



Scene of Huntingdon May Be Seen on Cunard Ship

Special Room Being Designated on New Ship "Ivernia" Soon to Be Added to Line

It is quite possible that Huntingdon may become even more widely known than it is presently. It is possible that thousands of people will be viewing a scene from Huntingdon and asking where it is and perhaps wishing to visit it sometime. For a great part of the time, these people may be viewing this scene away out in the Atlantic Ocean, or it may be at a dock in England or Canada.

The Cunard Steam-Ship Company Limited is presently adding new ships to its line of steam-ships plying between Liverpool, England and Quebec and Montreal, Canada. These new ships are the very latest in design and appointments and can be termed luxury travel palaces. Those who have travelled by ocean liner can appreciate having the utmost in travel comfort and variety of entertainment, for once out in the ocean, the ship becomes everything that you might want on land. The Cunard Company is therefore trying to provide all those things that will help to make passengers comfortable and at the same time the voyage from point to point. To further interest the passengers from both England and Canada, a special room has been designated in at least one of the new ships and here mural designs will depict scenes from various cities and towns in Canada which have a counterpart in the same name in England.

Just before the Christmas holiday, The Huntingdon Gleaner received a letter from officials of the Cunard Line and in it a request was made for a suitable scene of Huntingdon, Quebec, for during the year on almost steady flow of correspondence and gifts was kept up between the two namesake towns. Once again the bond between the two will be brought into the public light and much interest will be shown in this Cunard ship mural, which will be known as "The City Cousins". The decor of the room will comprise a series of

Murals depicting Canadian cities, towns and villages which have counterparts in the United Kingdom. As Huntingdon, Que. has a counterpart in Huntingdon, England, the principals of the Cunard Line requested to be supplied with scenes from Huntingdon, Que. which an artist in England could use to paint a mural in this particular room.

"The Gleaner" having many such scenes in its photograph library files, readily complied with the request and they went forth for examination.

A further letter has been received, thanking the Gleaner for the photographs and saying that the prints had been dispatched to England forthwith. Perhaps in the near future we shall be receiving photographs of this room and in them we shall have an opportunity of seeing what has been done with prints that have been sent. It is quite possible that Huntingdon will gain much favorable publicity as a result of the scene which will appear in "The City Cousins" room of the "Ivernia" when she makes her voyages back and forth across the ocean. Mayhap that some of our citizens will be travelling on this ship at some time and they will see at first hand the scene in this very room. If they do, they will feel more at home on their voyage and will point it out to other passengers from other places.

There has been much in common between Huntingdon, England and Huntingdon, Quebec, for during the year on almost steady flow of correspondence and gifts was kept up between the two namesake towns. Once again the bond between the two will be brought into the public light and much interest will be shown in this Cunard ship mural, which will be known as "The City Cousins". The decor of the room will comprise a series of

Two Dead and Four Injured In An Accident at Coteau

Two well known citizens of Valleyfield lost their lives in an accident which occurred last Thursday, December 23rd, in the Coteau du Lac area. The accident occurred when a car, occupied by two men dead and four injured, was coming from the opposite direction.

The dead are Mr. Oliva Proulx, 66 years old, 34 Isabella Street, and his brother-in-law Mr. Edmond-Philippe Lacroix, also 66 years old, 9 Murphy Street.

The collision happened on National Highway No. 2, 500 feet east of the bridge at Coteau du Lac, which crosses the Soulanges Canal. Four persons who travelled with Messrs. Proulx and Lacroix, were taken to the Hotel-Dieu at Valleyfield. The injured persons are Mrs. Edmond Lacroix, wife of one of the victims, Mrs. Etienne Poirier, daughter of Mr. Edmond Lacroix, and her two children, Rachelle 3, and Francine 2.

The driver of the other car, who was alone, Mr. Romeo DeBelleville, 34, 5274 7th Ave. Rosemont, was not hurt.

Sergeant André Brunet, of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, was first to arrive at the scene of the accident. He immediately sent for Dr. J. E. Lalonde, of Coteau-du-Lac, who declared the two men dead and gave the first aid treatment to the others.

Detective Bernard Gendron, of the Homicide Squad, also arrived along with Dr. J. E. Lalonde, Coroner of Les Oudres who held the inquest.

The funeral took place on Monday, at eight o'clock, in the Sacred-Heart church. The officiating priest was Canon H. Julien, pastor, assisted by Fathers Léger and Laurin. Mr. Lacroix was buried in the Valleyfield cemetery, and Mr. Proulx was buried at Cap-St-Ignace, on Tuesday.

Besides his wife (Edwige Proulx) Mr. Lacroix leaves to mourn two daughters, two grand-children, three brothers, one sister, two sister-in-laws and a brother-in-law. Mr. Oliva Proulx leaves to mourn his loss four sisters, and two brothers-in-law.

Health Conditions in Canada Show Improvement in 1954

Ottawa, Ont. — In 1954, Canada experienced the most favourable health conditions on record, according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who estimate the death rate for the year at 8.2 per 1,000 population on the basis of experience during the first 10 months. This marks the third successive year for which the

death rate was under 9.0 per 1,000. "For the first time in Canadian history, the death rate from tuberculosis fell below 10 per 100,000 population," the statisticians report. "As recently as 1951 the death rate from this disease was 24 per 100,000, and five years ago it was 32 per 100,000."

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SANTA CLAUS VISITS HOSPITAL IN VALLEYFIELD



The above photograph was taken as Past Vice-President R. Masse and Santa Claus, from Branch 62 Canadian Legion, Valleyfield, visited the children's ward at Hotel Dieu Hospital, on December 18th.

"Tinee" Fund Closes

Raised Almost \$400 For Little Girl

The "Tinee" Benevolent Fund is now closing its campaign for gift donations and cards for the benefit of the little 13-year-old girl who is still hospitalized and a patient in the Huntingdon County Hospital. It is a matter of much gratification that the donations and cards came in so spontaneously in response to the press appeal made through the columns of "The Gleaner" and "La Gazette, Valleyfield-Beauharnois". The aggregate of cash so received will be close to \$400. This fund is going to be sufficient to pay for all the medical and hospital care to date and leave sufficient balance to carry on for some few weeks time.

The family doctor reports that "Tinee" is showing some improvement, in that she is regaining some strength and when it is considered she will be able to be taken to Montreal for a decision as to whether an operation can be performed or not.

The great shower of Xmas cards that "Tinee" received could not help but give joy to the little girl and to the parents who now know so many people wish their little daughter good fortune.

Following are further donations received since last week: \$5—Mrs. Annie Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Murray, Uncle Albert, Calgary, Alta.; Hazel Claessens, North Bay, Clifford and Raymond Hamilton. \$2—Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Black, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sellar, Garden City Grocery, Mrs. Alex Duhamel, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham and Mrs. Margaret Lecky, Scott Duhamel, Fred Wheaton, Pupils of Grade 4 H.H.S., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Cecil Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Duhamel, Margaret J. Wikon, Little Terry McCallum. \$1—Camille Legros, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McCracken, E. C. McWhinnie, Chazy, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. John Furey, Jan and Dave Watson, Barry and Gordon Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towns, A. W. Elder, Wallace and Mabel Barr, Alex Berwin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barr, Sandra, Ronnie and Anthony Cappiello, Lyle Gilmore, Howard R. Murray, A. Friend, Mrs. George Sheard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roy, Mrs. S. Brooks, Michelle and Suzanne Lalonde, Edna G. Peers, Bessie Graham, Dickie and Sonny, W. H. Weiburn, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tedstone, Miss Mary Orr, O. T. Porrier.

VALUABLE WORK

NORTH BAY, ONT. (CP) — For his one-man safety campaign among city school children, Inspector Harold Hughes of the Ontario Northland Railway police unit was applauded by city council, which will send an official letter of congratulations.

Observations

by Robert G. Sellar.

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South of the city of Glasgow is one of the most famous districts in the world for agriculture and for one breed of cattle, the namesake of that famous county — Ayrshire. The district is very rich in dairying resources and at the same time, it is this great district where that famous Scot, Robbie Burns, wrote

Generous Gift To Barrie Memorial

Mr. L. A. Forsyth Donates \$1,000 For Hospital Aid

In the list of donations to the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Orms-town, which has been received this week, a rather sizeable one is noted as having been received from Mr. L. A. Forsyth, Montreal, and who also is well known in Huntingdon as having a farm at Dundee. The amount of the donation is \$1,000 and it must be admitted that this is very generous indeed on the part of an individual.

All hospitals are in need of such support and that the Barrie should be the recipient is especially newsworthy as it is one of the hospitals which serves the local populace. At present, construction work is proceeding in connection with a nurses' residence on the Hospital property and contributions will be greatly appreciated as an aid to completion of this project.

At present the nurses are being accommodated on the third floor of the hospital and with the pressure of patient accommodation, this space could more profitably be used for patients. It has long been decided to build a nurses' home, but it was not until this year that the hospital board could see its way clear to give the green light.

Only a part of the plan is being gone ahead with at this time, but it will be sufficient for a time to allow of more patient space being available in the hospital. A call has already gone out for contributions toward the new project and many have responded. Mr. Forsyth's contribution, while not necessarily designated for the above purpose is gratefully received by the hospital board as an aid in financing the needs of the Barrie Memorial Hospital.



what a Canadian farmer would call a milking parlour. Hay is not permitted to be stored above the cattle in the mow. Instead the roof of the British barn has many windows in order to give the cattle as much natural light as possible. Separating each animal there is a concrete or steel pipe fence so that when the cow wishes to lie down, it will do so without stepping on its neighbour. Incidentally, all the barn buildings are built of fire-proof concrete to cut the hazard of fire to the very minimum. The roof is usually of steel sheets or other such fire resistant substances. One seldom sees wooden shingles, etc.

The hay is either stored on raised stocks adjacent to the building or is baled and stored under a large lean-to that is open on all sides. The calf barn is usually separate from the cows. Each pen is built of concrete and is of different size depending upon the age of the animal.

Quite often the barns are built around an inner concrete surface courtyard. Any of the courtyards that I saw, were always spick-and-span. A manure pile is not allowed to accumulate behind the cattle barn. All manure is taken directly to piles in the fields.

About the farm, all the roads are usually black topped or cement. This permits the farm machinery to move at a quicker pace to whatever the destination it is going.

World and Canadian Events Which Made Headlines During Year 1954

The following will revive in the memory those important events during the year from all parts of the world and from Canada. These events made the headlines during the year and will no doubt be recorded in future history.

WORLD DATES OF 1954

By the Canadian Press

JANUARY

10 British Comet airliner crashes in Mediterranean; 35 dead.
12 Queen Elizabeth opens New Zealand parliament; Alpine avalanches cause 200 deaths in Austria.

FEBRUARY

1 European storms claim more than 40 lives, including 30 in Britain.
15 Queen opens Australian parliament.
20 Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya lose 119 dead in four day out-break.
21 Prime Minister St. Laurent arrives at New Delhi from Pakistan.

MARCH

1 U. S. explodes first H-bomb in Pacific. Five members of U.S. house of representatives at Washington wounded when Puerto Ricans fire shots from gallery.
7 Russia beats Canada (Toronto East Yorks) 7-2 in world hockey.
17 Prime Minister St. Laurent returns to Ottawa.

APRIL

13 Australia grants political asylum to Vladimir Petrov, Russian embassy secretary.
30 Greek earthquake kills 24 near Athens.

MAY

6 Roger Bannister runs 3:59.4 mile at Oxford.
7 Viet Minh troops capture Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu.
13 President Eisenhower signs St. Lawrence seaway bill.
15 Queen Elizabeth, Duke of Edinburgh, return to London after Commonwealth tour.
18 Castello coalition wins Republic of Ireland Election.
29 Menzies' coalition government re-elected in Australia.

JUNE

14 Sir Winston Churchill invested as Knight of Garter.
17 Pierre Mendès-France succeeds Laniel as French premier.
21 Australian John Landy sets 3:58 mile record in Finland.
29 Guatemala revolution ends.

JULY

3 Food rationing in Britain ends after 14 1/2 years.
21 France and Vietnam sign Indochina armistice.
23 British airliner shot down near Hainan Island, 10 killed.
27 Britain and Egypt reach agreement over Suez Canal zone.

AUGUST

19 U.S. Congress approves modified bill outlawing Communist party.
24 President Getulio Vargas of Brazil commits suicide.
30 French national assembly rejects European Defence Community plan.

SEPTEMBER

7 Kurt Meyer released from British war crimes prison in Germany.
8 Southeast Asia defence treaty signed at Manila.
28 Nearly 1600 lost when ferry capsizes in Japanese typhoon.
29 Britain pledges to keep troops, airmen, in Europe.

OCTOBER

3 Nine-power conference at London agrees on West German rearmament.
5 Italy and Yugoslavia agree on

zones in Trieste.
19 Britain and Egypt to end Suez canal zone occupation in 20 months.
23 Fifteen nations agree to West German rearmament with NATO.
26 Queen Mother Elizabeth arrives at New York.
31 Queen Mother Elizabeth given honorary degree at Columbia University.

NOVEMBER

2 U.S. elections: House of Representatives, Democrats 233, Republicans 203; Senate, Democrats 48, Republicans 47, Ind. 1.
13 National party government returned in New Zealand elections.
14 Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Naguib deposed as Egyptian president.
23 Andrei Vichinsky, 70, Russia's chief UN delegate, dies.
30 Churchill marks 80th birthday at Westminster Hall celebration. Johannes Starklin becomes South Africa's prime minister.

DECEMBER

2 U.S. senate censures Joseph McCarthy for failing to co-operate with sub-committee investigating his finances and for acting contrary to senatorial ethics.
5 Sgtn. Ldr. A. R. MacKenzie, RCAF, released to Hong Kong after two years in Red Chinese captivity.
18 Italian airliner crashes at New York, 26 dead.

CANADA IN 1954

By the Canadian Press

JANUARY

4 U.S. senators interview Igo Gouzenko in Montreal.
20 Ontario highways minister Doucet orders probe into Port William highways division.

FEBRUARY

11 Senate approves increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for members of commons and senate.
12 Montreal police claim break-up of international baby market.
13 Six-month Noranda mine strike settled.
17 One dead, 87 hurt when CPR train collides near Montreal.
27 Peter Balcombe sentenced to hang for murder of Marie Anne Carrier of Beville, Que.

MARCH

17 Prime Minister St. Laurent returns from world tour.
22 Four federal by-elections return two liberals, two Progressive Conservatives.
30 Toronto subway system opens.

APRIL

6 Federal budget cuts excise tax on small commodities.
8 TOA airliner and RCAF trainer collide over Moose Jaw, 27 dead.
13 Premier Angus Macdonald of Nova Scotia, 64, dies.
15—Vancouver tug Chelan sinks off Alaska, 14 drowned.

MAY

10 Three firms, 11 individuals, charged in Ontario highway probe.
29 RCAF Korean airlift ends.
31 Federal emergency powers act expires.

JUNE

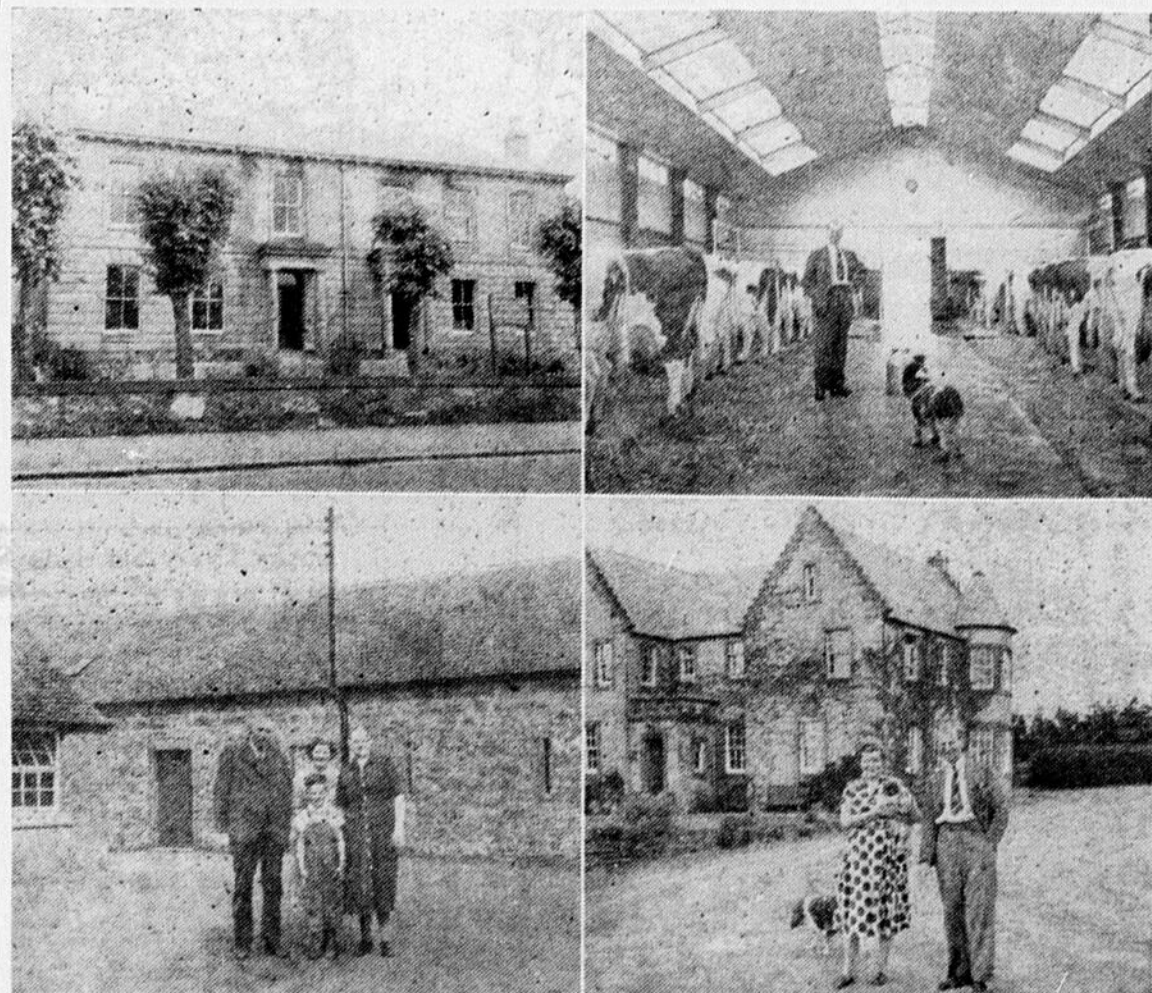
5—Fire destroys five Winnipeg buildings, damage \$3,000,000.
29 Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden, visit Ottawa.

JULY

1 Federal cabinet changes; Harris succeeds Abbott in finance, Campney succeeds Claxton in defence; Marler as transport minister succeeds Chevrier, now head

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VISITING THE HOME OF AYRSHIRE



Upper left hand corner: The Headquarters of the Ayrshire Cattle Herd Book Society of Great Britain, Ayr, Scotland. Upper right hand corner: George Knox in the fine cattle barn on his farm at Kersland. Notice the windows in the ceiling of the building and the amount of light. Lower left hand corner: Mr. and Mrs. George Knox in front of their charming home at Kersland.



Recipe Suggestions For Zestful Living

TRIED AND TESTED FOR SATISFACTION

THIS WEEK — "ENTERTAINING BUFFET STYLE"

Whether designed for the New Year season or later mid-winter entertaining, a buffet supper party will long be remembered if the setting is a home where genuine hospitality prevails, the hostess one who graciously enjoys the party with her guests, and the supper table is well appointed.

Buffet service for a supper party is ideal for it breaks down formality and at the same time relieves the hostess of considerable work. In our homes today a buffet party is far removed from the elaborate buffets of a century ago. The origin of the expression "buffet" applying to the serving of food goes back to France where, in entertaining royalty and other dignitaries the feast would be lavishly arranged on tiered stands, the long wall of the banquet room. The famous French chef Antonin Carême described as an outstanding food artist, is credited with simplifying the buffet to some extent and making it a more popular service. And so the tiered buffet became a flat table, sometimes being moved away from the wall. However, in our homes today, if it is possible, we do like to have our buffet table against a wall or window with the decorations across the back and the food arranged at both ends and across the front.

In planning a buffet supper the first thing to be considered is the number of guests. The smart hostess does not invite more guests than she can comfortably accommodate. In the dining room, the extent of china and silverware, both must be taken into consideration in planning the size of the party. Eight to twelve guests is a convenient number for the average hostess. The menu is very important and here one point that must not be overlooked is that the guests are going to serve themselves. So if you are going to be a buffet supper hostess, make it easy for your guests, eliminate embarrassment and plan to have foods which lend themselves to simple service. The perfect hostess will also thoughtfully consider her menu from another standpoint. She will include only dishes which can be

prepared some time in advance, so that she will have little to do immediately before supper is served except to arrange the food on the table.

A word is in order on the table arrangement. The table should be extended to the size which allows the food to be placed on it without over-crowding and the guests to move easily about the table. The dining room buffet may be used as a supplementary serving table but the buffet itself should be served from the dining table. If the room is large the extended table may be left in the centre, but if not it should be pushed back against a wall or window to allow more room for guests to serve themselves. A cutlery or lace cloth makes an attractive table covering, or a damask cloth will serve the purpose, but in either case the cloth should entirely cover the table and extend one foot over the edge. The cutlery and napkins should be placed in groups as they will be used. If there are to be more than eight guests, two containers for each food should be on the table. If there is not sufficient space on the table for the dessert, or if a frozen dessert is being served, it can be brought in to the buffet table after the first course. As for serving the beverage, one of the hostess' most intimate duties is to see that each guest has a glass of coffee or tea. It is best to pour coffee either from the end of the table or from a side table.

Well made plans for a buffet supper pay dividends. The first thing is to decide the menu, next to do the shopping and then go to work in preparing the food and the table. Most buffet suppers fall into a pattern something like this: for the first course a fruit or vegetable juice or a fruit punch with savoury canapés or small crackers, the main course a substantial hot or cold dish together with a salad or two, relishes and hot rolls or bread and finally dessert and coffee.

Remember this is a party so the main course can be more elaborate than for regular family supper. If a hot dish is being served either chicken or turkey à la king, a curry or a casserole of creamed poultry and mushrooms would be suitable. Along with this you would want a crisp salad like tossed greens or a combination of apples, celery and nuts or cabbage with celery or apples and a plate of relishes suited to the main dish being served. A platter of assorted sliced meats such as jellyed tongue, roast turkey and baked ham is popular for a cold main course and it is quite alright provided the meat is very tender, tender enough so that the guests can easily cut with their forks. Individual moulds of jellyed meat or poultry are well worth the extra effort of making them as they are a delectable morsel of chicken or turkey. The main course of the meal might be centred around a substantial salad of chicken turkey or fish and in this case it is a decided advantage to your guests to make up the salads individually and arrange them for easy serving on a flat platter. And no matter what the main course, a bowl brimful of crisp potato chips is an enjoyable accompaniment.

As for the type of dessert this will depend largely on what is planned for the main course. If a fairly rich creamy dish is being served then a light fruit dessert or sherbet, with cookies or a rather plain cake would be best. If on the other hand the main course is not very rich then ice cream with or without sauces or a moulded cream dessert or torte would make a delightful and balanced ending to your buffet supper.

Montreal Will Be Only Canadian City to Show "This is Cinerama"

"This is Cinerama" the new dimensional motion picture process opens at the Imperial Theatre, Montreal, Monday, Dec. 27. The premiere evening performance will be sponsored by St. Justine Hospital.

According to Sam Pearlman, division manager for Cinerama, the revolutionary new film not only has created all of the recent advances in the entertainment business but also has changed the motion picture going habits of the North American people.

"The Cinerama performance, which features reserved seats at regular times each weekday and evening, as well as Sunday, is viewed with extreme favor by Cinerama patrons in 13 American cities, because of minimized disturbance during the presentation," Mr. Pearlman said today.

At Cinerama performances, he stated the audience is seated before the performance begins and there is no disturbance caused by people coming and going during the show. There is an intermission halfway through the presentation.

Mr. Pearlman advised that there is no comparison with 3-D or CineramaScope or anything of that kind, as glasses are not required and the audience actually feels as though they are part of the picture, by being at the scene of action when it happens.

In the Cinerama presentation, three films are projected from three booths on the main floor, and synchronised and flashed on a huge screen, six times larger than the conventional one. The sound, on four sound tracks, comes from a fourth booth, located in the balcony.

Thus, the illusion of three dimensions, even a feeling of actual participation, is created giving the audience the effect of being lifted out of their theatre seats.

Fred Waller, the inventor, spent the better part of 15 years and more than twelve million dollars to bring it to its present state of perfection. During the war, it was used in gunnery training school and is credited with saving many thousands of lives by simulating aerial battle conditions.

Through the enthusiasm of the famous newscaster and explorer Lowell Thomas, a company was formed to produce the first Cinerama film, "This is Cinerama" a travel-adventure production of unbelievable scope.

On Sept. 30, 1952 it was unveiled in New York City and has since spread the 13 cities of the United States where it has shattered every known record for attendance and box office receipts. The capacity of the Imperial Theatre has been scaled down from 1875 seats to 1042, so as to present perfect vision for all who attend Cinerama in Montreal.

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World Marks Anniversary of Human Rights Proclamation



Six years ago—on 10 December, 1948—the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This date is now observed throughout the world as Human Rights Day. The Declaration affirms that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." The United Nations General Assembly now has before it two draft covenants prepared over a period of many years by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which would specifically define the rights broadly proclaimed in the Declaration of Human Rights. But, meanwhile, earlier this year (1954), two United Nations Conventions based on the principles of the Human Rights Declaration have come into force. One is the Convention on the Political Rights of Women which regulates discrimination because of sex in the field of political rights. The other, relating to the Status of Refugees, establishes international standards for refugees many of whom, like the young boy in the photo inset, have escaped from persecution or discrimination and have found new homes in other countries.

HOW AND WHY

A Column for Boys and Girls
By Harold Don Allen

XXXI: A Wintertime Snack

The storm was over, and Father called Jackie to the window to look at the snow. Mounds of it covered branches and roof tops. The window sill was piled high with it, clean, fluffy and white. All the land was blanketed with it. The view from the window, Jackie thought, looked just like a Christmas card scene. Jackie loved to play with his friends in the snow, but he was always very glad indeed to come back indoors, change into dry clothes and get warm.

As they watched from the window, Jackie and his Father saw a handful of snow drop to earth from a tree. They looked up to see why it had fallen, and saw a tiny brown bird trying to find a place for his feet. Jackie looked at the snow all about and asked:

"What in the world can that poor bird find to eat?"

Father said that winter certainly was the hardest time of the year for a bird. Many flew thousands of miles to warmer lands where there was more chance of finding enough food. Of those that stayed in Canada, many died of hunger in the midst of the winter's cold. The search for food was hard. Perhaps there were dried berries, left on a bush above the snow. Maybe a sleeping insect could be found beneath the bark of a tree. Or a pine cone could be pecked apart for food. Or a few seeds hanging from a withered plant.

"Yes," Father pointed out, "For any animal, finding enough food in the cold of winter is a very difficult task indeed."

Jackie had an idea. If Grandmother's canary could live on bird seed, why couldn't a little of it be kept for the hungry birds out of doors?

Father said that that was a very good idea. He told Jackie it was something he had always wanted to do. He took an old tin of bird seed from the shelf. In it was a list of the foods that Canada's wild birds like best. The birds that were searching outside in the snow for food were

about to have a mid-winter snack! Perhaps you too have wondered about the feeding of wild birds in winter and throughout the year. It's not difficult. When food is scarce, you may find you have strange and colorful birds from all over the countryside paying regular visits to your door. If you watch them carefully, you may soon learn to know them well. You will discover that different birds like and choose different kinds of foods.

Placed on a tray out of doors, a few will find the tray in their search everywhere for food. Soon more and more will come. If you have edges around the tray, winter winds will be less likely to blow seeds and grain off. Many people find it a good idea to put bird food in a wooden box, without cover, standing on its side. Snow is then less likely to get on and bury the food.

What do birds eat? A surprising number of things. Many like seeds. They would be very glad of sunflower seeds, squash, or watermelon seeds, or such grains as corn, oats, barley or wheat. Grass seed or ordinary bird seed will keep them coming too.

Some birds eat insects, but you would have trouble in winter keeping them supplied with those. Try feeding them with fat trimmings from meat. Any cold meat scraps may have good wild bird food. Prunes or raisins, berries, or small pieces of apples, oranges and other fruit would be quite a treat for most birds during winter months. Even bread crumbs or scraps of leftover food could make a real feast.

Jackie was surprised to learn that it didn't need to cost anything to keep well-fed wild birds singing around the yard during long winter months. If you were to set up a feeding tray, and put out a few scraps each day, you too might be surprised with the results!

Don't you agree that it might be worth a try?

NEXT WEEK: Column One of your 1955 series of HOW AND WHY, "Famous Dates".

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Something Worth Farmers Consideration

"A serious automobile accident may well cost the farmer more than the value of his property," reported Third Ave. Oshabruk Farm Forum in Ontario after discussing the November 22nd topic, "Farm Insurance." Almost half of the 770 Farm Forums reporting from across Canada agreed that no farmer today can

afford to travel without automobile insurance.

"Fire and automobile insurance are a must for everybody," said the West Lateral Forum in British Columbia. Fire insurance, according to 268 Forums, is a basic form of protection for the farmer since the catastrophe of a farm fire can wipe out the savings of a lifetime in a few minutes. As the Bear Island Forum in New Brunswick put it, "Farm buildings are the means of paying for any type of insurance."

Next in order of importance to farmers are life, and medical and hospital insurance. "Life insurance is important as security, especially for a man with a young family or one with a mortgage or other liability," according to the Meadowdale Forum in Nova Scotia.

The average farm family is not carrying enough insurance. That was the thinking of a large majority of Forums in every province. The Forums agreed that insurance coverage is limited by ability to pay premiums since farm prices fluctuate so widely. The Martins Forum in Alberta comments, "Perhaps we are not carrying adequate insurance, but our Forum believes that we are carrying as much, if not at times more, than we can afford."

Freezing is becoming a popular method of preserving pies, cakes and other pre-cooked foods. Such frozen foods are a great convenience to the housewife as a supply in the freezer simplifies future meal preparation. An important point to remember when freezing any food—cooked or fresh—is to use only high quality ingredients. Freezing will not improve the quality of inferior ingredients. It is no new idea. Several generations ago it was common practice to bake several weeks' supply of pies and freeze them in the back porch or attic until they were needed. Now, with the widespread use of home freezers, pies may be frozen the year round. Mince, fruit, squash and pumpkin pies freeze successfully.

Fruit pies, except apple, are higher quality, if frozen unbaked. The pie is prepared as for baking, but slits are not cut in the top crust. A suitable thickener is recommended for juicy fruit pies.

To bake frozen fruit pies, simply unwrap, cut vents in the top crust, and place the pie in a preheated oven, allowing 10 to 15 minutes extra baking time. Apple, pumpkin and squash pies are more satisfactory if baked before freezing. Baked pies should be cooled to room temperature before wrapping in aluminum foil or some other high quality moisture-vapour-proof material. A pie plate inverted over the pie will prevent the top crust from being crushed.

Baked pies may be thawed in a moderate oven for twenty minutes or at room temperature for two or three hours.

With cakes, tests show that plain cake, with all its variations, is a satisfactory type for freezing. Fruit cakes are particularly successful as frozen products since the flavour tends to mellow with storage. The short life of angel food and sponge cakes is more limited. Cake batters may be frozen and stored very successfully for a short time and the batter, when baked, will closely resemble a freshly-baked cake.

When storage time is to exceed one month, however, cakes are generally superior if frozen after baking. Frostings and fillings may be applied to the cake before freezing. Icing sugar frostings containing fat and fudgetype frosting freeze particularly well. Baked cakes should be thawed in their original wrapping to prevent the formation of moisture on the top of the cake.

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THE TOP SHELF

By BENJAMIN BEVERIDGE
BEING INTERESTING NOTES
OF NEWS IN COMMENT FORM



It used to be said that if you could get a ticket to a play on New York's Broadway the play wasn't worth seeing. And it is still quite impossible to get a good seat there at certain times. But not so in Toronto. There's a slump in theatrical patronage there, and no explanation is forthcoming — unless it is the current attraction which the one million television sets in the area seems to have. Last year as the winter's social season began, Toronto's theatres were sold out well in advance. This year there are large blocks of seats pathetically empty, in spite of some good productions.

However, the audience is only part of the show. I saw "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" at the Royal Alexandra and thought Paul Douglas handled the Captain Queeg part excellently. Having read Herman Wouk's book, seen the movie with Humphrey Bogart, and the New York production with Lloyd Nolan, that is quite enough of naval mutinies and captains with schizophrenia. But not so of Rodgers and Hammerstein's fabulous "Oklahoma!" the Pulitzer prize winning musical which closed on Broadway in 1948 after a record 2,246 performances. It also played at the Royal Alex recently. One may rave of the Caine, but never "Oklahoma!"

Even Christopher Fry's new play, "The Dark is Light Enough," with Katharine Cornell and Tyrone Power, played to smaller audiences than might be expected; and T. S. Eliot's "The Confidential Clerk," on the stage of Rodgers and Hammerstein's theatre, failed to elicit enthusiastic support of the Canadian theatre which was evidenced in Stratford last summer. Let us hope the slump is temporary.

The Shakespeare Festival, incidentally, drew a total audience in 1953 of 125,155, and in the nine-week season of 1954 took in a gross ticket revenue of \$388,809, making a net profit of \$36,286. The current working capital surplus is \$150,299.

It may sound as though I have been seeing more plays and movies than is good for me, and not reading enough books. But I saw the M.G.M. film "Beau Brummell" mostly because I was told it was not worth seeing especially for a Royal Command performance. I thought it rather good.

Of course, it was a bit annoying to see Hollywood rewriting history again. No doubt the film will be found to places like Estevan, Carman and Harland in due course and I hope those who see it will have a similar resentment to the liberties taken with fact — but just for the principle of the thing.

George Bryan Brummell (1778-1840) was indeed a dandy. A man of some little means (until he squandered it), he set the fashion of his day. It was a religion to Brummell. He used to take three hours to dress, and coached his friend the Prince of Wales in a like fastidiousness which gave the latter the name "the first gentleman of Europe" when he became Prince of Wales. Beau was chivalrous, too, in a way. That is, he protected women from all things evil except himself.

We may forgive the film producers for making Brummell appear a heor, when actually he spent the remaining years of his life in a slovenly disposition which ended in insanity. We may even overlook the fact that while Beau survived his royal companion by 10 years, the movie conveniently had the king visit him in his death chamber. But it is truly lamentable that so little notice is given in the publicity for the movie to the music which Richard Addinsell wrote for the background. His wartime masterpiece, "Warsaw Concerto," will outlive even Beau Brummell.

Water has flowed under many bridges since

Born

ALLEN — At the Huntingdon County Hospital, Huntingdon, Que., on December 21, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Huntingdon, Que., a son.

VANZUIDEN — At the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que., on December 26, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Caesar VanZuiden, Valleyfield, Que., a son.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys Gertrude, to William Fields Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig, of Montreal. The wedding will take place in Georgetown Presbyterian Church on January 29th, 1955.

Died

AUGER — Suddenly at Turner Valley, Alta., on Dec. 27, 1954, Alfred Auger, husband of Lillian Lang, formerly of Trout River, Que.

BEAUDIN — At Howick, Que., on December 17, 1954, André Beaudin, only son of Simeon Beaudin and Jeanne Papineau, aged 31 years.

COTE — At Aubrey, Que., on December 14, 1954, Adrien Cote, aged 45 years, after a long illness.

FITZSIMMONS — At Edmonton, Alberta, on Dec. 26, 1954, Norman, eldest brother of John Fitzsimmons of the Gore, age 63 years and 5 months.

HAYWARD — At Ardmillen Cottage, Ardmillen Park, Que., on December 13, 1954, Annie E. Hayward, R.N. (widow) formerly Matron of Belmont Military Hospital and the Red Cross Lodge later Matron of the Julius Richardson Convalescent Hospital at Chateaugay Basin, Que.

MCREARY — At Ormstown, Que., on December 27, 1954, Thomas Frederick Mcreary, father of the late Mrs. Andrew R. Webster in his 93rd year.

SEED — At the Egerton Convalescent Home, Hemmingford, Que., on Saturday, December 25, 1954, Walter Seed, aged 74 years.

WILSON — At the Ormstown Convalescent Home, Ormstown, Que., on December 29, 1954, Mabel Patterson, wife of the late Rev. Dr. T. A. Wilson, age 86 years.

In Memoriam

CARSON — In loving memory of a dear father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Carson, who passed away April 30, 1923, and Jan. 1, 1952.

"Looking back with tenderness And the road they trod, We bless the years we had with them And leave the rest with God."

The Family.
McGowan — In memory of Mother and Granny, who passed away suddenly, New Year's Eve 1953. Remembered by Grace, Lionel and Family.



COME TO CHURCH

Huntingdon United Church

New Year's Sunday

10.30

"The Mastery of the World"

7.00

"Our Oneness in Christ"

Mr. Beal preaching at both services

EVERYBODY WELCOME

In Memoriam

O'CONNOR — In memory of James O'Connor.

It will be two years on December 29th; those two years have seemed very long to us and the others with you. You were loved while on this earth and will be loved always. Mr. and Mrs. Elzeir Brunet.

WADDELL — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Miller, who passed away December 29, 1943. "This day we do remember A loving thought we give To a mother no longer with us But in our heart still lives Always remembered by her children.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. McCrimmon and Dr. Cameron and the nurses at Huntingdon Hospital for their good care and kindness to me. I also want to say a big "thank you" for the many cards and kind enquiries for me, also a personal visit from Santa Claus, all of which helped to make my Christmas in hospital so much easier and happier. John Watson.

Our sincere thanks for Mass cards, spiritual bequests, and the many kindnesses shown by our former neighbors and friends at the time of our beloved **The Murphy Family**, New York City.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to friends and neighbors, also the different groups and organizations of Riverfield, Howick, and Howick United Church, for remembrances and cards sent to me at Christmas. Arch. Craig.

We wish to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Barrie Memorial Hospital for their kind and attentive care of us while patients there; also our thanks to all who visited and sent cards, etc. Mrs. Willie Todd and Jessie.

We wish to thank our relatives and neighbours who gave us such a nice party and beautiful gifts in honour of our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary; also all those who sent us congratulatory cards and good wishes. We appreciate it very much. Sincerely, Ewart and Lydia Orr.

Obituaries

THE LATE MRS. ISAAC HELM

One of our citizens, Mrs. Isaac Helm (neé Sarah, neé Kyle) born July 17, 1877, daughter of the late William Francis Kyle of the Municipality of Hinchinbrooke, Que., passed away on December 10th, 1954. She had been in ill health for two years.

The funeral service was held on Monday, December 13th, 1954, at St. John's Anglican Church at 2.30 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. S. Hatcher. There were many floral tributes. The pallbearers were Wilbur T. Arthur, Arthur Herdman, Orville Goodfellow, Robert Evans, Charles Grant and Charles Pace.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss four daughters: (Euphemia Jane) Mrs. Harry Sandys, Violet Marion (Mrs. George Neville), Saranac, N.Y.; Florence Isabel (Mrs. Martin Tay), Saranac, N.Y.; Marjorie Sarah Helm, Huntingdon; also two sons, Isaac George and Charles Helm of Huntingdon; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

THE LATE ADRIEN COTE

At Aubrey, Quebec, on December 14, 1954, Adrien Cote, aged 45 years, passed away after a long illness. Besides his wife Yvonne Rochefort he leaves two sons, Robert and Jean four daughters, Mrs. Robert Allen (Annette), Lucille, Monique, Lise, and Jeanne. He was a member of the St. Joseph's Parish, Aubrey, Quebec.

Three sisters, Mrs. W. Lussier, Lucienne; Mrs. Pierre Caza, Jeanne; Mrs. Roy Vincent, Gilberte, four brothers, Armand, Albert, Paul Emile and Conrad.

Funeral Mass was on Dec. 17th. Rev. Julien officiating assisted by Revs. Grégoire and Gagné as deacon and sub-deacon. Bearers: Marcel and Gerard Cote, Jean Claude Cote, Germain Caza, Hermas Rochefort, Jean Guy Duguet.

Mr. Cote was well known having been blacksmith at Aubrey for a number of years. The family received several floral offerings, masses and other marks of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Soulesse, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roussele of Huntingdon; Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Forget, Mr. and Mrs. Delauré Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gagné, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Prud'homme, Mr. and Mrs. Victor St. Denis, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Paul Perras of Valleyfield, Miss Marielle Chevreuil, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Prud'homme, Adora Durand, Mr. and Mrs. L. Desrosiers, Mr. and Mrs. T. Loiseleur, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Loiseleur, Mr. and Mrs. Olivier Cordeau from Montreal and many others attended the funeral of Mr. Adrien Cote on Friday.

Huntingdon Locals

Memorial Gift

The congregation of Huntingdon United Church received a most beautiful memorial gift in the form of a Pulpit Drape and Bible Marker on Sunday morning. The gift was presented by Mrs. F. Braithwaite in loving memory of her brother, the late Kenneth M. Chalmers, and was received on behalf of the congregation by the minister, Rev. R. Beal accepted it as a sacred trust which shall always be treasured with reverence and gratitude by the members of the congregation.

Rebekahs Hold Social Evening

The Rebekahs of Pioneer Lodge No. 1 held a social evening at their Lodge Rooms, on Monday evening, following a regular meeting. Cards were played at several tables and bingo was played at another. Friends of the Rebekahs were guests for the evening and a very enjoyable time was spent. Refreshments were served and following this, games were continued for short time after.

Short Special Meeting of Town Council

A short special meeting of the Huntingdon Town Council was held at the County Building, on Monday evening. One of the matters under discussion was the replacing of man overhauling the sewer and water projects by another. The man was brought from Valleyfield where Mr. Moody was taken ill a few weeks ago. The other matter was the decision to have the Somerville project completed at this time. Work on the project at Kelly Street is expected to be completed in about ten days time.

Legion Christmas Tree Well Patronized

A total of 141 parcels were placed under the Legion Christmas tree which was located in Heath's Reg'd store just prior to Christmas. These parcels were sent to Montreal where they were distributed among hospitalized veterans in the hospitals there.

Woman Suffers Bad Burns

A woman was badly burned on Sunday afternoon, December 19th, when she was refuelling her stove. The victim is Mrs. Pauline Bertrand, of West Street, Huntingdon, and on this Sunday afternoon she took a pail of coal and poured coal from it onto the fire. Unknown to her, someone had used the pail for some oil of house and some neighbors noticing her plight, rushed to her assistance and rolled her in the snow to smother the flames. However, Mrs. Bertrand suffered severe burns, but refused to go to the hospital until Christmas Day. The delay did not improve the case, but Mrs. Bertrand is coming along as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Dr. George Lefebvre attended the victim on her arrival at the hospital and she is still confined there. Mrs. Bertrand had been down the right side of her body, her arm, hip and leg. She also suffers from poor eyesight and probably failed to notice the oil on the bottom of the pail.

Family Affected by Coal Gas Fumes

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beaudin and some friends had a rather bad experience on Monday morning. Some of the coal gas fumes from a stove in the kitchen leaked out around 7.30 and complained of headaches and feeling sick and one member, Huguet, suffered more than the others and had to receive further treatment. Apparently the house had the gas fumes which affected those in the house.

World and Canadian Events

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of St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

17 B.C. Progressive Conservative association executive vote non-confidence in national leader Drew.

28 Canada to serve on commission supervising Indo-China armistice.

3 Duke of Edinburgh sees first aluminum produced at Kitimat, B.C.

7 Roger Bannister wins B.E. Games mile in 3:58.8.

10 St. Lawrence power project construction starts at Cornwall.

14 Fire at Kingston penitentiary does \$2,000,000 damage.

19 Canada to withdraw "substantial proportion" of forces from Korea.

SEPTEMBER

9 Marilyn Bell, 16, Toronto, swims across Lake Ontario.

17 Dr. Alfred Valdemis pleads guilty to defrauding Newfoundland government of \$200,000, sentenced to four years.

18 Prime Minister St. Laurent in Quebec speech criticizes autonomy policy of Premier Duplessis.

26 Premier Duplessis pledges defence of Quebec's rights under BNA.

30 Harry Hicks sworn in as premier of Nova Scotia.

OCTOBER

5 Federal-provincial tax deadlock broken when St. Laurent and Duplessis meet at Montreal.

8 Montreal vice probe report orders dismissal of Police Director Albert Langlois.

10 Ford Motors' 5,700 workers at Windsor, Ont., strike.

13 Eighty-two dead as missing, damage \$24,000,000 as Hurricane Hazel floods Humber Valley and Holland Marsh in Ontario.

NOVEMBER

8 Six federal by-elections return four Liberals, one PC, one OCP.

11 William Brockton, Burlington, Ont., wins world wheat crown at Royal Winter Fair.

12 Queen Mother Elizabeth arrives at Ottawa from United States.

26 A. H. McDonald elected leader of Saskatchewan Liberal party.

DECEMBER

10 Canoeist wins links Nova Scotia mainland and Cape Breton.

17 TCA airliner makes forced landing near Malton airport, 16 passengers, seven crew escape before explosion. Sqn. Ldr. R. MacKenzie at press conference tells of imprisonment in China.

Notes From The Police Blotter

Impaired Driving Charge

Laurent Tremblay, Dewittville, Que., appeared in court on December 20th, charged with driving a motor vehicle while his faculties were impaired by alcoholic spirits. The offence occurred the same day and he was fined \$50.00 and Costs and his license was suspended for three months.

Warning Regarding Reporting Accidents

It has come to the attention of the Police that several accidents of late have not been reported. The police wish to issue a warning to motorists and garage men that all accidents involving damages of \$25.00 or over must be reported to them. If garage men are called to tow a car or to pull one out of a ditch or for some similar occurrence, they are requested to notify the police that they have been called. They are also to notify the police of the scene of the accident. It is not always the need to know of the accident as much as it is to prevent more and to protect all persons while a car is being towed or pulled out of a ditch, etc. The police seek the co-operation of all persons in this matter as well as garage men. If these accidents are not reported, persons will place themselves in a serious position as regards the law.

Franklin Centre

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stevenson, Edith, Billy and Sheila spent Christmas Day at Lachine with Mr. and Mrs. Gervan Stevenson and family. Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brooks were Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brooks and family of Constable, N.Y. and Mrs. Ronnie Livingstone of Montreal who also spent the week-end.

A student minister, Mr. Howard Brooks from Atlanta, N.Y., conducted the service in the Church of the Nazarene on Sunday.

Master Germain Brault returned home from the Barrie Memorial Hospital, on Thursday, much improved in health.

Mr. Ross Goldie of Aylmer, Que., is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goldie. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goldie spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. MacDonald, at Dundee.

Miss Shirley Elder has returned to Montclair, after spending the past three weeks convalescing at the home of her mother, Mrs. Tobin, after her recent operation.

Sharon and Billy Tobin are spending a few days in Montreal, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Robidoux.

Mrs. Wm. Tobin and family are leaving on Friday morning for Barrie, Ont., where St. William Tobin is now stationed.

Misses Dorothy and Doris Henderson were week-end guests at their home in Dundee, Que.

Library Fund Now Totals \$233.50

A further amount of \$53.00 has been received for the Huntingdon High School Library Fund. This added to the previous amount brings the total to date to \$233.50. It is hoped to bring the total to \$300 if possible. Some of the campaign close. The following is the list of additional subscribers and amounts: \$30. — Mrs. Laura M. Patterson. \$5. — Mr. F. E. Cleyne, Mr. Alec R. Tinker.

\$3. — Mr. and Mrs. Lyle J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, James W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rennie.

\$1. — Miss Elizabeth A. Boyce, P. Wierks, Miss Mabel A. MacMillan.

Health Conditions

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"The mortality from pneumonia and influenza in 1954 was also exceptionally favourable, being well below the 1953 record, and which was adversely affected by outbreaks of respiratory disease in the early months.

"Although the death rate from the principal communicable diseases of children—scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough and measles—was already unusually low in 1953, the current year showed continued improvement," the statisticians point out. "Further reductions in both infant mortality and maternal mortality were also achieved, the rate for the latter now being below one per 1,000 live births. On the other hand, some increase in mortality from poliomyelitis is indicated for 1954, although the death rate remains at a low level."

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Mrs. Margaret Horahan of Massena, N.Y., passed away quite suddenly on Thursday evening after finishing work in the store which she and her husband were operating. Mrs. Horahan was the former Miss Margaret Welch daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch who used to reside near Lee's Corners. She was 56 years of age.

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Mrs. D. S. Smellie, who has been making an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Smellie of Port Covington, N.Y., is now visiting her daughter Mrs. Amy Scott of Massena, N.Y. Mrs. Smellie is quite smart and gets around easily despite her years. She is eighty six.

Mrs. Smellie and her neighbors, Mrs. Emma Grant are two of the more elderly residents of the Township. Mrs. Grant is approaching 87 and due to a rheumatic condition is not able to be out of her room although her general health is quite good for one her age.

Mrs. Nora is receiving visits from the family physician Dr. Lefebvre. He was taken ill at midnight mass and had to leave the Church and return home.

Christmas morning in Southwestern Quebec and the Montreal district dawned bright and clear and with frequent sunny periods the day proved ideal for the many who had to travel considerable distances to be present for Christmas Family reunions. Most everyone who enjoys good health and has a fair share of this world's goods usually exudes the liberal spirit come Christmas day especially where no monetary consideration is involved and when an accommodation asked for will not cause the donor too much inconvenience. However, a rather unusual individual was discovered by a trav-

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Franklin Centre

FRANKLIN CENTRE — The National Christmas Vesper Service of the Canadian Girls in Training was held Sunday evening, December 12, in the United Church. The service for this occasion was prepared by Miss Mina Yemans and the congregation assisted in responses and hymns. The choir had special selections after each item. The Candle Lighters repeated a few lines of explanation as they lighted their candles. The organist played a selection of Christmas Carols before the Processional "O Come, All Ye Faithful" which was sung by the choir as they marched two by two up the aisle, dressed in white houses and black skirts; the C.G.T. group followed the choir dressed in their uniforms. When they reached the front of the church they and the congregation, remained standing until after the Call To Worship given by their leader, Mrs. James Manning, who also gave the introduction. Barbara Towns read the story of the early life of young St. Francis, who grew up to prefer poverty to riches. Shirley Dunn lighted the first candle "Work of Our Hands" followed by the hymn "Jesus Thou Divine Companion". The Leader read the story of how St. Francis organized the band of "The Little Poor Brothers" and the second candle, "Friendship" was lighted by Helen Rowe. The story of the growth and work of the Brotherhood

was read by Heather Runnalls followed by the lighting of the third candle, "World Brotherhood", by Margaret Barr. Dorothy Manning read the story, "The First Christmas Creche" planned by St. Francis, during the reading of the last few paragraphs, the figures of a very simple Creche were revealed by spot lights, which showed up the figures of the parents, Child, Shepherd and Wise Men, while the hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, was sung softly. Jean Arthur read the Scripture Story of the birth of Christ, followed by the choir singing Jeanette, Isabella. The offering was taken by Lois Ann Money Penny and Shirley Dunn and dedicated by the Leader. (This money goes to the work of the National C.G.T. Committee). The three Dedication Candles were lighted by Shirley Dunn, Helen Rowe and Margaret Barr. Their Purpose was then repeated in unison also their prayer. The Recessional: All Creatures of our God and King was sung, as the choir and girls marched to the back of the Church, concluding with the Benediction. Mr. Thomas Greenway spent Monday and Tuesday in Montreal (This money goes to the work of the National C.G.T. Committee). On Monday at the Mount Royal Hotel, which was sponsored by a few of the laymen, with 200 persons present. While in the city he stayed with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathers.

Word has been received here by relatives of the death of Lewis Parham, youngest son of the late Daniel Parham, a resident of this place in his youth. For the past few years he suffered a serious heart ailment and died at Phoenix, Ariz., on Nov. 19, 1954. He was one of the young men who joined the group from Huntingdon, who went on the "Kiondike Gold Rush". The teachers and their pupils of the Franklin Consolidated School presented a concert in the Town Hall, on Thursday night, which proved a big success. The Hall was filled beyond seating capacity. A selection of Carols, songs, recitations, drills, dialogues and plays were well presented. The outstanding items were as follows "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" by

some of the pupils in Mrs. McCracken's and Mrs. Erskine's Classes. "Ten Little Nigger Boys" by the primary boys in Mrs. Erskine's Class, "Little Shoe Maker" (Song and dance routine) by Mrs. Reid's Class also a boy drill, "The Wanderers". Mrs. Runnalls' Class presented two plays "Pot Luck" and "Mail Order Wife". Candy was sold at intermission. All did their parts well and much credit is due both pupils and teachers. The S. S. pupils and members of the Church of Nazareth met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dickenson on Saturday and spent a social evening. The S. S. scholars presented a short program and delicious refreshments were served. During the morning service in the United Church, Sunday, the Sunday School scholars went forward and laid their White Gifts under the Christmas Tree. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pette and baby, Diane, from West Collingswood, N.J., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Leahy until after the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Gervan Stevenson, Bobbie and Freddie, of Lachine, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevenson and family.

Activities at St. Joseph's School

The monthly marks for December were given by the teachers on Thursday, Dec. 23rd. Here is the list of the two or three best pupils in each grade.

English Grades
Grade 2 — 1 Francis Fortin 86, 2 James Quimet 85.
Grade 3 — 1 Bernard Demers 82, 2 Raymond Watlie 81.5.
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Grade 7 — 1 Robert McGee 86.8, 2 Donald Laberge 86.
French Grades
Grade 9 — 1 Jean-Louis Quinn 85, 2 Geo. Yvon Riel 84, 3 Michel Mainville 80.
Grade 10 — 1 Jean-Paul Valade 88, 2 Charles Quenneville 82, 3 Bernard Leblanc 74.
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Grade 12 — 1 Andre Fournier 87, 2 Jean-Cy Boucher 86.5, 3 Jacques Lessard 80.9.
Grade 13 — 1 Jules Racine 90.4, 2 Roland Saumier 88.9, 3 Yvon Gagnon 88.6.
Grade 14 — 1 Michel Blanchette 92.2, 2 Serge Alary 93.5, 3 Roger Boucher 92.
Grade 15 — 1 Wayne Galipeau 89.5, 2 Richard Fortin 88.7, 3 Royal Lazure 87.8.

Hemmingford

HEMMINGFORD — Mrs. C. Smirle, of Montreal, recently spent a few days with Mrs. H. Kennedy and family. Mrs. Kennedy is spending an indefinite time with her mother and other relatives. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Mr. Chas. Collings and Mr. H. Orr, patients at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Miss Jones is spending the holidays with relatives at Rouses Point, N.Y. The annual Christmas Party at Langlois' Academy for the English pupils of Miss Y. Stringer's class took place on Monday, December 20th, at 1 p.m. and was largely attended by parents and friends. The following program was presented: We just came back from a lovely trip was sung before Santa arrived. A recitation by Keith Burton, "The Frosty Old Man". Then the sound of Santa's plane was heard as he arrived; he received a great welcome from all. "Jingle Bells" was sung by all followed by a "welcome" by Diane Burton. "Frosty the Snowman", "Little Children Can You Tell Us About Your Christmas?" answered by Diane Burton and Florence Dauphinais. The humming of "Silent Night" by all, also part by Pauline Smith, then Santa distributed the lot for half an hour. A song "Silver Bells" Santa favoured with song "At last the happy day is here" by two young girls. Then Santa distributed a great many gifts to all. A few presents were given to Monique Choquette (3 years of age). She thanked Santa Claus by singing in a clear way, "I'll be a pas comme vous". Pictures were taken of different scenes around the Christmas tree. Delicious refreshments were served to all present. There was also a magic way to give a cup of tea to the guests. The pupils enjoyed so much. Donald F. Macfarlane very fittingly expressed thanks to one and all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year was sung by all. A very enjoyable afternoon was enjoyed by all, and hoping to attend again next year. A great amount of work by Miss Stringer, the parents and the pupils was done, to make this party a success. Christmas Service was observed at St. Andrew's United Church, Hemmingford, on Sunday, Dec. 19. The pastor, the Rev. William Holmes, B.D., with Mrs. Halton Kennedy, as organist, rendered two selections, "Adore Him" by Walter Shawker and "The Star of Hope" by C. F. Weigle. Mrs. William Holmes read one of her own compositions, "Angels With Broken Wings" and also extended warm Christmas greetings to the congregation on behalf of herself and Mr. Holmes. The Rev. Holmes took as his theme, "How Far to Bethlehem". A very large congregation attended. The Annual C.G.I.T. Vesper Service was held at St. Andrew's United Church, Hemmingford, on Sunday evening, Dec. 19 at 7 o'clock. Christmas carols were played through a loud speaker under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. William Holmes, B.D., with Mrs. Halton Kennedy, as organist, rendered two selections, "Adore Him" by Walter Shawker and "The Star of Hope" by C. F. Weigle. Mrs. William Holmes read one of her own compositions, "Angels With Broken Wings" and also extended warm Christmas greetings to the congregation on behalf of herself and Mr. Holmes. The Rev. Holmes took as his theme, "How Far to Bethlehem". A very large congregation attended. The Annual C.G.I.T. Vesper Service was held at St. Andrew's United Church, Hemmingford, on Sunday evening, Dec. 19 at 7 o'clock. Christmas carols were played through a loud speaker under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. William Holmes, B.D., with Mrs. Halton Kennedy, as organist, rendered two selections, "Adore Him" by Walter Shawker and "The Star of Hope" by C. F. Weigle. Mrs. William Holmes read one of her own compositions, "Angels With Broken Wings" and also extended warm Christmas greetings to the congregation on behalf of herself and Mr. Holmes. The Rev. Holmes took as his theme, "How Far to Bethlehem". A very large congregation attended.

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THE LATE HENRY A. THOMPSON Henry A. Thompson died at his home on the Lake Titus Road, Malone, N.Y., December 15th, 1954. Born at Athelstan, Que., in 1879, he was the son of the late Henry Thompson and his wife Katherine Jamieson. As a young man he established residence in New Hampshire, later moving to Burke, N.Y., where he farmed for 40 years. His first wife, the former Bella Pond, predeceased him in 1915. In 1931 he remarried Mrs. Mabel Wilson, they having resided in Malone for the past nine years. Besides his widow, he is survived by three brothers, William of Lake Placid, James of Regina, Sask., and Robert of Hamilton, Ont., and six sisters, Mrs. Margaret Rose and Mrs. Agnes Lynch, both of Andover, Ohio, Mrs. Katherine Hamilton of Dorset, Ohio, Mrs. Louise Hiltz, Mahone Bay, N.S., Mrs. Ellen Walker, Burke, N.Y., and Mrs. Laura Claussen, Athelstan, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held from the Cargill-Spaullding Funeral Home in Malone. Interment being in the vault at North Burke Cemetery, on Saturday afternoon.

Glenelm

The Kensington United Church Christmas entertainment was held in Grange Hall, Monday night with about fifty children present. The programme consisted of recitations, dialogues and singing. Mrs. Minchinson presided at the piano. Christmas carols were sung by the

News from Ormstown

Covering the Activities of the "Little Royal" Exhibition Centre

Christmas Program

ORMSTOWN — On Friday evening, December 17, the Ormstown Presbyterian Sunday School presented the annual Christmas Program in the Church Hall. Mr. A. McDonald, Student Minister, very ably acted as chairman. The program opened with Carols by the entire school followed by the Welcome Speech by Betty McEwen. The Beginners Class did a grand job of their section of the program. A recitation by Keith Tannahill; song, Helen Forrester; recitation, George Barrington and Bobby Anderson; song and dance, Carl and Glenna Rember; recitations by Dorothy Bott, Evelyn Gruer, Myrna Bott and James Anderson. The class presented "The Old Woman in the Shoe" a very pleasing feature. Wendy Croucher gave a recitation; A Western Christmas Number with solo by Brian Hooker; "The Night Before Christmas in Texas" by a group of girls, followed by a Drill; Recitation, Rita Barrington; Exercise, "Christmas Wrappings", by Miss Swan's class; recitation, Alexa Thompson; song, Edna and Evelyn Forrester; recitation, Leslie Croucher; drill, Miss Dorothy Hooker's class; song, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Cookie Barrington; Exercise, "Christmas Wrappings", by Mrs. Meikle's class; piano solo, Brenda Kerr; play, Christmas Corral, Mrs. Barrington's class; play, "Reading The Newspaper" by Girls' Class; a trio, Nelson Kerr, John Grogan and Jim Barrington, rendered several instrumental numbers which were enjoyed. Santa Claus arrived in due time and unloaded the Christmas tree to the satisfaction of all the youngsters present. Intermission a treat of ice cream, provided through the generosity of the Presbyterian Young People's Society, was given to all children present. Prizes for Attendance and Bible Study Tests were awarded as were certificates and seals for memorization of Scripture. Beginners: Kent Reddick, Glenna Rember. Primary: Sandra Begbie, Diane Bryson. Advanced Primary: Diana Purdie, Douglas Marshall. Junior Girls: Sandra Anderson, Maureen Greig. Junior Boys: Michael Rennie, David Barrington. Intermediate: Alanne Hooker, Mary Catherine Hooker, Nancy McArde. Regular Attendance Prizes: Country — 1st, Donald Gruer, perfect; 2nd, Marilyn Gruer, Melvin Gruer, Johnny Rember, Carl Rember, one Sunday. Village — 1st, Mary Catherine Hooker, Alanne Hooker, perfect; Sandra Begbie. 2nd: Joyce Begbie, two Sundays. Certificates and Seals — Beginners: Gary Wilson, Helen Forrester, Sandra Anderson, Marilyn Gruer, Alanne Hooker. Farm Forum News: The Concession Farm Forum met on Monday evening, December 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rice. The radio broadcast was listened to and discussed, then a social evening of cards was enjoyed. The prize winners were as follows — high scores: Betty English and Alton McGerrigle; second high were: Mrs. Wm. McGerrigle and Mr. Robert McGerrigle. A reading, "Down On The Farm", given by Mrs. Eddie Hoar, were very appropriate. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Howick

Large Audience Attends Presentation of Christmas Pageant at Howick. **HOWICK** — On Sunday, December 19th, in Howick High School Auditorium, young people of Georgetown and Everfield Presbyterian Churches presented a beautiful Pageant — "The Babe of Bethlehem" to a large and appreciative audience. The Pageant was presented in four scenes, with a full choir assisting, followed by an Epilogue — "The Revelation of St. John." With a background of blue and gold, the story, the sky, the stars revealed the angel messengers giving the Scripture story of the coming of the Messiah, followed by Isaiah declaring the fulfillment of his prophecy as at hand. The second scene brought to the stage the Shepherds tending their flocks by night, the appearing of the Angel, and the message of Glad Tidings of great Joy. Scene three depicted the court of King Herod, the visit of the Priests and Scribes and the Wise Men, and Herod's order that all young male children be slain. The final scene was the Stable at Bethlehem, with Mary and Joseph, and the Babe in the Manger. The Shepherds, visit and the arrival of the Wise Men and their presentation of gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, brought this lovely scene to a close. When the curtain opened for the Epilogue, the entire cast were seen in adoration around the manger, and on a raised dais before the background of blue and gold and shining stars, the Angelic Host appeared, giving the Revelation of St. John, "and I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth. Behold, I make all things new. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." The choir, holding their lighted candles, was most effective. The Christmas greenery and decorations, soft lighting and sweet voices of the girls, united to make this a service that will be remembered long after the Christmas season has passed. The leaders, Mrs. Archie Peddie and Mrs. Eric Smith have done splendid work with the girls and everyone appreciates their efforts. A generous offering was given to help C.G.I.T. work. The United Church Christmas Tree was held on Wed. evening, Dec. 15, when the Church Hall was filled to capacity. A simple program of recitations, carols and dialogues was presented. These were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, judging from the hearty applause. Santa Claus paid a visit and helped to distribute gifts from a heavily loaded tree. About one hundred children received an orange and bag of candy from the Sunday School. Prizes for regular and perfect attendance were given to members of the United Church Sunday School at the close of the season, when over twenty members received books. These were presented by the Supt., Mr. Hugh Cameron.

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Chateaugay

St. George's Sunday School Party. Chateaugay — The annual Sunday School Christmas Tree Party of St. George's Anglican Church was held Friday afternoon, Dec. 17.

Supper was served to the children, this was followed by the singing of carols led by Rev. B. Valentine. Three films were shown and enjoyed by the children.

Each child received a gift and a bag of candy from the Christmas Tree.

The Committee in charge of arrangements included Mr. Paul Bonnell, Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. George Aitken and Mrs. D. W. McMullin.

St. Andrew's Notes Sunday School Parties. Santa Claus was a busy person in Chateaugay Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17 and 18, when he officiated at two parties in St. Andrew's United Church.

On Friday night, the older children were entertained. Supper was served to 85 boys and girls, at 6:30 o'clock, under the convership of Mrs. Henry Cassidy and her committee, which included Mrs. I. W. Gilbert, Mrs. James Webster, Mrs. Stanley Reany and Mrs. L. T. Booth. The S.S. teachers assisted in serving. The tables were festively decorated by Mrs. C. H. Grimes.

Afterwards the children sang carols with Rev. R. H. McColl at the organ.

When they re-assembled in the Hall, four films were shown.

Then Santa Claus made his appearance, and received a royal wel-

come from Mr. David Reid, the Superintendent and the children. Gifts, as well as bags of candy and oranges, were distributed.

On Saturday afternoon, The Beginners Class, the Nursery Department, the Baby Band members with their mothers and fathers were welcomed by Miss R. McFarlane.

A Carol was sung with Mrs. J. R. Dickenson at the piano. This was followed by "A Puppet Show" entitled "The Christmas Story" and presented by the C. G. I. T. Group, directed by Mrs. R. H. McColl, assisted by Mrs. I. M. Darlington, with Rev. R. H. McColl at the piano.

Refreshments were served under the convership of Mrs. Peter Fernandez, Mrs. Gordon Boyd and Mrs. C. M. McCully, the C.G.I.T. assisted in serving.

Despite the inclement weather and the slippery state of the roads, Santa Claus arrived to the strains of "Jingle Bells". He was delighted to be greeted by so many happy children, who all agreed they had been good girls and boys during the year.

Having duly admired the prettily decorated Christmas Tree, Santa proceeded with the distribution of gifts assisted by Miss Hazel Hardisty and Miss Jean Smith.

St. Andrew's Notes — White Gift Sunday. At the Sunday Morning Service of Worship, the children joined with the adult members in presenting their White Gifts, which were placed on the platform during the singing of "Hark! the herald angels sing".

Rev. R. H. McColl conducted the service. The choir, directed by Mrs. Hartland Rowell, organist, rendered the Anthem, "Blow ye winds softly." St. Andrew's Carol Service.

The annual Candlelight Carol Service by the Choir of St. Andrew's United Church, held Sunday afternoon, under the direction of Mrs. Hartland Rowell was well attended by members and friends and proved inspiring and uplifting.

The Protestant Hymn, "O Come, all ye faithful" was followed by the call to Worship and Invocation Prayer by Rev. R. H. McColl.

A duet, "Bethlehem" by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert was expressively

rendered as was the duet "And there were Shepherds" by Mrs. R. Pritchard and Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

The choir sang the Anthem "O Quit your Pastures" and Blow ye winds softly, Mrs. Gordon Murdoch singing the solo part.

During the Offertory the congregation joined in the singing of the First "Nowell" with descent by the choir.

The beautiful Christmas Cantata "Star of the Silent Night" with its message of hope and good — will was sung with deep feeling.

The rapt attention of the listeners proved how deeply appreciative they were of the rendition of the solos, duets, quartettes and choruses of the Cantata.

The soloists included Mrs. Lee Gilbert, Mrs. Gordon Murdoch, Mrs. R. Pritchard, Mrs. Osborne Lang and Messrs Ronald Schurman, Ronald Oliver, Lee Gilbert and Duncan MacInnes-Rae.

The Carol service closed with the Benediction pronounced by Rev. R. H. McColl, followed by the Recessional Hymn "Joy to the World".

The members of the Choir were afterwards entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartland Rowell.

Personals Mr. Earle Kyle, who sailed on Nov. 30th by the Empress of France for the British Isles, is now in London, England and enjoying the sightseeing trips and visiting places of historical interest.

Mr. Kyle plans to tour France and Italy before he returns to Canada.

Sunday, December 19th guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davidson were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Price, and their children Karen, Susan and Stephen of Beaurepaire, Que.

Miss Mary Davidson and Miss Anna Sproule of Montreal. The Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Watt, of Montreal, were guests on Sunday at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Iren A. Watt.

Mr. Ernest Smith is spending the Christmas Holiday season in Hamilton, Ont., where she is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayton Dickenson of St. Lambert, Que. were guests on Sunday at Mrs. J. R. Dickenson.

Valleyfield

Rebekah Christmas Party

VALLEYFIELD On Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, Rebekah Lodge spent a very pleasant evening at their annual Christmas party at which the Oddfellows were guests. It was held in the United Church Hall. The celebration got under way with the arrival of Santa Claus, who bore a marked resemblance to Brother Alex Ross. The guests were all greeted affectionately in turn by Old St. Nick ably assisted by Sister Edith Brownlee to the great pleasure of the gentlemen present, and all were given a lovely gift from Santa Claus bulging pack.

"The Night Before Christmas" was presented in pageant form with Sister Mabel Wrightman as Reader and the Father and Mother were played by Sisters Edith Brownlee and Eveline Shannon respectively, each suitably attired in night shirt, stockings, cap, etc., and fast asleep in bed as the pageant began. St. Nicholas was played most dramatically by Sister Alma Clifford. It was a hilarious performance from beginning to end and left no doubt as to the histrionic abilities of the cast. This was followed by an amusing reading by Brother Geonar Olson, entitled "The Night After Christmas".

The refreshments were delicious and the tables beautifully decorated. The predominant theme being "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer". Following the refreshments the Oddfellows conducted their turkey drawing. The winners were:

No. 1171 Brother George Hayward, 870 Oak Ave., St. Lambert.

No. 1592 Emile Parent, 162 Champlain St., Valleyfield.

No. 839 George Larocque, 66 Donald St., Valleyfield.

No. 1529 Real Boyer, 9, Emard St., Valleyfield.

The evening closed with candle light carol singing. For such a delightful party, great credit goes to the December Social Committee: Sisters E. Brownlee, A. Clifford, M. Wrightman, M. McPherson and E. Shannon.

The Toastmasters Annual Christmas banquet was held on Wednesday evening, December 15, at the Legion Hall. Dr. C. L. Roman asked the blessing. The toast to the Queen by Clifford Foley. The address of welcome was given by the President, Lloyd Taylor. Introductions by Dave White, and Hal Moore gave the toast to the ladies. The Topic master was Gabriel Langevin, and those who participated in the table topics were: Jim Childs; Dr. Eric Leduc, President of the Richelieu Club; Irvin White, John Dow, Jean Marc Clermont, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The toastmaster of the evening was Bill Ramsay and the speakers on this part of the programme were Doug Cameron who spoke on "Christmas Remembrances"; Doug McFee, on the "Grey Cup"; Harold Blenkhorn on "What's in the Song Bank?"; Marc Vau on the four phases of Toastmasters; Paul Boisson-nault inducted the new member Grant Vaudry into the club and presented him with a special lapel pin honouring him as the thirtieth member of the club.

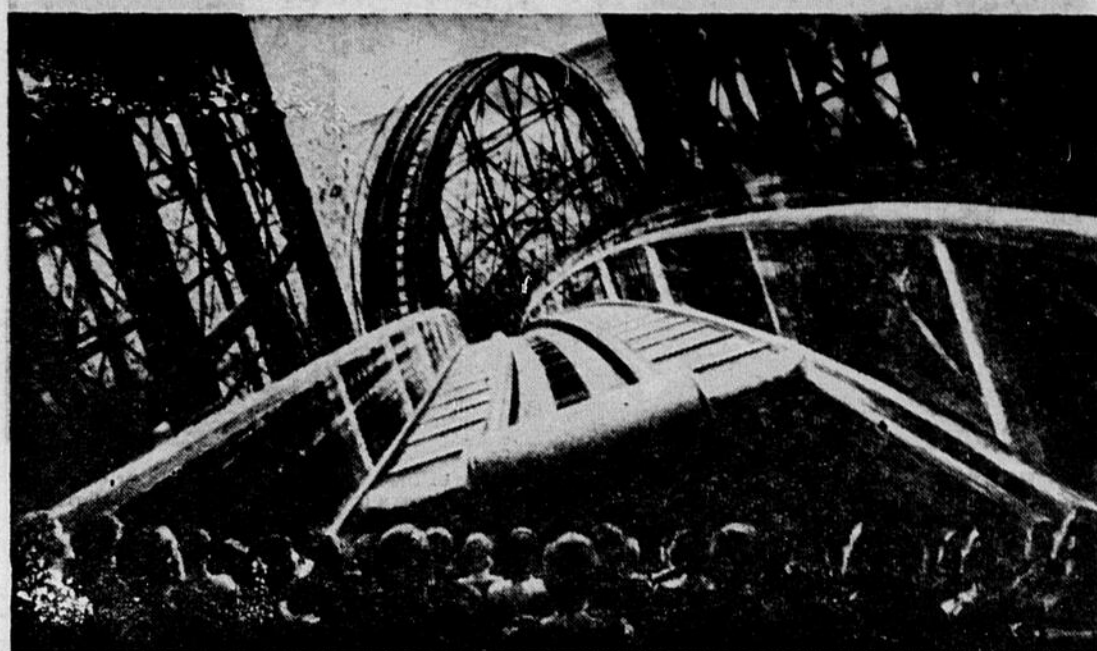
The General Evaluation was given by Hal Moore and the concluding remarks by the president.

The dinner was served by the Larry Kwong Restaurant, the arrangement in charge of Sergeant at Arms, Irvin White. After the banquet dancing was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Association of the United Church was held in the Church Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 13, with an attendance of twenty-two. After a short business meeting the election of officers took place with Mrs. Roman presiding.

The following officers were elected for 1955: President, Mrs. Bert Willis; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. G. Gault; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. White; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Maitter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. Collins; Treasurer, Miss Anne Wilson; Manse Commi-

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tee, Mrs. Roman, Mrs. Cordy and Mrs. Abram; Auditors, Mrs. Roman and Miss Mary Johnson.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Hostesses: Mrs. Deutch, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Roman and Mrs. Willis.

A Christmas concert was held on Friday evening, December 17, at the United Church Hall by the Valleyfield United Church Sunday School.

There were no movies this year, the programme being made up of playlets and recitations, with most of the children participating. The parents and friends were welcomed by the superintendent, Mr. George Osborne.

The program opened with a recitation, "Greetings", by Lis Lachance. The Kindergarten children, directed by Miss Jean Gilbert and Miss Barbara Clark, followed with a cute rendition, with gestures, of "Away In A Manger".

Playlets were presented as follows: "A Christmas Story", by Miss Verlie Dix's class; "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by the combined classes of Mr. Neil Lachance and Miss Betty Lauder; and a poem "A Suit for Santa", dramatized by the girls of Miss Mary Felszegi's class.

There were two other recitations by girls from Mrs. George Osborne's class; "Willie's Portion" by Diane Corbett, and "And Then It's Morning", by Ruth McDonald.

Mrs. George Osborne's class, with help from some of the boys in Mr. Balaz's class dramatized "Christmas in Different Lands", directed by Mrs. Osborne, with Paul Osborne assisting at the piano with carols which were indigenous to the countries covered.

Mrs. Corbett's class of boys made a fitting climax to the programme, and they were followed by Old St. Nick himself, who appeared by special arrangement with the North Polar authorities.

The Gore

Farm Forum Notes

The Gore Farm Forum met on Monday evening, December 13th, at the Mason home. The radio broadcast was listened to and discussed. Cards were then enjoyed, the prize-winners being — Ladies: high, Mrs. Ord Taylor; low, Mrs. D. Ingram. Gents — high: Gerald Henderson; low: Ord Taylor.

Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Rockburn

ROCKBURN — Mr. and Mrs. H. Welburn have taken up residence for the winter months in the Murphy home.

The Christmas festivities began here on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th when a supper was put on in the church hall for the Sunday School children, parents and the congregation, after which a program of carols and recitations was given by the younger children, with Mr. Glenn Waller as chairman. As usual Jolly St. Nick appeared in his happy manner, greeted the children and distributed the gifts to a very excited group. When leaving he bade them goodbye, promising to call again next year. The proceeds amounted to around \$14.00 which goes to help swell the finances of the Sunday School.

Mr. Roberts conducted the service here Sunday morning and preached a fine sermon on the text, "Unto Us A Son is Born".

Word has been received of the death of Henry A. Thompson which occurred in Malone, N.Y. on Wednesday evening after a short illness. He was born in Athol, Que., later moving to Burke, where he operated a farm for forty years. He married the former Mrs. Mabel Wilson and nine years ago moved to Malone to reside. Besides his wife

he is survived by a step-son, Chester Wilson, a step-daughter, Blanche Wilson, also three brothers and six sisters to whom the sympathy of this community is extended.

All were pleased to have Mr. G. A. Rennie at the morning service after an absence of several weeks, due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Trainer visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Trainer, Chateaugay, N.Y., on Sunday evening, December 19.

A number from here attended the Christmas Tree entertainment given by the pupils of the Franklin Consolidated School Thursday night, December 16. All report a good program.

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In the end, his will to resist snapped and he signed a false statement that while serving with the U.S. Air Force in Korea he had been instructed to fly into China and had "invaded Chinese air space."

MacKenzie, 34-year-old Montreal fighter pilot who destroyed 8 1/2 enemy planes during the Second World War, told a press conference at Ottawa about his two-year ordeal in a Red prison camp.

"I felt strong enough to resist," he said. "But you go to a stage where you are practically, as they say in Chinese, mahobanfa. That means there is no way out. And there is no way out—I used to stop and shake my head a few times—criticize myself and talk to myself and try to keep my courage up and tell myself I could beat these fellows. I was wrong."

MacKenzie was shot down over North Korea Dec. 5, 1952. He had received no instructions to fly into China.

For several weeks, he was held in solitary confinement in North Korea and then moved to his prison near Mukden in northeast China. He was still held in solitary. For one stretch of four months he was not allowed to move off his bed. He was not permitted to read and he was threatened with the handcuffs again when he tried to look out the tiny window.

He was not subjected to any physical violence and was fed adequately. But he said "I hadn't signed the statement I probably would still be in solitary confinement."

Miraculous Escape

All 23 passengers and crew members scrambled to safety when a 65-ton super Constellation airliner was swallowed in flames after a crash landing four miles west of Brampton, near the Malton airport outside Toronto.

The Trans-Canada Air Lines craft was carrying 16 passengers and seven crew members on a non-stop flight from Tampa, Fla., to Malton when one of its four engines caught fire during the circuit for a landing. A thundering jet rocked the plane as it came in for a landing. Into three inches of snow and the frozen ground beneath it, just missed a deep gravel pit as pilot Norman Ramsay of Montreal brought it down seven miles west of the airport.

Among the passengers was champion golfer Marlene Stewart of Font-Hill, Ont., who escaped serious injury. She was returning home for Christmas from Rollins College in Florida.

The plane's first officer Gary Anderson, 22, of Gananogue, Ont., suffered a possible skull fracture. Thomas Gordon Phillips of Montreal was also seriously hurt, but most of the other passengers were bruised and abrasions suffered as the plane slid across the field.

Soon after the passengers had scrambled to safety a heavy explosion shook the plane. Chunks of wreckage were hurled away. At her home in Font-Hill, Marlene Stewart said: "How we all escaped I'll never know—except that it was by God's mercy."

NATO Atom Decision

Western leaders meeting at Paris agreed that civilian governments must control the trigger of atomic warfare, but Belgium's foreign minister indicated that the United States might have a free hand to cope with a sudden devastating Communist assault.

Paul-Henri Spaak hinted at this in saying: "If an aggressor makes an atomic attack on us, I don't think anybody's veto will be of much importance."

The Belgian leader's comment was made at a press conference following issuance of a communiqué by the NATO council of ministers, which reported the NATO officials as authorizing their military commanders to go ahead with planning for atomic defence of western Europe.

But the communiqué said that any decision to use atomic weapons in the event of a Soviet attack would be taken by governments, not general staffs.

In the light of Spaak's comment, the ministerial decision did not appear to bind the U.S. as the principal atomic power in the western world, to consult with its allies on cases of grave emergency, nor to change any standing instructions which it may have already given to Gen. Alfred Gruenther, supreme allied commander in Europe.

It was learned that Canada warned the NATO partners that the increasing importance of North American defence might affect the amount of mutual aid directed to European defence. With the development of intercontinental bombers greater anxiety was being felt about the vulnerability of the industrial heart of North America.

"This may affect mutual aid totals," a Canadian official said. It was understood the warning was delivered by Production Minister Howe at closed sessions.

Eisenhower's Stand

The United States administration apparently is close to adopting a policy of respectful opposition to neutrality in the cold war. President Eisenhower laid down the line in a message as he lighted Washington's community Christmas tree. The message was carried in United States broadcasts overseas.

"The times are so critical and the differences between these world systems so vital," said the president, "that grave doubt is cast on the validity of neutrality arguments."

But he added that the U.S. will continue to demonstrate respect for the right of self-determination by these neutrals, and said the U.S. will try to build understanding and sympathy with them on the common basis that neutrals and Americans alike "hate aggression and condemn wars for conquest."

including 75 injured, were all on the other train, a suburban service. The trains collided in the fog-bound switching yard near the main Denison station. The leading coach of the local train was flattened and other coaches telescoped together. The children's special, a modern, all-steel train, escaped severe damage.

Athelstan

ATHELSTAN — Mrs. Daniel G. Elder was most happy on Sunday morning when she conversed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Elder, Dundee, Scotland, for four minutes. The connection was very good. No doubt the pleasure of this occasion was mutual for the participants.

Another Christmas Day has come and gone. There were the usual family get-togethers, the weather being ideal for the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Malark of Massena, N.Y., spent the holiday week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duhe and son Gerald of Burke, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pepper and baby from Wingdale, N.Y., have recently visited Mr. Louis Duval, who has been sick for a week or so.

Church Notes

Prof. James Barr, Presbyterian College, Montreal, conducted service on Sunday morning.

Beginning next Sunday, Jan. 2nd, the hour of service will be at 11:15 a.m. with Sunday School one hour earlier.

Beverly Murtha recently received her fourth year bar to attach to pin in completion of four years of perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willock spent Christmas with friends in Valois.

Mrs. Edgar Barras, Quebec City, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Watson, Robert Barras, Valois, and Miss Diane Barras, Kingston, are also visiting with their mother and grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Elder were Christmas guests at the home of their son, John D. Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tully, Janet and Nancy, Kirkland Lake, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tully, Beaver Meadow Farm, Russell Tully, Kapuskasing, also spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Allen, Montreal, were holiday guests of Miss Tully and Kimball, Windy Way, Ridge Road.

Miss Margaret Sweet, Montreal, was a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hampson.

Miss Judy Rowat is spending Christmas week in Albany, Vt., and Master Gerald Rowat is visiting in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rowat entertained members of their family on Christmas Day. Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Rowat and daughter Allison, Verdun; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Westover, Mary Ann and Linda, Albany, Vermont; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowat, Mary K. and Susan, Dartmouth, N.S.; and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril O'Connor and Larry, Buckingham, Que.; also Mr. and Mrs. Watson Rowat and Wayne, Huntingdon, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Donnelly. In all, twenty-eight persons were present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willock, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Spark and children Heather and Donna of Toronto, spent the week-end with Ian Spark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spark, at Valois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Gray received a call from their son Neil, in Calgary, Monday night. This was a Christmas Day call, but as the lines were all tied up, Neil could not get through until Monday.

Farmers Are Advised Buy Seed Early

Quebec and Eastern Ontario farmers are warned not to delay their purchases of seed grain and red clover seed. According to information on seed supplies, compiled at Macdonald College in co-operation with the Quebec Seed Board, the seed situation is likely to be the most serious of the winter. Red clover seed is also in short supply all over Canada and prices are already more than double last year.

Some farmers may be lucky enough to have a lot of seed on hand, but it is good quality and of a variety grown in your area. It will pay you not to feed this grain. Clean it, treat it for seed diseases, and protect it from insects and mice damage. You will have no problem in selling seed grain this coming spring for a good price. If you have no good quality oats on hand, place your orders early to get the variety and quantity you want. This year will be a good year to try Registered seed oats as it will likely be only 25 to 30c above commercial No. 1 seed.

Red clover seed that is grown locally is generally your best buy. Avoid buying cheap imported red clover seed because it is not hardy enough to survive our winters. You will save money by buying the best.

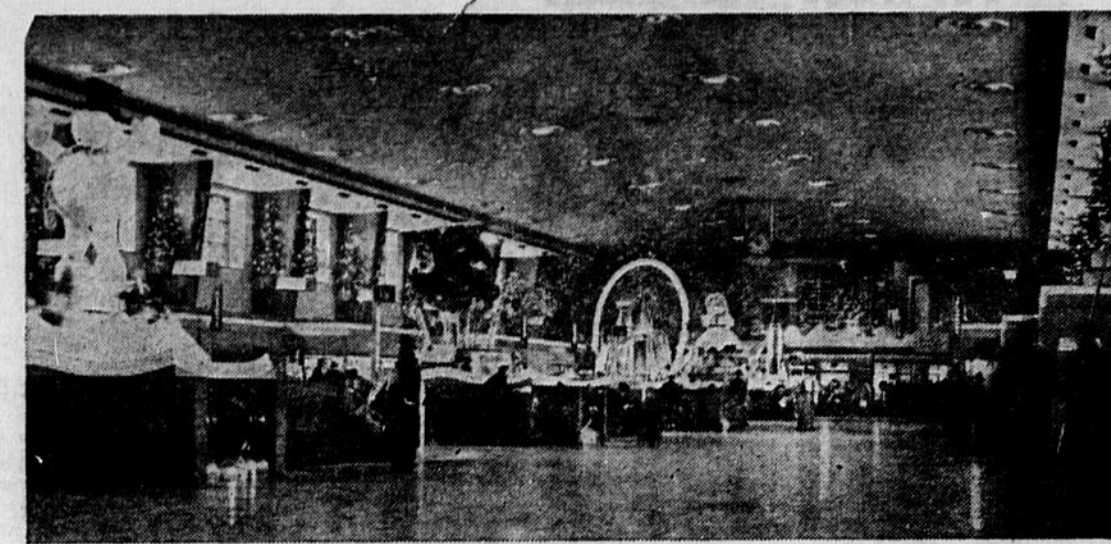
Even the farmer who buys his seed early is going to find the prices high. But this will be a small price to pay to avoid problems that last minute buyers are likely to run into.

WINTER SLUMP

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The national employment office predicted 22,000 Newfoundlanders would be drawing unemployment insurance by February. The present figure is 4,500 but because of the end of seasonal employment officials expect a peak figure in February, with conditions improving after March.

German Rail Disaster

A Christmas holiday special jammed with children collided with another train at Dortmund, Germany, killing 14 persons. Miraculously, only three children were injured, none killed. The casualties,



"A CHILD'S DREAM AT CHRISTMAS" is the theme of the largest festive display ever erected in Montreal. The exhibit, unveiled in the CNR's Central Station, features a life-size living room scene on Christmas eve as Santa comes down the fireplace chimney and his gnomes are busy engaged in placing gifts under a brightly lit tree. Six colorful, mechanically operated tableaux show candyland, a big snow man, toyland at Christmas, land of make believe, a space ship with young spacemen wearing transparent helmets, and the animal world.

Queen and Pope Broadcast Christmas Messages to World

Russian Officials Meet Death Before Firing Squad — Storms Take Toll in European Area

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Labele, Larry and Norris, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lowden and Roy were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sutton and family.

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The sincere sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carson on the sudden passing of Mrs. Carson's father, Mr. Bridge-Carson, of Montreal.

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Mr. Fred Bourdon of Lacolle spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bourdon.

Riverfield

25th Wedding Anniversary

RIVERFIELD — Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Orr, Riverfield, were pleasantly surprised on December 23rd, 1954, when 50 of their relatives, friends and neighbours gathered at their home to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage which had taken place on Dec. 25th. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

The latter may seem a minor and comparatively easy decision, but obstacles such as shift work in the mills, store closing, long-established nights for clubs and organizations to which bandsmen belong, choir practices in local churches and a too hot and Edmonton too cold, will have to be hashed out. In all, next week's practice will probably be long as well as important, and all members should make a special effort to be on hand.

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