the Kinsmen in their large effort were Helena Edmeston director of nurses and H. Hudima.

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# Bing back to screen as Broadway priest

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Bing Crosby has ended a two-year absence from the screen by donning priest's robes again.

He is working at 20th Century-Fox for the first time in his long film career. Producer-director Frank Tashlin has him playing a Roman Catholic priest with Debbie Reynolds and Robert Wagner in "Say One For Me."

"He's a pretty hep character," Bing said about the role as he relaxed in his dressing room.

"His church is St. Malachy's at 47th Street and Broadway in New York, so his flock is largely show people.

When he came to the parish, he had to acquaint himself with show talk so he could communicate with his parishoners. He also has an early morning mass so the people in shows can attend."

Bing illustrated with part of his sermon, which urged his listeners to drop in at his "late, late show."

The role harks back to Bing's successes in "Going My Way" (1944) and "Bells of St. Mary's" (1945). He reminisced:

"It was Leo McCarey's idea that I could play a Catholic priest, and he was encouraged by Buddy Desylva, who was head of Paramount. When Leo mentioned it to me, I thought he was nuts. All he had was the barest outline of his idea for "Going My Way."

"But I went along with it. We had a great time shooting the picture. Leo always spent most of the morning at the piano—he's a frustrated song writer. When he decided what he wanted to shoot, he would tell us and we'd go ahead."

"Going My Way" was the smash picture of the year and netted Bing an Oscar. McCarey then directed him and Ingrid Bergman in "Bells," which was even a greater box office success.

After a 13-year lapse, Bing finds that the church is more liberal in what it will permit the movie makers to screen.

"I think they've loosened up on a lot of things," he remarked.

"For instance, I saw Helen Hayes in a television play the other night that portrayed the confessional. I had never seen that done before.

"In this picture, the priest takes off his clerical garb and goes to a night club in civilian clothes."

Watching over such details is Msgr. John Devlin, who also was technical advisor on the previous Crosby priest portrayals.

Miss Margaret Alder, record librarian of Miller Bay Indian hospital, leaves tomorrow by CPA plane to spend Christmas and New Year's with members of her family in Vancouver and Victoria.

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