

75 YEARS AGO

(January 8, 1942)

THE annual Christmas entertainment given by Mrs Andrew Carnegie of Skibo to her estate employees, their wives and families and the pupils of Skibo School took place on Christmas day in the Carnegie Hall, Clashmore.

The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and streamers and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree occupied the platform.

Mr Whittet, factor, presided and the guests included Commander Roswell Miller, Mr and Mrs Gordon Thomson and a distinguished party of naval officers and others from Skibo Castle together with Mrs Whittet, Miss Ramsay Ewan, inspector of schools; Rev John and Mrs Martin, Creich; Rev Wm. and Mrs Macleod; and the Misses Graham and Polson, teachers.

After extending a hearty welcome to the company and wishing them Christmas greetings from Mrs Carnegie, Mr Whittet expressed great pleasure in having present for the first time Commander Roswell Miller.

After a short programme of hymns, carols, etc, had been rendered by the school children, a most enjoyable tea was served, followed by a cinema show.

Despite war conditions, Santa Claus arrived as usual provided with splendid gifts for every child, augmented by useful gifts presented by Commander Miller.

The employees also received Christmas cheques from Mrs Carnegie, gracefully handed over by Mrs Gordon

Thomson. During the course of the afternoon inspiring addresses were given.

On behalf of the estate employees, Mr James Alison, head gardener, expressed their appreciation of Mrs Carnegie's continued generosity and with the usual votes of thanks, the enjoyable proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.