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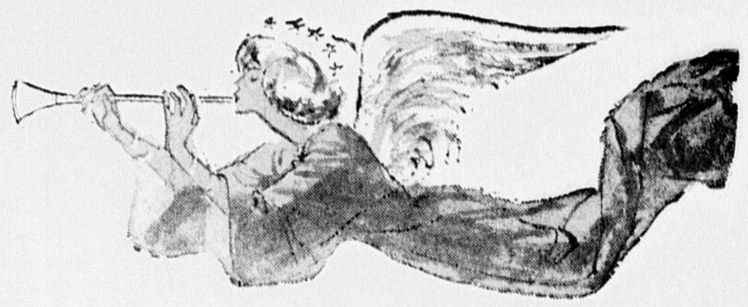
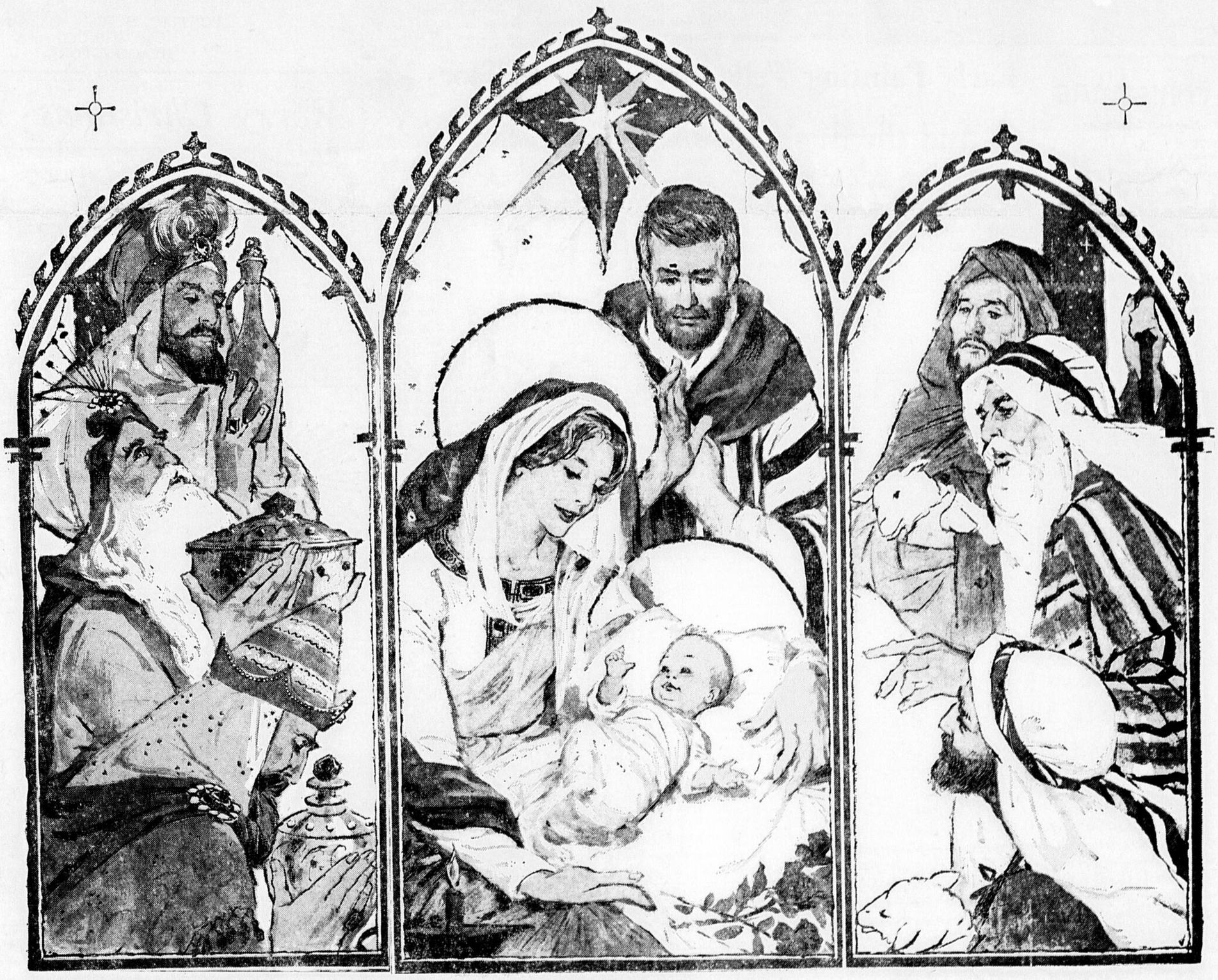


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.

'O Holy Night' in Art

FROM 'NATIVITY' TO 'ADORATION'

AS THESE PAINTINGS tell the story of the first Christmas, they also reflect the world of the early Renaissance, in advanced techniques and a newly-lifelike mode of art. All are from the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

"THE NATIVITY," above left, was painted by Flemish artist Petrus Christus about 1440-50. From the Mellon Collection.

"ADORATION OF the Magi," upper right, is the work of Giovanni di Paolo, a 15th century Sienese. Mellon Collection.

TWO ARTISTS painted this "Adoration of the Magi," (lower right) begun by Fra Angelico and completed by Fra Filippo Lippi about 1445. Samuel H. Kress collection.

In Holland

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleiphner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

IT'S A HOLIDAY

First of the United States to give recognition to Christmas Day as a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836.

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Greetings for Christmas

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Early Painting Tells the Christmas Story —And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge of their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world.

Mid-15th-century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate detail, liberally touched with gilt, to an approach which emphasized more realistic, lifelike figures and landscapes, as seen in paintings of humble peasants adoring the Christ Child, true-to-life stable animals and even blacksmiths working in the background of the manger.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovani di Paolo which is now in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, crisscrossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing—and a treatment new to the times.

Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attriguted to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-wordly atmospehre.

Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground — typical Renaissance forms, the work of Fra Filippo.

Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity," also in the National Gallery, the Flemish artists Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting; formerly, it had been used only in glazes for tempera paintings.

A study of "The Nativity" shows that the figures of Petrus' painting are very natural and realistic. Joseph is an ordinary Flemish peasant, the Christ Child a lifelike newborn Baby. Space perspective, too, begins to show a more realistic treatment.

To achieve greater realism, these 15th century artists became the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even undertaking anatomical studies.

Thus, as the darkness of the Middle Ages faded, artists, in more than one way, spread the light of the Renaissance.

IN RUSSIA

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

SIGHTING ROBINS

Popular motif on early Christmas cards was the English robin — possibly because English postmen, who delivered the cards, in those days wore red uniforms and were often called "Robin."

Merry Christmas To All

Christmastime, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

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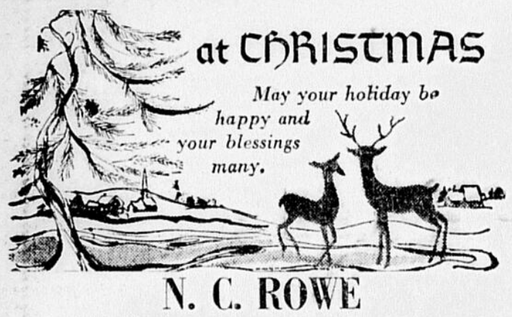

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Season's Greetings

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We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

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May happiness abound in your home on Christmas Day and fill the hours with love and contentment.

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Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inns in Bethlehem.

In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebrations. Enhanced with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

Thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends.

W. Keddy & Sons Ltd.
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Smiles Brighter and Hearts Lighter As Community Greets Christmas

Season's Sights, Sounds Proclaim It's a Joyful, Peaceful Time

By ANNA MANG

It's Christmas, time to greet a friend, wrap a gift, help the needy. It's Christmas, time to sing a carol, light a candle, trim a tree. It's Christmas, time to send a card, surprise a neighbor, delight a child. It's Christmas, time to welcome visitors, spread the festive board, gather the family together for everything good from food to fellowship.

Most of all, it's Christmas, time to say a prayer, count many blessings, rejoice. It's Christmas, time to celebrate anew the very first Christmas of all, the Birthday of Christ.

It's Christmas, and throughout this community the sights and sounds of a joyful, festive season appear. All through the town, twinkling lights, fragrant flowers and greens and a myriad other decorations show to every beholder the glad spirit of Christmas. Bells ring out and voices sing out, proclaiming the wonderful news.

Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic — too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the glory of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike — but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers — these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen — a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.

Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of that Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas both in churches and in homes.

The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, mankind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says:

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

a Joyful Christmas

Joyful wishes and the very best of holiday happiness to our many friends.

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Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

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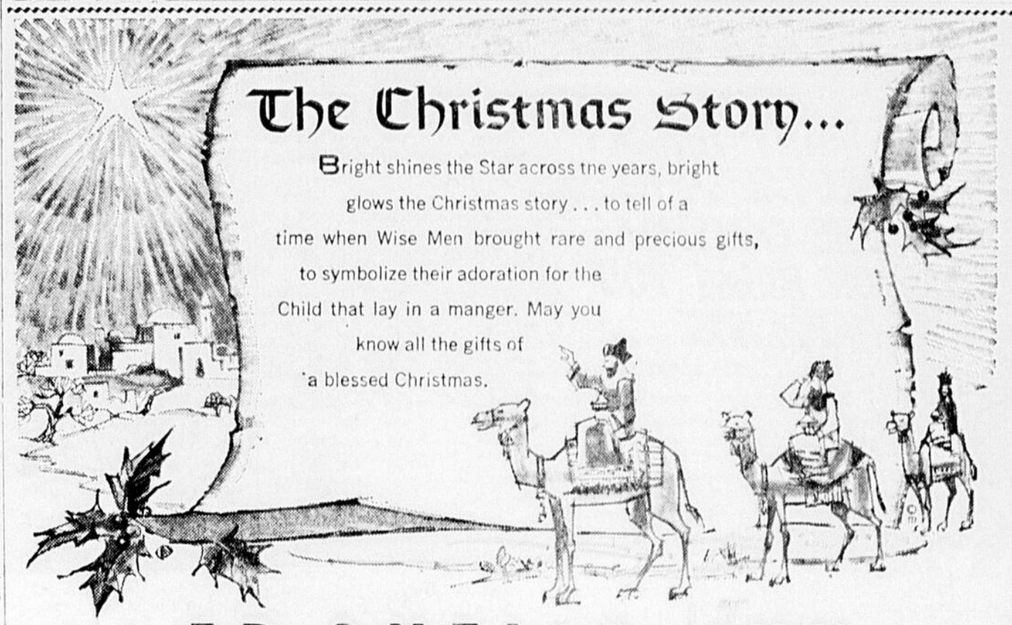

The Christmas Story...

Bright shines the Star across the years, bright glows the Christmas story . . . to tell of a time when Wise Men brought rare and precious gifts, to symbolize their adoration for the Child that lay in a manger. May you know all the gifts of 'a blessed Christmas.

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We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry

Christmas

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

BEST WISHES

AND MANY THANKS TO OUR LOYAL PATRONS. MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING YOU HAPPINESS

What's In A Name? Shakespeare Called Play 'Twelfth Night,' But He Chose Different Subject

"After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw 'Twelfth Night' acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child, was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tailer," "Lady Bluestocking," "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken 'Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule". After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays, and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

Dolls Play Dual Role

USED TODAY AS CHRISTMAS TOYS AND FOR FIGURES IN CRECHE

On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will lovingly cuddle new dolls and declare to one and all how wonderful a gift they have received. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas setting.

This dual role — as toy and as religious symbol—is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment.

Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in religious sanctuaries. The word "doll" itself, in fact, is derived from the Greek word "eidolon," meaning "idol."

Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the ruins of tombs thousands of years old. And their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.

Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such figures in burials as a spirit to keep the deceased company in another world. Today, in addition to the creche dolls of Christendom, dolls hold a religious importance in the Orient, where annual doll festivals are held to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.

As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone.

Typical was the legless paddle doll of ancient Egypt which was made from a single, flat piece of pottery or wood.

Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.

They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court, and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport to a peaceful refuge, like works of art.

USE FLASHLIGHT TO TEST CHRISTMAS TREE BULBS

If you are doubtful about certain lamps in your Christmas tree string, here's an easy way to check for those that are burned out.

Remove the regular bulb from a five-cell flashlight. Then screw in the lights one at a time. While they will not burn brightly with such low current, they will glow if still good. Burned-out lamps will not glow at all.

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and wish them happiness at this
very special time. Merry Christmas!

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As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

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Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

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merry, merry

Christmas

Christmastime affords us the chance to express our heartfelt gratitude for the friendship and generosity you have shown us through the year. We extend best wishes for a happy holiday.

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GREETINGS TO ALL

Christmas Blessings

Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth
and may this Christmas season
bring us all lasting joy and peace.

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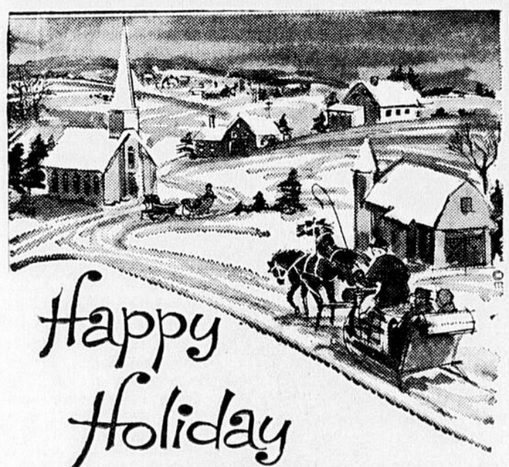

Happy Holiday

The holiday season is here . . .
and in the midst of all the merry-
making, we'd like to extend best
wishes and greetings to our friends.

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Christmas Greetings

As we greet the Christmas season,
it is with deepest gratitude that we
thank our friends for their kind
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Rudolph Of The Red Nose Adds To Fame Of Santa's Reindeer

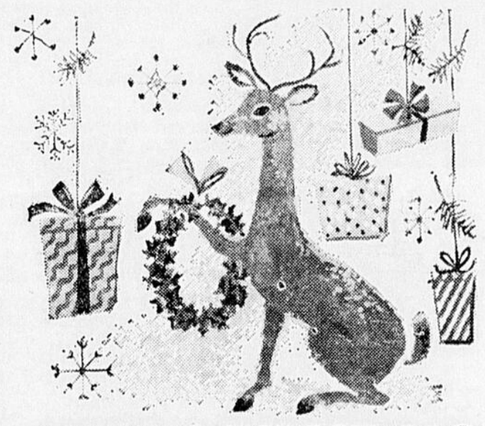
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!"

Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh", according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by John Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We take great pleasure in sending you our
every good wish for Yuletide happiness, and
the best of health and success in days to come.

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Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes
and sincere appreciation to
all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

ERNEST RENNIE & SONS
Reg'd.

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Ideas Vary On Customs Of Yule

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas capitoni, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-enduring.

In Japan

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

Department stores may have as many as 100 Santas.

In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artifical lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

IN NEW ZEALAND

Not all living Christmas trees are spruce or fir. In New Zealand there's one called "Christmas tree" that doesn't even need decorating — it blossoms with its own red flowers. The tree earned its name since it blooms in December and January.

IN SOUTH PACIFIC

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

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Christmas GREETINGS

With the hope that your Christmas will
be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

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GREETINGS!

Santa's here again this year
laden with greetings of Christmas cheer
for one and all.

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A Friendly

wish to you for the Yuletide,
hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

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BERT McCARTNEY, Prop.
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Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International. Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.

Birthday News

"Nowell" or "Noel" means birthday news or a "shout of joy" for the birth of Christ.

The earliest carols were songs of the Nativity, the Incarnation and the Annunciation. Later, ones on shepherd themes and the Epiphany were composed, and there were also many of folk origin on the festivities of the Christmas season.

These latter included such songs as "The Holly and The Ivy." Many of the surviving old carols were originally part of the medieval mysteries and miracle plays.

FIRST IN LATIN

Christmas carols first were written in scholar's Latin. The Blessed Jacopone of Todi, of the Franciscan order, led the way to a wider enjoyment and appreciation of joyous Christmas songs by writing musical poems in the language of the common people.

The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

The Boar's Head

"The boar's in hand
bear I,
Bedecked with bays and
rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is his head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring, With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Feast Of Stephen

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bonemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

Shepherd Maiden

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherdess who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'où viens-tu bergère?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks, the shepherdess where she has been and what she has seen, and she in turn describes the manger scene.

Stocking Up Starts With Santa

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched, and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

Desiring anonimity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

FOR CHRISTMAS ENJOYMENT, TRADITIONAL RECIPES FEATURED PLUM PUDDING AS FAVORITE FINALE OF FEAST

By MARIE DILLON

Drawing from Book of Knowledge

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

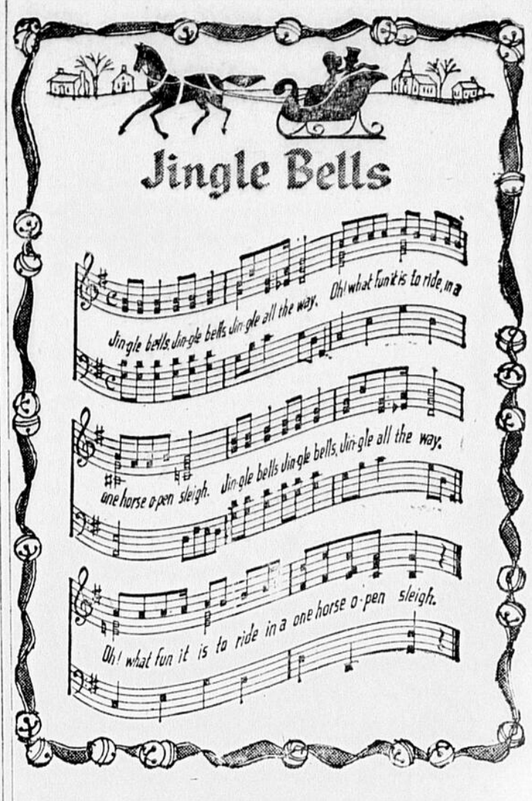
Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currans, wash'd and picked clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint of Ale-Yeast, a Penny-worth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Carraway-Seeds, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more Butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amber-greece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you ice it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whish, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long a baking; then draw it, and waft it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour".

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.

"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the field we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

* * *

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot;
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot.

* * *

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.
Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty for his speed;
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead."

* * *

REFRAIN:
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
O! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, "Jingle, Bells," is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers — or likes to think he remembers.

Usually it is thought of as "Jingle Bells," but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" — with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's, according to Encyclopedia Americana. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle, Bells" melody.

FROSTED AND FRINGED

Christmas cards of 1870 were frosted and fringed with heavy silk. The folder-type card, so much in evidence today, was not popular during the 19th century, when single cards were more frequently seen.

Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

Creche Is Constructed

Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town, is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make, and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

Each Christmas, Bethlehem, Pa., is the scene of an impressive candlelight carol and communion service.

Traditional Since 1741

Celebrated, complete with organ and orchestral music, in the Central Moravian Church it has been a tradition since 1741, when Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf, holding a lighted candle, led his people into a cabin and named their settlement Bethlehem in honor of the Christ Child.

Decorated trees also play an important part during Bethlehem's nationally famous Christmas festival on the Hill-to-Hill bridge connecting various parts of the city.

Every Christmas since 1951, a 60-foot star erected by townspeople has guided visitors to Bethlehem, Georgia.

On Christmas night, a carol service is held beneath the star.

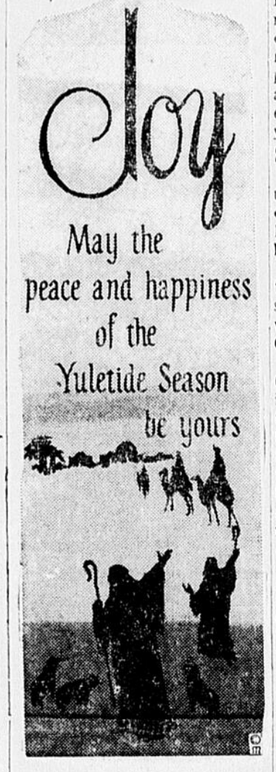
We wish to thank you for your good will and hope your Christmas is a merry one.

Texaco Service Station
ORMSTOWN
ROGER LABERGE, Prop.

HOWICK SEEDS LIMITED
HOWICK, QUE.

May the miracle of the Christ Child be upon your home and in your hearts this Christmas Day. May the good Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones.

Chateauguay Valley Radio & T.V. Reg'd.
ROY GOURLEY, Prop.
HOWICK



Irenee D'Aoust
ORMSTOWN, P.Q.

Hope you're endowed with all the joys of the season!

LACASSE NURSING HOME
Lost Nation Road
HUNTINGDON

Greetings AND BEST WISHES

We extend our greetings and warmest wishes for a very merry Christmas to you and your dear ones.

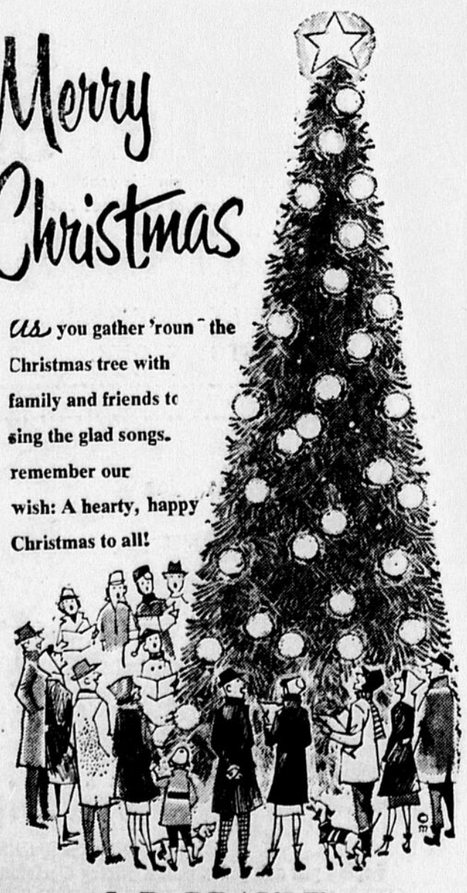
Rosario TAILLEFER
HUNTINGDON

We offer best wishes and sincere appreciation to all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

J. Melville Brown & Sons
HOWICK, QUE.

Merry Christmas

As you gather 'roun' the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our wish: A hearty, happy Christmas to all!



J. P. BRAULT
YOUR RAMBLER DEALER
HOWICK

May the glad tidings of Christmas be with you.

ROBERT SAUVE
BUTCHER — GROCER
HOWICK

Warm and sincere greetings, from all of us to all of you, and many thanks, too.

IVAN M. GRAHAM
HUNTINGDON, P.Q.

Merry Christmas to All

Greeting Cards Chronicle Manners, Customs, Events

It all began in 1843 when contemporary recording. The John Calcott Horsley, a prom- central panel showed a jolly inent London artist, drew the family with young and old tip- first Christmas card. Horsley's pling toasts from brimming pioneering greeting was a glasses, while the two side tryptich, a prime example of panels gave a sobering effect with scenes of the poor being clothed and the hungry fed.

From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times.

One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is a curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!' ".

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects.

The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns:

"You 'Auto' be Happy
As you, on Pleasure's Motor-Car
Steer merrily thro' Christmastide . . .
Speed gaily as fun always 'Auto!' "

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindberg flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night . . . With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales), Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

FINDING THE BEAN

"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 16th century celbrations of Epiphany, January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.

Holy Tree Blooms Every Christmas

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D.C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town, he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

TALLEST TREE

Tallest Christmas tree? In the U.S. the title probably goes to the Indianapolis, Ind., "tree" — the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. At Christmas, the 246-foot structure is decorated with electric candles and stars.

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

Lucky Dollar Food Store

GUY CHRETIEN, Prop.

ST. ANICET

Sincere wishes and holiday

Greetings

to all of you from all of us.

GEORGE SUTTON

FEED MERCHANT

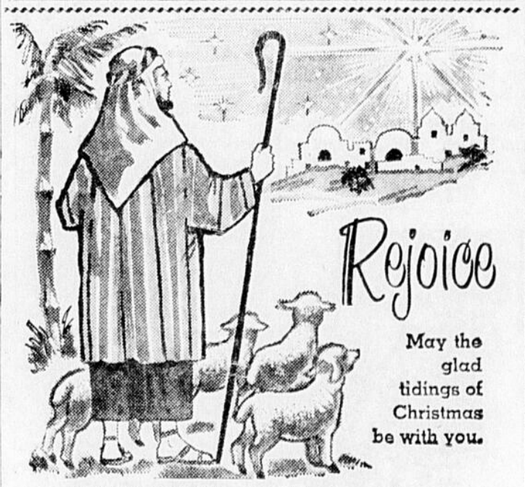
Ste. Agnes de Dundee

A Friendly

wish to you for the Yuletide, hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

C. JALBERT

CAZAVILLE, QUE.



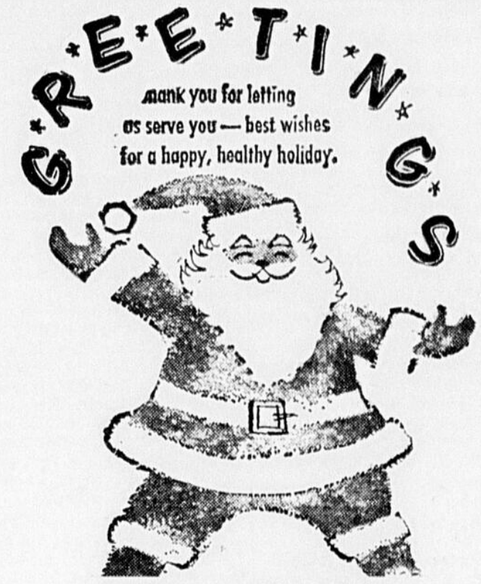
Rejoice

May the glad tidings of Christmas be with you.

ANTOINE HAINEAULT

GENERAL MERCHANT

CAZAVILLE



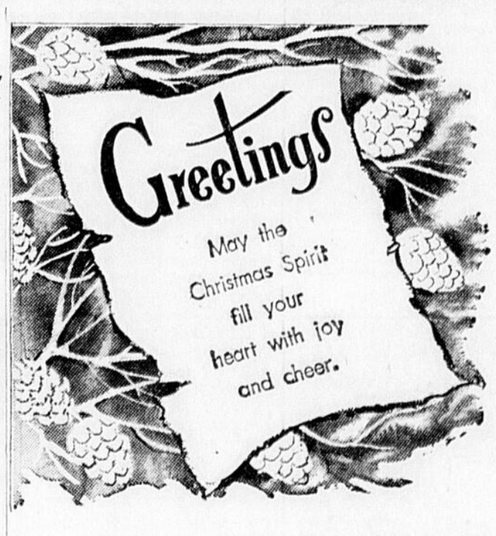
G*R*E*E*T*I*N*G*S

Thank you for letting us serve you — best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

THE GOLF CLUB

at St. Anicet sur le Lac

L. FAUBERT, Prop.



Greetings

May the Christmas Spirit fill your heart with joy and cheer.

VAILLANCOURT GARAGE

Plank Road

HUNTINGDON, QUE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Be of good cheer . . . Christmas is here! Have a happy holiday.

Marchand General Merchant

MRS. WILBROD MARCHAND, Prop.

Ste. Agnes de Dundee

Thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends.

AURELE ROBIDOUX

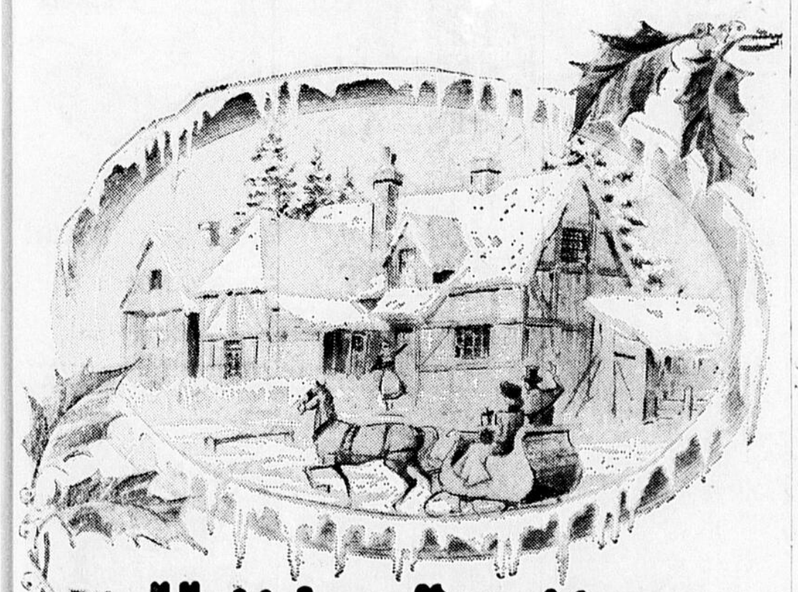
ST. ANICET

Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes and sincere appreciation to all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

J. R. CAZA & FRERE

CAZAVILLE



Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors . . . as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

ROD and GUN

HOTEL-MOTEL

PORT LEWIS

Christmas Greetings

As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year

Robidoux Builder Supplies

CAZAVILLE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We take great pleasure in sending you our every good wish for Yuletide happiness, and the best of health and success in days to come.

LUCIEN QUESNEL

GENERAL STORE

Ste. Agnes de Dundee

When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are then called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation — and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle, Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one "e", "j" "o", while they could contain as any as two "m's" or three "r's."

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults battle it out among themselves.

Santa's Sleigh . . .

"Santa's Packing His Sleigh" is a quiet Christmas game that provides fun and hearty laughter. It starts simply enough with one member of the group saying, "Santa's packing his sleigh, and he's bringing a toy dog."

Then each person repeats the sentence, adding another gift to Santa's sleigh. The object of the game is to repeat correctly, in order, the complete list of gifts in Santa's sleigh — and it's harder than it sounds.

As the list gets longer and longer, more and more players just can't seem to remember the whole list and its order, so consequently they drop out, until only one is left.

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Community Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

"Iesous"

"Iesous ahatonhia!"

These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol.

If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, "Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626.

Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death.

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Iesous ahatonhia!"

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?," the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzle needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be much to Dad's consternation "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"

Holy day helped comfort sorrow

Even when Christmas wasn't merry, history shows that the holy holiday has brought comfort and hope into the midst of sorrow and hardship.

Such was an early Christmas in 1535 at a small fortress on the banks of the St. Charles River near what is now the City of Quebec.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, and his band of 110 settlers were beset by cold and hunger, as well as fear of the nearby Indians, whose friendly attitude seemed to have changed. More than half the members of the colony suffered from scurvy.

Bravely, the men celebrated Christmas. Mass was said in a log cabin, at an altar made from a wooden table; evergreen branches decorated the walls; carols were sung and the best of the meager food supplies were used for a "feast".

IN GERMANY

For German children the Christmas season begins with the hanging of a calendar showing a painted house, on December 1. Doors and windows of the house often hide pieces of candy.

Church Services Express Meaning Of Christmas

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

"Silent Night"

"Silent Night" was first sung at Christmas 1818.

The church organ in an Austrian village had broken down — impaired by mice, so the story goes. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the poem and his organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music.

The congregation, which had been saddened because there would be no music for Christmas, sang "Silent Night" to a guitar accompaniment.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish-speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo", while the Portuguese term is 'Missa do Galo" — in both cases, "mass of the cock."

Candlelight services held in Protestant churches symbolize Christ as the light of the world, and the shining beams of the candles call to mind the Star that shone to guide the Wise Men.

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include sermons, reading the Christmas story, prayers, carols and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Grandpa Frost Aids Russians

Although Chrismas is no longer a holiday in Soviet Russia, a non-religious midwinter festival is celebrated and children receive gifts from "Grandpa Frost."

In Czarist Russia, it was customary for well-to-do families with large homes to entertain lavishly on Christmas Day. The invitations were extremely formal and begged the invited to consider that — "for thousands of years it has been so; with us it has not commenced, with us it will not cease. Do not, therefore, disturb the festival; do not bring the good people to despair. Without you there will be no maiden festival at Anna Karpowna's."

In planning these house-parties, hostesses gave particular attention to the selection of partners for the young ladies. The selection was sometimes very satisfactory and sometimes left something to be desired.

Arrival of the "fair maidens" each with her mother and retinue, bringing cake and sweetmeats and gifts for everyone, proceeded according to prescribed ritual; the guests sooner freezing in their sleds before the gate than to alight before receiving the greeting of the host and hostess.

Having been ceremoniously welcomed the guests offered prayers before the icon (sacred picture) and then proceeded to the feasting and festivities arranged for them.

"Oh Christmas Tree" means fir to most

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite — the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock, with yew-like needles, the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top-quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas firs.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to the Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and gives off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-liked in the Eastern United States.

Included among the many other Christmas choices are the Eastern red cedar, black spruce and Scotch pine.

Canadian Christmas trees, from seven provinces, are part of the holiday scene in many countries. The United States, alone, accounts for about 90 per cent of Canada's annual production of trees. Still others are shipped abroad, from Ethiopia to Venezuela.

Santa gets his garb from poem, cartoon

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump, jovial, white-beared and pipe-smoking old gentleman — "a right jolly old elf" — in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Dr. Clement C. Moore in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend," and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. Moore's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was first sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

Christmas rose famed in legend

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the Infant. The caress of His fingers turned the petals pink.

Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and western Asia, it has leathery, dark green leaves and large saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinged sepals, according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

Cherry Tree Carol

The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig bossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Greeting, 1843

The first Christmas card was created in London in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley for his friend Sir Henry Cole. About 1,000 cards were printed and sold at a shilling each. Only 12 of these still remain, and one is included in the 50,000-piece Coutts Hallmark Collection of Antique Cards.

Wassail Bowl Going Around

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland — and elsewhere — at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity; Saxon ancestors probably quaffed their Ale from the polished skulls of defeat-enemies, and the Roman legend must be classified as "presumably fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest — Prince Vortigren — a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wasshael," literally, "To Your Health." Draining the bowl with one draught, Vortigren fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design — decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the concotion, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's beard." The poorer classes carried a bowl decorated with ribbons around the neighbourhood, begging that it be filled, so they too, might enjoy the Wassail.

The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing, throughout America about 1900. Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. A succession of "open houses" and punch bowls sometimes minimized the courtesy accorded to hostesses — receptions were often "crashed" by bibulous strangers; hence, the publicily announced "open house" custom has fallen into decline and, New Year's calls now being exchanged only by intimates, the Wassail bowl goes 'round in private.

It's An Old Custom

Festive wreaths and garlands made of evergreens, cones and herbs are, nowadays, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas. The custom of making such garlands for gala occasions actually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand or more years before the birth of Christ.

GREETINGS!

Santa's here again this year
laden with greetings of Christmas cheer
for one and all.

GARDEN CITY GROCERY
HUNTINGDON

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

SALON LOUISE
HUNTINGDON

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

HERVE PRIMEAU
HUNTINGDON, P.Q.

Christmas GREETINGS

With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

LEONARD LATULIPE
DAIRY PRODUCTS
HUNTINGDON

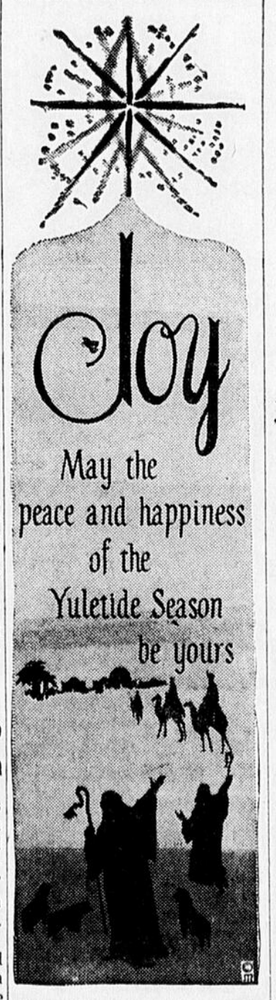
Hark the Herald Angels Sing...

Wishing you happiness and peace this Christmas Day and forever more.

George BEAULIEU
HUNTINGDON, P.Q.

A special bit of holiday cheer for you today. For everyone: Merry Christmas

Salon Claude
Huntingdon



Joy

May the peace and happiness of the Yuletide Season be yours

Grant's Bakery
HUNTINGDON

Hello!

Just popping in to wish you a holiday abounding with happiness.

VALMA'S Beauty Salon
Mr. and Mrs. Benoit
Dalhousie St.
HUNTINGDON

A special bit of holiday cheer for you today. For everyone: Merry Christmas

George Nadeau
TRANSPORT
Huntingdon

Greetings on a note of cheer, may we wish you all a very happy holiday.

Jean Guy HEBERT
BODY WORK
HUNTINGDON

a Joyful Christmas

Joyful wishes and the very best of holiday happiness to our many friends.

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OIL & COAL
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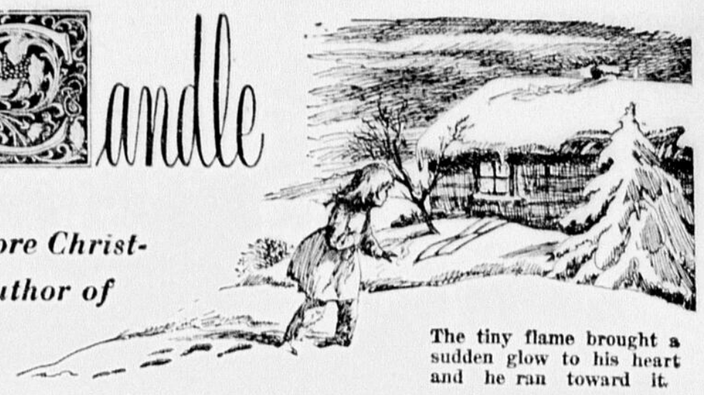
The Noel Candle

Poet of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" was also little known author of a memorable Christmas story



The tiny flame brought a sudden glow to his heart and he ran toward it.

Jeanne carried the small dip candle to the one window of the hut. "Perhaps someone who passes will be happier for my little gift of light," she said.

By CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE

IT WAS Christmas eve in Rheims, nearly five hundred years ago. The great cathedral towered high above the city, its spires seemed to reach the very skies, and the square in front of the church was thronged with people, celebrating the joyous Noel, the Christmas time. Children darted here and there through the crowd, shrieking with laughter. On one corner a group of well-dressed youths and maidens were dancing to the music of a lute and tambourine; on another a number of boys sang old carols. Others strolled about in groups of two and three, chatting and laughing, while the older and more serious went their way, candle in hand, toward the cathedral, where masses were being chanted in Latin. Though these churchgoers were more quiet, it was evident that they were happy, for their faces shone with contentment. It did not seem that there could be, in all the city of Rheims, one sad or lonely heart.

Yet there were four. Three of them dwelt in a squalid hovel by the riverside, a tiny shed or leanto which stood behind a stable. Though its outward appearance was so dismal, once within the door, one might have been surprised to see how neat and trim it was kept. There was but one room which served at once as living-room, dining-room, bed room and kitchen for three people. The rough stone floor was carefully swept and polished. In one corner lay a straw-filled mattress, but the covers drawn over it, though patched and darned in a dozen places, were spotlessly clean. A rude table, a broken chair, a stool and a few cracked dishes, and a furniture of the room. In a far corner stood a small charcoal brazier, whose feeble fire served not only to cook the meals, but to warm the dwellers in the hut. Some cracked earthen kettles hung beside it.

The one touch of brightness and beauty in the little room was supplied by a tiny shrine, built on a shelf at the rear wall. A few field flowers in a bowl stood before it, and from the edge of the shelf hung a silken sash which once had held a knight's shield. It was of scarlet, heavily embroidered in gold, and bore a device of a lion, surmounted by the lily of France.

Three people were in the room. A young woman was bending over a small spinning wheel, a boy of seven was setting the table with their few cracked dishes, and a girl a year or so older was leaning over a kettle on the brazier, stirring its contents from time to time. The lady, whose beauty seemed to shine in the poor room, despite her shabby clothing, was Madame la Comtesse Marie de Malincourt, and the boy and girl, her son and daughter, Louis and Jeanne.

As she worked, the lady was thinking sadly of that Christmas eve only a year before, when all had been so different. Then she had lived in a great castle, and on the eve of Noel, as she had done for a half dozen years before, she and her husband and the children had gone down to the castle gate to greet the crowd that had assembled. The old, the ailing, and the poor had gathered there, and that meant nearly all the village. Out among the crowd they had gone, followed by a dozen servants, laden down like beasts of burden and to each villager the lady had made gifts of warm clothing, of healing herbs and of wholesome food. Even Louis and Jeanne, young as they were, had given from their store of toys and baubles to the children of the village.

Then the tide of war had swept over their happy valley, the castle had been attacked, defended, and lost, then sacked and pillaged by the victors. Lady Marie had even seen them lead her husband away a prisoner. She had fled with her children, down a secret passage out into the night and away to the village. She found it deserted, the villagers driven out before the sword.

During the months that had ensued the three had been wanderers along the highway. bit by bit Lady Marie had given her jewels and trinkets, then those of the children, in exchange for food and lodging. Even her velvet robe, with its soft fur mantle, had gone to the wife of a rich burgher, and the pretty clothing of Louis and Jeanne had long since been replaced with coarse peasant garb. One thing alone remained of all their riches — the cover of her husband's shield, which little Louis had brought from the castle that dreadful night. "Father gave it to me to keep until he came back," he said, and through all the terrors of flight he had clung to it. It was very dear to them all. It seemed a bit of their old life, and a constant reminder of the dear lost father.

"Mother", said Jeanne suddenly, interrupting the current of her mother's sad thoughts, "it is Noel tonight." "Yes, my child," Lady Marie answered with a sigh, "but there will be no toys, or sweets, or pretty things for thee or little Louis this Noel."

"We want them not," the children answered, almost in unison. "We have thee, dear mother, and we can keep Noel in our hearts," added Jeanne.

Her mother looked up from the wheel and smiled at her. "Yes, though life is hard," she said, "still, we have each other, and though we are sad, perhaps there are other hearts in Rheims that grieve tonight. I wish I might give, as once I did, to the poor, but I have nothing to give. We have ourselves become the poor." She resumed her work, but there was silence in the room save for the whir of the wheel.

"Mother," Jeanne spoke again excitedly, "I know something we can give." As she talked she caught up the small tallow dip candle from the table and hurried with it to the one window of the hut.

"See," she went on, "I will put it here — on the sill — so — and perhaps someone who passes, someone like ourselves lonely and forlorn, will be happier for my little gift of light. There — see how it shines out on the snow," and she stood back to survey her work.

"You are a good child, Jeanne," said Lady Marie, sighing.

Down in the great square, among all the lights and gayety, was another sad heart. It beat in the breast of a little lad of nine, a boy whose clothes were shabby and ragged, whose bare feet were thrust into clumsy wooden sabots, and with no covering on his head but his own fair hair. He was utterly alone, without money, without friends, cold, hungry, miserable. When it seemed he could bear this burden alone no longer he tried to tell his story to some of the smiling people he saw about him. Surely among so many he would find friends. But no one took any interest in him, other than to frown at him, or elbow him roughly out of the way, and one man shook him, and called him a beggar.

He left the square in utter discouragement, and began to tramp the streets, stopping now and then at splendid dwellings through whose windows streamed bright lights like a welcoming smile. But there was no welcome for the lonely child. Fat, well-dressed servants turned him away with angry words, and threatened him with their dogs.

It was dark in the streets of Rheims now, and the air was growing colder, but the child tramped on, trying desperately to find shelter before the night closed in. At last, far off down by the river, he saw a tiny gleam of light appear suddenly at a window and he hurried toward it. As he neared it, the boy saw that it was only a small tallow dip at the window of a hovel, the poorest and meanest hut in all Rheims, but the steady light of the tiny flame brought a sudden glow to his heart and he ran forward and knocked at the door.

It was opened in an instant by a little girl, and at once the other two in the room had risen to greet him. In another moment he found himself seated on a stool beside the charcoal brazier. The little girl was rubbing one of his cold hands in her two warm palms, while her brother was holding the other, and a beautiful woman, kneeling at his feet, drew off the wooden shoes, and chafed his icy feet. When he was thoroughly warmed, the little girl dished up into three bowls and a cracked cup the stew which had been simmering on the fire. There was only a little of it, a scant meal for themselves, but she passed the fullest bowl to the stranger and made room for him beside her on the bench.

After a word of blessing, they ate their stew, and never had the thin soup tasted so rich or so satisfying to the countess and her children. As they finished, a sudden glowing light filled the room, greater than the brightness of a thousand candles. There was a sound of angel voices, and the stranger child had grown so radiant that they could scarcely bear to look at him.

"Thou, with thy little candle, has lighted the Christ-child on his way to Heaven," said their unknown guest, his hand on the door latch. "This night shall thy dearest wish be granted thee," and in an instant he was gone.

The countess and her children fell on their knees and prayed, and there they still were, almost a quarter of an hour later, when a knight in armor gently pushed open the door and entered the hut.

"Maria! Jeanne! Louis!" he cried in a voice of love and longing. "Do ye not know me after all these weary months of prison and battle, and then of search for thee?"

Immediately his family were clustered about him, and their kisses and embraces were his answer.

"But, father, how did you find us here?" cried little Louis at last, when the first raptures of welcome were over.

"A ragged lad I met on the highway told me ye dwelt here," answered the knight.

"The Christ-child", said Lady Marie reverently, and told him the story.

And so, forever after, they and all their descendants, have burned a candle in the window on the eve of Noel, to light the lonely Christ-child on his way.

JOY at Christmas

May this holiday season herald a time of continued "peace on earth."

CANADA BREAD

Makers of Toastmaster Bread

IVAN A. MENNIE, Mgr.

24 Bouchette St. Huntingdon

Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas!

AUTOBUS LEDUC REG'D.

HUNTINGDON

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish everyone a happy and joyous Yuletide holiday.

Gilbert Brunet

HUNTINGDON

OLD-FASHIONED Christmas Wishes

We wish you the happiest of holidays, filled with all the friendly warmth of a good old-fashioned Christmas.

F. C. MOORE

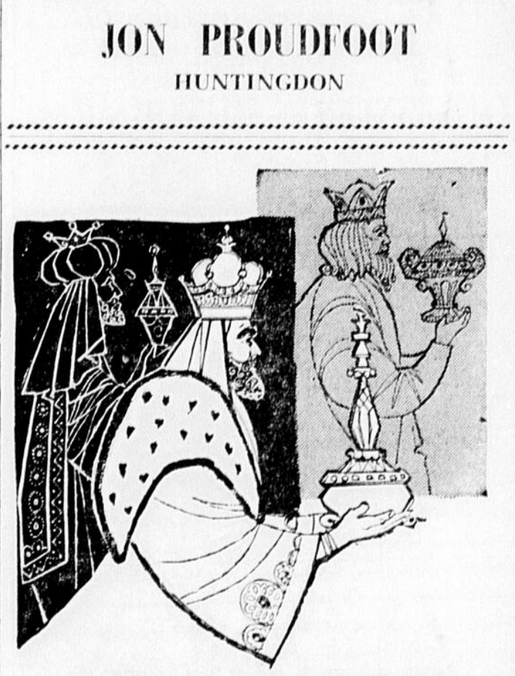
HUNTINGDON

peace on earth...

"GOOD WILL *to All Men.*" *In the message of Christmas, there is hope and promise for all. To you and yours, happy holidays.*

JON PROUDFOOT

HUNTINGDON



JOY to the WORLD

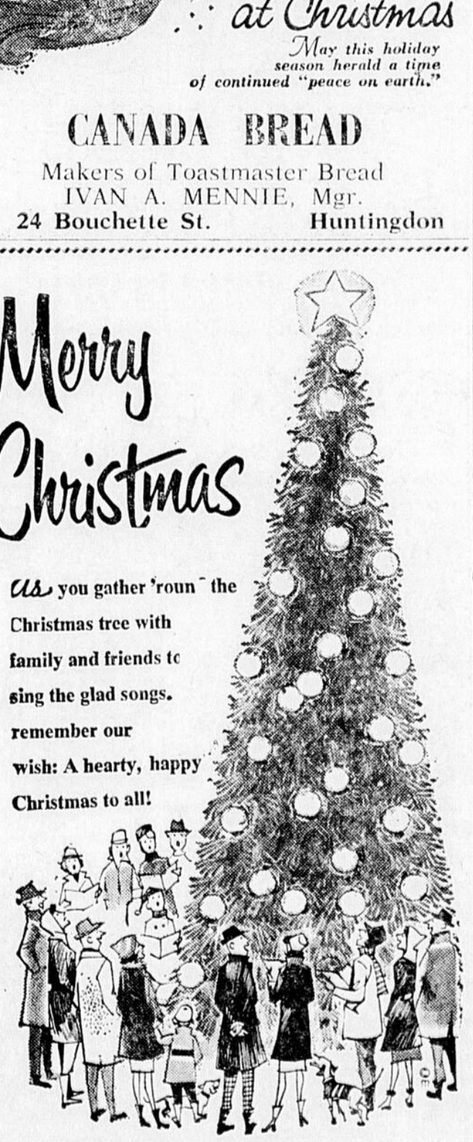
At this most joyful of holiday seasons, we greet you with sincere good wishes and warm appreciation. Merry Christmas!

THOMPSON'S Restaurant and Taxi

HUNTINGDON

Merry Christmas

As you gather 'roun' the Christmas tree with family and friends to sing the glad songs, remember our wish: A hearty, happy Christmas to all!



BRISEBOIS MEAT MARKET

Lake St. Huntingdon

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Thank you for letting us serve you — best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

ARNOLD'S

Men's and Boys' Wear

HUNTINGDON

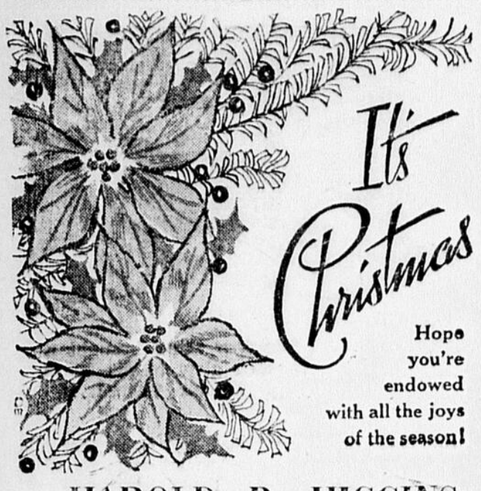
Greetings

As the sacred story of the manger unfolds anew, we wish you a Christmas full of good cheer and spiritual contentment.

J. E. MYERS

SHELL SERVICE STATION

HUNTINGDON



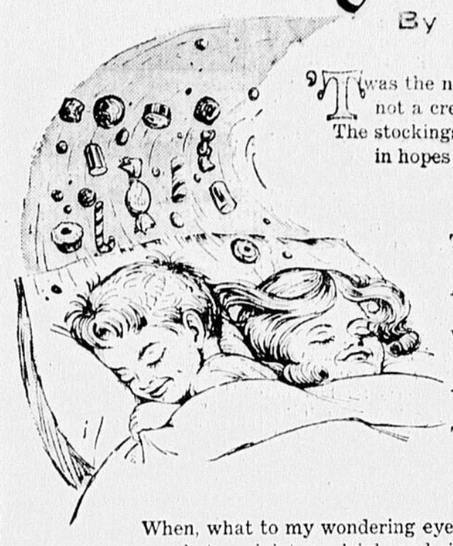
It's Christmas

Hope you're endowed with all the joys of the season!

HAROLD P. HIGGINS
HUNTINGDON

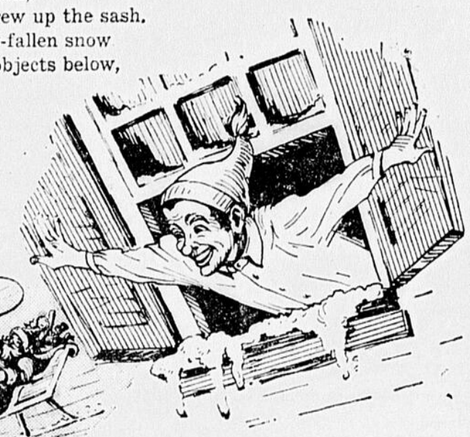
The Night Before Christmas

By CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,



When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, **Dasher!** now, **Dancer!** now, **Prancer** and **Vixen!** on, **Comet!** on, **Cupid!** on, **Donder** and **Blitzen!**
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
and the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
that shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
and filled all the stockings: then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
and giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
and away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT."

Cheerful Greetings

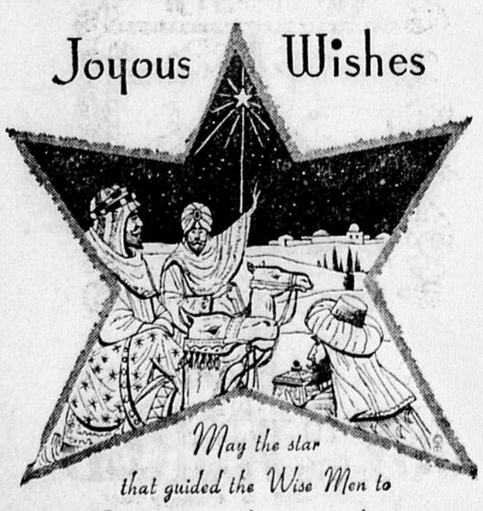
To our loyal patrons we express our sincerest appreciation.

ELITE DRESS SHOP
Mrs. A. FAUBERT
HUNTINGDON

Christmastime, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

HUNTINGDON MOTORS Reg.
Jas. F. Smythe and Staff
HUNTINGDON

Joyous Wishes



May the star that guided the Wise Men to Christmas joy and peace ever shine for you and yours in all days to come.

EMPIRE TV
HUNTINGDON

We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

FORTUNE DRUG STORE
REG'D.
JACQUES L'ECUYER, Prop.
HUNTINGDON

Growing Holly

A holly tree grows 15 years before it produces, but its life may be as long as 125 years.

CHEZ LILY
HUNTINGDON

Thanks, and a very Merry Christmas to all our loyal friends.

BORDER INN RESTAURANT
HUNTINGDON

Christmas GREETINGS

With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

LEDUC TAXI
ALCIDE LEDUC, Prop.
HUNTINGDON

Christmas Greetings

As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

HUNTINGDON SHOE STORE
O. SAUMIER
74 Chateauguay St. Huntingdon

Silent Night, holy night...

Hope your Holiday begins and ends on the happiest of notes, with joy and peace for you, your family and friends. Merry Christmas!

HUNTINGDON 5c-$1 STORE
77 Chateauguay St. Huntingdon

LUXOR JEWELLER
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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

by BILL WILLIAMS

CHRISTMAS is a time of year when children and adults look for something just a little different, but yet it is almost more or less the same. It is one of those festive seasons that we cannot change very much, for the theme is always the same. It is a time of great preparation especially where children are concerned, and of course the adults are more or less responsible, so they get enjoyment from it too.

It has its religious significance and it has its joyful significance and they are both together for the same reason. We celebrate the birth of Christ at this time and we are joyful because the Christ Child was born and of all the good things that followed. It is a season of giving and this takes many forms because of the gifts that were brought by the Wise Men and others on the occasion of the birth of Christ. It is from this that we get the emphasis on children and the reason for the lavishness of gifts to them.

Now this story is going to do with two boys of a like age, who were quite good friends and which are quite natural in all human beings. Nevertheless, they were almost inseparable and were constantly seen together.

friends, although their environments were different. They played together with reference to them. They had their little arguments and differences of opinion, as all neighborhood and they went to school together, but here again, there was a slight difference for one was in one grade and the other in a higher grade. These differences did not make their friendship less, nor did either one make go on an adventure if one should come up. They also got into mischief and were chased by the police and sometimes caught. The policeman would give them a good talking to and threaten to have them in court in a few days. Of course their tricks were never so bad that it would come to that, but for several weeks the boys would live in apprehension of seeing the Black Maris coming for them to take them to prison. In consequence during that time they would be the very models of behaviour. In due time the incident would be forgotten and something of similar nature would come up again. Most of these things involved throwing stones into apple trees to get the apples, or in some cases it would be walnut trees, or perhaps knocking on someone's door, or ringing the bell and thus annoying these people just for the fun of it.

As the Christmas season approached the boys' thoughts would turn to this great season of the year and all that it brought with it.

Just for a moment let us take a look at each boy's background.

We will call one Bill Jones and the other Jack White. We take Bill Jones first. Bill lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and his sister, Sissy, in a small house on a road which was a culdesac, that is it had no outlet. At the end was the mortuary and the graveyard of a large church. It was a small house just large enough for this family and that is all. However, the rent was quite reasonable and it suited the family's income. It was fairly well furnished and kept tidy despite the failing of Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones, you must understand, was an alcoholic and on many occasions would be dead to all going on around her after she had gone on one of her periods of imbibing. There might be one or two redeeming features to this state of affairs, for one thing, Mrs. Jones did most of her drinking in her own home and for the most part she never became really violent. She did get into fits of bad temper and the kids came in for a bad time until she had recovered. But when not drinking, she was kindness itself and nothing was too much for her to do for the children or anyone else. There was one thing about this, it kept the family finances in poor straights, for she would use up the money that should have been used for food and clothing and other such needs.

Like all boys, they would go off for a day in the woods, play cops and robbers with the other kids, tease the girls and were always ready to go on an adventure if one should come up. They also got into mischief and were chased by the police and sometimes caught. The policeman would give them a good talking to and threaten to have them in court in a few days. Of course their tricks were never so bad that it would come to that, but for several weeks the boys would live in apprehension of seeing the Black Maris coming for them to take them to prison. In consequence during that time they would be the very models of behaviour. In due time the incident would be forgotten and something of similar nature would come up again. Most of these things involved throwing stones into apple trees to get the apples, or in some cases it would be walnut trees, or perhaps knocking on someone's door, or ringing the bell and thus annoying these people just for the fun of it.

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Mr. Jones worked on the streetcars and thus he worked shifts and often on the various holidays. But he was a good man and tolerated the failings of his wife, because, in a sense she was also a good woman. They did, however, have many arguments and the storms would disrupt the household quite frequently when Mr. Jones found there was evidence of neglect of having spent money he had provided for other needs. He thought very well of his children and he wanted them to have what other children had, to the best of his ability. Mrs. Jones also felt this way when she was not drinking.

With these varoius facts, it will be seen that Bill and his sister did not always get what was really coming to them and to some extent their lives were haphazard and upset.

It often happened that when Christmas time came around, that their father would have to work on some part of the day, so that the celebration was held without him. We all know that this is one day when children expect to have their fathers home with them. Due to some types of employment this is not always possible and the services must be maintained so that the rest may enjoy the festive season. So it was with Bill's father.

Now we will take the case of Jack White. Jack hardly knew his father as he had died when he was only a few years old. His mother then had had to be both father and mother and he had two older brothers and one older sister, thus he was the baby of the family. Jack's parents had been fairly well off in the time before his father's death, but the family had run into difficulties after. This required the mother getting some work to do to obtain an income. For the most part she did work she could do at home like sewing and such. It brought her in a little money, but not too much. However, she was a thrifty person and could make things go a long way and everything appeared to be on a prosperous vein. One brother was married so he could not offer any help. The other one was being apprenticed to a trade and was only getting a little pocket money. The girl was working in a store, but her salary was not large, but she did help the best she could.

Probably because Jack was the baby of the family, the others felt sorry for him and tried to give him those things that a father might have done. In this way he got many articles that would not otherwise have been possible.

Christmas time in this household was always a great event and of course Jack got quite a good share of all the things that were going. He was fed well and clothed well. Some people might say he was spoiled, but if that were the case, he never acted that way and was always kind and considerate of others.

That then gives an idea of how the two boys lived.

To go on with this story. The boys of course visited in each other's home and saw what went on in each. Jack of course, could never quite understand what was happening to Mrs. Jones. On those occasions, the children would say their mother was sick and she was subject to spells of such nature. They would urge Jack to be quiet and perhaps they would say he could not go in at this time as their mother was too sick. On occasion, Jack would arrive when Mrs. Jones was in bad humor and he would see how she treated the children and very probably would tell him to get out of her house. The children would make excuses to Jack on such occasions.

On the other hand there were times when Mrs. Jones would have Jack in for a meal and she was just sweetness itself to all of them. But some of the remarks of the children on occasion, Jack could not quite understand. For they would chide their mother not to be so silly.

Another thing that Jack always thought was funny, Mrs. Jones would send Sissy down to the Off-license store of the local tavern, to get her some beer. She would then go off by herself to drink it. He often used to say why does your mother want to drink beer so often?

Now Bill would go to Jack's home and sometimes his sister would be invited too. Here they would see quite a different atmosphere. Jack's mother was always solicitous for their welfare and comfort and there always seemed such a large amount of cakes and cookies and such, just the things that children like so well. Then Jack always had a lot of toys, games and books, that a very enjoyable time could be spent and it was hard to leave to go home. It wasn't because they did not like their own home, but that they were having such a good time. Quite often Jack's mother would give the other two children a little treat to take home to their mother and for themselves. She understood the situation and felt sorry for them without them actually knowing it. She knew that Mrs. Jones was a good woman when she would leave the drink alone and she felt sorry for her weakness.

The Christmas Season was approaching once again and the children were wondering what it would be like again this year and the adults were busy saving their pennies and buying gifts and supplies ahead of time in order that there would be plenty for the festive season. There were also invitations to be sent out to friends and relatives to join together on this great occasion. There were constant mysterious things going on as packages were sneaked in and hidden and supplies were stacked in out-of-the-way places so that they would be available when required. There were cards written and sent out to those who would not be present, or to friends.

The children began saving their pennies too, as they thought of the presents they would like to buy each other and for the family and friends. If possible the boys would get a job running errands for neighbors and such in order to get a few extra pennies for the presents. They usually succeeded and while their wealth would not be great, they would manage to get something for all they planned and have a little over for their own holiday spending.

So it was that at this time of year, the usual games were forgotten as the children went around either doing their small jobs, or seeking something in the stores that they could use as Christmas gifts. Oftentimes they would see something for which they did not have quite enough money. Sometimes

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The sounds and scents of Christmas fill the air with joy and merriment. May your Day be filled with these pleasures.

Brunette Service Station

Huntingdon

Greetings

Christmas is a feeling...
a spirit of well-being and cheer
that pervades the very air in this
wonderful season. We offer you our sincere
wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.

HUNTINGDON WOOLLEN MILLS Ltd.

Huntingdon

Blessings

Rejoice
in His name
this Christmas Day.
May the spirit
of love fill your heart.

S. J. Currie

HUNTINGDON

Christmas Greetings

Trimming the tree, hanging up stockings, exchanging greetings... treasured moments for all of us at this festive time. May we wish you many such moments, and a happy holiday.

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130 Chateauguay St. Huntingdon

Christmas Blessings

Blessed be the Day of Christ's birth,
and may this Christmas season
bring us all lasting joy and peace.

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HUNTINGDON

When the Holiday Season rolls 'round, it gives us real satisfaction to be able to say "Merry Christmas" and "Many Thanks" to all our friends. Hope your Day is a happy one!

RIVERSIDE MOTORS REG'D

HUNTINGDON

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT...

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they would haggle with the storekeeper for a few pennies less and in the goodness of the heart and the season, perhaps the storekeeper would secede to their pleadings.

While going the rounds, the children were delighted with the great displays in the store windows and inside the stores. Oftentimes when inside the stores, they were hurried on their way by the clerks, who felt they were just being a nuisance. But on the outside, they would stand and look in the windows at the wonderful things on display and wish they had all the money needed to buy them. They would discuss with one another what they would buy if they had the money and what they would do with this and that if they had it. In most cases their thoughts were not of their own wants, but what they would like to get for mother and dad and sister and brother and the kid down the street and so on. So they would go on from store to store and look at everything. They would watch the mechanical figures of Santa and the reindeer, the nodding animals, the clockwork trains and all the other wonderful things they wanted to buy and if they had enough money go in and purchase it. When it came to something they wanted for one another, this of course would be done with greater secrecy, so that the element of surprise would be there on Christmas morning. Many times, it would be something that the other had wisned for when gazing in a particular window.

Another event that the children looked for was the visit of the postman, who would be bringing parcels and letters marked not to open until Christmas. Some were addressed to the children themselves, while some were addressed to the parents. In such cases, more than likely the parcel would contain packages for the children also and these may be for the Christmas tree, which was a special event in the White household.

So there was lots of excitement prior to the big day and it provided a time that was busy and productive for everyone. Of course there was wonderment in the minds of the children as to what they would get for Christmas.

At last the great day arrived and the day was celebrated in both these homes as it was elsewhere throughout the country and the world.

There was a certain amount of disappointment in the Jones' household. For one thing it came Mr. Jones' time to be on duty on Christmas day, which meant he would not be home until late in the evening. Mrs. Jones had prepared the Christmas fare, the plum pudding, the mince pies and the meat, a Christmas cake, and stored a supply of nuts and fruit and candy.

Whether this was too much for her, or whether she was disappointed her husband would not be home on Christmas Day, she decided to go off on one of her periods of drinking. It was thus on Christmas eve that she started in to imbibe and in a short time she was dead out and had no interest in anything and especially Christmas. Her husband came home and found her in this stupor and was thoroughly disgusted that she would let the kids down at a time like this. He tried to sober her up, but all his efforts were futile. Came Christmas morning and he had to leave for work, Mrs. Jones was still in a daze. He talked to Bill and Sissy for awhile and gave them the presents he had bought for them, told them to be good children and enjoy themselves all they could. They gave him the presents they had for him and he became a little overwhelmed and sniffed a little, at the same time trying to appear joyful for them. However, there thoughtfulness of him and their mother made him feel exceedingly happy that he had such nice children, but a bit sad that the mother had not tried more to keep the Christmas happy and together, especially when he had to leave. To the children he was a happy gay father although disappointed that he had to answer the call of duty. He wished them well, took another look at his wife, cursed slightly under his breath and left for his job. He knew he would find many on his car who would be celebrating in more ways than one, that was life.

The children were used to their mother being sick, as they termed it, so they set to work to put the house in order in case anyone called and make it look like Christmas as their mother would have done had she not lapsed into one of her off-moments. They made a very good job of it and the house did look festive. Mrs. Jones began stirring a little toward mid-day and the children meantime had hidden all drink for they knew if she found it she would not sober up and would be back again in slumber, or stupor. They made a good strong cup of tea and persuaded Mrs. Jones to drink it. It usually helped to overcome the effects of her bout and it proved effective on this occasion. Some several cups of tea later, Mrs. Jones began taking an interest in things, she enquired as to what day it was and was told it was Christmas Day. "My goodness", she said, "Whatever have I been doing and thinking of, did your father get off to work alright?" 'Well now let us get our Christmas dinner on the go." There were just the three of them to spend the day and it had been decided to have most of the fun when Mr. Jones got home that night even if it meant being late. So they had a lunch.

Meantime over at the White household, things had been happening there too. However, things there were on a more joyful plane and everyone was uttering exclamations of delight at all that was going on.

Mrs. White and her daughter had been busy preparing all the good things for the festivities and nearly all was in readiness by the time Christmas morning had arrived. They had had a glass of wine on Christmas eve, but there were no signs that they were not in control of themselves and able to carry on.

Jack being the only child present, had received the traditional visit from Santa Claus and his bed was loaded down with all sorts of toys, games, books, etc. He had hung his stockings at the end of the bed and these were filled with oranges, nuts and other good things. All this was ignored while he looked over all the games and so on. There were mechanical trains, and figures, a house-building set and the plans for building. He began trying each one out and very soon the rest of the family were in his room helping him too.

The elders were soon getting as much enjoyment out of all the things as Jack was. Meantime they were showing the gifts that Santa had left for them and one of Jack's brothers was quite indignant when he found coal in his sock and no oranges, etc. Sister found just a roll of newspaper in hers and she said she thought Santa might have done better than that, but Jack would have to share some of his. Jack was quite willing to do this and told her to help herself, he was too interested in other things to mind what happened to oranges and such, this would come later, no doubt.

All this happened quite early in the morning and now the family began to think of breakfast, so preparations were made for this. After this was over, Jack decided he would go and see how Bill had fared and he took one or two of his gifts for them to see.

When he arrived, fortunately, Mrs. Jones was just coming around and beginning to get things going, although still a bit groggy. Bill opened the door and showed his pleasure at seeing Jack and invited him in. Jack looked around and told him how nice everything looked and how was his Christmas. Bill and his sister had a few nice things although not near as many as Jack. He showed them what he had brought with him and they played for awhile. Mrs. Jones gave him some cookies and a drink of punch and then he returned to his own home and took Bill and his sister with him.

Arriving there, Bill and Sissy were delighted with all the decorations and the very nice tree in the living room by the fireplace. It was very well decorated and loaded with gifts which the family gave out in the evening after the Christmas dinner had been partaken of. Dinner was usually served between 4 and 5 o'clock on Christmas Day in this household, as by that time all the guests had arrived and some had to come long distances, so the gift giving time provided a partial program for the evening.

It being almost time for dinner when the three children came in, Bill and Sissy were invited to stay and have dinner and join the other festivities. The children knew this would be alright with their mother and so they readily agreed to stay. They had a table all of their own set up and were soon happily enjoying all the good things provided. They were especially pleased with the Christmas crackers which they pulled and from which they obtained paper hats and novelties. It was really a noisy gathering as each one was talking to the neighbor and everyone talking at once when they were not eating, but the children did not notice this, they were busy with their own affairs. They were finished first and excused themselves and off they went to see the gifts that Jack had received.

After some time, Mrs. White called the children into the living room as the gifts on the tree were distributed by the elder brother of the family. When they arrived there, the room was simply bulging with all the people crowding into it, even though it was a very large room. The elder brother had two children, but they were quite small, some of the other people also had children. It was always the custom to give the children their gifts first and so it proceeded. First gifts of candy were handed out and then the gifts themselves. Included in this were Bills and Sissy's and they were overjoyed at this. They received some very nice gifts and also some for their mother and father with best wishes for a very happy Christmas. When these were handed to Sissy, a few tears trickled down her face, but only a few noticed it and thought she was overwhelmed with happiness. Actually there was just a little pang of remorse when she thought of her mother, but her thoughts were not reproachful of her. She also felt a little sorrow that her father was not home. They then gave the gifts that they had bought for Jack and his mother and were thrilled when they all exclaimed in delight at what they had received.

This over, the children could either leave or stay and watch the adults as they

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to all our milk suppliers

and valued customers in

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and district

—A—

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

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THE MAKERS OF

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Greetings

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GREETINGS

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A Friendly

wish to you for the Yuletide.

Hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

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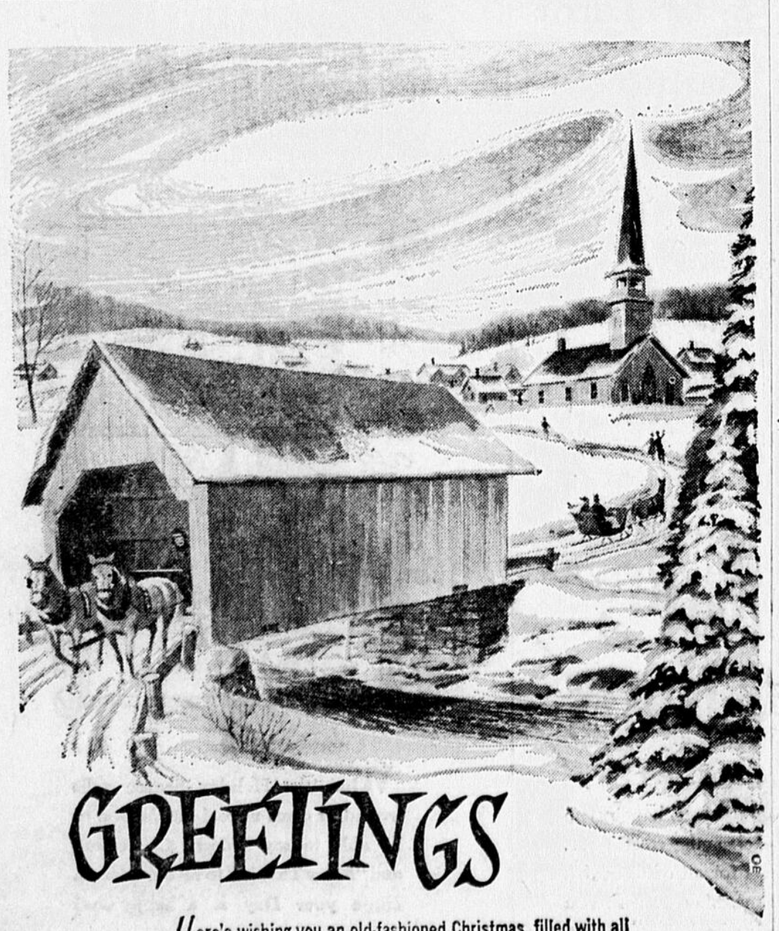

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas, filled with all the joys of fellowship and good cheer, and a holiday season brightened by many merry moments for your entire family.

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Thank you for letting us serve you — best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday.

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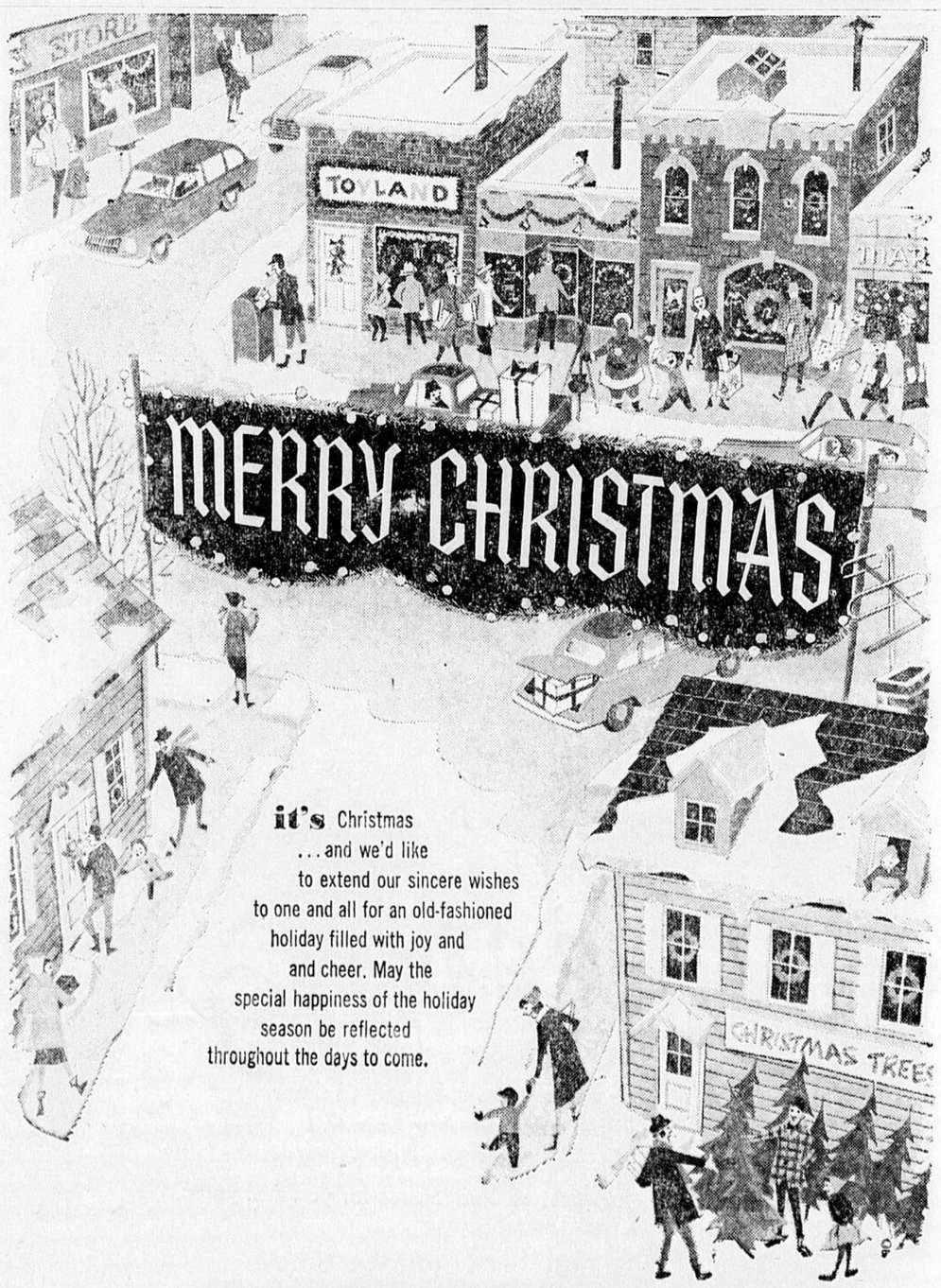
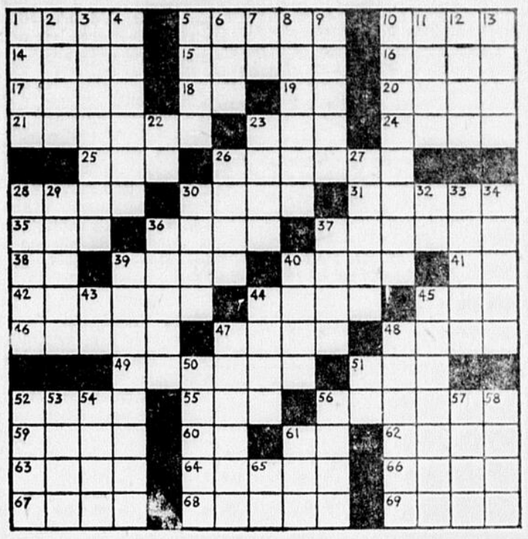


it's Christmas ... and we'd like to extend our sincere wishes to one and all for an old-fashioned holiday filled with joy and and cheer. May the special happiness of the holiday season be reflected throughout the days to come.

MARCHAND FRERES

Huntingdon

HOLIDAY QUIZ-CROSSWORD



HORIZONTAL

1—You can quote Santa Claus on this.
5—Roast —— (pl.)
10—Crustacean.
14—Rooms in harems.
15—Heron.
16—What blessing to the world came from Pandora's box following troubles?
17—Candles do this.
18—Short for Agnes.
19—International language.
20—The birds.
21—Regard.
23—Press for payment.
24—Where a famous sea serpent spends Christmas: Loch ——.
25—No vacancy here for Mary and Joseph.
26—Whitest.
28—Intelligence.
30—What Italian city is the center of the Roman Catholic Empire?
31—Columbus's ships were the: Nina, —— and Santa Maria.
35—Unit of work.
36—Learning.
37—Pinnacle ornament.
38—Symbol for samarium.
39—Step in walking.
40—Kind of cherry.
41—Behold.
42—Button candy comes in this.
44—"Feeding the Wren" is a Christmas custom here.
45—To the right.
46—Irish poet.
47—Nights before holidays.
48—Dominate (colloq.)
49—Basement.
51—Vehicle.
52—Operatic solo.
55—— Fleming.
56—What Biblical character was protected from the lions while in their den?

59—Localities.
60—Note in the scale.
61—Toward.
62—This is apparent on Christmas morn.
63—River in Bohemia.
64—Go in.
66—Wide-mouthed pottery jar.
67—Mountain lake.
68—Author of "The Cloister and the Hearth."
69—Grate.

VERTICAL

1—"I'll Be —— for Christmas."
2—Musical poems.
3—Stopping.
4—Belgium port.
5—Santa is "on the ——."
6—Incite.
7—Symbol for erbium.
8—Flat rod used for punishment.

9—Fireplace material.
10—Caroling.
11—Wander.
12—Imitates.
13—Diminutive for Elizabeth.
22—Half an em.
23—"There is nothing like a ——."
26—Skin mouth.
27—Backbone.
28—One-word description of candy canes.

29—Wrathful.
30—Fabulous birds.
32—Symbol for nickel.
33—Narratives.
34—Medicinal plants.
36—Become void.
3.—Douglas or Balsam.
39—What island was settled by mutineers from the British ship "Bounty"?
40—Coffin.
43—Egyptian sun god.
44—Masculine name.
45—Give him a banana for Christmas.

47—Girl's name.
48—Maine city.
50—Measure of capacity.
51—Symbol for calcium.
52—Aglow.
53—Italian painter and poet.
54—Froster.
56—Group of French mountains.
57—Congers.
58—Santa's reindeer do this.
61—Spread for drying.
65—Symbol for tantalum.

ANSWER APPEARS ON ANOTHER PAGE

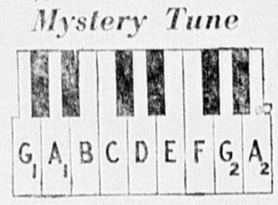
A Christmas Musicale

YOU may take more pleasure from this season of joyful song by learning to play these old favorites on a piano or accordion. Fold paper so as to have notes below. Play notes on the real keyboard before you as they appear here.

Jingle Bells

Jin gle bells! jin gle bells!
E E E E E E
Jin gle all the way!
E G2 C D E
Oh! What fun it is to ride in
F F F E E E E
a one-horse open sleigh,
E E D D E D G2
Jin gle bells! jin gle bells!
E E E E E E
(Repeat as before.)
Oh! What fun it is to ride in
F F F E E E E
a one-horse open sleigh.
E G2 G2 F D C

Mystery Tune



SEE if you can guess the anthem below as you play notes on the piano.

G — C — G — C — D — B — G
E — D — E — F — E — D
C — C — B — A — B — C — D
— E — C — B — A — G
G-2 — F — E — F — E
D — E — C — D — B — A — G
C — C — B — C — D — C — G
E — E — D — E — F — E — D

The anthem is Adeste Fideles, sung in its best known adaptation from Leonard Frederick Oakeley is accredited with making this adaptation. Latin as "O Come All Ye Faithful."

O Christmas Tree

O Christ - mas tree, O Christ-
D-1 — G — G — G — A — B —
mas tree,
B — B
How love - ly are your
B — A — B — C — F♯ —
branch-es!
A — G
Repeat above.
In sum - mer sun or
D-2 — D-2 — B — E-2 — D-2
win - ter snow,
D-2 — C — C
A dress of green you al-
C — C — A — D-2 — C — C
ways show,
— B — B
O Christ - mas tree, O Christ-
D-1 — G — G — G — A — B —
mas tree,
B — B
How love - ly are your
B — A — B — C — F♯ —
branch-es!
A — G

ROMAIN MENARD
BUTCHER – GROCER
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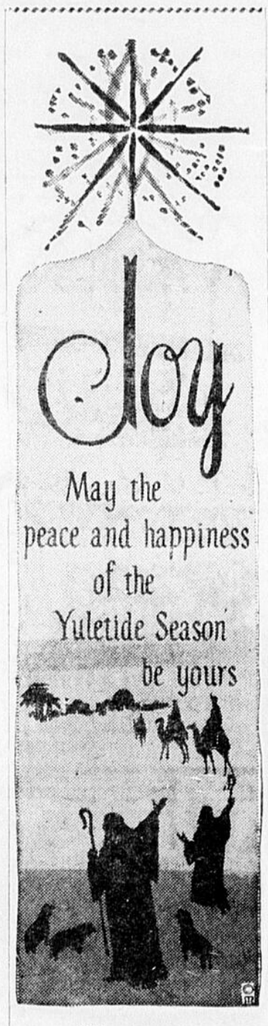

Clarence HENDERSON
HUNTINGDON

Christmas Spirit.....

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received their gifts. Jack and the other two did this for awhile, but then they got tired and Bill said they had better be getting home as their father would soon be there. Jack said he would go with them and see if everything was all right.

When they arrived, Mrs. Jones was fully recovered and had the table set with all the nice things and very soon Bill's father came in. As it was late, he did not bother to change, he just washed and came right in to dinner. Jack was invited to sit in, so he did, although he excused himself from eating. He had a drink of milk and a piece of Christmas cake. He then gave the members of this family the gifts he purchased for them and the other children gave their mother and father the gifts from the tree.

So once more Christmas passed for these two families. They all loved their parents and the parents loved their children. There were failings, but after all they were families and families must stick together. — That is the spirit of Christmas.

Carols

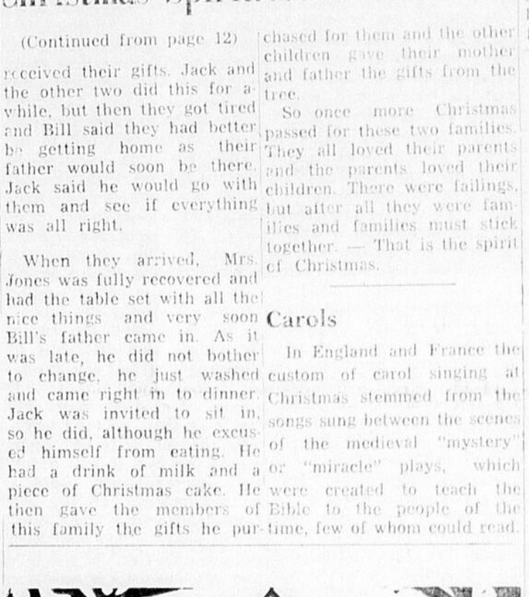
In England and France the custom of carol singing at Christmas stemmed from the songs sung between the scenes of the medieval "mystery" or "miracle" plays, which were created to teach the Bible to the people of the time, few of whom could read. The early miracle plays portrayed the coming of Christ in simple drama. Later plays became more elaborate, with fictional scenes added.

Origin of candy canes

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with old superstition during the ten, reports the Candy, Cho- Middle Ages. Europeans of colate and Confectionery Inthat period carried glass canes stitute.

filled with colored candles to distract evil witches.

Belief was that the evil ones become so interested in sorting the candles that casting of evil spells was forgot-



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Holiday Greetings
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Bells ring out merrily for all our loyal friends and patrons. May we wish you the same generous measure of happiness you've given us over the years with your valued patronage.

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We've good wishes galore for everyone at Christmas! And if our wishes come true, you'll enjoy the merriest holiday season ever.

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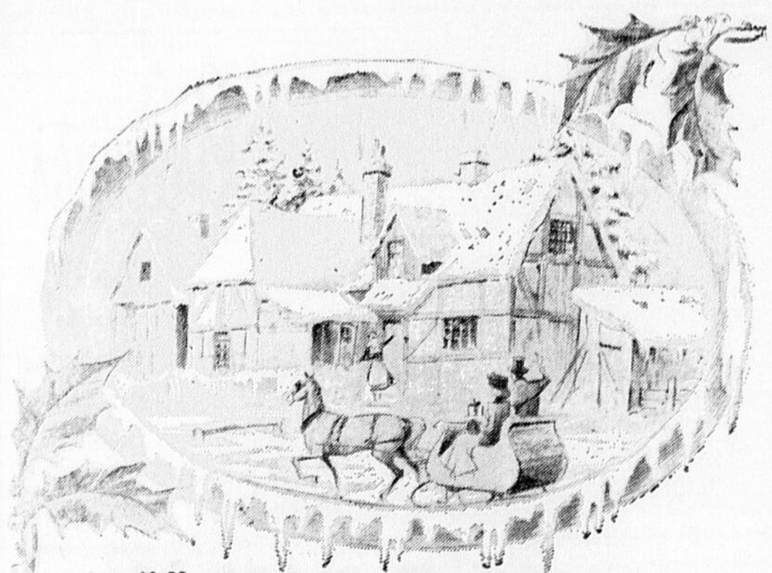

Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

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OLD JOHN HAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

By BILL WILLIAMS

Old John was at his usual place sitting on one of the benches in the park and he was musing on life and things in general, to himself, as he watched the people and traffic going by on the street.

It was late fall, almost winter, yet it happened to be a nice day, fairly warm, and the old man was well wrapped in his long overcoat and scarf and a cap. He sat there in the sunshine and leaned ahead on his hands on the walking stick he always took with him to help him along. Over in the street, the first signs of Christmas were beginning to loom as the storekeepers dressed their windows in festive attire and signs like "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" and "A Small Payment Now, Will Keep Any Article Until Christmas," "Santa Will Soon Have His Headquarters In This Store", could be seen. People too, were beginning to gaze in the shop windows and were seen going in and out of the stores and sometimes carrying packages that could be Christmas gifts.

Old John watched all this and his thoughts turned to his own life and the Christmases he had enjoyed in his childhood days as well as later. John's family had been a small one, a couple of brothers and a sister, his mother and father, he was the youngest of that family, although there had not been much difference between the ages of the children. They had been a happy family and his mother and father had always considered their children and thus Christmas time in their house had been a happy occasion for all. As he looked at the shop windows, he thought of happy times he had had and the many gifts he and his brothers and sister had received at this happy period of the year. He remembered the gay parties when other children had been invited to his home and he in turn had been invited to theirs, the wonderful assortment of good things to eat, the apples, oranges, nuts and candies, cake, cookies and so forth. Even as he sat there the old man's mouth watered as he almost saw these good things in front of him once more.

As time went on and he and his brothers and sister became adults and as his father and mother began to creep toward old age, they eventually married and had families of their own. It became their turn to provide for the Christmas for their own families and to enjoy the pleasure of seeing the joy in their youngsters when this great season came around each year. He remembered in particular his own children.

Long before the Christmas arrived, he and his wife would be doing and planning for this great festive event. He had a fairly good job and he was able to provide in a comfortable way for his family, but he had to do some saving in order to make Christmas the special event it was meant to be. He joined Christmas clubs and he would have articles put away on which he would pay a fixed sum each pay day, in order that no one should be disappointed. As something was paid for, he would bring it home and sneak it into the house without anyone else knowing about it and then hide it away. On most things, both he and his wife shared in such knowledge but of course the gifts for each other, were much more secret.

His wife would buy her supplies many weeks ahead of Christmas and of course she would be making the puddings and cakes weeks and weeks ahead of the great day. There was a glow of satisfaction and expectancy in all this doing, for they were doing it for their children. It was a gay time and all the members of the family took a hand in decorating the house and bringing in a tree and decorating that. Many of the decorations they made themselves, such as paper chains, bells and paper flowers. Many a night the family would sit around the kitchen table making these decorations and using many colors of paper for the purpose. They also made little paper cups to put small treats in for visiting children of the relatives and friends. They made place cards for the guests and they made little snowmen, Christmas trees and so forth to go with them. There was always a sort of satisfaction in knowing that one had made these things themselves and so they were quite original.

Old John looked up from his seat and took another glance across the park to the street. They were pleasant memories, and a tear or two trickled down his cheek as he allowed his thoughts to wander back into those nostalgic days. He thought of the time when he used to take the children to the big store to see toyland and other Christmas fairylands that they used to fix up for the Christmas season. He could hear their cries of delight as he went his way on this mental journey and a smile came over his face as he followed through.

His children had grown older and his father and mother had died and then his brothers and sister had passed away. He had lost some of his own children at an early age due to an epidemic and his wife had died just a few years ago and he was now left all alone. The war had come and taken his only remaining son and his wife had remarried and he had not seen her for many years. Yes, he was alone, and he lived in a one room apartment in a house not far from where he was sitting. Coming to the park was his daily relaxation and outing. He was getting the old-age pension and he had managed to save a little toward his old age, so he was in a sense, fairly comfortable. The one thing he lacked was those who really loved him and would be close to him. He had a few friends at the house where he stayed, but they were not close, so he lived these remaining years a very lonely existence. He often wished there was something he could do, that his old friends were still around, and especially at this season of the year.

He decided he would go back home and make a cup of tea and putter around getting his supper. He rose stiffly from the seat, realizing that it was actually getting colder as the afternoon was fading into evening and darkness was approaching. By now a few of the lights were going on in the stores and once again the theme of Christmas was showing through. It was funny, but the old man could not forget that Christmas was so near and it kept returning to his thoughts of earlier years and what he had had to do.

Arriving home, he set about getting the tea made and decided to have just a light supper that was easily prepared. The paper boy had left his paper on the doorstep and he had picked it up as he went in. While he sat sipping his tea and eating his supper, he began to read the paper. He noticed that little bits of Christmas news were creeping into the columns and in among the advertisements would be some on the Christmas theme. One of them caught his eye, it was a full page announcement about a toyland opening at the big department store in town. Every year at this time this store featured one of the largest toyland displays to be found anywhere. A few weeks before Christmas they sponsored a gigantic parade of all kinds of Christmas floats, with well known Christmas and pantomine figures taking part. The announcement gave the route of the parade and when it would take place and urged the children to be sure and meet Santa who would be in the parade and riding in his sleigh drawn by his reindeer.

Old John laid the paper aside and began musing again. This Santa parade brought back a rush of more memories. As he grew older, it came about that he reached retirement age. He had a pension, but it was not very large, hardly sufficient for he and his wife to pay their way and live properly, so he felt that he must get some kind of a job that would bring in a little more money to provide the extras. So he used to do little odd jobs for the neighbors and anyone who would hire him for that purpose.

It was thus that one particularly cold fall and winter season, that he did not get too much in the way of jobs to do. He had a few steady customers, but there was hardly enough to keep the extra money coming in. He happened to pass by the very store about which he had been reading, and he saw a sign in the window which read, "Man wanted to be Santa Claus in our Parade and to attend at the store from thereafter until Christmas Eve." Now, why couldn't he do that he had thought to himself and without further ado, he went inside the store and made his application.

The store manager was the one who interviewed him and he wanted to know if he had ever done this sort of thing before, if he liked children and could stand them climbing over him and asking all kinds of questions and perhaps some of them being a little naughty and so on. John replied, he thought he could, he had had children of his own and was used to other children and in any event,he needed the money. The manager took a liking to John and said, all right, come to the store and do a little rehearsing ready for the big parade and then in meeting the children in toyland at the store. This done, came the day for the Parade. Santa had to be driven from a point outside the town and joined the parade at its starting point with a great deal of ceremony. He mounted his sleigh on the top of a huge float and the reindeer kept prancing and nodding their heads to make the bells keep ringing. As he mounted the sleigh, the children and other spectators sang out lusty cheers that were actually deafening and Santa's words were lost in the noise. (As he sat thinking about this, Old John again imagined that he heard those cheers and once again a smile went over his face and his eyes lighted up). All along the parade route the cries of delight were heard from the crowds which thronged the route. Old John would be crying out "God Bless You Children" and "Merry Christmas" and such like sayings, but it is doubtful if anyone heard him above the deafening roar of the crowd.

Eventually the parade would reach the store and there was the ceremony of Santa leaving his sleigh and making his way to the part of the store which would be his home until Christmas Eve. Very late Christmas Eve, too.

Old John thought of the children who had come to him and confidently expressed their desires and what they expected he would leave at their house. About the toys, he was able to satisfy them, but when some of them wanted a baby sister, or a brother, he was a little shy in his answers. He would usually promise to pass on their wishes and hoped they would be granted. Then there were some who wanted a brother or a sister put out of the way as they always wanted their toys and gifts and began fighting over them. Or it would be — "don't bring Johnny a gun this Christmas, he always hits me with it and he cries if it gets broken.

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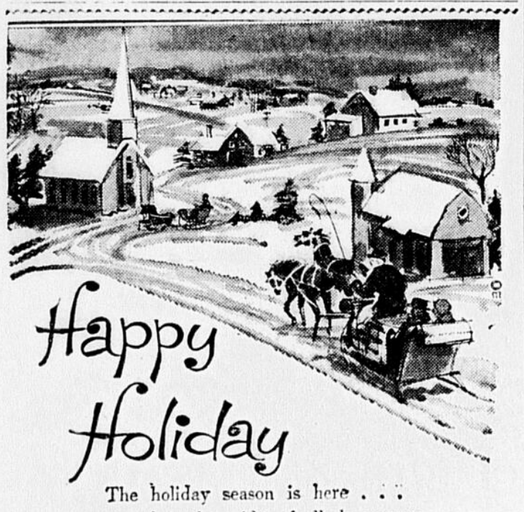
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Warm and sincere greetings, from all of us to all of you, and many thanks, too.

GERALD W. MURPHY
HUNTINGDON



Happy Holiday

The holiday season is here . . . and in the midst of all the merry-making, we'd like to extend best wishes and greetings to our friends.

HUNTINGDON FURNITURE
GILLES BRUNET, Prop.
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Noel

We join in wishing you a happy Yuletide. May the season bring you much happiness.

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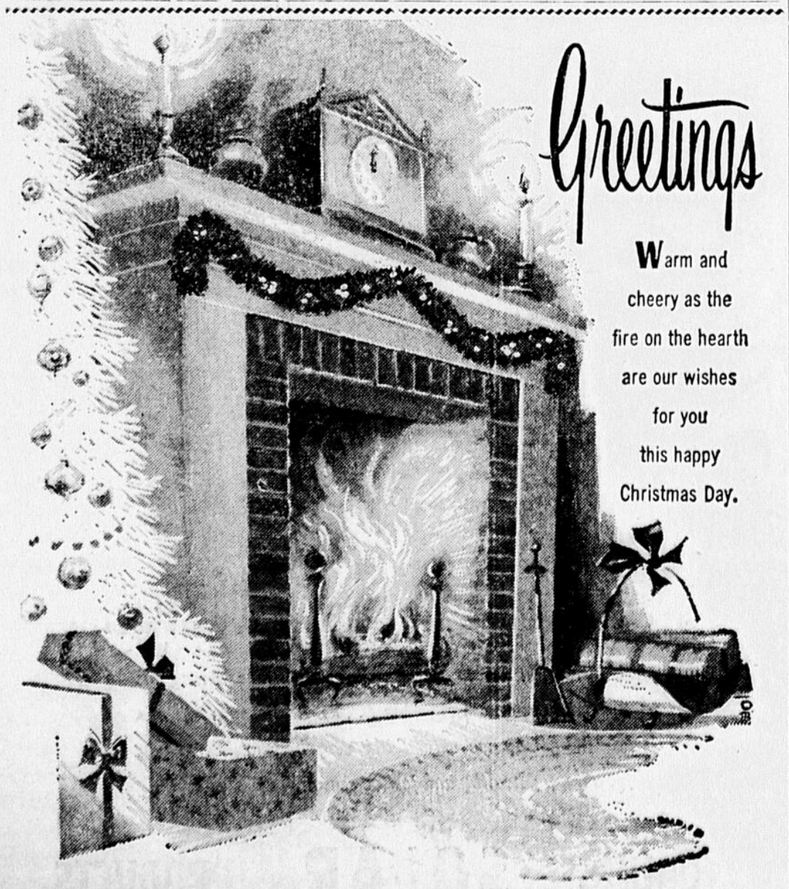

Greetings

Warm and cheery as the fire on the hearth are our wishes for you this happy Christmas Day.

BLUE GAS PROPANE
DIVISION OF MARCHAND FRERES
HUNTINGDON

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Be of good cheer . . . Christmas is here! Have a happy holiday.

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Peace

On earth, peace, good will to all men.
A joyful Christmas.

JEAN-LOUIS TREPANIER
GENERAL INSURANCE
HUNTINGDON

Sincere wishes and holiday

Greetings

to all of you from all of us.

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May we wish you a very Merry Christmas...

The Chateau
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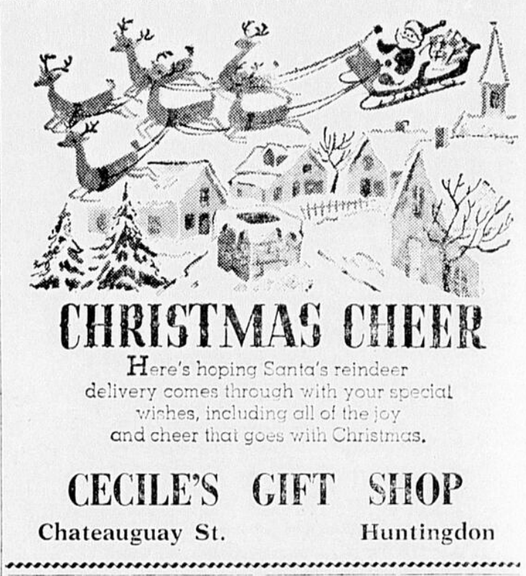

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Here's hoping Santa's reindeer delivery comes through with your special wishes, including all of the joy and cheer that goes with Christmas.

CECILE'S GIFT SHOP
Chateauguay St. Huntingdon

Holiday Greetings

At Christmastime ... we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our good friends, the happiest of holiday seasons and to extend our heartfelt thanks for your valued patronage.

ROCH TREPANIER
AUTOMOBILE
YOUR FORD DEALER
HUNTINGDON

OLD JOHN HAS.....

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Bring him something soft so he can't hurt people."

For all of them Old John would have a remark that was soothing and would make them happy and that Christmas was going to be the best yet. He would urge them to ask their parents to take them to toyland so that they could pick out what they liked best. Of course there were some who were shy and would start crying and had to be rescued by mummy or daddy. All of them he would ask — "Have you been good all this year, for it is only the good little boys and girls that Santa can visit at Christmas?" Of course, he would be assured that they had all been very good and intended to be. He would give out one or two of his happy laughs — Ho, ho, ho, ho, pat the child on the head and say, all right off you go back to mummy, or daddy, whichever it happened to be.

It had only been a few years since he had given up this job, his wife had died and he began to live his lonely existence. He had been happy doing this job at the Christmas season for many years and the store had been very pleased with his services, while the public had loved him all the time. No one outside the store knew who he was in actual life and he liked it that way.

Old John often sat in his room and thought over various events in his life and they helped him to while away many a lonely hour. Of course he was a favorite among the children in the neighborhood, who all knew him as a very kindly man. He enjoyed having a chat with them and their parents too if they happened to be around.

It was only a few weeks until Christmas and John used his time in his usual way and he began to think that perhaps he should make some preparations for spending his Cnristmas. No doubt it would be alone, as it had been for the most part since his wife had died. So we leave old John for the intervening period and we push our story ahead to Christmas Eve.

It was Christmas Eve, old John sat in his room and as per usual custom was looking over the newspaper that the newsboy had left on his step. He had got in a few of the things that he liked at this season and was prepared to once more stay home in his room. A little earlier a group of children from a nearby church had visited him and sang carols and they also left him a little gift and wished him a very Happy Christmas. He liked this very much and it gave him a warm feeling that at least someone had remembered him.

As he sat there reading the newspaper, a knock came on the door and he opened it to find a young lady standing there beaming in smiles and a bright gleam in her eyes.

She said "mother sent me to ask you if you had any plans for Christmas dinner and if not, would you please come to our house and spend Christmas Day with our family." The family lived in a house a little way down the street and he knew them from talking to the children and to the parents on various occasions.

The old man was quite overcome by this invitation that had come so unexpectedly and tears came to his eyes as he realized that he was not really forgotten. He still had friends who thought of him at this festive season of the year, although he did not know until this time. He said to the young lady, "Indeed I'll be glad to come and please thank your parents for their kind gesture and many thanks to you for bringing the invitation." "Merry Christmas Dear Girl."

As it turned out, it was a Very Merry Christmas for Old John.

Christmas

May the miracle of the Christ Child be upon your home and in your hearts this Christmas Day, May the good Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones.

HART & SHERRY
SERVICE STATION
HUNTINGDON

GREETINGS!

Santa's here again this year
laden with greetings of Christmas cheer
for one and all.

ROLAND LAVALLEE
SUPER MARKET
HUNTINGDON

Merry Christmas

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

McLEAN'S MEAT MARKET
HUNTINGDON

Christmas held twice yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N.C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place where they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck", who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" as uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night — when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ Child — that somehow got off schedule a day, Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas", which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

'Twas the Night After Christmas

THE VERSES which did more to make Clement Clarke Moore a famous name than all his achievements as professor, linguist and lexicographer appeared first anonymously. Years passed before *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* was linked with his name. Many printings without a byline continued after the verses had become so well known as to inspire numerous paraphrases. Usually, these, too, were anonymous—most remained so. One of the best, given below, has been traced back to 1873, but its authorship has eluded identification. Could Prof. Moore himself have been the author in a puckish mood? Incidentally, the drawings appeared as illustrations in an early printing of the pastiche, at a time silhouettes were in popular favor.

'TWAS the night after Christmas,
when all through the house
Every soul was abed, and still as
a mouse;

Those stockings so late in
St. Nicholas' care
Were empty of all that was
eatable there.

The darlings had duly been tucked
in their beds,
With very full stomachs, and pains
in their heads.

I was dozing away in my new cotton
cap,
And Nancy was rather far gone
in a nap.

When out in the nursery rose such
a clatter,
I sprang from my sleep, crying,
"What is the matter?"

I flew to each bedside—still half
in a doze—
Tore open the curtains, and threw off
the clothes;

While the light of the taper served
clearly to show
The piteous plight of those objects
below:

For what to the fond father's eyes
should appear
But the little pale face of each sick
little dear!

For each pet that had crammed itself
full as a tick
I knew in a moment now felt like
Old Nick.

Their pulses were rapid, their
breathings the same;
What their stomachs ejected I'll
mention by name:

Now turkey, now stuffing, plum-
pudding, of course,
And custards, and crullers, and
cranberry sauce;

Before outraged nature all went to
the wall,
Yes, lollypops, flapdoodle, dinner
and all.

Like pellets which urchins from
popguns let fly
Went figs, nuts, and ruisins, jam,
jelly and pie;

Till each error of diet was brought to
my view,
To the shame of mama and of Santa
Claus, too.

I turned from the sight, to my bedroom
stepped back.
And brought out a vial marked
"Pulv. Ipecac;"

When my Nancy exclaimed, for their
sufferings shocked her,
"Don't you think you had better, love,
run for a doctor?"

I ran; and was scarcely back under my
roof
When I heard the sharp clatter of
old Jalap's hoof;

I might say that I had scarcely turned
myself 'round
When the doctor came into the room
with a bound.

He was covered with mud from his head
to his foot,
And the suit he had on was his very
worst suit;

He hardly had time to put that on
his back,
And he looked like a Falstaff half
fuddled with sack;

His eyes, how they twinkled! Had the
doctor got merry?
His lips looked like port, and his
breath smelt like sherry.

He hadn't been shaved for a fortnight
or so,
And the beard on his chin wasn't
white as the snow.

But, inspecting their tongues, in spite
of their teeth,
And drawing his watch from his
waistcoat beneath,

He felt of each pulse saying, "Each
little belly
Must get rid"—here he laughed—"of
the rest of that jelly."

I gazed on each chubby, plump, sick
little elf,
And groaned when he said so in spite
of myself;

But a wink of his eye, when he
physicked our Fred,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing
to dread.

He didn't prescribe; but went
straightway to work,
And dosed all the rest—gave his
trousers a jerk—

And adding directions while blowing
his nose,
He buttoned his coat, from his chair
he arose,

Then jumped in his gig, gave old
Jalap a whistle,
And Jalap dashed off as if pricked
by a thistle.

But the doctor exclaimed, ere he drove
out of sight,
"They'll all be well by to-morrow,
good-night, Jones, good-night."

Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child. An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her hand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

There Was No Room

"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room."

And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph.

Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a light of etheral beauty above the stable, a bright new star with the brillance of a million candles.

In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest
And on earth, peace to men of good will."

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men and there appears a group of gifts of precious gold. Magi, wise men of Persia. There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a They have followed the brightness of the star in search of manger for his throne, they find the Christ Child. a new-born King. They bring

Marzipan Has Sweet Story

Sweet is the history of marzipan, a confection that is usually thought of as a Christmas candy. Today, it is still being made with the same kind of ingredients as those used hundreds of years ago.

It consists of freshly ground almonds made into a paste, whole eggs or whites of eggs, sugar, syrup and flavoring, sometimes honey is added.

There are many legends concerning the word, "marzipan," says the Candy, Chocolate and Confectionery institute.

One old tale attributes it to the bread eaten by St. Mark in the desert — "Marci panis," the bread of Marcus.

Records show that Bartolome Scappi, secret cook to Pope Pius V, made marzipan with the ingredients now found in modern recipes for the candy.

Chinese Proverb More Significant Than Ever Before

The words of an old Chinese proverb seem more significant today than ever before:

"If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in the character.

If there is beauty in the character there will be harmony in the home.

If there is harmony in the home there will be order in the nation.

If there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world."

at CHRISTMAS

May your holiday be happy and your blessings many.

O. Remillard & Son
Ormstown, P.Q.

Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas!

Builders' Supply & Feeds Ltd.
HUNTINGDON

Joy at Christmas

Let us rejoice
and join together with
Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.

PATRICK W. McCALLUM
HUNTINGDON

O, Holy Night...

Let us rejoice at Christmas,
the Day of His birth. May we ever be
blessed by the wonders of the first Holy Night.

ROLFE and SONS
HUNTINGDON

NOEL

The first Noel . . . a child was born. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for the many blessings of Christmas. May your holiday be rich in spiritual joys.

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HUNTINGDON

CHRISTMAS WISHES

We wish you a Christmas lit by happiness, warmed by contentment, well-stocked with many comforts.

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Tel. 264-3033 Huntingdon
Corner Fairview and Henderson

A Christmas Wish

We wish to thank you for your good will and hope your Christmas is a merry one.

ATHELSTAN SASH & DOOR
& GRIST MILL
DON RACINE
ATHELSTAN

May Peace and Joy be Yours at Christmas

PAUL'S SNACK BAR
AND RESTAURANT
Marie St-Laurent, Prop.
HUNTINGDON

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

By Bill Williams

It does not matter where one's home is, there is one time of the year that everyone yearns to be there and that is at Christmas time. When families are raised all together in one country and live there all their lives, the chances are they do not drift far apart. But when families break up and perhaps go to far off places, then this is a different story.

Canada is the home of a great many people who have left their home country to build a place here. They left behind them their national customs and traditions to carve a new niche in this great Canada of ours. They have come here at all ages from infants to adults and according to their age, the adjustment has been all the harder. It is no wonder then that many of these people cast longing glances at their home country and express a wish that they might be there to spend this Christmas. It is not because they do not like Canada, Canadian ways and people, for they do. But at Christmas time despite everything, the "Old Country" is home to them.

Perhaps they have never been back to their "old country" for many, many years, or it may only be a few, the longing is there just the same. However, longer terms of absence leave different memories. Those of longer terms retain the memories of when they lived there and what it was like. They cannot think in the terms of the more recent for they do not know about it.

In the midst of preparations for the Christmas festivities, packaging parcels of gifts and so forth, floods of memories are brought to mind. What is Aunt Beth doing at this time, is she making the puddings. She always used to make the puddings at this time of year, as she used to say they needed to age before they were really perfect. Everyone had to stir the pudding and make a wish, that was tradition in the family. It was supposed to bring happiness, so everyone stirred a while in order that nothing would be missed. Some of us thought it was an artful way of Aunt Beth to get the hard work of stirring the Christmas pudding mixture done for her. It was hard work too, for the mixture had to be thick and was chock full of ingredients and it was a sticky mess too. But what a wonderful thing it was when it was served hot after the Christmas dinner. Auntie would pour some whiskey over it and then set it alight and bring it in while it was still flaming in that sort of bluish light.

Oh, yes, the memories did have a stirring effect. Well we can do that here too. But somehow when I tried it, it did not seem the same. The people here did not understand it the same way they did in the "old country." Oh yes, they enjoyed it, but it did not have the same meaning.

Now, let's see, who will be there this Christmas. There will be Bill and his wife and three children (I guess they have grown into young men and women now though); Then Jane and her husband and daughter will drop in during the late afternoon on Christmas Day. Jack will be inviting his friends over for dinner and Dianne and her boy friend will be there. They'll be getting married soon I should think). It will be a gay time. Everybody talking at once while eating the meal until Auntie cries "Quiet for a moment please, how about taking time out to pull a cracker?" Loud bangs and shrills of delight when the paper caps, mottos and novelties are found in the exploded cracker. Laughter at some of the mottos and how each looks in the paper cap, maybe some exchanges of larger ones for smaller ones and so forth. It all goes to make up the atmosphere and everyone is jolly - glad to be home.

Wonder if they are thinking of me at this time? I bet they are, for we were all so close when we were all together. Gosh it has been a long time since I saw them all, I probably wouldn't recognize some of the younger ones. Wish I could be there this Christmas, but it is too late now and I could not go and leave Al behind, he would like to see the folks back there too. If only I could win a trip or something, or someone would give me enough money to make the trip. I have entered a number of those competitions and contests, but have not been fortunate to win one yet. Not my luck, I guess. If I do anything it has to be the hard way. Work hard and save until I have enough. When that will be, I don't know. It seems that everytime I think I have made it, something comes along to change the plans.

Christmas was still several weeks away, but it was too close to be able to raise enough money for a trip to the "old country" Other people had booked their passages on the ocean liners and on the jets and so forth and some had left already. These were looking forward eagerly to the time they would meet old friends and relatives and once more enjoy being home for Christmas. It's a great feeling that being home, it does not matter if you are young or old, home has a warm sound and comfortable feeling of being once more secure. You are home and no one can turn you out. You don't care where you sleep, so long as you're home and home for Christmas means much more than anything else.

Folks everywhere were making plans to spend Christmas at some particular point, but mostly it was with their own kin. Perhaps at a son's home, or with a daughter, or with a brother or sister, or at Mom and Dad's place. It all depended upon the circumstances in the various cases. Some of these plans meant travelling short or long distances, again in accordance with the situation, but definitely they were going home. These thoughts were flashing through my mind as I went about making preparations too. Suddenly the telephone rang and I went to answer it. It was a long distance call and the person at the other end was asking for me. Yes, yes, I said, you have the right party. Well madam, I have a wonderful surprise for you so prepare yourself for it. You remember that radio contest you entered some months ago, well it has paid off and you are the winner. There is one question I must ask you before you actually get your prize, if you can answer it correctly, you will be the winner. Are you ready, well here's your question. No one will ever know the moments of stress as I listened to the question and hoped I could answer it, even though I did not know what the prize was at this time. Luckily, I was able to answer it. The person at the other end then said, Madam, you have won for yourself and your husband an all expenses paid return trip to London, England, and if you hurry, you can be there in time for Christmas. Also you will be supplied with spending money to last for three weeks for the two of you. How do you feel now? By this time I did not know if I was going to faint, I had a time getting my breath as I was so excited that I could not even say thank-you and the tears welling into my eyes. Finally I thanked the man, said good-bye and hung up.

I sat down to think. What good fortune, I have to wait until my husband comes home and that I can hardly do, but I must not disturb him now. My husband came in and I could hardly wait until he was in the door to tell the good news. "Well Honey, that's real good, but you will have to go alone, I can't get all that time off from the job, why they good, but you will have to go would fire me." "Look you just go back and tell your foreman or the boss what has happened and that you have not been "home" for 5 years and this is your one great opportunity." My husband saw his boss and that fine man said, "why of course you go, you deserve that much and we owe it to you, you'll come back much more ready to work after that."

So, we went home for Christmas.

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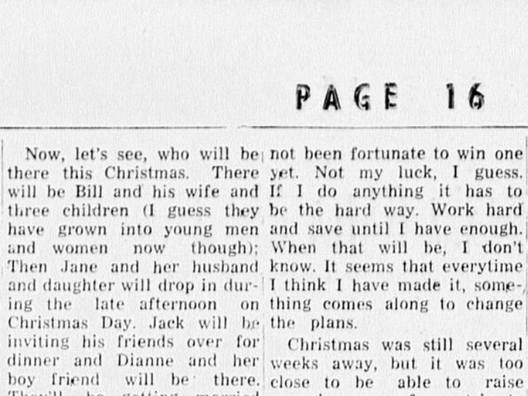

Let us rejoice at Christmas, the Day of His birth. May we ever be blessed by the wonders of the first Holy Night.

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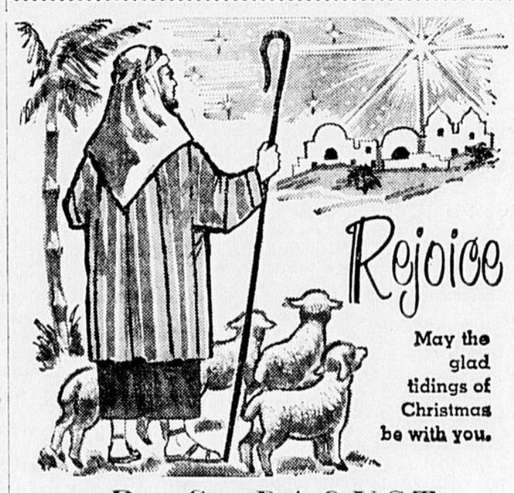

Rejoice

May the glad tidings of Christmas be with you.

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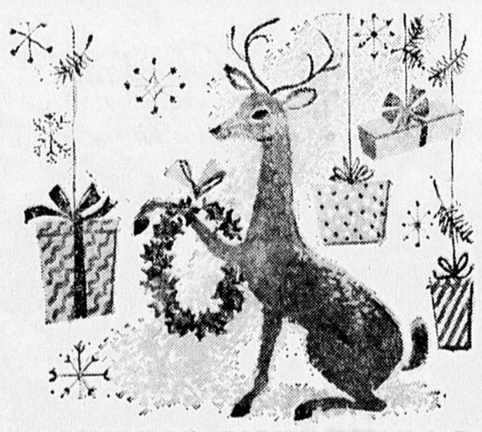

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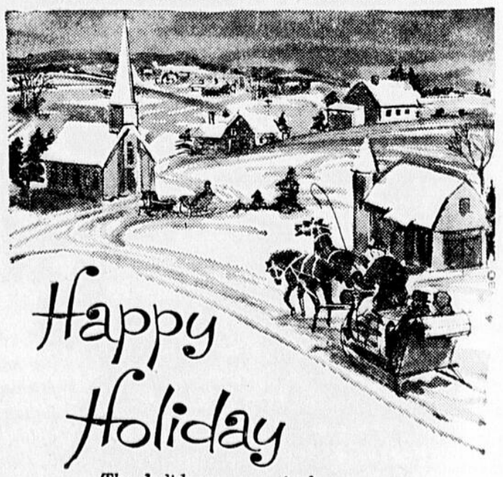

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Very Dangerous New Year's Indeed

A memorable tale of an old-fashioned Dec. 31st, by

DAMON RUNYON

NEW YEAR'S Day is always a great day back in my old home town out West.

On this day everybody swears off doing something or other, generally drinking, which is very easy for most people to swear off on New Year's Day, because generally they feel so tough from welcoming in the New Year that they never wish to see another drink again as long as they live, or anyway until they feel better.

No town in all America is gladder to see a New Year than my old home town out West, and everybody in town sits up to give it a welcome. When the clock strikes twelve, one and all shake hands with whoever is around, and says Happy New Year whether they mean it or not.

But if any stranger happens to be in my old home town on New Year's Eve he will be surprised at the quiet. In other towns at midnight you hear whistles blowing and bells ringing and guns going off, but back in my old home town you never hear a sound except maybe people talking.

There is a reason for all this quiet on New Year's Eve back in my old home town which is noisy enough on other nights, and the reason is a law that goes back long before I am born, which makes it a very serious offense to raise any disturbance of any kind on New Year's Eve.

My Grandpap tells me the story one day when I come back from a visit to Denver, where they raise the dickens as the New Year comes in, and I am complaining that our town is behind the times.

"Son", my Grandpap says, "this town has all that bell ringing, and whistle blowing and shooting business on New Year's Eve long before Denver is ever heard of. Especially," my Grandpop says, "the shooting.

"In fact", my Grandpap says, "it was the shooting part of it the first time we ever welcome in a New Year in these parts, which is the main reason why we never have any more shooting, or other noises, like bells ringing.

"Of course," he says, "times are changed a lot since those days, and the chances are we can go ahead and have all the noise we can make, including shooting, but nobody ever thinks to change the law and maybe she is better the way she lays. Maybe so.

"This town is not much town when we welcome in our first New Year," my Grandpap says, "and nobody is even thinking of a New Year being on tap, or of giving it a welcome, when the matter is brought before some of us in the Last Chance saloon the day before by a character by the name of Digger Pete.

"This Digger is a party of not much account, but he is somewhat sentimental about such propositions as New Year's, so he says to us like this:

"'Gentlemen', Digger Pete says, 'the glad New Year is upon us, and it is up to us to welcome her in. It is up to us,' Digger Pete says, 'to sit up all night tonight and make plenty of noise and maybe drink a toast to this New Year's.

"Well, nobody sees any objection to this," my Grandpap says, "because we will all be sitting up all night anyway and drinking, although Joe McGurk has a long argument with Digger Pete about it being New Year's, Joe claiming New Year's always has more snow on the ground.

"But Digger Pete shows everybody where it is just so many days since Sam Hall gets the Christmas card from back East, and how it must be New Year's, so everybody is satisfied, especially as everybody feels that it is a good thing to have an extra excuse for sitting up all night and drinking toasts.

"Well, sir," my Grandpap says, 'it is certainly a big night in this town. We sit up in the Last Chance part of the night, and we sit up in the old Tub o' Blood part of the night, and promptly at twelve o'clock by Sam Hall's watch we go boiling out into the street with cowbells and six shooters and start whooping things up.

"We certainly make enough noise to satisfy anybody who likes to see the New Year get a nice welcome, even Digger Pete, although poor old Digger Pete never hears it, because by the time this comes off he is sound asleep behind the Last Chance bar from drinking too many toasts.

"But what happens?" my Grandpap asks. "Well, sir, when the noise dies out, and people start looking around, there are three dead hardcases in different places, and four citizens badly wounded. Furthermore, there are two bullet holes through my Stetson hat, which do not look accidental.

"Well, now," my Grandpap says, there is not a citizen in this town in those days who cannot hit a silver dollar at fifty yards with a six-shooter, so it is not in nature that there can be so much careless shooting as all this.

"So the next day some of us get together and pass the law that there can be no shooting or other disturbance whatever on New Year's Eve, because when scalawags try to take advantage of a celebration to settle old grudges it is time to quit."

"But," I ask my Grandpap, "what does the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells have to do with the shooting? Why not stand for them?"

"Well, of course, we do not have whistles in those days," my Grandpap says, "but maybe I forget to state that some rascal, with no sense of honor, hits Sam Hall on the head with a cowbell and almost knocks Sam's brains plumb out."

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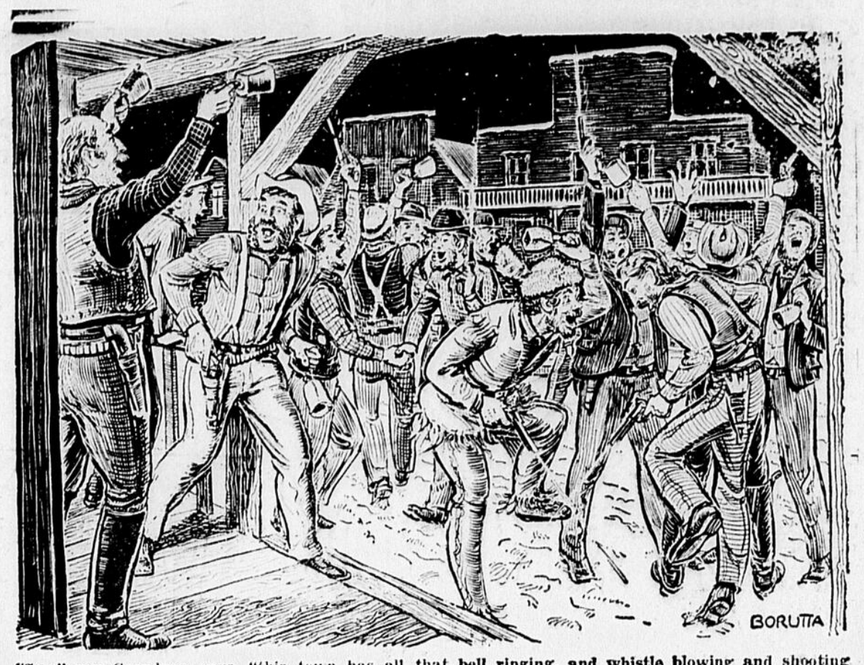

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Rich, Poor, Mingled During English Yule

During the 1400s and 1500s before the Puritans got the upper hand, the golden age of English hospitality reigned. At Christmas time castles and manor houses were filled with guests by the score and the hundred.

Kinsmen and neighbors were there and on certain days the tradesmen and tenants, for all were equal at this season. The 'ostler could dance with the mistress if he had the nerve to ask her. And he usually had—after the wassail.

The great halls were a din of geniality. There was light — almost enough to pierce the wood smoke. And there were the savory aromas: Roasting beef, roasting mutton, fowl and braw (the flesh of the wild pig, which had been caught and fed good grain to the point of arousing his suspicions; too late, of course).

The dark ale flowed and added its voice—by proxy—to heighten the noise. At the peak of all this there was brought in the Yule log — a relic, incidentally, of the Scandinavians' pagan worship of Thor. With a brand from last year's log the new one was fired.

The light from these roaring flames would shine out through portals opened to the knocks of caroling and wassailing bands who, more often than not, were brought into the hall to eat of nutmeg cakes and brawn and mustard.

Three Wise Men

Biblically we know very little about the Wise Men who came from the East bearing gifts to the Christ Child and, having adorned Him as the King of the Jews returned to their own country.

It is generally accepted that there were three Wise Men because of the three specifically mentioned gifts: church tradition has identified these as Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar: Melchior, king of Arabia brought a casket of gold; Caspar king of Tarsus, brought myrrh; and Balthasar, king of Ethiopia, brought frankincense. These gifts are considered symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest, and myrrh for a great physician. Collectively, the Wise Men received the gifts of charity and spiritual wealth, perfect faith, truth and meekness.

When they returned to their own country, the three Kings reputedly sold their possessions and went about preaching the Christ-King. Legend continues, that they were martyred in India for their faith.

The bodies of the Wise Men, transferred to Constantinople in the fourth century—by the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine—were enshrined at Milan for a while after the first Crusade. Frederick Barbossa authorized removal of the relics to Cologne where they remain to this day deposited within the magnificent Cathedral of Cologne.

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We join in wishing peace on earth and good will to all men.

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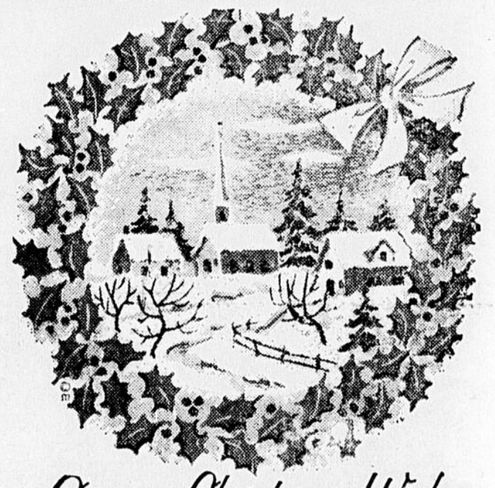

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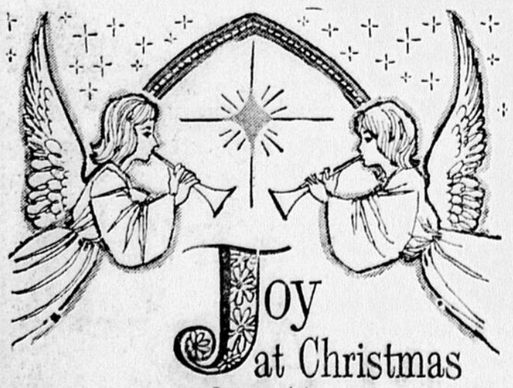

Joy at Christmas
Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.
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"Dancing the old year out and the new year in," for a purpose (see text below), as practiced in the good old days of 1870's.

When a Year Ended the Middle of March!

IN OLDEN TIMES, the year was held to begin on the 25th of March. This was Lady Day—the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary —in the Julian calendar. That was the prevelant calendar in the Western World until its miscalculations were corrected by astronomers and mathematicians in a calendar adopted in Roman Catholic countries in 1582 by direction of Pope Gregory XIII.

In the Julian calendar, which took its name from Julius Caesar, Romans figured the time required for the revolution of the earth around the Sun as exactly 365 days, whereas the elapsed time is actually 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 49 seconds and a fraction of a second. The Gregorian calendar took this fact into account.

Because of the schism of English Catholicism during the reign of Henry VIII, the Gregorian calendar was not accepted until 1752 in Great Britain. Consequently, the old calendar also prevailed in the British overseas possessions. The 25th of March was civil, ecclesiastical and legal "New Year's Day" in England, Scotland, Ireland and colonies for nearly 150 years after British settlements were started along the Atlantic coast of North America. During those decades the Gregorian calendar was in use in Spanish and Portuguese possessions in the Americas, also in the settlements made by French in Canada, the Great Lakes region and Mississippi Valley.

By the time the English Parliament overcame religious prejudice against the more accurate calendar that was in general use practically everywhere in the Western World, except the British Isles, the discrepancy between the old (Julian) calendar and the new (Gregorian) was approximately eleven days. So Parliament decreed that Sept. 3, 1752, the transfer date, should be reckoned the 14th.

Those who are radio listeners or T-Viewers New Year's Eve are made fully aware of differences in time around the globe—of the fact that anything going across the Pacific eastward "gains" an hour, and "loses" an hour in opposite westward movement. That was not understood in Europe when the voyagers who sailed from Spain under Magellan in 1520 completed the first voyage around the world. Returning to Spain in 1522, the surviving mariners found their arrival date (as they had recorded it) one day behind their countrymen's calendar. Their officers accused each other of being asleep at the ship's log and negligence, until astronomers deduced the reason for the discrepancy.

January 1 had a significance in the old Roman republic as the date on which consuls and other officials took office, and thus it was an occasion for changeover in records. It lost this distinction under the emperors, who juggled things around — including the lengths and names of months—pretty much to suit themselves. In the Christian era, as the 12-day observance of the festive season developed, January 1 was just another gala day.

Its separate observance is largely of 18th and 19th century origin, after Calvinist and Puritan fathers had cracked down on Christmas gaiety as pagan. Such observances of January 1 as those in old New York were still novel when George Washington took up residence in the first capital of the Federal Republic. When on January 1, 1790, throngs of "respectable citizens" came to his residence to pay the compliments of the season to the new President, Washington inquired of one of the visitors, John Pintard, whether this was a customary or casual observance. Pintard recorded the incident: "He was answered that it was an annual custom, handed down from our early Dutch forefathers and always commemorated. After a pause, Washington remarked, 'The highly favored position of your city will in process of time attract numerous immigrants, who will gradually change its customs; but never give up the cheerful, friendly observance of New Year's Day.'"

ANY person who is or has been in New York on December 31, or has observed it, at a late hour December 31 via TV, knows the custom is going on strong, in a reversion to the Dutch forefathers' modes of celebration.

A historian deduces that the vrouws of New Amsterdam switched over to making and receiving calls at residences on New Year's Day because public celebrations were prohibited by their stern Calvinist governor, Peter Stuyvesant. He issued an edict in 1655 forbidding any New Year's firing of guns, beatings of drums, or "treating" with beer, wine or brandy, or kicking up of heels in the taverns. The burghers simply started calling on each other January 1 for "toasting" and dancing in private.

Dancing had become associated with New Year observances, on March 25, or whatever date, in early times. It was promoted by belief that "Dancing the old year into the new one" wore down and outdistanced evil demons or bad luck that might be following one from the old year into the new. Seemingly to give bad luck a doubly hard run, there were dances both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day "marked by informality in contrast to the stiff, aloof manners generally practiced on the dance floors," an old chronicler wrote.

Holiday Greetings

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we my look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifce.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we my face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the childlike faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life... and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man.. then, treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretence of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

Voices sing out our happy wishes for a Christmas rich in spiritual joys and memorable moments for you.

Merry Christmas

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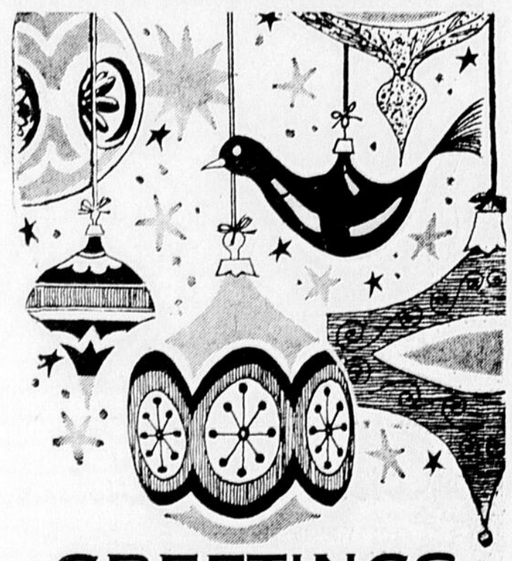

GREETINGS for Christmas

We wish you a Christmas near your loved ones... a season of joy and good will.

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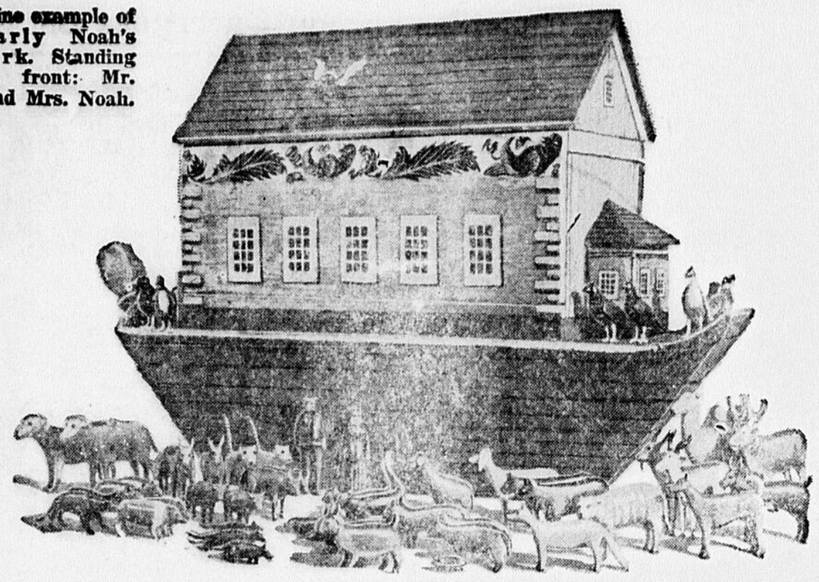

Fine example of early Noah's Ark. Standing in front: Mr. and Mrs. Noah.

The Old, Old Favorite Toy

Noah's Ark was the only Sunday plaything approved in Puritan households.

By HARGIS EARLYWINE

"OH, The Wonderful Noah's Ark! It was not found seaworthy when put in a washing-tub, and the animals were crammed in at the roof, and needed to have their legs well shaken down before they could be got in, even there — and then, ten to one but they began to tumble out the door, which was but imperfectly fastened against it! . . .

"Consider the noble fly, a size or two smaller than the elephant: the lady-bird, the butterfly — all triumphs of art! Consider the goose, whose feet were so small, and whose balance was so indifferent, that she usually tumbled forward, and knocked down all the animal creation.

"Consider Noah and his family, like idiotic stoppers; and how the leopard stuck to warm little fingers; and how the tails of the larger animals used gradually to resolve themselves into frayed bits of string."

Thus Charles Dickens recalled, in one of his charming Christmas memoirs, that old-time Christmas favorite toy, Noah's Ark. It was a favorite through several centuries in Europe for good reason. It was approved as a "Sunday toy." In those homes where the Sabbath was observed strictly, with strict austerity, the kite, the cock-horse, spinning-top, horn, lead-soldiers, bat-and-ball, doll, whirligig, and other playthings had to be put away.

The Noah's Ark alone could be tolerated in Puritan homes, for it was deemed religiously educational. After the family had gone to arduous service in church and had its dinner, the Ark — looking remarkably like a canal boat such as the children had seen in nearby water-ways — came to rest upon a Mount Ararat in the parlor. Camels, lions, horses, all manner of creatures were brought forth or tumbled out unceremoniously, if parents weren't watching closely, to be arranged in pairs and paraded in the drama of the Flood, after father or grandfather or some other elder had given a blessing to this proceeding on the Sabbath with a pertinent reading from the Old Testament.

Originally, the figures of the pairs of animals, of Mr. and Mrs. Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth were carved from wood. The craftsmen in such woodenware as shop signs, trenchers, bowls, spoons, moulds, candle-stands and trays, also carved the figures from Noah's Arks. Some were so expert that the animals were truly works of art. They were regarded with the awe accorded idols among aborigines in whose religion animals figure importantly.

It is stated in Toys Through the Ages, by Dan Foley (pub. by Chilton Press), Noah's Ark carvings "became objects of barter among natives of Africa, and were equally popular in the Indies and America (among the native tribes.)"

The Austrian town of Oberammergau, which was famous for its carvings of religious figures in wood, produced Noah's Arks distinguished for the fineness of the workmanship. Examples of these are prized today. Few complete sets exist because of the natural wear and tear individual pieces suffered at the hands of one or two generations of youngsters in Sunday play.

Noah's Ark pieces were also made from tin, lead, paper-compositions, and ceramics. In modern times, they are found moulded from plastic and the animals are also assembled and sold as "barnyard" play sets. Specialist collectors have found dozens of varieties. One collector is credited with having over 1,000 different pairs of Noah's Ark animals. While his hobby may appear somewhat childish to others, he can take satisfaction in the fact that his collection is respected by the curators at historic Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., and many other museums which have Noah's Arks among their exhibits. These "Sunday toys" are subjects of prime attention in such internationally circulated tomes as the English Leslie Daiken's historical study, Children's Toys Through the Ages; Toys in America by Marshall and Inez McClintock; Daniel Foley's Toys Through the Ages; Historie des Jouets, by Henri Rene D'Allemagne.

The carvers of Noah's Ark animals also were makers of "Jumping-jacks." That these were not so acceptable as Sunday toys in understandable considering that they were regarded originally as demonic, only slightly less evil than the Jack-in-the-box. The latter represented the Devil, ever ready to leap out and pounce upon the unaware.

A Noah's Ark (left) naturally is among toys pictured in a Christmas morning scene a century ago.

English Custom

In England, ash fagots often are burned for good luck on Christmas and a common custom is for each of a group of girls to mark one fagot as her own. The girl whose fagot first takes fire is supposed to be the first to marry.

IN SEARCH OF PEACE

'Twas Christmas Eve a year ago
When down that street I strolled,
Bright diamonds sparkled in the snow,
Gay lights, sweet stories told.

But something shallow seemed to stare
From out those windows right,
No humble peace did dwell in there
Amid that gaudy light.

A certain softness was amiss,
That, in my soul I knew,
For Christmas cheer we need not this,
A candle light will do.

So spake my heart when then I see
A tiny cottage fair,
I peeped inside and to my glee,
Denoted peace dwelt there.

For by a fireside warm and bright
Sat round a family gay,
Their children three lit up that night,
Each parent's face did say.

Three curly heads all slowly bend,
Upon a couch found rest,
And baby lips their message send,
The purest and the best.

Three dewy mouths reached up to Dad,
Each for a good-night kiss,
Then hung their stockings, all they had
O humble, Christmas bliss.

So off to bed they romped away
With Mother close behind,
To tuck them in for one more day,
That's joy of purest kind.

I turned my steps, my heart content,
And left that cottage fair,
That hour, alone, in peace I spent,
For God, Himself, dwelled there.

Ethel White,
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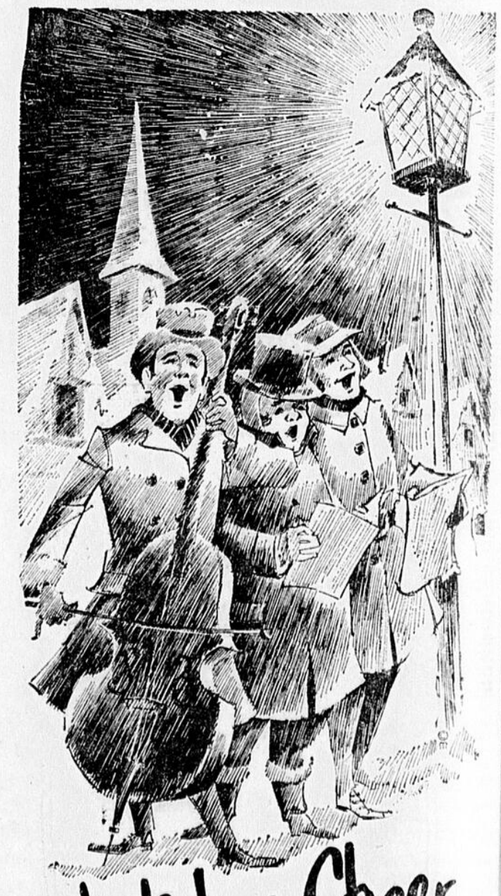

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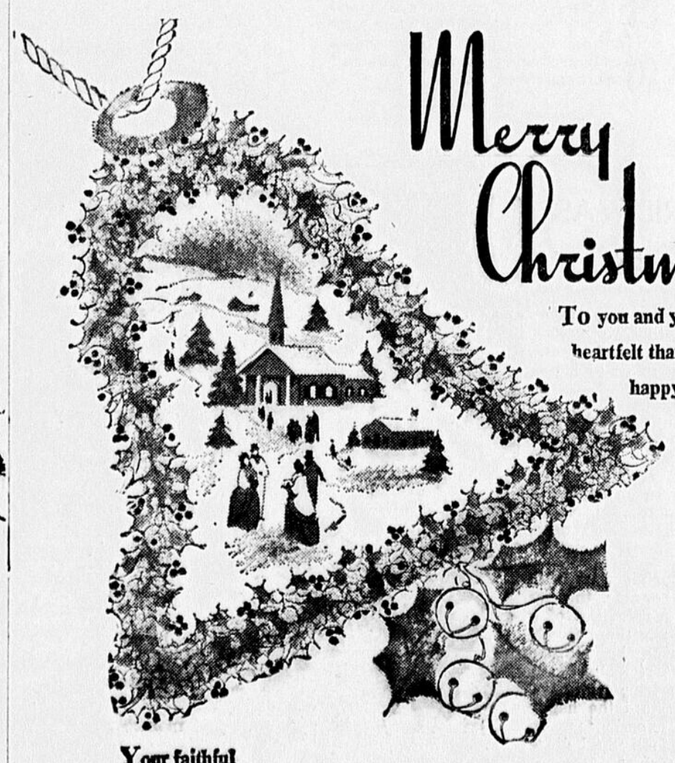

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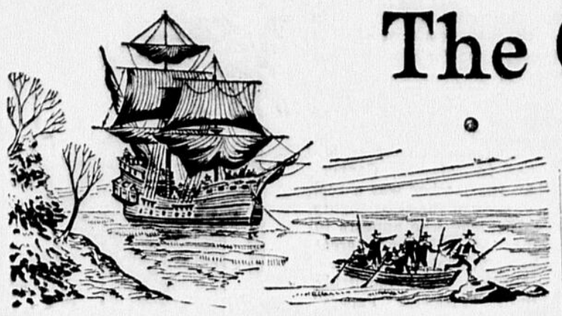
The Christmas That Went With Them

An old story recalls how adventurers overseas had spirits buoyed by Yuletide traditions



By G. G. Stone and M. G. Fickett

IT WAS a warm and pleasant Saturday — that twenty-third of December, 1620. The winter wind had blown itself away in the storm of the day before, and the air was clear and balmy.

The people on board the Mayflower were glad of the pleasant day. It was three long months since they had started from Plymouth, in England, to seek a home across the ocean. Now they had come into a harbour that they named New Plymouth, in the country of New England.

Other people called these voyagers Pilgrims, which means wanderers. A long while before, the Pilgrims had lived in England; later they made their home with the Dutch in Holland; finally they had said goodbye to their friends in Holland and in England, and had sailed away to America.

There were only one hundred and two of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, but they were brave and strong and full of hope. Now the Mayflower was the only home they had; yet if this weather lasted they might soon have warm log-cabins to live in. This very afternoon the men had gone ashore to cut down large trees.

The women of the Mayflower were busy, too. Some were spinning, some knitting, some sewing. It was so bright and pleasant that Mistress Rose Standish had taken out her knitting and had gone to sit a little while on deck. She was too weak to face rough weather, and she wanted to enjoy the warm sunshine and the clear salt air. By her side was Mistress Brewster, the minister's wife. Everybody loved Mistress Standish and Mistress Brewster for neither of them ever spoke unkindly.

The air on deck would have been warm even on a colder day, for in one corner a bright fire was burning. It would seem strange now, would it not, to see a fire on the deck of a vessel? But in those days, when the weather was pleasant, people on shipboard did their cooking on deck.

The Pilgrims had no stoves, and Mistress Carver's maid had built this fire on a large hearth covered with sand. She had hung a great kettle on the crane over the fire, where the onion soup for supper was simmering slowly.

Near the fire sat a little girl, busily playing and singing to herself. Little Remember Allerton was only six years old, but she liked to be with Hannah, Mistress Carver's maid. This afternoon Remember had been watching Hannah build the fire and make the soup. Now the little girl was playing with the Indian arrowheads her father had brought her the night before. She was singing the words of the old psalm:

"Shout to Jehovah, all the earth,
Shout to Jehovah, all the ness; before him bow with singing mirth."

"Ah, child, methinks the children of Old England are singing different words from those today," spoke Hannah at length with a faraway look in her eyes.

"Why, Hannah? What songs are the little English children singing now?" questioned Remember in surprise.

"It lacks but two days of Christmas, child, and in my old home everybody is singing Merry Christmas songs."

"But thou hast not told me what is Christmas!" persisted the child.

"Ah, me! Thou dost not know, 'tis true. Christmas Remember, is the birthday of the Christ-child, of Jesus, whom thou hast learned to love," Hannah answered softly.

"But what makes the English children so happy then? And we are English, thou hast told me, Hannah. Why don't we keep Christmas, too?"

"In sooth we are English, child. But the reason why we do not sing the Christmas carols or play the Christmas games makes a long, long story, Remember. Hannah cannot tell it so that little children will understand. Thou must ask some other, child."

Hannah and the little girl were just then near the two women on the deck, and Remember said:

"Mistress Brewster, Hannah sayeth she knoweth not how to tell why Love and Wrestling and Constance and the others do not sing the Christmas songs or play the Christmas games. But thou wilt tell me, wilt thou not?"

A sad look came into Mistress Brewster's eyes, and Mistress Standish looked grave, too. No one spoke for a few seconds, until Hannah said almost sharply: "Why could we not burn a Yule log Monday, and make some little cakes for the children?

"Nay, Hannah," answered the gentle voice of Mistress Brewster. "Such are but vain shows and not for those of us who believe in holier things. But," she added, with a kind glance at little Remember, "wouldest thou like to know why we have left Old England and do not keep the Christmas Day? Thou canst not understand it all, child, and yet it may do thee no harm to hear the story. It may help thee to be a brave and happy little girl in the midst of our hard life."

Surely it can de no harm, Mistress Brewster," spoke Rose Standish gently. "Remember ought, methinks, to know something of the reason for our wandering. Come here, child and sit by me, while good Mistress Brewster tells thee how cruel men have made us suffer. Then will I sing thee one of the Christmas carols."

With these words Mistress Standish held out her hands to little Remember, who ran quickly to her side.

"We have not always lived in Holland, Remember. Most of us were born in England, and England is the best country in the world. 'Tis a land to be proud of, Remember, though some of its rulers have been wicked and cruel.

"Long before you were born, when your mother was a little girl, the English king said that everybody in the land ought to think as he thought, and go to a church like his. He said he would send us away from England if we did not do as he ordered. Now, we could not think as he did on holy matters, and it seemed wrong to us to obey him. So we decided to go to a country where we might worship as we pleased."

"What became of that cruel king, Mistress Brewster?"

"He ruleth England now. But thou must not think too hardly of him. He doth not understand, perhaps, Right will win some day, Remember, though there may be bloody war before peace cometh. And I thank God that we, at least, shall not be called on to live in the midst of the strife," she went on, speaking more to herself than to the little girl.

"We decided to go to Holland, out of the reach of the king. We were not sure whether it was best to move or not, but our hearts were set on God's ways. We trusted Him in whom we believed. Yes," she went on, "and shall we not keep on trusting Him?"

And Rose Standish, remembering the little stock of food that was nearly gone, the disease that had come upon many of their number, and the five who had died that month, answered firmly: "Yes. He who has led us thus far will not leave us now."

They were all silent a few seconds. Presently Remember said: "Then did ye go to Holland, Mistress Brewster?"

"Yes," she said. "Our people all went over to Holland, where the Dutch folk live and the little Dutch children clatter about with their wooden shoes. There thou wast born, Remember, and my own children, and there we lived in love and peace.

"And yet, we were not wholly happy. We could not talk well with the Dutch, and we could not set right what was wrong among them. 'Twas so hard to earn money that many had to go back to England. And, worst of all, Remember, we were afraid that you and little Bartholomew and Mary and Love and Wrestling and all the rest would not grow to be good girls and boys. And so we have come to this new country to teach our children to be pure and noble."

After another silence Remember spoke again: "I thank thee, Mistress Brewster. And I will try to be a good girl. But thou didst not tell me about Christmas after all."

"Nay, child, but now I will. There are long services on that day in every church where the king's friends go. But there are parts of these services which we cannot approve; and so we think it best not to follow the other customs that the king's friends observe on Christmas.

"They trim their houses with mistletoe and holly so that everything looks gay and cheerful. Their other name for the Christmas time is the Yuletide, and the big log that is burned then is called the Yule log. The children like to sit around the hearth in front of the great, blazing Yule log, and listen to stories of long, long ago.

"At Christmas there are great feasts in England, too. No one is allowed to go hungry, for the rich people on the day always send meat and cakes to the poor.

"But we like to make all our days Christmas Days, Remember. We try never to forget God's gifts to us, and they remind us always to be good to others."

"And the Christmas carols, Mistress Standish? What are they?"

"On Christmas Eve and early on Christmas morning," Rose Standish answered, "little children go about from house to house, singing Christmas songs. 'Tis what I like best in all the Christmas cheer. And I promised to sing thee one, did I not?"

Then Mistress Standish sang in her clear, sweet voice the quaint old English words:

As Joseph was a-walking,
He heard an angel sing:
"This night shall be the birthtime
Of Christ, the heavenly King.

"He neither shall be born
In housen nor in hall.
Nor in the place of Paradise,
But in an ox's stall.

"He neither shall be clothed
In purple nor in pall,
But in the fair white linen
That usen babies all.

"He neither shall be rocked
In silver nor in gold,
But in a wooden manger
That resteth in the mould."

As Joseph was a-walking
There did an angel sing,
And Mary's child at midnight
Was born to be our King.

Then be ye glad, good people,
This night of all the year,
And light ye up your candles,
For His star it shineth clear.

Before the song was over, Hannah, had come on deck again, and was listening eagerly. "I thank thee, Mistress Standish," she said, the tears filling her blue eyes. ""Tis long, indeed, since I have heard that song."

"Would it be wrong for me to learn to sing those words, Mistress Standish?" gently questioned the little girl.

"Nay, Remember, I trow not. The song shall be thy Christmas gift."

Then Mistress Standish taught the little girl one verse after another of the sweet old carol.

The next day was dull and cold, and on Monday, the twenty-fifth, the sky was still overcast. There was no bright Yule log in the Mayflower, and no holly trimmed the little cabin.

The Pilgrims were true to the faith they loved. They held no special service. They made no gifts. Instead, they went again to the work of cutting the trees, and no one murmured at his hard lot.

"We went on shore," one man wrote in his dairy, "some to fall timber, some to saw, some to rive, and some to carry; so no man rested all that day."

As for little Remember, she spent the day aboard the Mayflower. She heard no one speak of England or sigh for the English home across the sea. But she did not forget Mistress Brewster's story; and more than once that day, as she was playing by herself, she fancied that she was in front of some English home, helping the English children sing their Christmas songs.

And both Mistress Allerton and Mistress Standish, whom God was soon to call away from their earthly home, felt happier and stronger as they heard the little girl singing:

"He neither shall be born
In housen nor in hall,
Nor in the place of Paradise,
But in an ox's stall."

Mistress Standish taught the little girl one verse after another of the sweet old carol.

The First Christmas . . .

A that time, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there has been born to you today in the town of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among men of good will." —Luke -(2.1-14).

Christmas Praise

Accept my gold, the rich man said,
As he laid his gift by the manger bed,
I give my heart, the poor one cried,
Kneeling in awe by the Baby's side.
So let us this Christmas bring our praise
Wrought by the work of our common days,
To Jesus — the One who walks our ways.
—M. O. Barter Snow.

Miracle Plays Still Held

Among more tradition — observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dances, in solemn, but lavish, settings against the colorful background of tropical foliage.

Pagan Feasts Are Source Of Customs

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

Saint Is Reality

Swedish Yuletide ceremonies begin officially on December 13, St. Lucy's Day. According to legend, St. Lucy went about carrying food and drink to the needy. The Swedes give the legend reality by choosing one of the girls in the family to represent St. Lucy. St. Lucy rises early and wakens each member of the family, serves them coffee and bakes buns.

In Denmark

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, in whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.

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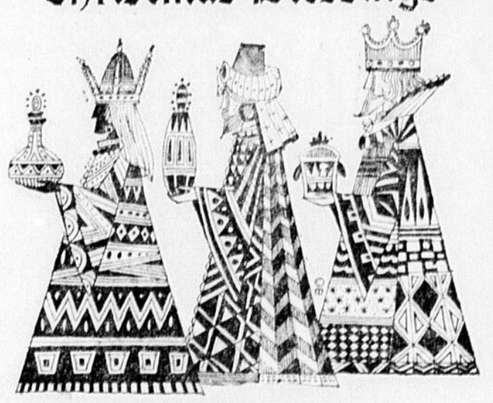

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Christmas Tree Legend Of Uncertain Origin

Behind the bright tinsel and coloured balls of the Christmas tree are stories and legends hidden in the mists of time. The tree itself is of German origin, although even that certainly is surrounded by different legends.

In the 10th century, legend has it that the trees all bloomed and bore fruit on the night of Christ's birth. Another story is told of how Luther, coming home on Christmas Eve, was so enthralled by the wonder and beauty of the starlit sky that he bought a tree and set it up for his children, placing on it winking candles to match the twinkling heavens.

Still another legend, which could just possibly be the correct one, since primitive man has been known to worship trees from early times, shows that it is really a Teutonic pagan custom. When the missionary St. Boniface went from England to Germany, he made no attempt to halt the custom of worshipping Odin's sacred oak. Instead, he persuaded the people to substitute for the oak an evergreen tree and decorate it in honour of the Christ Child.

Tannenbaum

When homesick German immigrants brought their tannenbaum to Canada, others in this country quickly followed the Christmas custom. Today, few are the homes in which a sparkling tree is not the centre of the Christmas theme. Prince Albert is credited with introducing the custom to England after his marriage to Queen Victoria.

Just as the trees are German in origin, so, too, are the ornaments which adorn it. Most popular of the legends which surround the ornaments is the story of the people of the small village of Lauscha. They brought trees into their homes at the Christmas season and at first decorated them with bits of coloured paper. Since many glass-blowers lived in the town, they soon discovered that the trees could be made more beautiful by hanging glass ornaments from the branches. Soon families were competing to have the most beautifully decorated tree in the village.

Ornaments Imported

Making the ornaments is an exacting job, and even today most of the ornaments are imported from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Japan. The clear glass balls are mass-produced by an automatic machine. They are placed on another machine called a "jigger" which puts the silver coating on the inside — which you only see when the coloured bauble is shattered in a fall from the tree or from excited fingers. The silver paint is squirted inside the bulb, which is then shaken until the paint is coated evenly. Excess silver is then poured out and reclaimed.

Then comes the important job of decorating the bulbs which will catch your eye in stores months later. The ornaments are first dried and then dipped into coloured lacquer and dried again. In decorating with the colourful stars, flowers and stripes, paints are projected through a silk screen stencil. For the stripes the balls revolve and brushes do the work. Next an emery board cuts the glass handle, the ornament is topped with its metal cap and is ready for shipping to the store, to finally hang among the other decorations on your beautiful Christmas tree.

The Man Who Made Christmas

There was never a greater apostle of good cheer and kindliness than Charles Dickens, whose neglected boyhood of debtors' prisons, of hard degrading work in a blacking factory, taught him what the Christmas spirit ought to be, the bitter contrast of what it never was for him. He was born in 1812 at Portsmouth, of lower middle class parents. His father was a good-natured ne'er-do-well, always in debt, like the famous character, Micawber, in "David Copperfield." His mother was a real life version of the silly, flighty Mrs. Nickleby who appears in another of Dickens' great books, "Nicholas Nickleby". Poverty was their inevitable lot until "Pickwick Papers" brought the twenty-four-year-old Charles Dickens fame, and the beginning of wealth.

It was the immense popularity of Dickens' book which did this, and they were popular because of those very characteristics, the essence of which is found in his accounts of Christmas — joviality, kindliness, pathos and humor inextricably mixed, love of the poor, and indignation at their oppressions.

Within eighteen months Dickens was the most widely read author of his day — or of any other day, for most great authors of the past either appealed less to the masses or had lived when few could read books, and fewer afford them. Only Sir Walter Scott had approached Dickens' popularity, and his work, utterly different though it was, had paved the way for Dickens by educating a huge public to find pleasure in good novels.

Dickens and America

In 1830, at the peak of his fame, Dickens made a triumphant tour of America, offending the Americans on his return by some of the descriptions of their life in his book "American Notes". But the squalid life he had led as a boy not only gave him the qualities which made him famous, they gave him another quality which killed him. Haunted by the fear of poverty, Dickens' life became a furious drive to put him and his children beyond the reach of want for ever. Book after book came from his ceasless pen, but they were not enough. In 1850 he started a magazine, "Household Words." He found that his genius as an amateur actor could be turned into huge sums of money when he toured the country giving readings from his own words. Those readings drained his vitality, and when in 1867-68 he toured America, he was in a semi-fainting condition after every reading. He earned $100,000 but was a broken man. Yet after a brief rest on his return to England, he started them again, and on June 9, 1870, he was struck down for the last time, at his desk, by an effusion of blood to the brain. And the desk was at a fine house, "Gadshill Place," which he had often gazed at forty-five years before — a sad little dreaming boy, and determined that sometime, somehow, that fine, big house should be his own.

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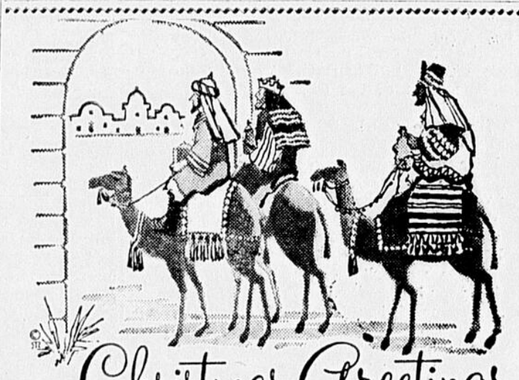

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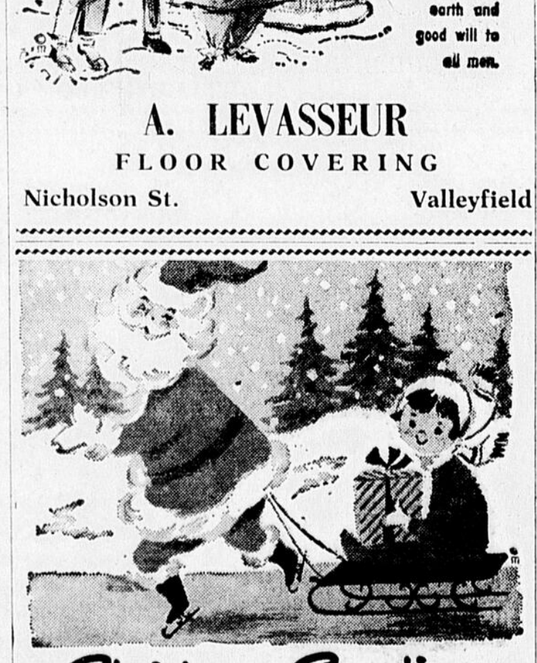

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A Friendly

wish to you for the Yuletide, hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas!

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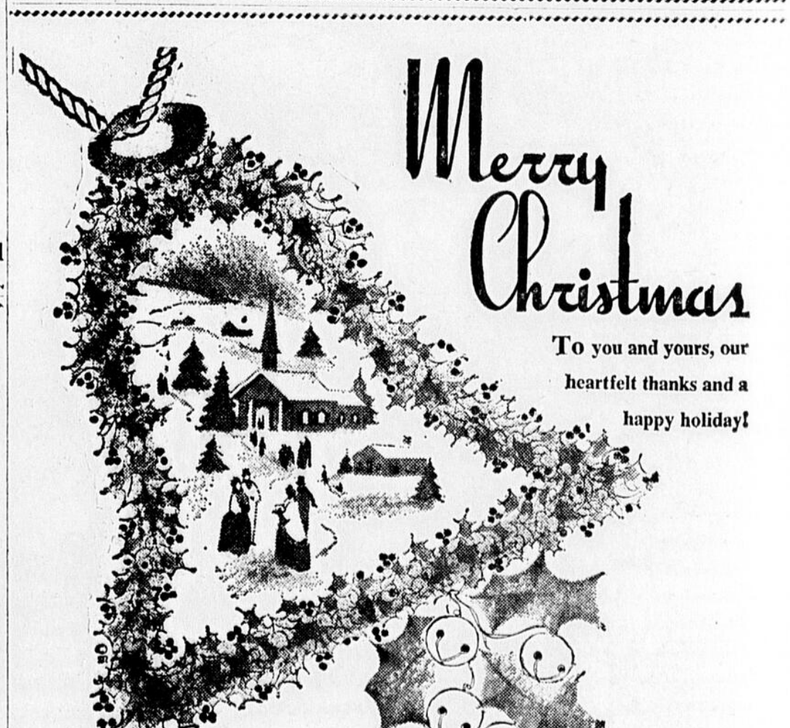

Merry Christmas

To you and yours, our heartfelt thanks and a happy holiday!

Your faithful patronage has made our Christmas brighter.

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JOYEUX NOEL

ET PAIX SUR LA TERRE AUX HOMMES DE BONNE VOLONTE

En anniversaire de la naissance du
sauveur laissons pénétrer en nos coeurs
le message du premier Noël

Souhaits de Noël

Nous voici dans la saison des Fêtes, baignés de l'atmosphère de paix et de joie qui y règne depuis toujours. Puissions-nous vous souhaiter une large part du bonheur de Noël, et vous remercier de la joie sincère que nous apporte votre constante amitié.

UNE MAMAM, PETIT JESUS S'IL VOUS PLAIT

Dans la grande bâtisse de la rue St-Paul, cet orphelinat dirigé par Mlle Evelyne, il y a, ce soir, beaucoup plus de gaieté que toutes les autres fins de journée.

Car, voyez-vous c'est demain Noel, et les petites filles, en attendant le signal du coucher, discutent avec animation sur leur choix de jouets pour Noel.

—Dis donc! toi Nicole, s'écrie une petite brune au parler un peu gavroche, qu'est-ce que tu demandes au Père Noel?

L'interpellée posant deux yeux clairs et doux sur l'autre enfant répond:

—D'abord, tu sais bien que le Père Noel n'existe pas et que c'est le Petit Jésus qui apporte les jouets.

—Oui, oui je sais, je me suis trompée, enfin continue.

—Secondement, je n'ai aucun désir personnel à formuler, je suis très bien ainsi et je n'ai besoin de rien.

—Bien! alors t'as de la chance toi! Moi je veux un tas de choses bien trop longues à énumérer.

A la suite de la petite bavarde, chaque enfant énonce l'objet de son choix.

Seule à côté de la cheminée dans un coin sombre une enfant regarde d'un oeil triste et distrait les évolutions de ses compagnes. Elle a environ sept ans, sa mince figure témoigne d'une grande maturité d'esprit et ses grands cheveux blonds la font ressembler aux anges de Noel.

Le coup de cloche la fait sursauter et elle disparait rapidement parmi ses compagnes après avoir déposé ses souliers à la suite des autres autour de l'arbre de Noel.

Ding, ding, onze heures sonnent au clocher voisin. Dans la salle de jeux, à la lueur d'une petite lampe, scintillent les étoiles du sapin.

Soudain une porte s'ouvre, la petite fille blonde entre, elle porte un gros fauteuil. Elle a tout simplement suivi les autres au lit et quand tout le monde fut endormi elle s'est glissée hors du dortoir et, la voici. La blondinette semble examiner les lieux et chercher quelque chose. Enfin, elle pose son fauteuil dans un coin retiré et s'exclame:

—Mes lettres, j'allais oublier mes lettres.

Elle sort de sa manche deux petites feuilles de papier froissé et elle en lit une à haute voix.

—Cher petit Jésus je vous demande pour Noel une maman qui ressemble à la vôtre. Je mets un fauteuil pour qu'elle s'assoie si elle est fatiguée. Envoyez-la moi vite. Je l'aimerai beaucoup, beaucoup. Je vous remercie d'avance pour la maman que vous allez sûrement me donner. "Claudine".

Elle glisse le petit feuillet dans ses chaussures et épingle l'autre au dossier du fauteuil.

—C'est très bien ainsi, maintenant un petit dodo.

A peine le sommeil est-il descendu sur l'enfant, que le timbre de la porte d'entrée résonne; la directrice qui, pendant la scène précédente, avait séjourné dans son bureau, accourt ouvrir l'huis.

—Enfin vous, Madame X, je pensais que vous ne reviendrez jamais.

Elles entrent dans le bureau. La visiteuse s'asseoit et déclare:

Alors mademoiselle, vous avez, je pense, une bonne nouvelle pour me faire venir si tard.

—C'est que . . . madame, dit la demoiselle, un peu embarrassée.

—Voulez-vous dire que vous m'avez appelée pour autre chose que ce que je désire?

—Chère madame, voici exactement ce qu'il en est. Il y a trois mois que vous avez écrit à ma maison pour demander un petit garçon à adopter en souvenir de votre petit ange qui vous fut ravi dans un si pénible accident. Or, jusqu'ici je n'ai pu vous satisfaire. Ce soir un geste puéril, d'un petit coeur qui ne demande qu'à aimer, m'a touché et je vous ai appelée, mais . . l'enfant que je vous propose ce . . ce n'est pas un garçon. . . c'est une fille.

—Oh! mademoiselle, pourquoi m'avoir donné soudain un si grand espoir. Vous savez bien que l'enfant que je coucherai dans le lit de mon petit Pierre sera un garçon.

—Madame, voilà pourquoi je vous ai appelée. Prenez connaissance de ceci, je vous prie.

Elle lui tend la copie de la lettre de la petite Claudine qu'elle avait trouvée dans le tiroir à vêtements de l'enfant; elle en a pris connaissance et a copié cette touchante missive.

Après quelques minutes de réflexion.

—Oui, en effet, c'est très touchant, cela démontre un petit coeur aimant, mais. . je ne peux pas. Mon mari sera tellement désappointé à mon retour.

—Passons dans la pièce à côté, voulez-vous, nous serons mieux pour causer.

Elle précède la visiteuse dans la pièce où Claudine dort, elle fait de la lumière et toutes deux aperçoivent le menu visage, illuminé par le rêve et si beau!

—Oh! tenez, elle est là, elle a apporté un fauteuil, et il y a une autre lettre. Lisez, je vous prie.

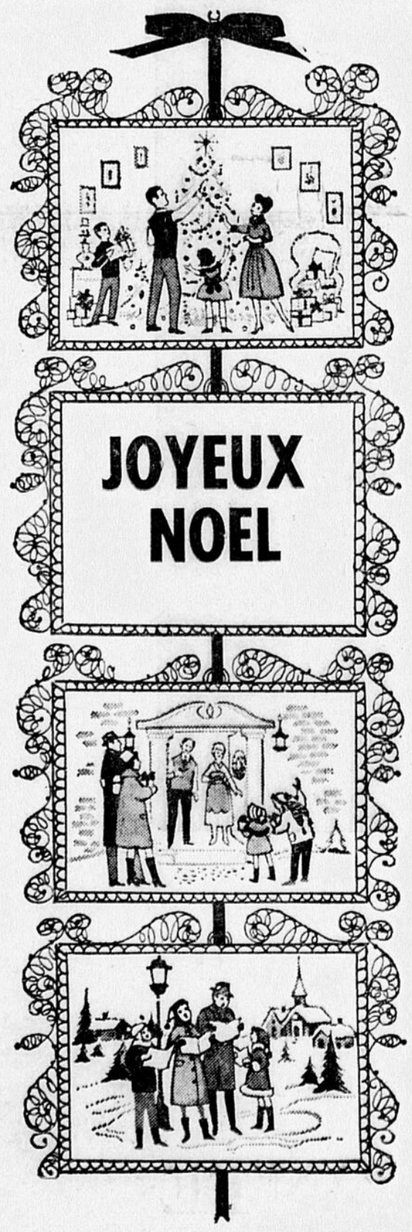
—Ma petite maman chérie. J'ai mis un fauteuil pour toi si tu es fatiguée. Je fais un petit somme en attendant. Je t'aime.

"Claudine."

Elle contemple l'enfant, tombe à genoux à ses côtés, un rude combat se livre dans son coeur. Prendra-t-elle un petit garçon, pour mieux perpétuer le souvenir de son fils, ou cette fragile enfant dont la candeur et le coeur l'ont captivée?

Enfin, la visiteuse prend la couverture placée à côté d'elle, d'un geste doux elle enveloppe la fillette, la prend dans ses bras et la couvre d'un long regard, puis sort de la pièce avec la directrice. Dans son rêve l'enfant a murmuré "maman", "Jésus".

Jésus, du fond de sa chèche, avait exaucé le voeu de cette petite fille qui avait besoin d'un coeur aimant pour répondre à l'ardente tendresse, qui se dégageait du sien.



Voeux de bonheur, santé et prospérité à notre clientèle et à toute la population. Que NOEL et l'AN NOUVEAU sèment la paix et l'amour entre les nations.

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BONNE et HEUREUSE ANNEE

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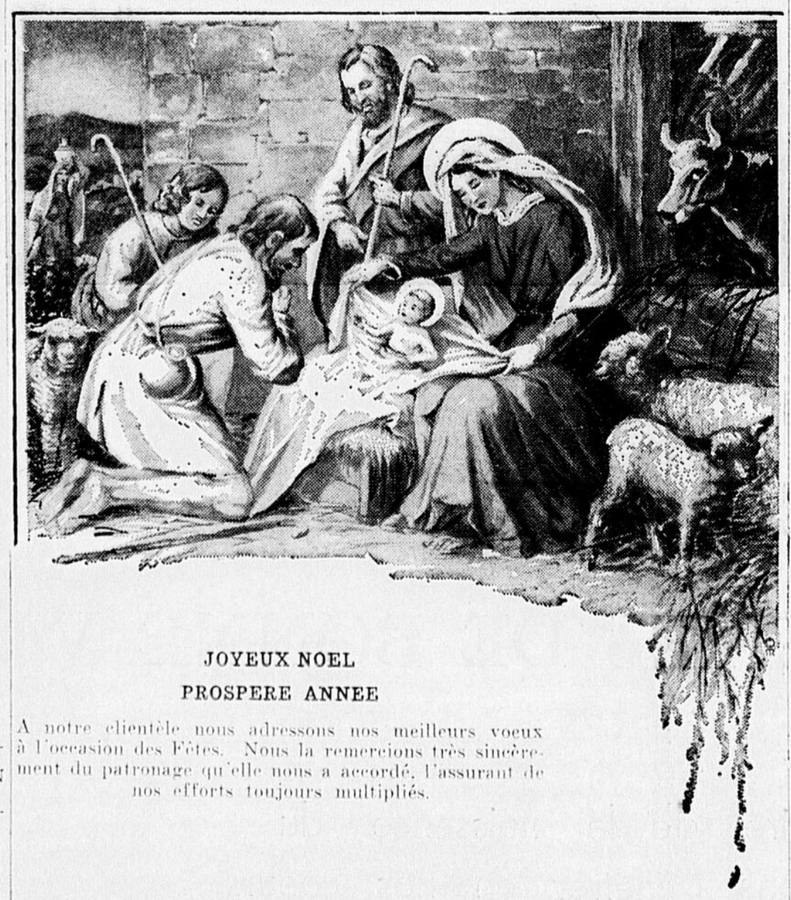

JOYEUX NOEL

PROSPERE ANNEE

A notre clientèle nous adressons nos meilleurs voeux à l'occasion des Fêtes. Nous la remercions très sincèrement du patronage qu'elle nous a accordé, l'assurant de nos efforts toujours multipliés.

ROMAIN MENARD

MARCHE METRO

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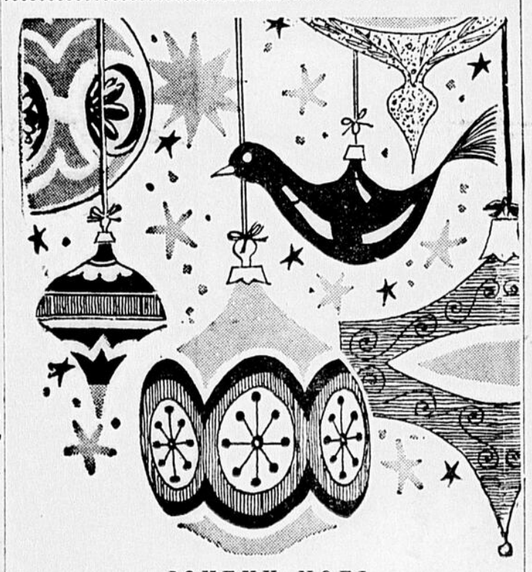

JOYEUX NOEL

C'est autour de la table familiale que tous les membres du foyer apprennent les véritables joies d'un amour bien senti. Que cette même joie communiquée à Noël et au Jour de l'An se maintienne durant toute l'année.

REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION

ST. LOUIS DE GONZAGUE

Que la belle et grande fête de Noël soit joyeuse dans tous les foyers

Que l'année 1965 soit heureuse pour tous!

PHARMACIE FORTUNE

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JOYEUX NOEL

Meilleurs voeux

Avant que cette année entre dans le domaine du passé, nous désirons remercier cordialement nos clients pour leur constant encouragement et souhaiter à tous de passer de TRES JOYEUSES FETES.

Laberge & Lalonde

LIMITEE

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Pres Du Berceau Du Christ

La grande solennité de Noel va revenir, ramenant les foules immenses dans nos églises, réunions intimes au foyer, et malgré les inquiétudes de l'heure présente, un irrésistible sentiment d'allégresse au fond des coeurs. Avec la grâce si douce de ses souvenirs et la poésie ingénue de ses légendes, elle reste toujours la fête populaire par excellence.

Mais pour quiconque, allant au-delà des premières surfaces, se recueille quelques instants auprès de l'humble berceau du Christ, quelles vives lumières s'en dégagent. Quels graves et décisifs enseignements bien propres à réveiller ou à raffermir la foi.

Plus de dix-neuf siècles, en effet, se sont écoulés, depuis le jour mille fois béni où des voix célestes faisaient entendre sur le berceau d'un enfant nouveau-né la parole libératrice qui apportait la paix au monde: "Gloire à Dieu dans les hauteurs des cieux et paix sur la terre aux hommes de bonne volonté". Et tandis que le temps rejette si vite dans l'oubli tout ce qui n'est qu'humain choses ou hommes, il est demeuré impuissant devant l'oeuvre d'affranchissement commencée, en ce jour dans un coin obscur de la Judée. Bien plus il n'a fait que la grandir d'une grandeur sans rival.

La "crèche" de Bethléem, si pauvre, si froide et si nue, est devenue le tabernacle de marbre et d'or de nos églises, où un Dieu a trouvé le secret de se faire plus humble encore qu'un petit enfant pour se rapprocher davantage de l'homme et gagner plus sûrement son coeur.

"L'étable" aux murs pauvres et froids est devenue cette multitude d'églises et de temples rivalisant d'art et de richesse, qui ont surgi sur toute terre baptisée comme une floraison magnifique de foi ardente, de prière et d'amour.

Le "Cortège" des premiers adorateurs, si chétifs de condition ou de nombre, s'est transformé en ces foules immenses qui, dans toutes les langues sur toutes les pages et sous tous les cieux, célèbrent la gloire et chantent l'amour du Sauveur du monde.

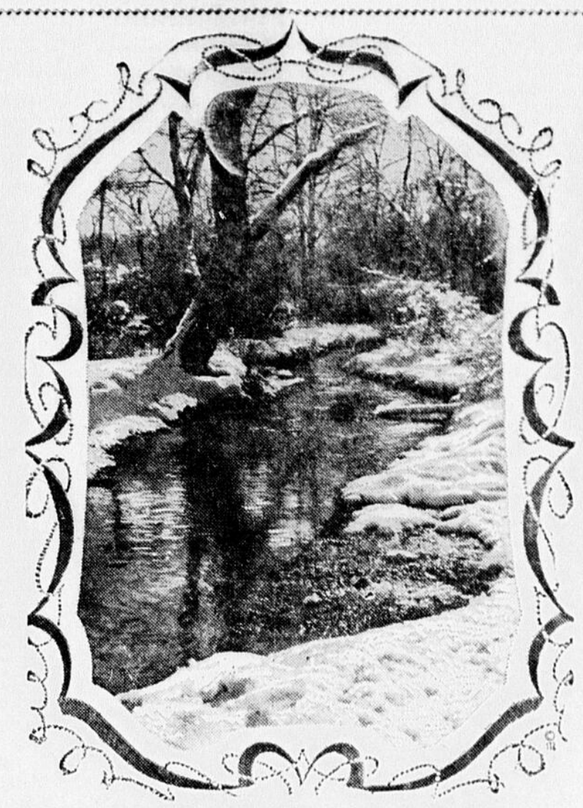
Le "Jour" même de cette naissance qui humainement devait rester dans l'histoire une date inconnue, est devenu, au contraire la date historique souveraine, le point central où tout le passé aboutit, où tout le présent se rattache, la règle du temps, en un mot, dans tout l'univers civilisé.

Le "nom" enfin de cet enfant que l'agent romain chargé du dénombrement hébraique dut écrire sur ces tablettes comme le plus obscur et le plus dédaigné de tous ce nom est devenu celui devant lequel "tout genou fléchit, au ciel, sur la terre et dans les enfers".

En vérité quelle transformation merveilleuse et quelle oeuvre surhumaine.

Aussi pour saluer cette transformation et exalter cette oeuvre, prenons place parmi des bergers et dans le cortège des mages. Prosternons-nous devant ce berceau misérable que l'amour d'un Sauveur choisit, et laissant parler notre coeur, disons à Jésus: "Aimable enfant, heureux ceux qui vous ont vu hors de vos langes, développer vos bras, étendre vos petites mains, caresser votre Sainte Mère et le doux Joseph qui vous avait adopté, ou à qui, plutôt, vous vous étiez donné pour fils; faire soutenir par lui vos premiers pas; dénouer votre langue et bégayer les louanges de Dieu notre Père. Je vous adore, cher Enfant dans tous les progrès de votre âge, soit que par vos cris enfantins vous appeliez celle qui vous nourrissait, soit que vous reposiez sur son sein et entre ses bras. J'adore votre silence mais commencez, il est temps, à faire entendre votre voix. Qui me donnera la grâce de recueillir votre première parole. Tout était en vous plein de grâce, et n'eussiez-vous fait que demander votre nourriture, j'adore les nécessités où vous vous mettiez pour nous. La grâce de Dieu est en vous et je la veux ramasser dans toutes vos actions. Encore un coup, faites-moi enfant de simplicité et d'innocence.

(Bossuet, Elévations)



JOYEUX NOEL
BONNE ANNEE

Voici le souhait que la joie de Noël demeure toujours avec vous. Puisse l'esprit de bonne entente habiter dans votre coeur toute la Nouvelle Année.

EARL FOURNIER

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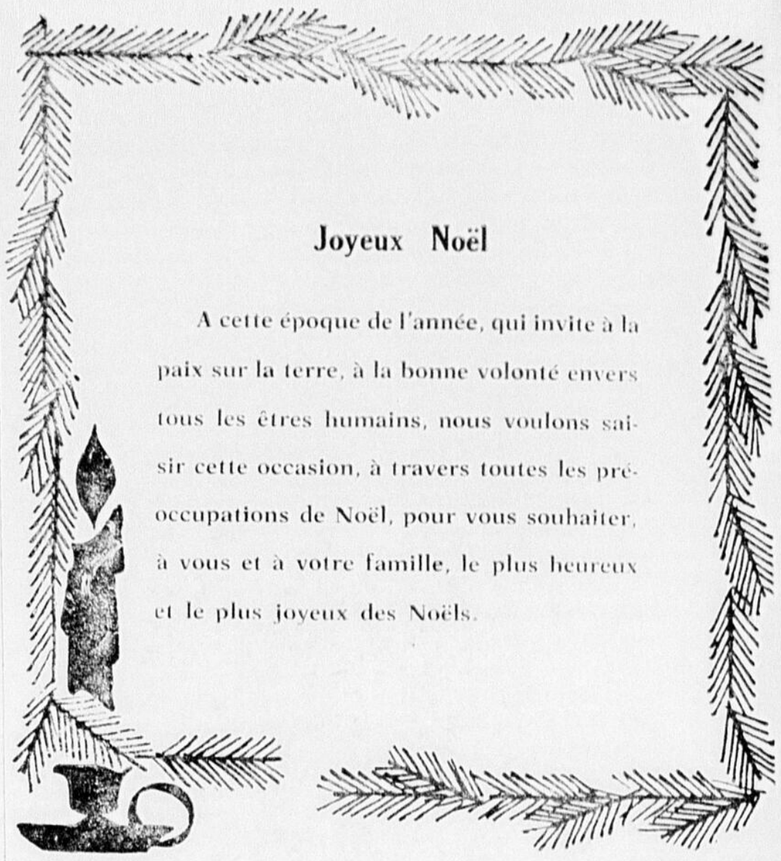
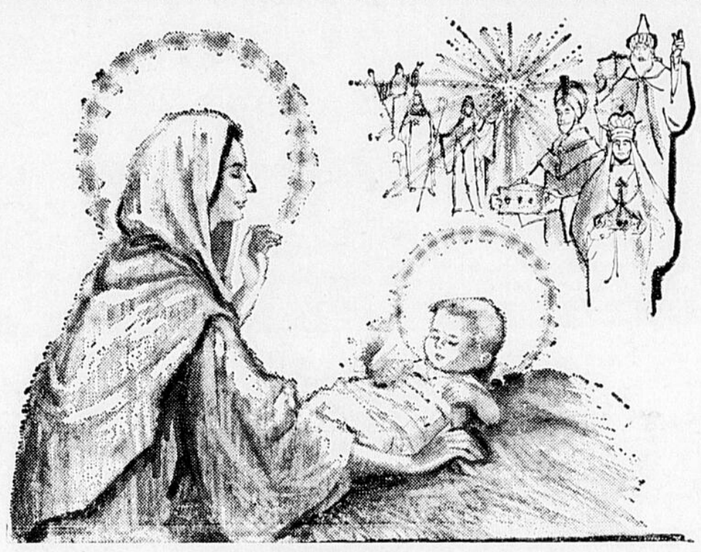


Joyeux Noël

A cette époque de l'année, qui invite à la paix sur la terre, à la bonne volonté envers tous les êtres humains, nous voulons saisir cette occasion, à travers toutes les préoccupations de Noël, pour vous souhaiter, à vous et à votre famille, le plus heureux et le plus joyeux des Noëls.



Sainte Nuit

Une fois de plus, il est temps de relire la belle histoire de Noël. Que le message qu'elle apporte s'imprègne dans notre coeur.

PICHE NETTOYEURS

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Une grande joie nous visite

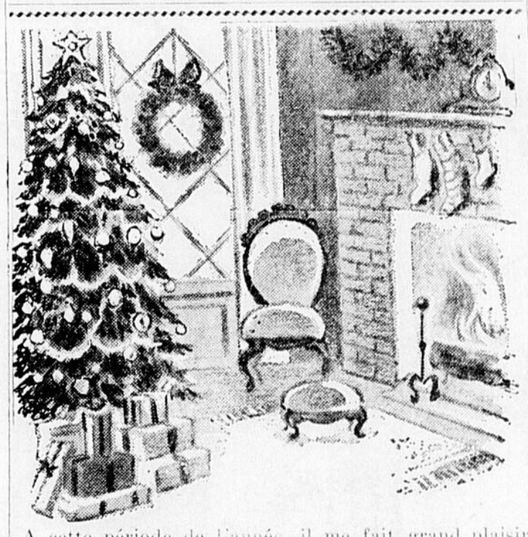
Le caractère le plus attachant de la Noel, c'est la joie qu'elle apporte à tous.

En dépit de cumul des ans, Noel conserve, pour tous, un singulier pouvoir, d'émotions. Même les gens âgés ne résistent pas au charme enveloppant de la nuit sainte, de la journée du 25 décembre. Noel sera toujours une fête neuve. C'est ce qui la distingue des autres. Elle le sera encore l'an prochain, comme elle l'a toujours été antérieurement.

Très grande fête religieuse, Noel nous ébranle par le grand événement historique de la naissance d'un Dieu-Sauveur, autant que par l'éclat inaccoutumé des cérémonies liturgiques. La messe de minuit rafraichit les coeurs; les vieux cantiques de Noel sont le plus émouvant rappel de notre jeunesse; toutes les églises rutilantes de lumières mettent au diapason les plus blasés.

Mais il y a plus: Noel est la vraie fête de la Famille, la plus somptueuse journée des foyers solides. Les réunions si agréables qu'elle commande, la joie spontanée qui y règne, sont la grande récompense de l'année, la seule qui conserve son prix.

Que le 25 décembre 1964 ne désappointe personne. C'est notre plus fervent souhait pour tous et chacun.



A cette période de l'année, il me fait grand plaisir de souhaiter à toute la population,
Joyeaux Noël
et
Bonne et Heureuse Année.

IDA BEAUCHAMP

ORMSTOWN

JOYEUX

NOEL

et

Bonne Année

Que nos belles fêtes chrétiennes et familiales apportent joie, santé, bonheur à tous nos clients, parents et amis

Border Inn Restaurant

HUNTINGDON

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Que ce Noël soit le plus heureux de votre vie et que l'année 1965 soit la meilleure de toutes.

BEAUCHAMP FRERE

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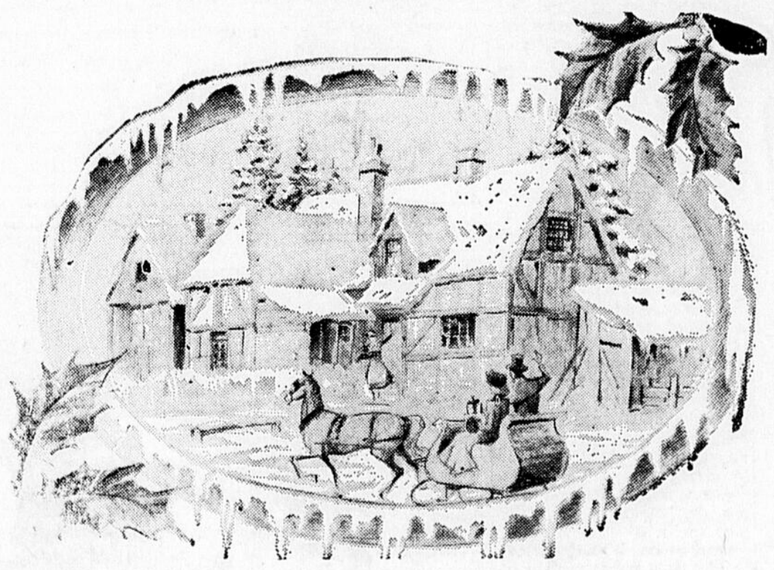

Puisse chaque famille de la région connaître un jour de joie sans égal à

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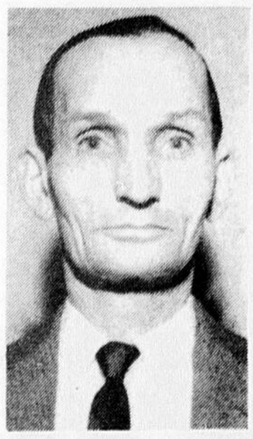

SAM LEGAULT

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Noel De La Lune

Il fait un froid de limbes. Les flocons de neige tournoient en lumineuses sarabandes. Les billes flottent gaiement dans les grelots des attelages. Les traineaux se laissent glisser mollement au gré des collines et des vallons. La petite cloche de l'église s'égosille. C'est Noël.

De tous les coins du village, des bandes joyeuses de carrioles courent vers l'église. Si tôt arrivés, les occupants sautent à terre et leurs pieds fripent l'épais édredon de neige qui recouvre les marches du perron. Durant la messe, monsieur le curé monte en chaire et souhaite un "Joyeux Noël" à tous ses paroissiens. Après avoir brièvement rappelé le mystère du jour à ses ouailles, il remonte à l'autel et entonne le Crédo. Dans les bancs, les enfants se poussent du coude et incontestablement leurs regards se dirigent vers la crèche toujours si merveilleuse pour leurs yeux clairs. La messe terminée, chacun revient à son traineau. Sur le chemin de retour, les "Joyeux Noel" sautillent d'une carriole à l'autre, tandis que toute pimpante dans ses roses rouges, la "roussette" fait tinter ses grelots en balançant sa queue fraichement tressée.

La terre tressaille d'allégresse en cette nuit ou le Christ est né. Les cieux sont remplis du chant des choeurs angéliques. Toutes les créatures jubilent, toutes sauf elle . . . Eh bien oui elle pleure cette pauvre lune. Elle pleure tellement que ses larmes tissent une immense nappe étoilée sur la table du firmament. Personne n'a pitié d'elle. Personne. Même les espiègles angelots la harcelent de toutes parts lui quêtant un rayon de lumière pour descendre sur la terre. Savez-vous pourquoi elle pleure, madame la lune?... Non? je vais vous le dire.

"Vieille comme le monde, si vieille qu'elle a vu naitre n'a jamais pu venir sur la terre la nuit de Noël, Jamais notre grand-père Adam, elle elle n'a pu adorer l'Enfant-Dieu de la crèche. Elle aimerait bien être un ange ou même angelot. Elle envie la place de l'araignée dans la paille; elle voit Jésus de si près.. Comme elle voudrait fêter la nuit, elle aussi; elle ne le peut pas. C'est l'astre le plus vigilant de l'espace. Elle doit attendre le matin alors que tout le monde dort. Là, seule après avoir séché sa dernière larme, Vénus, l'étoile du berger, elle contemple le Fils de Dieu. Elle l'adore de loin, impossible de descendre. Elle lui faudra attendre la résurrection pour voir Jésus de près; mais à cette époque Il sera grand; Il ne sera pas dans une crèche; ce ne sera pas Noël. A cette tragique pensée, la lune pleure de nouveau et une autre nuit piquetée d'étoile recouvre la terre".

La Noel Russe

Le voyageur qui traverse un petit village petit-russien dans la soirée du 24 décembre rencontre sur sa route une procession aussi orginale que pittoresque.

En tête, un gamin s'avance. Il porte, fixée sur une longue hampe, une gigantesque étoile de papier doré; des cierges alignés sur une planchette l'éclairent de lueurs vacillantes. Derrière, un garçonnet traine ce qu'on appelle la grotte (vertièpe), espèce de boite divisée en deux parties superposées; en haut, des poupées figurent la mort d'Hérode; en bas, une effigie grossière simule la danse de Salomé. Un bambin brandit un énorme saucisson, plus loin un autre tient un sac de toile, un troisième une assiette d'étain. Des groupes d'enfants suivent en chantant l'hymne évangélique: "Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux, et paix sur la terre aux hommes de bonne volonté!"

Et comme la mélodie naïve du cantique résonne dans la campagne engourdie, un mouvement se fait dans la maisonnette (hata) blanchie à la chaux, et dont le toit de chaume s'argente sous la neige. Des mains calleuses font remonter vers leur imposte la partie inférieure des croisées.

La ménagère se hâte de réunir l'offrande à Koliada; un saucisson, des varenniki (gâteaux au fromage), quelque menue monnaie éloigne de son enclos les rongeurs.

Le cortège s'est arrêté devant la fenêtre. Les enfants, sérieux et recueillis, entonnent une des hymnes des grandes vêpres du Sotchelnik (veille solennelle). Puis gais et rieurs, ils reprennent sur un air de danse: "Généraux et donnants, — Passez-nous un verenniki — un gros saucisson — une belle pièce d'argent!"

Alors la main qui a soulevé la carreau jette dans le sac les provisions préparées; et, tandis que le grivennik (pièce de dix copeks) roule sur l'assiette, l'hôte — Nicolas, Yvan ou Sidor, — se penche par la baie entr'ouverte:

"Que le Seigneur Dieu vous accompagne et vous bénisse, petits enfants!" Et ceux-ci de répondre en masse, en ayant soin de mêler à leur chant — car c'est de rigueur — le nom du maitre de la hata (maison.)

Koliada! Koliada!

Il est arrivé, Koliada,

A la veille de Noël!
Partout nous l'avons cherché,

Le bon, le saint Koliada!

Enfin nous l'avons trouvé

à la porte du bon Sidor.

Gloire au Seigneur Jésus,
Gloire!

Gloire à notre Sire,
Gloire!

Gloire au bon Sidor,
Gloire!

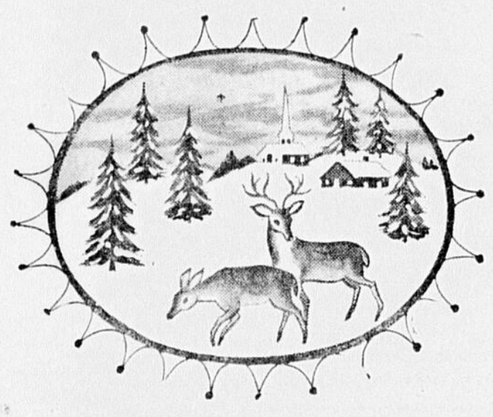
Asa hosiaika Ganna,
Gloire!

à leurs petits enfants,

Et à tous les orthodoxes [chrétiens,

Gloire!

Après un: "Merci, bonnes gens, merci, et heureuse fête!" Le cortège s'éloigne en chantant.



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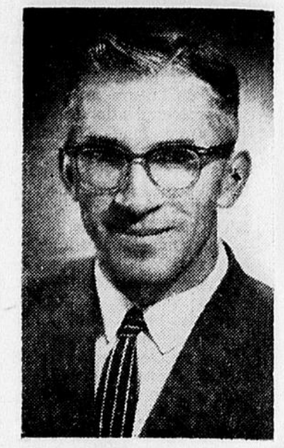

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VEILLE DE NOEL

N'est-il pas merveilleusement beau, le soir que précède de Noel?

Soir de la messe de minuit: doux prélude composé des premières notes de la gamme des "joies qu'apportent les fêtes" — On s'apprête à célébrer gaiement la naissance de Jésus. Tout à l'heure, les foules franchiront le seuil de leur église paroissiale pieusement ils s'y agenouilleront, priant avec ferveur le divin Enfant, en cette nuit merveilleuse. Toutes les demeures sont devenues joyeuses, elles ont pris une figure riante. Aux portes et aux fenêtres sont suspendues des couronnes de gui. Les ménagères, faisant valoir leur talent de cordon bleu, mettent la dernière main aux préparatifs du fameux réveillon. Il y a quelque temps déjà qu'elles préparent ce traditionnel repas et les autres qui suivront. Elles font des pâtisseries de toutes sortes, enfin la crème des mets, rien de trop bon pour ce temps des Fêtes où tous semblent si gourmands! Des gens qui passent sur la rue admirent par les fenêtres des maisons, les arbres de Noel dont les lumières scintillantes jettent leurs rayons sur les nombreuses décorations qui les ornent formant un coup d'oeil enchanteur.

Notre arbre de Noel est terminé! Pendant que ma petite soeur au piano, me grise de ses joyeux chants de Noel, je suis moi, aussi dans un fauteuil tout près de l'arbre de Noel. Je trouve celui-ci joli! La senteur de la dinde qui fume dans la rôtissoire me fait venir l'eau à la bouche. Quel fumet! Combien j'ai hâte de goûter à toutes ces bonnes choses, cette nuit! Hum.

Mais je songe aux malheureux qui, par bonheur, grâce à des organisations charitables, ont été secourus et pourront jouir, eux aussi, de cette belle fête.

Je songe aussi que nous devons faire en sorte que la fête de Noel ait avant tout et pleinement son caractère chrétien.

LES BERGERS A BETHLEEM

C'était la nuit de Noel, une belle nuit froide, mais scintillante d'étoiles. Sur la montagne voisine de Bethléem, les bergers veillaient tour à tour pour garder leurs troupeaux.

Tout à coup ils entendirent de délicieuses harmonies qui semblaient venir des profondeurs du ciel.

Puis les voix se rapprochèrent, emplissant les airs de leurs accords, enfin les bergers, étonnés et ravis, distinguèrent les paroles du cantique: "Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux, et paix sur la terre aux hommes de bonne volonté".

En même temps, ils aperçurent, flottant dans les espaces, les anges qui leur dirent: "N'ayez point peur. Nous venons vous annoncer une grande joie. Le Sauveur est né! Allez à Bethléem, vous trouverez un petit Enfant couché dans une crèche. C'est lui! Adorez-le".

La troupe céleste remonta vers les profondeurs étoilées, et les bergers, de plus en plus ravis, se dirent l'un à l'autre.: Allons à Bethléem.

Mais ne voulant pas se présenter au Sauveur les mains vides, ils se chargèrent des humbles présents que leur permettait leur pauvreté; l'un prit son agneau le plus blanc, l'autre, sa brebis la plus douce, un autre un petit pot du lait le plus crémeux, et tous descendirent le coeur joyeux, l'âme débordant d'espérance.

Ils arrivèrent à l'étable, poussèrent la porte mal jointe, entrèrent d'abord timidement.

Mais la bonne Vierge leur sourit et leur tendit son petit Enfant, le divin Jésus.

C'est ainsi que furent appelés les premiers auprès du Sauveur, les pauvres et les humbles, bien avant les savants et les rois. Jésus voulut par là nous apprendre à aimer les pauvres, qui sont les meilleurs amis.

LA LEGENDE DES OISEAUX

Le ciel était en émoi. Il y avait une étoile qui bougeait et les anges s'étaient mis à chanter. On voyait derrière les nuages le reflet de leurs ailes, et la lune éclairait leurs visages joyeux. Ils s'étaient même approchés si près de la terre que des prairies et des bois où régnait le silence, on entendait leurs voix. Ils disaient: "Gloire à Dieu!..

Alors, les oiseaux s'éveillèrent.

Un petit oiseau tout essoufflé apporta la nouvelle. Un bébé venait de naître là-bas, bien loin, dans une étable. Oui, il n'avait pu trouver d'autre logis; pourtant, c'était un roi...celui qui avait créé les chauds rayons du soleil, les gouttes de rosée, l'eau qui court, l'herbe tendre, les fleurs et les étoiles du ciel... et il était tout nu, sous un toit de chaume, sans un pauvre petit vêtement de laine pour le couvrir.

Le coq n'avait pas encore chanté, et pourtant tout semblait en rumeur. Qui osait se permettre une telle incorrection? Il faisait nuit, il faisait froid; la neige s'étendait de tous les côtés et il n'y avait pas lieu de se réjouir. Cependant, les voix continuaient de chanter: "Gloire à Dieu".

Alors, les oiseaux s'indignèrent et d'un commun accord s'envolèrent. Dans l'étable, Marie et Joseph, en prière, entendirent soudain un grand bruit d'ailes, accompagné d'un immense gazouillis de victoire. C'était les oiseaux qui arrivaient. L'hirondelle entra la première, puis le rossignol, le pinson, la fauvette...tous les autres...et, chacun passant au-dessus du nouveau-né, laissait tomber une petite plume, soit blanche, soit brune, soit grise, si bien que lorsque le jour parut, Jésus reposait bien au chaud au milieu d'un moelleux duvet.

L'ORIGINE DU MOT TOURTIERE

Sait-on que toute une histoire se rattache à cette belle et bonne friandise si appréciée en hiver qui s'appelle "tourtière". Cette pâtisserie ou plutôt ce pâté date de longtemps déjà, et c'est vraiment un plat de famille. Nos grand'-mères confectionnaient la tourtière avec un art méticuleux; elles faisaient cuire ce pâté contenant un mélange de viande de porc, de lièvre, et surtout de "tourte", sur l'ancien poêle à deux ponts.

Au fait, qu'était-ce donc que la tourte? Un oiseau qui abondait dans toute la province et surtout dans Charlevoix, il y a soixante-quinze ans. Cet oiseau sauvage était de la grosseur d'un pigeon auquel il ressemblait d'ailleurs beaucoup

il y en avait tellement qu'on voyait parfois les tourtes s'abattre par véritables nuages sur les champs ensemencés, où c'était alors la dévastation. Comme, d'autre part leur chair était succulente, la soupe à la tourte connut vite la vogue et deux tourtes suffisaient à faire une excellente soupe pour 12 personnes.

On fit également les tourtières soit les pâtés rappelés plus haut et ce fut en conséquence la chasse impitoyable aux tourtes. On les tuait jusque dans les cours des fermes et avec tant d'ardeur qu'on en négligea la messe du dimanche.

C'est alors que le clergé "conjura" les tourtes pour les faire disparaître. De fait on n'en voit plus aujourd'hui au Canada et aux Etats-Unis. Que sont-elles devenues?

Leur espèce est-elle éteinte?

Toujours est-il qu'elle a donné naissance au mot "Tourtière".

Moutons de Noël

Qui veut des brebis?

Ainsi chantent, dans les Flandres françaises et belges, de braves artisans qui, la veille de Noel, vont à travers les bourgades, portant sur leurs bras des moutons étranges confectionnés avec de la paille grossière. C'est là le fruit de leur travail durant les longues veillées d'hiver. Ils cherchent à vendre leurs "moutons de Noel" pour l'ornementation des chèches. Ils ont, paraît-il, un beau succès et un joli gain, car chaque famille tient à avoir pour sa crèche un de ces petits mouges confectionnés avec de la tons.

Que la fête de Noel apporte du BONHEUR et de la JOIE dans toutes les familles!

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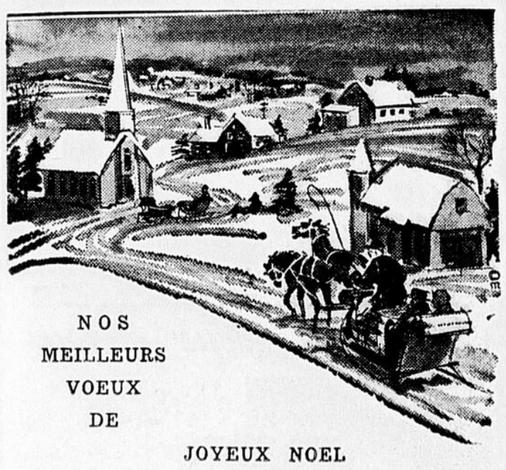

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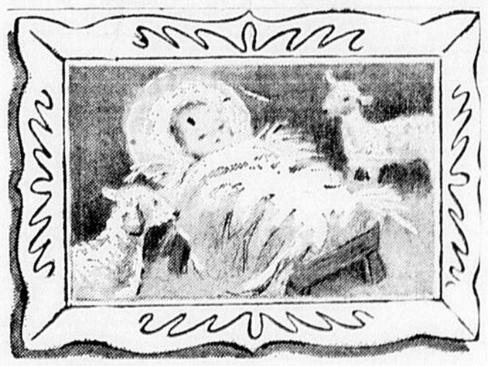

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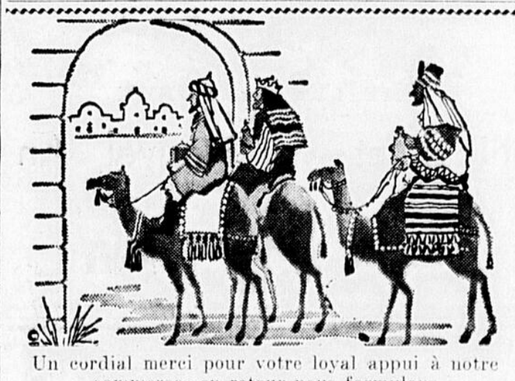

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SON PLUS BEAU NOEL

Il neige. Légers comme des papillons, les flocons se balancent dans l'air avec gaminerie avant de se poser par terre. Peu à peu, les toits des maisons se camouflent sous l'épaisse et immaculée fourrure. Les automobilistes ont peine à se frayer un chemin dans la blanche étendue qui s'amoncelle de plus en plus.

Nous sommes au 22 décembre. Dans les rues de Montréal, les gens se pressent dans les magasins en vue de faire les derniers achats pour Noel. Pauvres comme riches, tous se réjouissent à l'approche de cette grande fête; nous croisons sur la rue toutes sortes de gens, de gros monsieurs impassibles, des dames aux bras chargés de paquets de toutes dimensions, des enfants qui se poursuivent à coups de boules de neige, au coin des rues, les petits vendeurs de journaux exposent aux passants leur étalage du jour. On sent l'air de Noel qui plane au-dessus de la ville.

Dans le quartier des usines, c'est l'heure de la sortie des ouvriers. Un à un, ils s'engouffrent dans le grande porte pour se diriger ensuite chacun dans sa direction.

Les uns s'en vont d'un pas alerte, lassés de leur journée de travail mais heureux de partir retrouver leur pette famille et préparer avec eux la fête de Noel. D'autres cheminent éreintés, la tête lourde et les pieds traînants; ils sont fatigués de la vie et rien ne les intéresse, si ce n'est l'idée de se rafraichir à la taverne du coin, et c'est là que se dirigent leurs pas à la sortie de l'atelier, et le Noel de leurs enfants?

Parmi ces ouvriers, Dolbeau, comme tant d'autres se laisse entraîner par sa lamentable habitude et, comme un coupable, pénètre dans le bar. Une couple d'heures plus tard, on peut le voir ressortir, passablement éméché. D'un pas titubant, il se dirige vers la rue Visitation, où est son domicile.

Pendant ce temps, chez lui...

—"Dis, maman, que fait papa, ce soir?" — Et la petite Lise, brunette de huit ans regarde anxieusement sa mère. Toute menue dans sa pauvre robe, elle semble une Cendrillon perdue dans l'humble logis.

Sans lui répondre, la mère sonde du regard la ruelle passant devant la fenêtre. Et comme se parlant à elle-même: "Il m'avait pourtant promis..."

Lise s'exclame: "Qu'est-ce que Jésus m'apportera pour Noel, maman? J'aimerais tellement avoir une poupée, une belle poupée aux cheveux blonds! Tu sais, maman, la bien jolie poupée dans la vitrine du marchand chez qui on est allé toutes les deux, hier? Tu crois qu'il me l'apportera, dis...?"

Indifférente au verbiage de la fillette, la mère ne répond pas. Une fois de plus, elle réalise dans quelle indigence, se déroula sa vie, son mariage, il y a de cela dix ans... Jamais son mari n'avait pu surmonter la vieille habitude avec les amis le soir de la paye!

Soudain, un bruit la fait sursauter, en même temps un couplet à la mode chanté d'une voix lourde; la porte s'ouvre avec son apparition.

—Eh bien quoi! qu'est-ce que vous avez à me regarder comme des momies? J'suis pourtant pas un phènomène!

Apercevant sa fillette en sanglots, il se tourne vers la mère: "Ah, c'est toi! Je savais bien que tu la faisais pleurer quand je n'étais pas là, on va voir ça!"

Cette triste scène dure quelques heures jusqu'à ce que Dolbeau tombe épuisé sur son grabat. Le lendemain, la tête lourde, il s'éveille juste à temps pour aller à l'usine. Sans un mot à l'égard de son épouse et de sa fillette, il s'enfuit, honteux de son adieuse conduite.

—"Je ne suis qu'un lâche, un lâche!" — se gourmande-t-il en cours de route. Soudain, mettant la main à sa poche, il sent un papier; intrigué, il le sort et lit sur l'enveloppe: "Au petit Jésus, Paradis."

De plus en plus surpris, il déchire l'enveloppe pour y trouver une mince feuille de papier sur laquelle sont écrits ces mots:

"Cher petit Jésus, ce sera bientôt Noel! Tu sais combien je t'aime et combien j'aime papa et maman! Je voudrais bien que papa ne soit plus jamais comme il était hier soir et qu'il rende maman heureuse. Tu sais aussi que j'ai envie d'une belle poupée, mais, si tu veux, je peux bien m'en passer pour que papa soit toujours gentil envers maman.

Je vais prier bien fort, Jésus.

Lise.

Plus ému qu'il ne veut le paraître, le père remet la lettre dans sa poche et continue son chemin vers l'usine cherchant désespérément un moyen de trouver l'argent pour acheter à Lise la poupée de ses rêves. A l'heure du diner, un compagnon de travail, Marceau, réputé pour être un "dur", et ivrogne invétéré, interpelle Dolbeau: "Haie! viens ici, qu'est-ce que tu dirais de gagner $500.?"

Intéressé, Dolbeau s'approche: "A quelles conditions?" — Marceau l'amène dans un coin où il lui dit quelques mots. Tous deux se donnent rendez-vous chez Dolbeau à 8 heures le soir même.

La journée s'écoule sans incident, et le soir, les deux compères se retrouvent à l'endroit fixé. Dolbeau est décidé: coûte que coûte, il lui faut de l'argent. Il prend la précaution d'envoyer sa femme en commission pendant que la petite Lise sommeille profondément.

Tous deux forment les derniers plans pour le "hold-up" projeté et se quittent quand tout est arrangé. Dolbeau se couche.

Eveillée par la discussion, la petite Lise a tout entendu. comprenant que son père ne doit pas accomplir une telle action, elle se met à genoux, disant à travers ses larmes: "Petit Jésus, il ne faut pas que mon papa fasse cette vilaine action, je l'ai appris au catéchisme, car je suis certaine que tu pleurerais. Si tu le veux, dis-lui de ne pas faire cette méchante action, et qu'il devienne bon et aille à la messe comme avant en retour, je veux bien aller passer Noel avec toi dans ton beau ciel. Je sais que maman pleurera beaucoup mais tu sauras bien la consoler! Exaucе-moi, je t'en supplie, petit Jésus! Ainsi soit-il!"

Et le petite fille au coeur d'or se recouche paisiblement. Vers le milieu de la nuit, la mère s'éveille, croyant entendre des plaintes. Avec inquiétude, elle voit sa petite Lise qui murmure des paroles incohérentes. S'approchant et voyant que la petite est bouillante de fièvre, elle éveille son mari et lui explique ce qui se passe. Celui-ci qui aime passionnément sa Lison, comme il l'appelle, se penche anxieusement sur l'enfant, se demandant que faire.

Tous deux passent une nuit d'inquiétude près d'elle. Au matin, le père part pour l'usine, l'âme bourrelée de remords. La fillette passe la journée dans un état de torpeur inquiétante. Quand M. Dolbeau revient de l'usine, n'y tenant plus, sans souci de son manque d'argent, il court chercher un médecin.

Après un long examen, le docteur diagnostique une fièvre typhoide avec danger d'aggravation: "Toute émotion peut lui être fatale," dit-il aux parents éplorés. Vers la fin de la journée, la petite reprend connaissance. Voyant son père près d'elle, Lise supplie faiblement: "Mon petit papa, ne me quitte pas, promets-moi de ne pas me quitter," répète-t-elle, sa main dans celle de son père. Au même moment, le porte s'ouvre, Marceau.

"C'est l'heure, Dolbeau, viens", dit-il.

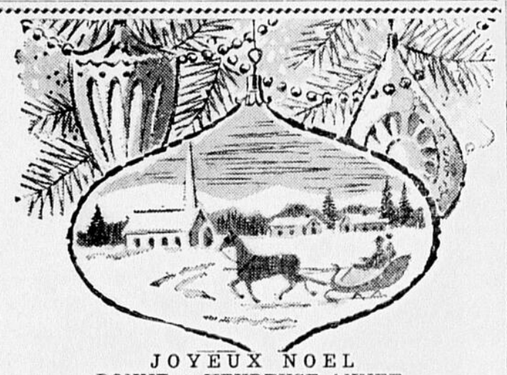
Délicatement, le père tente d'enlever la petite. Comme mue par un ressort. Lise se dresse, les yeux hagards, brillants de fièvre: "C'est Noel, papa, reste avec moi" — et elle retombe sur sa couche.

Tenaillé entre son amour de père et le désir de gagner un peu d'argent, il a comme dans un éclair l'idée de ce que sera Noel si sa Lison n'est plus avec lui. Se souvenant des paroles du médecin, il serre farouchement la petite dans ses bras, criant à Marceau: "Sors va-t-en d'ici, canaille, ne viens plus me troubler!"— Sans demander son reste, Marceau s'enfuit précipitamment.

Dans son coeur de père, Jésus n'a pas accepté le sacrifice de Lise, mais son papa sera désormais ce qu'elle désire depuis si longtemps, un "vrai" papa.

Les Cloches de Noël

Dans la nuit silencieuse et solennelle, s'éveillent tout à coup les clochers et, à pleine volée, de leurs voix graves et douces, les cloches carillonnent gaiement; elles chantent dans leur âme de bronze; elles clament que, dans quelques instants, le Désiré des nations va renaître; leurs harmonies se rencontrent dans le soir et, comme autrefois la voix des anges, elles semblent psalmodier avec une tendresse ineffable l'éternel message de paix du ciel à la terre: "Gloire à Dieu au plus haut des cieux et sur terre, paix aux hommes de bonne volonté.



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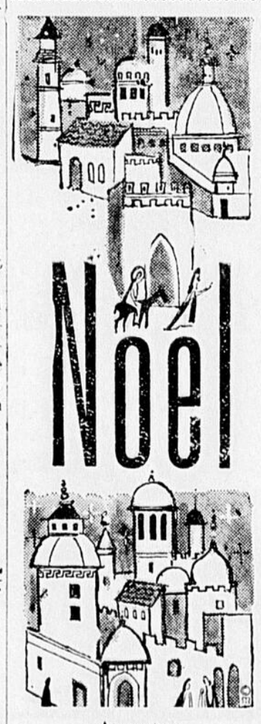

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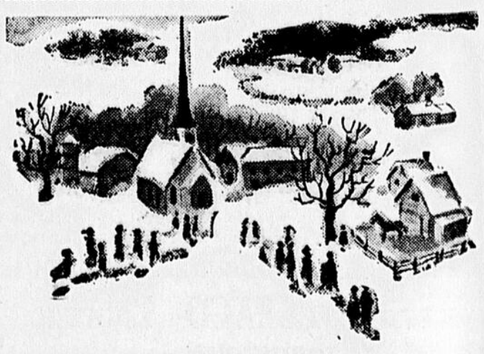
M. H. Alister Somerville

H. A. D. Somerville

M.A.L.

POUR LE COMPTE DE HUNTINGDON



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Best wishes and many thanks to our Advertisers and Subscribers. May the Christmas Season bring you happiness.

Letting us serve you was the best Christmas present of all, and we want to thank you for it. Happy Holidays.

PUBLISHER and STAFF
of The
HUNTINGDON GLEANER

Editorial Notes...

CHRISTMAS AND . . .

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing..."
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear..."
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks..."

These and other well known Christmas carols are the popular songs of this season of the year. For a short time they will take number one spot as the most popular tunes. It is Christmas once again. It never gets old or boring, yet we have celebrated it for a great number of years and many people since dead and gone have celebrated it before us. No doubt after we are gone there will be others who will enjoy it as much as we do.

It is a story that is told over and over again and never loses interest. Children with shining eyes and faces full of eagerness, come forward to hear the story of Christmas and wonder at the child that was born on this day to become the Saviour of mankind. Christ, the new born King, is hailed as much today as he was on that night when the Three Wise Men were guided to his birthplace by a bright star in the East.

There is certainly a great sustaining power which makes people continue to stay with and celebrate the religious festival of Christmas. There were other festivals in years gone by that were celebrated, but which today are only given passing thought. There is something peculiarly attractive about Christmas. An air seems to pervade that holds nothing but good feeling, good will and love of fellow man. We are willing to forgive our enemies on this one day at least. Bitterness seems to disappear and this is depicted in Dickens story of the Christmas Carol. Old Scrooge was an unusually mean man and treated all people harshly. He was touched by the dream he had which showed how mean he was and he relented and tried to make amends on Christmas Day.

It is unfortunate that all friends cannot be together on Christmas Day, but our way of life makes it that some have to be on duty under various conditions and therefore cannot spend Christmas as they would like. Many utilities and services have to be maintained so that the majority can enjoy the festivities. However, as many as possible do try to be with friends on this happy occasion and we find many re-unions being conducted at this season of the year. A common meeting place is selected by most families and as many members as possible repair to that point with a view to celebrating together this great holiday.

There is a time of much preparation for the Christmas celebration and for many weeks before, mysterious happenings take place which are cleared up on Christmas Day. All the secretiveness and apparent sly dealings unfold in the gift giving that goes on. Everything is done with a kind motive in the offing. It is a time when kindness prevails to the full.

Actually, the Christian spirit is at its peak at Christmas as at no other time of the year. If such spirit could be retained the year round, what a wonderful world this would be. We believe that real peace could really come if all people remained so considerate of others. It is doubtful if the gift giving could be kept up, but perhaps some less expensive form could be introduced to take its place. That part does not matter so much, it is the spirit that should be retained, just as it was retained by Scrooge in Dickens story. It may be a little harder to always be kind and considerate of others and to have the welfare of other people at heart. But how much better everything would be if such a way of life could be endured. It means being able to give up the lusts and wickedness in life for those things which are good. It means being able to resist all forms of evil temptation. it means following the example set by the Christ Child in his later life on this earth and in whose memory we celebrate at this festive season.

A Very Merry Christmas to All

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SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

There is little use in complaining about the rigors of putting up my tree, the horrors of trying to find a present for my wife, the abyss of debt into which I am plunging. I know how much sympathy I'd get. We're all in the same boat.

But, with the holiday season coming up, accompanied by its usual parties, I thought it might be a good time for your friendly Uncle Bill to pause and examine that phenomenon of the second half of the 20th century-Social Drinking.

Social Drinking is one of those beautifully vague terms we're so fond of these days. They cover a multitude of sins, and yet, somehow, they sound respectable.

It's like "Neurotic". The lady who is nutty as a fruitcake will inform you with some pride, "I'm terribly neurotic, you know". Fifty years ago, she wouldn't have announced so freely that she was batty.

Social Drinking is similar. The fellow who is so hung-over the blood is running out his eyes, will tell you, "I'm strictly a Social Drinker".

Everytime I hear the term Social Drinking, I utter a couple of short, barking laughs. Social Drinking is just an excust for getting plastered in public, instead of quietly and decently at home, or out behind the barn.

Social Drinking and the Cocktail Party go hand in hand. A Cocktail Party is any gathering of Social Drinkers, slopping free liquor into empty stomachs at a rate which suggests prohibition is about to become law within the hour. They make a gesture toward the social end of it by eating a cracker, with a dead sardine on it, with every fifth drink.

Don't confuse sociable drinking with Social Drinking. Sociable drinking is a quiet glass with an old friend, by the fire; a couple of bottles of cold beer, out fishing; a hot noggin, in company, after a winter's day outside.

But Social Drinking is a horse of a different hue. Ask the housewife who comes down in the morning after a Cocktail Party, head thumping like a bongo, and is confronted by the following: a cigarette-burn on her new coffee-table; a puree of whiskey-and-ashes on her white linen tablecloth; a purple splotch on her lemon carpet; 28 dirty glasses; a lady's handbag; a man's hat; 14 empty cigarette packages; and her husband snoring on the chesterfield.

Ask the chap who drops in for a drink — just one — before facing the spouse and spawn, after work. He gets talking with the boys, arrives home an hour late. He's a little high-spirited, but scarcely a reeling drunk. Know what he gets for dinner?

Cold shoulder and hot tongue. Yet all he was doing was a little Social Drinking.

Actually, Social Drinking was fine, as were so many other things, before women got into the act.

But then women started boozing, and things have gone from bad to hopeless. Mixed drinking developed. And the only thing worse than mixed drinking is mixing your drinks.

Social Drinking has all the potential destructive power of The Bomb. It leads to broken promises, broken dishes, broken vows, and broken homes.

The only good thing about it, and the only reason it is so popular, is that it enables one to put up with all the bores and boors, the knuckleheads and knotheads, the dopes and dullards, with which society seems to be infested nowdays (except for the sparkling people like you and me).

Now, I hope I haven't thrown a wet blanket on your plans for a wet holiday season. But just to end this little homily, may I remind you the lines written in eleventeen seventy-seven by that great Welsh poet. Hugh Dunnit:

If you get stinking
From drinking,
It isn't Social;
It's atrocial.

Provincial Capital Report

QUEBEC (CP) One of the problems of making economic progress meaningful in Quebec is the cut-throat zest with which outlying municipalities compete for new industry.

Too often, in the view of Government economists, tax concessions are offered on a largess that defeats the objective of the inducement.

Rather than bringing a higher standard of living, economists warn, a new industry can become a burden on a municipality without providing an appreciable amount of employment.

The number of municipalities in Quebec — twice the number Ontario has despite the greater population of the neighboring province — is a factor compounding the problem.

"We have something more than 1,700 municipalities in Quebec," one cabinet source says. "We have to bring this down to a manageable proportion of about 800 as a prerequisite for effective regional economic planning."

While Quebec enjoyed a relatively booming economy this year, the gravy was not evenly spread.

Montreal and an area within a radius of 100 miles of the city enjoyed great industrial growth — a 12.8-per-cent increase is the forecast for the year's end — but the remainder of the province generally had no more than normal growth.

Gross production for the Province is forecast at $7,000,000,000 for 1964, an increase of about seven per cent over 1963 and well ahead of the national average of five per cent.

Because the main increase has been in the Montreal area, the rest of the Province has gained little but research industries.

Jacques Leroux, the Department of Industry and Commerce Industrial Commissioner in Montreal, says that while an industrial development act passed by the Legislature two years ago has "accelerated" industrial development, more than 90 per cent of financing through the act has taken place in Montreal.

He recommended "Regional Industrial Financing, group municipalities in far regions so they can unite their efforts for the common good."

Other industry department officials point out that resource industries create fewer jobs than secondary industries.

Revenue Minister Eric Kerans says the Government is forecasting three years of continued growth, basing its estimates on already-developed plans for industrial expansion.

"But," he says, "the gap in the growth of metropolitan areas is growing progressively wider. We'll have to find ways of exerting pressure to create enhanced development in outlying areas."

Council Meeting

MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANICET

Alderman Ernest Wylie and Alcide J. Caza were absent, also the Secretary-Treasurer.

Payment of the following accounts was approved: Champlain Oil Products Ltd. $153.00; P. E. Lafleur $95.00; Romuald Cartier $12.50; Elie Carrière $5.00; L. Hurteau $51.00; Anatole Castagnier $90.00; Adrien Castagnier $15.00; Adélard Richer $8.00; Henri Brunet $28.28; Claude Jalbert $8.90; Société Coopérative Agricole $240.00; Canadian Salt Co. $167.14; Gilles Latreille $20.00; P. E. Trépanier $8.00; Rolland Saucier $55.00; Avila Génier $15.50; Bell Téléphone $4.68; Anatole Leblanc $15.00; Huntingdon Gleaner Inc. $28.00; Ildori Quesnel $12.40; Alcide H. Caza $22:25; J. R. Caza Frères $1278.00; Ministry of Agriculture $3181.60; Léo Laparé $60.00.

The following changes to valuation roll were made:—

Ernest Lalumière and Al to Marcel Gravel Sale Pt. 89; John Bellion to Henri Lazure sale 516-19; Ernest Lalumière and Al to Richard Lalumière, sale Pt. 89; Ernest Lalumière and Gilles Derépentigny, share Pt. 89; Romuald Hurteau to Gérard Vallerand, sale 467-5; J. Milton Sharpe to J. B. McCoy, sale Pt. 103; Arthur Trépanier to Raymond Caza and Uxor, sale 590-63; Mark Stone to Dame G. McHeown, sale 507.6; Claude Trépanier to Fernand Ligotte, sale 515-12; Miss Addie Currie to Dame Elphège Paquette, sale Pt. 895; Robert Castagner to Wesley Russell and Uxor, sale, Pt. 502-B;Dame Andie Gratton to Fernand Nadeau, rights, Pt. 476; Lucien Dandurand to Walter Brown, sale Pt. 94; Roland Dansereau to Edward C. Quinnett, sale Pt. 105; Joseph A. Caza to Claude Caza, sale ½ ind. 638; Gérard Caza to Alphonse Côté, sale Pt. 472. Roland Carrière to Elie Carrière, sale Pt. 625; Alcide Benoit and Uxor to Mme Paul Charest, sale 2 Pts. 98; N. Duncan Rankin, sr., and Uxor to Miss Lise Bonnoyer, sale Pt. 97; Ronald Vincent to Robert Hope, sale, 3 iles; Edward J. Carr and Uxor to Dame Marcel Papillon, sale 598-22; Alcide Benoit and Uxor to Yvon Laurendeau, sale 503-18, 19, 20; Sylvio Dugas to Keith Howden, sale 494-11, 495 Pt. 1; Sylvio Dugas to Roger H. Daoust, sale 495 Pt. 1; Sylvio Dugas to Claude Beaudoin, sale, 495 Pt. 1; Sylvio Dugas to Roger Bélanger, sale, 495 pt. 1; Lucien Perron to Roland Perron, sale 504 Pt. 1; Edmour Caza to Dame Maurice Trudeau, sale Pt. 142; Georges McPherson to Gérard Daoust, sale, Pt. 593 Gaston Dupuis to Lincoln C. Johnston and Uxor lease, Pt. 492; Gaston Dupuis to Stanislas Vaillancourt, sale Pt. 489; Léo Joly and Uxor to Roland Dansereau, sale Pt. 111; Dame John Wareham to Roland Dansereau, sale Pt. 110; Gérard Daoust to Bernard Hart sale 513-4, 515 Pt. 5; Adélard Richer to Dame Arthur Trépanier and Al, sale Pt. 492, 493; Sylvio Dugas to Miss Georgina E. Winwood, sale 495 Pt. 1; Lucien Perron to Paul Masella, sale 504-19; Lucien Perron to Mario Masella, sale 504-18; Etienne Leblanc to Ferme Roda Inc., sale 102, 106, 107; Aristide Beauchesne to Fernand Laurin, sale Pt. 620, Pt. 621; Municipalité St-Anicet to P. E. Kingsley, Pt. 554.

J. Alvila Génier,
Sec.-Treas.

IN TRIBUTE

It was with a sense of shock that I first heard that "Ab", as I have known him ever since I first joined The Gleaner staff, just over 23 years ago, was ill and then when the news came that he had succumbed.

When I first came, he was my foreman for I worked in the composing room on the linotype and of course Albert Antoine was the foreman of printing plant. I always found him quite well to get along with and later when I took over the News Editor position, I worked with him on many different types of jobs. He was a stickler for getting things done, but as long as deadlines and so forth were met, he was always very fair. I respected his twenty years seniority and I also found it of great advantage when I wanted to know something about the past. Many of these links are gradually disappearing and Ab's passing will be another one lost. He often passed along a bit of information that would link up with someone in the past which would make good news copy.

The community is going to miss him, especially in connection with the Skating Rink and Huntingdon Fair. The Huntingdon County War Memorial Arena was one of his pet hobbies and he was very solicitous for the welfare of the many children, Hockey Teams and Adults who have used this rink over the years. He spent many hours in connection with this rink, more than the general public ever realized. Many hours were given over to Huntingdon Fair each year and hundreds of miles of travel were also done.

One can only admire such a man as Ab.

Sidney Smith.

Report From Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson has had his share of problems since his government introduced legislation to establish a distinctive flag for Canada, but it looks like his "flag for Christmas" promise has come true, in theory anyway.

He had to use closure — a dreaded word since the famous pipeline debate in 1956 that helped the Liberals go down to defeat — to bring the flag debate to a vote early Tuesday morning in the Commons, but a threatened stall by Conservative Senators failed to materialize and the flag passed the Upper House last Thursday.

Now the single red maple leaf with vertical red borders needs only royal proclamation by the Queen to become Canada's flag, and this is just a routine matter.

Mr. Pearson also was successful in the second part of the flag resolution as the Commons speedily adopted the Union Jack Thursday as the symbol of Commonwealth ties. Opposition to this move almost vanished after the lengthy and emotional debate on the maple leaf design.

Bribe Allegations

The flag was the story of the week in Ottawa, but it was by no means the only story. It barely overshadowed the opening of a judical inquiry into allegations that government officials had been involved in a bribe attempt to gain bail for a man wanted for trial in the U.S. on a narcotics charge.

Chief Justice Noel Dorion of Quebec Superior Court opened hearings Tuesday, and heard three days of testimony from Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne before adjourning the inquiry until Tuesday.

Mr. Lamontagne has charged that Raymond Denis, former executive assistant to Immigration Minister Tremblay, tried to bribe him with $20,000 to allow Lucien Rivard to obtain bail during extradition hearings.

Rivard is wanted by U.S. authorities for dope smuggling, and indictment at Laredo, Texas, says he is linked to a Mafia-operated narcotics ring.

He was arrested in Montreal June 19, and is still at Montreal's Bordeaux jail.

Mr. Lamontagne, acting for the U.S. government in the extradition hearings, said he feared Rivard would go into hiding if allowed bail.

Rivard has been ordered extradited to the U.S., but is still in jail awaiting the outcome of habeas corpus action.

Pressured For Two Months

Mr. Lamontagne told the hearing he had been under constant pressure for almost two months to drop his objections to the bail application and had received several phone calls on the matter. He said two callers had identified themselves as Paul Lord, former executive assistant to Justice Minister Favreau and now studying at Oxford University in Britain, and Guy Rouleau, Liberal MP for Montreal Dollard.

Mr. Rouleau, who resigned as Mr. Pearson's parliamentary secretary to testify in the probe, has admitted he called Mr. Lamontagne, but said he did so only at the request of his brother and dropped that matter as soon as he discovered details of the case.

But even an investigation into scandal charges had to take a back seat to the end of the flag debate last Monday. The day started quietly, but before the Commons flag committee recommendation for the Maple Leaf flag came to a vote, tempers flared as the Conservatives saw that their lenghty battle to retain the Red Ensign was doomed.

The vote, which was supposed to take place at 1 a.m. Tuesday was delayed by a Conservative procedural wrinkle when both Mr. Pearson and Opposition Leader Diefenbaker rose to speak just seven minutes before the closure deadline.

Speaker Alan Macnaughton recognized the prime minister because he said, two of the last three speakers in the debate had been Conservatives. The other was a Creditiste.

Eldon Wooliams (PS—Bow River) insisted that Mr. Diefenbaker be allowed to speak also, but was voted down by 155 to 72.

Mr. Pearson offered to share his time with Mr. Diefenbaker, but the Conservative leader declined bitterly as the prime minister made a final appeal for unanimous support.

He said the Conservatives should not vote against the "design that is going to be the flag of Canada".

Flag Vote Now History

The maple leaf flag finally passed by a vote of 163 to 78 as 121 Liberals in the House were supported by eight Conservatives from Quebec (led by Leon Balcer, the party's Quebec leader), 16 New Democrats, six Social Credit members and 12 Creditistes.

Joining the 73 Conservatives opposing the flag were three Social Credit MPs, one NDP member and Liberal Ralph Cowan, who had supported the Red Ensign throughout the flag debate.

There was a momentary hush in the Commons when the result of the vote was announced, then Liberal MPs jumped to their feet to sing O Canada in a mixture of French and English. Several members of the opposition parties joined in, but a handful of Conservatives marched angrily through the curtains at the side of the House, stopping only when MPs in the House followed O Canada by singing God Save The Queen.

For the next hour happy maple leaf supporters thronged the corridors, singing and gathering around maple leaf flags.

Thus ended the first stage of a flag debate that took up 33 sitting days of the record-setting session that has already passed the 200-day mark. There were a total of 279 speeches in the debate, 195 of them made by the Conservatives. The Liberals made 42 speeches, New Democrats 17, Creditistes 13 and Social Credit MPs 12.

Senate Follows Suit

Mr. Diefenbaker said he hoped the Senate would give serious "second thought" to the flag, but after token opposition led by Senator Gratton O'Leary, the Senate passed the maple leaf design Thursday night in a special late sitting, just minutes after the Commons approved the use of the Union Jack as the flag to denote Canada's Commonwealth ties.

Vote in the Commons was 185 to 25 in favor of the Union Jack, with 112 Liberals, 55 Conservative, 12 New Democrats and six Social Credit MPs supporting the motion. It was opposed by 12 Creditistes, seven Conservatives, two New Democrats, one Liberal and three Social Credit MPs.

The maple leaf passed in the Senate by a vote of 38 to 23, with Senator Jacques Flynn of Quebec breaking away from the Conservative party to vote with 37 Liberals against 23 Conservative Senators.

Gault School News

By Mary Clandinan

On Friday, November 27, Gault played host to the Hemmingford Basketball teams when the girls defeated the Hemmingford team 50 - 11. The top scorer was Angele Viau. The boys' game was also a victory for Gault with a 51-26 score. Once again Steve Smith was the top scorer with 22 points. Evidence of school spirit at this game was an inspiration as approximately 75 students occupied the balcony.

Again on Friday, December 4, Gault met Howick when the girls were defeated by a 27-20 score. Angele was also our top scorer on this occasion. The boys, we are pleased to report, tied 32-32 with Howick team. As usual, Steve scored the most points.

To the relief of all Gault students, the examinations finished on December 4. Perhaps, however, they will not be so relieved when they receive their report cards.

Grades X and XI have their results from the "Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests" which they wrote in November.

On December 11, a few of the Gault boys arranged for the Student Council a "Sock Hop" in the gym to encourage and create school spirit.

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ON GIVING

It is more blesséd — thus I read —
A truth not easy to perceive.
Getting is pleasure, right and good,
And joy of living.
It's also blesséd to receive.
The bible says there's far
More blessedness in giving.

It is more blesséd — be it told,
With all my strength I strive for gold,
As if those words were folly.
I make a lot — I save a lot.
That's sense, by golly.

It is more blesséd — I believe,
Let others do their mocking.
And having means like cash-in-store,
When charity comes knocking,
Can mend a leg, buy food for war,
Or fill some baby's stocking.

It is more blesséd — What appeals!
What hosts of social callers!
Those words were written long ago.
Ere charity meant dollars.
I give and give and give and give,
Until my spirt hollers.

J. CAMERON,
Hemmingford.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Pile
5. Aeriform fluid
9. Supreme beings
12. Toward sheltered side
13. Illuminated
14. Wild cry
15. Distribute
16. Mineral rock
17. Measure of distance
19. Weighing device
20. Arm joints
22. Being
23. Within
24. Grit
27. Listed
28. Self
31. Eternity
32. Danish coin
34. Trapped
35. Verse
37. And (Fr.)
41. American Indian
43. Seam
47. Planted
51. Church area
52. High priest
54. Game on horseback
55. Gaelic
56. Measure of weight
57. Rails
58. Grain
59. Drum
60. Otherwise

DOWN
1. Edison
2. Fish sauce
3. Bristle
4. Pared
5. Shining
6. Ventilate
7. Cock slowly
8. Constellation
9. Sheep
10. Lilac
11. Noddles
12. Printing
21. Ship
24. Dry, as wine
25. Part
26. Neither
28. Pedal digit
29. Lasting
30. Animal collection
31. Before
32. Water barrier
37. Required
38. Greek letter
39. Human being
42. Toward
43. God of war
44. Skin opening
45. Sit for portrait
46. Network
48. Work
49. Pixies
50. Lavish affection
53. Ship's diary

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ROE ERSE LIRE
ANSWERED IDEA
BETEL MART
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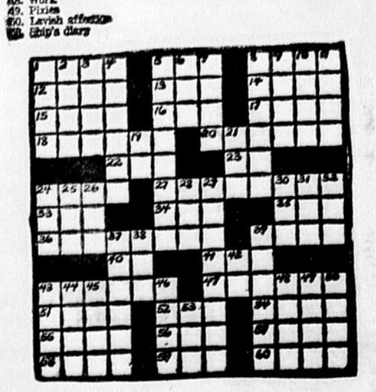

Hemmingford News

The 4-H Club held their reorganization meeting, Saturday afternoon, under the supervision of Mr. Vianney, Surprenant of St. Remi. The new slate of officers are President, Barry Campbell; Vice-President, Richard Edgerton; Sec.-Treasurer, Roy McAdam. Representatives from other organizations, were asked to attend, as the subject under discussion, was the change from 4-H to "Young Farmers Club". The leaders and delegates are to meet with the Clubs of the district, for further plans. This Club will welcome, boys and girls 12 years and over. There are many projects, and any questions will be gladly answered.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. George Harfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton in the very sudden death of their son-in-law and brother-in-law, Mr. Stuart Myers, of Montreal last Saturday.

Friends of Mrs. Andre Beaudin of Sherrington, Que., formerly Miss Mabel McAllister, of this place, are sorry to learn that she is a patient in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal. All good wishes for a quick recovery, and that you will soon be back home Mabel.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Guild, will meet at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Brown on Tuesday evening.

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By Mrs. Fergus Moore

Wesley-Know U.C.W.

The regular monthly meeting of Wesley-Knox United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. Emmet Cleland on Thursday afternoon, December 10th.

The meeting came to order by repeating "The Purpose" in unison and the singing of the hymn "As With Gladness Men of Old."

The president, Mrs. J. Curran then called on Mrs. A. R. Stewart to take charge of the devotional period. Mrs. Stewart read from the second chapter of St. Matthew followed by the meditation entitled "Love Came Down at Christmas." Mrs. Stewart also led in prayer.

In keeping with the coming Christmas season, Mrs. W. Potter read the story "The Bishop's Candlesticks." Words of thanks were expressed to Mrs. Potter by Mrs. Curran.

The Roll Call was responded to by another word for the "Messiah". Ten members, five visitors and one child were present.

The corresponding secretary read the correspondence to date. Mrs. Wilfrid Robinson agreed to act as recording secretary for the year 1965.

Mrs. George Moore chairman of Supply and Welfare Committee read a letter she had received from Mrs. Johnson secretary of Supply and Welfare, Montreal, asking for boys' underwear. It was agreed we send same. As this was also the annual meeting, the chairman of each committee read their reports. All these reports were accepted as read.

Mrs. A. L. Stewart Chairman of the programme committee read the programme for 1965.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Stewart, on Thursday afternoon, January 14th. Mrs. J. Curran president, expressed her thanks and appreciation to everyone who had helped to make 1964 such a successful year and asked that the same co-operation would continue through 1965. Everyone enjoyed the poem that Mrs. W. Robinson read. Mrs. Robinson also conducted a Christmas Carol Quiz. Reverend Ficko closed the meeting with prayer.

A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. George Moore as co-hostess.

The Christmas decorations added to the pleasant and busy afternoon. Gifts were exchanged.

Everyone was pleased that Mrs. Woodward Jackson was able to attend this meeting. Mrs. Jackson is feeling much better.

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Huntingdon Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stark visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Arthur and family in Chelsea.

Mrs. James E. Whyte and Mr. James Elliott of Howick were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Whyte and family.

Miss Susan Lefebvre of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ont., arrived on Sunday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lefebvre.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Daniel and Margaret of Bobcaygeon, Ont., are spending a two-week holiday with Mr. and Mrs. John Telfer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Elder of Massena N.Y. and Mrs. Goldie Brown visited on Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. T. Ewart.

Mr. George Bell of Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ottney and Louise spent the week-end in Almonte, Ont.

Mr. Carl Wilson, who is attending the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton, arrived on Sunday evening to spend the festive season at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Wilson.

Belated birthday greetings to Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Whyte, who was one-year-old on Monday.

Entertained on Birthday

Mrs. Mary Rennie was guest of honor for a birthday celebration on two occasions this past week-end.

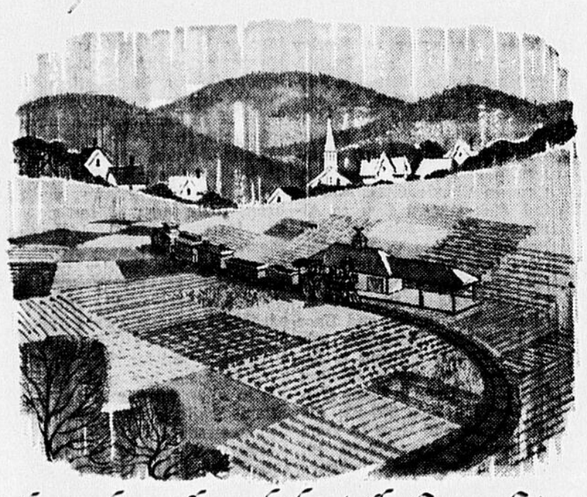
On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rennie entertained at a dinner party for their mother. Guests who also attended were Mrs. A. Ironside and John of Montreal, Mrs. Jean McCleery, Mrs. Annie Barrie, Mrs. E. Stewart and Mrs. Richard Stephens.

On Saturday afternoon a tea was held at the home of Mrs. Cameron Stewart, when some thirty ladies gathered to celebrate with Mrs. Rennie. The hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. J. McCoy, Mrs. D. Ferns, the Misses Dawn and Valerie Graham and Mrs. Douglas Murray.

Visits Nursing Home

St. John's Junior Auxiliary and their leaders, Mrs. Stote and Mrs. Valdemar, accompanied by the Rev. P. R. Stote entertained patients at the Patterson Nursing Home on Tuesday afternoon, December 15, with carols and presented each patient with a gift from the Junior members.

Season's Greetings



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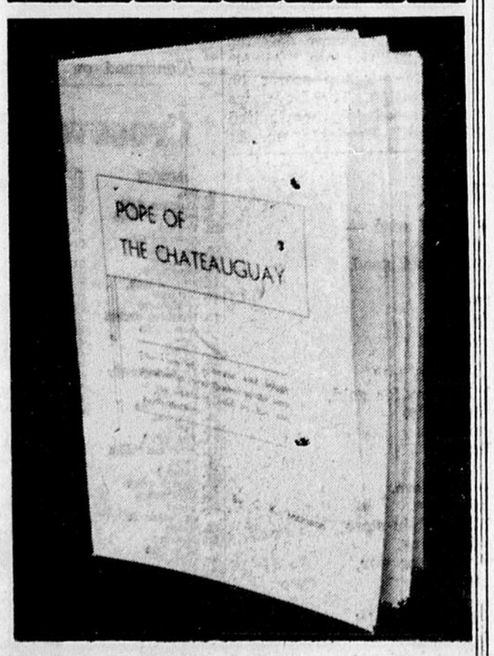

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Rotarians Hear Talk About Xmas by Rev. H. Lowenberger

The Reverend Henry Lowenberger, pastor of Huntingdon United Church, was the guest speaker at the Huntingdon Rotary Club luncheon meeting, on Monday. Rotarians who had not previously had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lowenberger were most favorably impressed by the man and his talk. Rotarian Chas. Lalonde of the Valleyfield Club was also a guest. President Leslie Sanderson announced that the Club had received a donation to the Nurse Training Benefit Fund from Miss Elsie Halliwell as a token of her appreciation for the use of a wheelchair which the Club had loaned her. Rotarian George Dixon proposed a vote of appreciation to the new chef at the Chateau Huntingdon, Mr. Paul Nuetz, for the exceptionally fine meal served and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Rev. Mr. Lowenberger's topic was timely as it concerned Christmas. He began by saying that most of us have heard, at one time or another, that the would at large has paganized the celebration of Christmas; that we have allowed it to become secularized, commercialized, and that we have lost its true meaning. Mr. Lowenberger said that many of our traditional Christmas customs are actually pagan in origin, even the very celebration of Christmas, itself. He said he would like to discuss what Christmas really is under four headings which are — Christmas itself; Christmas Day; Gift Giving; Christmas Cards and Christmas Carols.

First, Christmas itself is pagan in origin. In primitive societies the year is full of festivals, all of them connected with the fertility of the earth on which man depends so closely for his very life. The word 'civilized' means 'according to the style of those who dwell in cities'; and since our country is called a civilized country, I think we are right in assuming that our customs are not as closely based on the importance of the food that comes from the land. A primitive society who do not gather in cities but live in close relation to the earth depend on it solely; have very many rituals based on the fertility of the soil. In fact, many of these rites are common in the Old Testament. The most important fertility rite in primitive society is that of the Winter Soltice. This festive celebration, the apparent rescue of the sun from a total disappearance beneath the dark horizon. Actually, the period before the Winter Soltice caused great fear in the heart of primitive man — for the shortness of daylight in the fall was a reminder that the fertility of the soil depended on long sunlit days. There was also the real fear that the sun would be lost and would not come back. Modern psychologists have suggested that some of this fear is still with us and that many of us become depressed in the month of December, not merely because of Christmas business and Christmas bills, but because the primitive fear of the very short hours of sunlight is still with us but towards the end of December the change comes; and primitive man celebrated with great joy the sunny days, in essence, the 'Sun is rescued from darkness', and he knows that once again the sun would bring fertility, food and life itself.

As the Christian church began to be organized in such a pagan society, it began to set dates for festivals. Actually, Christmas was not one of the first or most important. Good Friday and Easter were the great days of the early church; Christmas came later; in fact was only made a firm feast day about 300 years after the life of Jesus. Mr. Lowenberger said that nobody actually knows the birth day of Jesus. Most of what the church did in those days is not always clear to us because of poor records, but this much is clear: What the church did was to take the natural instinct in man to give thanks and to realize the rebirth of nature, based by the movement of the sun and to make of it something Christian. This period in December centred around the equinox, was already reverenced by everyone — Jew, Roman, Greek and the church took this time of the year for its Christmas, for its celebration of the birth of the Saviour. They not only accepted and transformed this natural instinct of man, they cleansed it. The ways in which this good and natural urge in man to celebrate their fear and their hope had become real orgies is hard to be believed. What the church did was to take this good natural urge and transform it. Whether we have succeeded in transforming it back again into a pagan celebration is a moot question for all of us.

Another symbol, the Christmas tree, is again a custom of great antiquity. Trees have been associated with the Winter Festival long before the time of Jesus, especially the evergreen, which seemed to defy the forces of nature by remaining green when other plant life had apparently died. So do all lights. Various feasts of the Winter Festival included such items as jumping over bonfires (as they still do in the Shetland Islands), burning logs, (the Yule log still practised in Britain very much as it was in the days of the Druids, long before the Christian church existed there). When you think of the nature of the Winter Soltice Festival the use of trees and lights seems quite fitting for trees are one of the most important products of the fertility of the earth and light one of the most important factors in producing fertility.

At the Winter Festival, which is a feast at once of praying that the sun will not die and of rejoicing that it has not died but is coming to life again; what more likely than that the two most popular symbols should be flame and the evergreen — the light which was conquering the darkness and the plant which has defied the withering which overtook all other green things.

3. Gifts at Christmas

We must explain to children that we give gifts because Wise Men brought gifts to the Babe in the Manger. The giving of gifts is pagan in origin because it was practised long before the birth of Jesus when people gave because it is in the hearts of man to give when they are happy. Gift giving in Christian Churches was deliberately frowned upon at one time because it was believed pagan, but as Europe developed in money, culture, etc. wealthy patrons revived the custom of making gifts to churches, monasteries, colleges, etc. on all church festivals. Gradually the practice became more individual and today there is a swing back to collective gifting, such as class of students to a teacher, business firms, etc.

4. Christmas Card

The use of the Christmas card cannot be said to be pagan since the first cards to be used were printed in England in 1846 but its history is interesting all the same. Sir Henry Cole (who was not a Sir then but became one later) became a little tired of writing greetings at Christmas and New Year's and commanded an artist to do a lithograph, which was then printed. That year 1,000 copies were printed. One interesting sidelight is that Sir Cole was one of the men responsible for introducing the penny-mail system in Britain — perhaps there is a connection!

5. Santa Claus

Here, again, there is a curious mingling of the pagan and the Christian in origin. On the one hand we have St. Nicholas, a man who actually lived, who was the Christian bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the 4th Century and was known as the patron saint of children. On the other hand there is the pagan element in the winter feasts of a visitor who comes to reward the children and to punish the bad ones. From earliest knowledge we have there were always two St. Nicholas. Here is ont description; St. Nicholas comes in all his splendor, a reverend grey figure with flowing beard, gold broidered cape and pastoral staff; with him came the terrifying kaubauf, a monster covered with a shaggy hide, wearing horns, having black face, fiery eyes long red tongue and in clank and chains.

For some reason, lost to us, but again it may be by church tendency to take over patron feast. St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, replaced the pagan concept kaubauf and we find the early settlers in America bringing with them this tradition, changing the name to Santa Claus; the English settlers picking up the idea and taking it back to England. How the fact that Santa came from the north to us, uses chimneys and reindeer is completely lost.

6-Christmas Carol

In England the Christmas Carol had its origin through the pagan dance songs of the Winter Soltice at Yule, a heathen feast lasting twelve days, from which evolved the twelve days of Christmas. (at ewle we wont n, gambole, daunce, to carole and to sing - 1589). Doubtless the association with dancing, both pagan and immoral, was responsible for the church's initial opposition to the carol.

There was ample justification for Percy Dearner's definition of carols in the Oxford book of Carols as "Songs with a religious impulse that are simple, hilarious, popular and modern."

But not all carols included religious references. Deck the halls refers to the yuletide but not to the nativity. The holly and the ivy, despite its tribute to Mary and the Christ Child, also was not acceptable to the church because like deck the halls it harks back to the pagan rituals in which the holly symbolized young men and the ivy, young women and Elvis Presley singing "Silent Night" scracely does anything to my spirit that has not already been done just as effectively by his singing of "Blue Suede Shoes." One may assume that almost everyone, supposedly able to sing, is singing Christmas Carols on records, an argument borne out by L.P. album that begs us to hark the stars of Hollywood singing. Rather than stirring the Christmas spirit this suggests the establishing of a new choir of angels infinitely less appealing than those I was brought up on.

You have probably become slightly confused by now as to what elements in our Christmas celebrations are pagan and what are not. I am now going to add to the confusion by outlining how our part of the world has treated Christmas at various times.

First, in the early church not much fuss was made for a Christmas Church Festival in which the birth of Christ is recognized at a time when men seek a festival by deliberately leaving out some of the elements in the celebration.

Second, a growing of magnificence as European culture developed so that William of Orange could give to the Pope a magnificent Christmas present of all the booty he had taken from England when he conquered it; a development of great pageants e.g. in 1633 Charles the First sat down to watch a pageant which cost 20,000 pounds.

Third, attempt like that of St. Francis of Asia to help Christian people to understand what happened at the first Christmas. It was St. Francis who developed the first crib scene in a cave in a mountain for the shepherds he served, to walk up to on Christmas Eve to help them to see in a dramatic way what Christmas meant.

Fourth, The Puritan attempt To Cleanse Religion — with it Christmas.

When the Puritans decided to do something, there were no half way measures for them. During the reign of Cromwell, parliament sat every Christmas Day for twelve years. Soldiers were sent to repress some congregations who were holding services on Sunday. Also the Puritan celebration of Christmas in North America when the authorities made every woman work so that there was no possibility of celebration.

Fifth, where are we today? We are in the midst of all this and we have added to it. A further element of this was, for a better word I will call Commercialism (I am not saying this critically), I mean a commerce where goods are abundant and Christmas without goods of some kind is a tragedy, where we will do without other things so that those we love may have goods.

Christmas Day, as it has been handed down to us, is a rich legacy heritage of symbolism. Actually, you and I in all of our experiences are much more dependent on symbolism than we may realize — flags, traffic lights, V for Victory, etc. What then should we do about Christmas in this generation? I do not think the answer lies in the Puritan approach of a wholesale condemnation, of the so-called trappings which soiled Christmas. A manger scene is not more religious than the evergreen tree.

One answer lies, I think, in accepting with gladness these traditions and the symbolisms inherent in them with the lights, trees, Santa, cards, gifts — to accept them on the following two grounds —

First, for what they meant to our primitive forefathers, namely the celebration of an effort to acknowledge their dependence for survival upon a source outside themselves: the Sun; for the realization that though darkness does descend upon the earth, that light will come again — the symbolism of the tree and the lights does mean something for mankind and secondly, at Christmas let us bore into the ancient symbolism of the Winter Solstice the unique insights of our Christian faith, namely that where primitive man acknowledges his dependence upon an outside source — the sun, we acknowledge our dependence upon an outside source as well — the Son and that where primitive man gave thanks for the return of the Sun and its power to save him from the death grip or stranglehold of winter, we give thanks at Christmas for the annual return of the Son, who saves us from the stranglehold of human evil and despair.

Rotarian George Thompson expressed sincere thanks to Rev. Henry Lowenberger for his enlightening lecture.

Franklin Centre

School Concert

A prize-giving ceremony and Christmas Concert was held at the Franklin Intermediate School on Friday evening, December 4th. In spite of the stormy weather there was a large attendance. Prizes were given by the School Board, The Franklin W.I. and the School Staff to students of last year's Grades 1 to 9 for general proficiency, sustained effort, printing, industry, cooperation and other reasons.

The choir from Grades 1 to 7, under the able direction of Mr. H. W. Clarke, sang songs, such as "Grandfather's Clock", and "John Peel". A play about a fox, a beaver and a rabbit was presented, as well as numerous recitations, a vocal solo and trio, guitar and piano selections. Mr. Allan Wilson was master of ceremonies for the evening. The principal, Mr. Jackson, addressed the audience with humorous and informative remarks.

The gymnasium was decorated with suspended artificial pine cones and pine branches. A display of knitted garments made by Mrs. Manning's knitting classes and of art work, created by various grades took the attention of the audience during intermission, at which time a candy sale sponsored by Grades 8 and 9 and a silver collection took place.

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Mr. Jackie Fairhurst of Montreal spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hislop.

Hemmingford News

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Baby Show r

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th friends, neighbours and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Leo Hebert to shower baby gifts on Mrs. Gilbert Hébert.

Mrs. Hébert was assisted in opening her many useful and beautiful gifts by Mrs. Jimmie McAllister.

After the gifts had been passed around for everyone to admire, Barbara very graciously expressed her sincere thanks to everyone and invited all to come and visit her and Gilbert.

A bountiful lunch was served by the hostesses Mrs. Hugh McAdam and Mrs. James McAllister assisted by Mrs. Leo Hébert, Miss Denise Hébert and Mrs. Karl Brodner.

Get-Well wishes are also extended to Mr. Stanley Brooks, who has not been feeling as well as his many friends would wish.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowden who have a new member on their family tree. A son arrived Thursday morning at the Barrie Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Elgar spent Wednesday in Montreal, the guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elgar and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mosher and family of Chateauguay were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr and Mrs John Mosher and Miss Doris Mosher. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mosher.

Ste. Agnes

Young People's Activities

The young people, under the chairmanship of Winston Armstrong and Edward Watterson are to be commended on the pleasing manner in which they have decorated the sanctuary of the church for this special festive season. The little evergreen in front of the church is also resplendent in its brilliant spendour, proclaiming to a busy world the glory of Christmas time.

On Sunday evening the Candle lighting service was well attended by parents and friends of the Sunday School, who sponsored this special event.

The formal part of the service was conducted by Mr. Martin, assisted by Mr. Stanley Staveley. The offering was received by Messrs. Barry Fraser and Donald Ferguson. Following this, the candlelighting service took place, with Mr. Martin quoting portions of scripture as he lit each girls candle. The candlelighters

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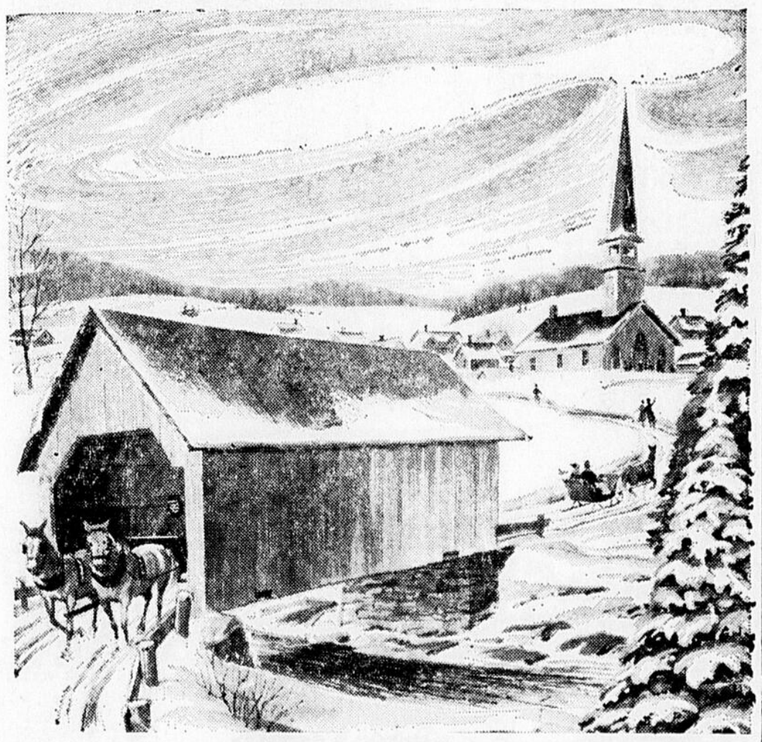

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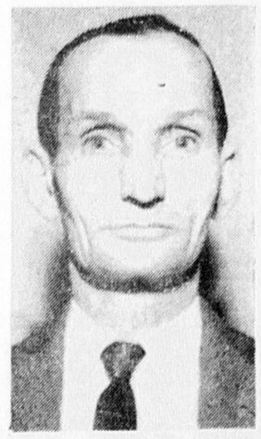

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Ormstown High School Notes

(By Nancylyn Cullen)

Friday was basketball day again, this time in the Howick High School. Girls won for O.H.S. 43 to 21. I'm hoping we may be able to report wins for the boys in 1965, they lost again 50 to 33.

Grade eleven is decorating the gym for the Christmas week. Saturday was a day of hustle and bustle there.

Special mention should be made to the literary editor of the Year Book, Miss Betty Hughes. She has been busy collecting gems (pearls you might say) of wisdom written by pupils of the various classes. These have to be read and a decision made as to which are worthy of the pages of the Year Book, not an easy job.

Don't forget the annual school concert next Tuesday evening. We have worked hard for your pleasure.

Miss Upton, School inspector for elementary grades visited our school on December 8 and 9. Behaviour results were excellent, we're sure academic results were above par also.

Ste. Agnes

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were, Mary Jean Cameron, Joan Fraser, Marilyn Preston, Elizabeth Stowell, Gail Waterson, Janice Fraser, Kathy Fraser and Shirley Platt.

Now, in the candle-lit stillness of the church, the pageant, portraying the birth of the Christ Child, was re-enacted as has been the custom down through the years.

The narrator was David Fraser, while Mary and Joseph were depicted by Shirley Platt and Gordon Elder. The angles, Elizabeth Stowell and Janice Fraser; the shepherds, William Leslie and Stewart Sutherland; the Wise Men, Hugh Fraser, Bobby Rafter and Mark Leslie; the King, played by Bill Fraser, presented his crown at the altar; the rich lady, Sheila Fraser, and the poor lady, Mary Jean Cameron portrayed how rich and poor alike bow before the throne. Scholars and under-privileged, Joan Fraser, Linda Fraser and Gail Waterson, walked the Bethlehem road together to present gifts to Him. Teenagers, Barbara Fraser and Kathy Fraser, come with their talents and ambitions, and learn the secret of true joy and happiness. The frustrated woman, depicted by Marilyn Preston has found in Christ peace and soul rest. The children of other lands, Carol Preston, Christena Platt, Connie Stowell, Lois Cameron Barbara Ann Rafter, Diane Rafter, Margaret Ann Sutherland, Wendy Sutton and Marion Fraser each came forward and presented a gift to the Babe in the Manger.

During the pageant, Janice Fraser, as an angel, sang very sweetly "Fear Net Ye Faithful Shepherds". The choir sang several of the old carols at various stages in the pageant. The congregation joined in the recessional, "Joy to the World."

Christmas Eve service will be held on Thursday evening, December 24th, at 9 o'clock. This service is sponsored, in its entirety, by the young people, who extend to all a cordial and sincere invitation to worship with them at this time.

Confined to Bed

Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Elder called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Currie in Bombay, N.Y., on Saturday and visited with Mrs. Currie, who has been confined to her bed for the past ten days. However, she is slowly regaining her strength, and is able to be up for a few hours each day. She is also looking forward to having her family home for Christmas dinner.

Miss Idella Arnold of Montreal spent a few days last week with Mrs. Edna Arnold.

Miss Rachel Farndom of Montreal is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Zélia Marchand,

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McPherson, Crystal and Michael of Fort Covington, called recently on their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs Bob Cole and family of Cumberland, Ont., spent the week-end with Mrs. Cole's mother, Mrs. Olive Arnold and Harold.

We are happy to report that little Heather Martin is expected to return to her home at the manse on December 23.

Wedding

BARR - WINTER

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, November 21st, 1964, at St. Paul's United Church, Ormstown, when Miss. Dorothy Verna Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Winter of Ormstown, was united in marriage to Mr. James Stuart Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr of Franklin Center. The Rev. A. E. Loree officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. William Lawrence played the wedding music and played "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register.

The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums and white pompoms.

Given in marriage by her father the bride was charming in her floor-length white gown of taffeta, embroidered nylon lace bodice with long tapered sleeves. The bodice with scalloped neckline was edged with sequins. Her matching elbow length headpiece of sequins and pearls was of nylon tulle illusion. Her only accessories were a single strand of pearls and matching earrings, a gift of the groom. She carried a cascade bouquet of white feathered carnations, pompoms, and streamers of English Ivy.

Miss Joyce Winter, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Miss. Marion Dawson, niece of the groom was junior bridesmaid, Miss Beverly Searles, and Miss Nancy Winter were bridesmaids. The four attendants wore matching knee-length dresses of dark crystal blue velveteen. They carried colonial bouquets of tinted blue carnations. Their matching headpieces were rosettes with shoulder length nylon tulle veils.

Misses Susan and Karen Atcheson, nieces of the groom wore matching dresses of cherry red velveteen. They wore matching headbands and carried tiny colonial bouquets of white carnations.

Mr. Marvin Hirsch, friend of the groom was best man and the ushers were Mr. Alan Winter cousin of the bride, Mr. Hugh Barr, brother of the groom and Mr. Malcolm Sloan, friend of the groom.

Mrs. Winter, mother of the bride wore a blue wool crepe dress, black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Barr, mother of the groom wore a sapphire blue sheath dress of nylon lace, black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The reception was held at the MacDougall Hall, Ormstown.

For travelling, the bride wore a white wool two-piece suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations, stephanotis and pompoms.

The bride and groom enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

They have taken up residence in Franklin Centre.

Gault School . . .

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On Tuesday, December 22 the Gault Student Council will hold a "Christmas Dance" at which "M.G. and the Escorts" will provide the music. Students, teachers, parents and past grads are invited. Everyone, especially the Student Council, hope it will be a success.

Gault Institute will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 23 until Monday, January 4, 1965.

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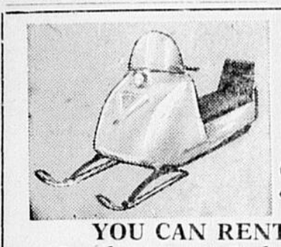

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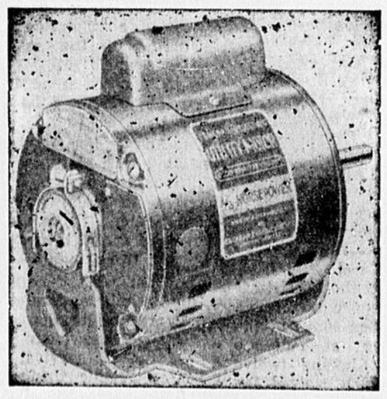

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Who Hung the First Stocking?

By John Paul Adams

"Stocking: an article of apparel. Though known to the Romans B.C., as proven by paintings at Pompeii, its indispensible employment originated much later in the colder climate of northern Europe, where in the 12th century stockings were made of cloth.

"In the time of Edward II of England (1284-1327) they assumed their present form, and at the courts of Spain and Italy in the 15th century enormous silk stockings sometimes furnished a substitute for breeches and shoes.

"The domestic manufacture by knitting had become so well established in England in the reign of Elizabeth I that a patent was refused to William Lee (1589), for invention of a stocking frame. He consequently went to France and established a factory at Rouen."

The foregoing is from a 19th century encyclopedia, published before Clement Clarke Moore's ringing poem, A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the night before Christmas") and popular illustrators of Christmas customs were effecting acceptance by young and old of the stocking as the customary repository of Christmas gifts brought by St. Nicholas, Sinterklaas, Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Pere Noel.

Appropriate footnotes to the quoted paragraphs would have explained:

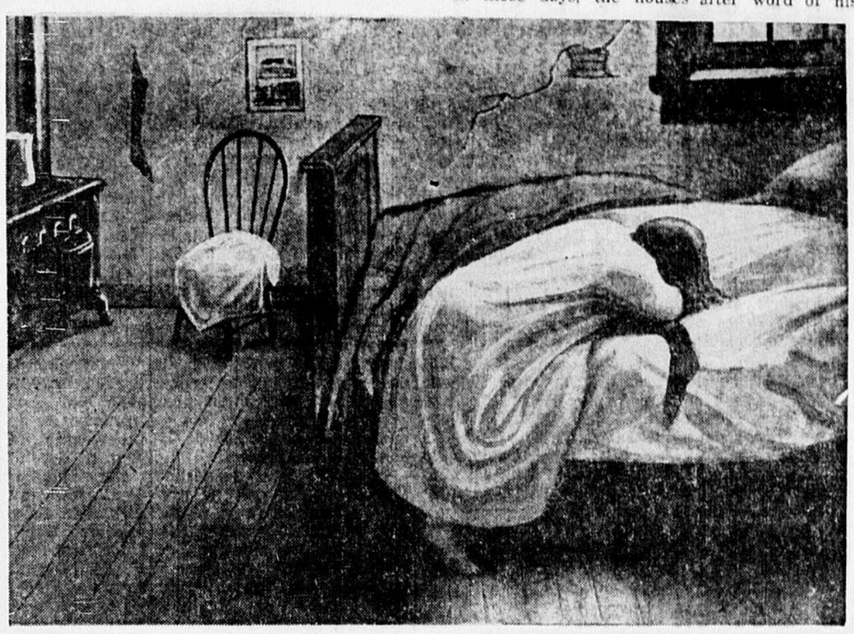
1. Prior to introduction of the knitted, form-fitting hosiery of the 14th or 15th century, persons simply wrapped their feet in strips of cloth or rags before thrusting them into the boots, shoes, slippers, sandals or clogs.

2. William Lee was denied a patent in England because of organized pressure of hosiers in an early resistance of hand craftsmen to machinery and automation.

3. Poorer people simply were unable to afford knitted hosiery for some years after Lee and fellow inventors devised and developed the stocking frame and the attendant process of weaving woolen, cotton, linen, silk or other garments shaped for wear ankle length or wrist length.

4. The statement that stockings were practically unknown in warmer countries of Europe, even among the rich, in the early centuries of the Christian Era contradicts the most widely accepted of the legends of St. Nicholas. He, a 4th century bishop in Asia Minor, was said to have made periodic excursions incognito among his people, to see for himself their needs, with the result that he provided beneficences for worthy individuals anonymously, somewhat as the later-day tellers of Arabian Nights tales had Haroun-al-Rashid do. Nicholas was credited particularly with kindly consideration for girls whose lack of dowries prevented their securing acceptable husbands. He was reputed to have tossed into the homes of these purses with gold coins.

In those days, the houses of poorer families had no windows, for glass was an expensive luxury and there were extra taxes upon windows. With doors closed to him, the good bishop was wont to use the low slung chimneys as the entre for his gifts into the hands of the worthy spinsters. He had reason to assume the gift would reach the unfortunately unmarried maid from the circumstance that, of course, in the poorer households the elder unmarried daughter was the slavey who tended the pots in the fireplace.



Most often reprinted Christmas prose in English-speaking countries are Dickens' Christmas Carol and Moore's A Visit from St. Nicholas. Best known Christmas drawing is F. S. Manning's poignant sketch, The Empty Stocking (1).

It appears that on one occasion a purse fell into a stocking that had been hung by a fireplace to dry. The incident, following a series of similar surprises for spinsters, excited such curiosity that the anonymous good Samaritan's identity became known, and after word of his charitable gifts were said to be from St. Nicholas and the stocking.

Thus it could be said the first person to hang up a Christmas stocking was a nice spinster in Myra, Bishop Nicholas' cathedral city. No name is given her in accounts and there are only conjectures whether the benefaction brought her a good husband.

St. Nicholas would have been revered without this legend of the stocking, for he was the patron saint of mariners. Seamen who had weathered terrible storms in treacherous Asia Minor coastal waters made him and his works known through the Mediterranean and wherever their vessels touched. Hence the story of his benefactions spread abroad. His fame was well established in European tradition by the 13th century. That was when, it is indicated by the encyclopedia quoted above, stockings began assuming their present form. It could be assumed that any gentleman desirous of a lady's favor would reckon a pair of such luxurious garments as form-fitting hosiery, which queens and the greatest ladies wore, to be well received. Stockings hanging at fireplaces would have been gifts in themselves.

Still, the stocking filled or unfilled did not become the universally accepted gift receptacle. In Netherlands days when the wooden clog was common footwear of poorer families, and in France, too, where the sabot was the peasant shoe, these were placed beside fireplaces to receive gifts from Sinterklaas or Pere Noel. In Mexico and Central American republics, where the climate makes fireplace chimneys big enough for a jolly gift-bringer quite unnecessary, gifts are concealed in pinatas hung from a ceiling. It remains an Armenian custom to suspend cloths like slings from roofs, and whatever child wakes up to find his or her sling empty of raisins, wheat and honey cakes, coins or other gifts, is certain to be as sad as the child in the well-known old drawing, "The Empty Stocking."

Controversial Christmas

Commercially Christmas, tinsel and glow
Forgetting the Story of long ago;
Where are the Wise Men, who travelled so far
Humble their gifts and their guide but a star?

We are the Wise Men, cry they of the crowd
We're rich and we're lusty, healthy and loud;
Carry great gifts, all that money can buy
When Christmas time comes, the limit's the sky!

Charity gets our allotment of ten
Conveniently soived by strokes of a pen;
Where are the Wise Men who followed the star,
Gone from this earth with their message so far!

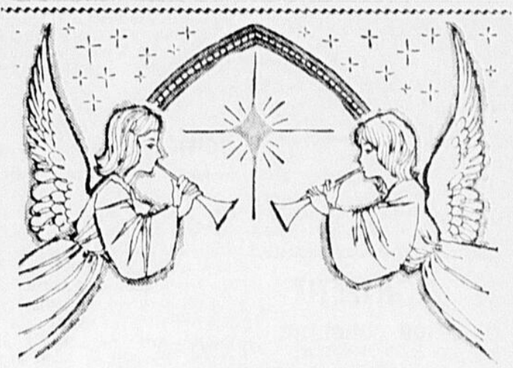
Ethel White,
Huntingdon, Que.

ROASTING PEACOCK

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be sewn back into it before serving.

"Devil's Knell" On Tenor Bells

A quaint English Christmas custom is the tolling of the "Devil's 'Knell" at the Parish Church of the Yorkshire town of Dewsbury. Every Christmas Eve for 700 years this ceremony has been performed — only broken by World War II when, for security reasons, the church bells of Britain were silent. The tenor bell of Dewsbury is tolled once for each year since the birth of Christ, and this year the 1964 strokes will take about an hour — the final stroke being timed exactly to fall at the midnight hour. A legend connected with the custom tells how a local baron named Thomas de Soothill, back in the 13th century, killed one of his servants, and to expiate his crime presented the tenor bell to the church with the request that it should be tolled annually. It is said the inhabitants of Dewsbury of those days believed that the tolling of the bell would keep the devil away from the parish for another year.



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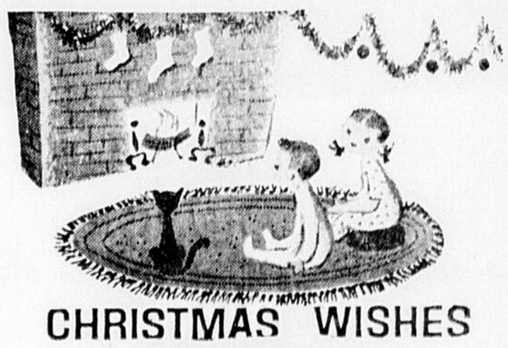

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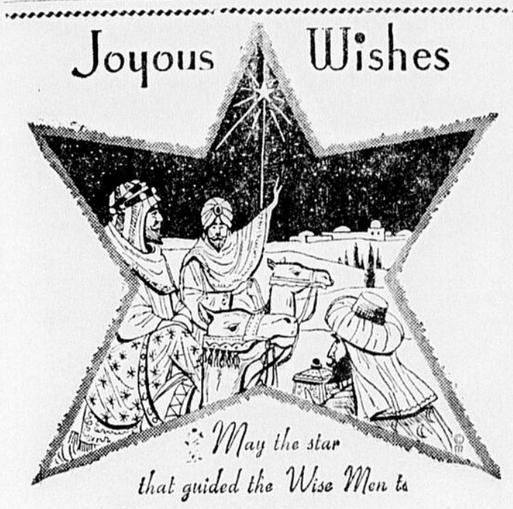

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Christmas joy and peace ever shine
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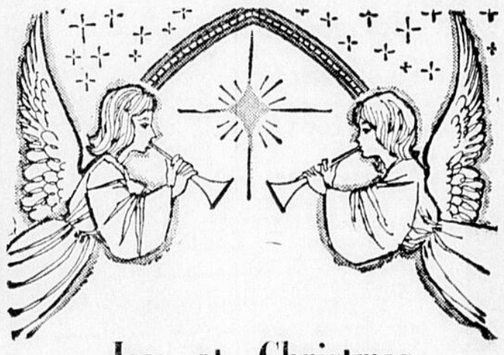

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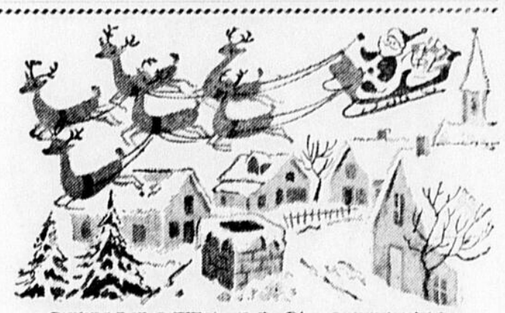

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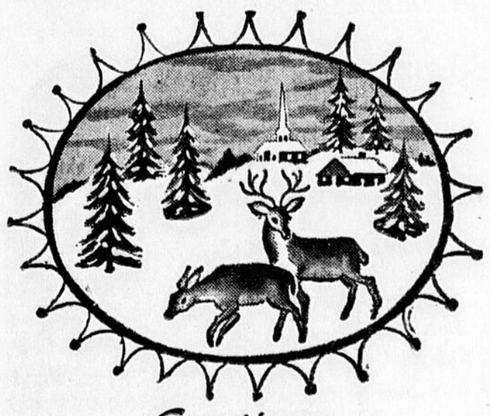

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Subvention gouvernementale temporaire aux producteurs de lait en transformation

QUEBEC, le 3 décembre 1964 — Le gouvernement du Québec versera aux producteurs de lait de transformation une subvention temporaire de 10 cents la livre de gras. annonce l'honorable Alcide Courcy, ministre de l'Agriculture et de la Colonisation. Cette mesure d'assistance prendra automatiquement fin avec la mise en vigueur de la nouvelle politique canadienne de l'industrie laitière, actuellement en préparation, et expirera, de toute façon, le 30 mars 1965.

Aussitôt que possible après l'ouverture de la prochaine session, le gouvernement du Québec demandera à la Chambre de voter les crédits nécessaires et le premier paiement de la subvention aux producteurs laitiers concernés sera rétroactif au 1er octobre 1964.

La subvention représentera de 30 à 50 cents les cent livres de lait de transformation, selon sa richesse en matière grasse. Ne pourront bénéficer de la subvention que les seuls agriculteurs dont toute la production laitière est livrée à une beurrerie, à une fromagerie, ou à une usine de transformation du lait en produits laitiers (beurre, poudres de lait, caséine, etc.) Etant donné que les producteurs de lait nature ont bénéficié récemment d'une hausse substantielle du prix de leur produit. la présente subvention ne touchera pas les surplus de lait nature qui sont transformés en produits laitiers.

Car, a ajouté M. Courcy cette mesure d'assistance temporaire a pour seul but d'aider financièrement les producteurs de lait de transformation, à savoir ceux qui ont présentement le plus à souffrir de l'actuelle structure des prix agricoles.

Howick

Incendie au Village St-Pierre

Les pompiers de Howick furent appelés samedi le 5 décembre, au début de l'après-midi, au Village St-Pierre. Un restaurant, propriété de M. et Mme Gérald Lazure, fut détruit de fond en comble, les propriétaires n'ayant eu le temps que de sauver une chaise. La maison étant séparée du restaurant, ils peuvent se compter chanceux d'avoir encore leur demeure pour les longs mois d'hiver qui s'en viennent. M. et Mme Lazure ont une famille de trois enfants, dont deux demeurent encore à la maison.

Notes sociales

M. et Mme Paul Tellier et leur famille ont passé le dimanche après-midi et le dimanche soir chez Mlle Yvette Tellier à Ville Emard. On servit un délicieux souper chinois pour célébrer le 18ème anniversaire de naissance de Mlle Catherine Tellier, ainsi que l'anniversaire de naissance de M. Tellier qu'il fêtait quelques jours auparavant.

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Préparatifs pour l'entretien des chemins d'hiver au Conseil de Godmanchester

Une assemblée régulière du Conseil de Godmanchester avait lieu lundi le 7 décembre en présence de tous les membres et sous la présidence du Maire Hector St-Onge.

Bernard Picard s'adressa au Conseil au sujet du déblaiement de la neige et aussi au sujet de certains comptes pour des morceaux chez Huntingdon Auto Parts.

Bernard Picard fut engagé au salaire horaire de $2.00 pour conduire la souffleuse à neige, effectuer diverses réparations et agir comme contre-maitre. Quand il utilisera la torche à soudure, il sera payé $3.00 l'heure et les autres employés seront avisés à cet effet.

Roy MacDonald fut engagé comme chauffeur de la charrue Sicard, au taux horaire de $1.50; si son travail s'avérait insatisfaisant, il pourrait être renvoyé en aucun temps.

Le Secrétaire fut autorisé à aviser John Cosgrove qu'il est engagé pour conduire la charrue à neige Walter, sous la surveillance de Bernard Picard, contre-maitre, et à aviser Ronald Anderson qu'il est engagé comme aide sur la charrue à neige Walter, lui aussi sous la surveillance de Bernard Picard.

Il fut décidé aussi d'aviser F.X. Trépanier que B. Picard est engagé comme contre-maitre.

On ne prit aucune décision au sujet de la lettre reçue du Service Social du diocèse de Valleyfield.

On autorisa le paiement des comptes suivants: Canadian Salt, $396.08; Shaw.. $40.55; Ildori Quesnel, $1.; Lisle Watterson, $43.05; K.M. Ferns, $53.02; Aimé Leblanc, $54; Stanley Reid $15.; R. & Alp. Vallée, $630.50; Victor Trépanier, $8.75; R. Anderson, $10.; Rémi Quenneville, $10.; B. Picard, $105.40; Huntingdon Auto Parts, $856.72.

Le Comité Régional pour Expo '67 se met en branle

Fructueuse réunion jeudi dernier

Une réunion du Comité Régional pour l'Exposition Mondiale de 1967, convoquée par Ian Watson, M.P., a eu lieu jeudi soir en l'Edifice du Comté sous la présidence de M. L. Sanderson, de la Chambre de Commerce locale, Mme Demers, de Ste-Philomène agissant comme secrétaire. M. George Kennedy, M.P.P. pour le comté de Châteauguay, était l'invité spécial et M. Joly, qui travaille aux relations extérieures au compte d'Expo 67, était le conférencier de la soirée.

La Secrétaire donna d'abord un compte-rendu de l'assemblée antérieure qui avait eu lieu à Ste-Philomène. On y avait formé sept comités, soit les comités des routes, d'embellissement, de commodités, d'accueil, d'agriculture, d'industrie et des attractions. On y avait aussi décidé qu'on ne ferait imprimer qu'un seul pamphlet publicitaire pour les deux comtés. La Secrétaire procéda ensuite à l'appel. Etaient présents M. Daoust,. délégué de Ste-Philomène, M. Lefort, de Ste-Martine, M. l'Abbé, de Howick, M. John Dickson, d'Ormstown, en compagnie du Maire de la paroisse St-Malachie, M. Riendeau. De Huntingdon, on remarquait le président de la Chambre de Commerce locale, M. Jean-Louis Trépanier.

La première question à l'étude fut celle des chemins, et les délégués furent invités à questionner M. Kennedy à ce sujet. Répondant aux différentes questions, celui-ci mentionna entr'autres que la Route 4 serait refaite à neuf dans toute sa longueur d'ici 1966, qu'on projetait des améliorations à la Route 14 à Ormstown pour 1966 et que la Route 52 serait éventuellement améliorée en 1966 aussi. Parlant du pont d'Allan's Corners, M. Kennedy laissa entendre qu'on croyait actuellement le pont irréparable et qu'on devait sous peu faire des plans pour sa reconstruction au printemps prochain.

M. Sanderson, pour sa part, attira l'attention des délégués sur le fait que de Ste-Martine au pont Mercier, sur la Route 4, il s'agit presque d'une zone à trente milles à l'heure tout au long. M. Kennedy répondit qu'il réalisait qu'il s'agissait là d'un autre problème. On laissa par ailleurs entendre que la nouvelle Route 4 éviterait peut-être Ormstown.

Deux suggestions intéressantes furent soumises par les délégués. Le délégué de Ste-Martine suggéra que des kiosques d'information identiques soient construits par les municipalités des deux comtés. Ces kiosques pourraient devenir l'élément distinctif des pamphlets qu'on projète d'imprimer. M. Dickson, pour sa part, exprima des doutes quant à la possibilité de financer un tel projet.

Une deuxième suggestion fut celle qu'on crée au plus tôt un comité de publicité dans le but de renseigner le public sur les objectifs du comité et de l'intéresser à ses projets. On suggéra qu'un compte-rendu des réunions soit envoyé aux différents journaux de la région.

Le conférencier, M. Joly, qui travaille aux relations extérieures d'Expo 67, parla d'abord de la signalisation routière dans la région. Incidemment la réunion avait débuté beaucoup plus tard que prévue, un groupe de délégués de l'extérieur s'étant trompé de chemin, à cause de la brume et de la mauvaise condition de la température. Ce fut d'ailleurs le cas pour le retard du conférencier lui-même.

M. Joly parla ensuite de la grande affluence de touristes américains attendue pour l'Exposition de 1967. Notre région, dit-il, est appelée à devenir le dortoir de Montréal pour cette occasion. C'est pourquoi il était d'avis qu'il est loin d'être trop tôt pour commencer à faire l'inventaire de nos facilités, les codifier, etc. C'est de cette façon que nous pourrons bénéficier pleinement de l'affluence touristique attendue pour 1967. Au sujet des attractions, M. Joly suggéra la gastronomie régionale qui pourrait devenir un trait caractéristique pour la Vallée de Châteauguay. Sa dernière suggestion fut qu'on ne tente pas de trop entreprendre. L'expérience acquise en marge de l'Exposition Mondiale pourra cependant servir pour les Célébrations du Centenaire, affirma-t-il.

M. Sanderson remercia le conférencier pour son intéressant exposé et déclara l'assemblée close. La prochaine réunion du Comité Régional aura lieu à Ormstown, le 20 janvier 1965, à l'Hôtel-de-Ville.

Travaux d'hiver

MUNICIPALITE DE STE-BARBE

Les autorités du Bureau National de Placement de Valleyfield nous informent que des travaux d'hiver ont été approuvés par les gouvernements fédéral et provincial pour la municipalité de Ste-Barbe, pour la construction d'un chemin et de trottoirs, au coût total de $6,000.00.

La contribution conjointe des gouvernements fédéral et provincial atteindra 90% du coût direct de la main d'oeuvre, qui est de $4,000.00, soit $3,600.00.

Ce projet emploiera environ quinze (15) travailleurs.

MUNICIPALITE DE ST-LOUIS DE GONZAGUE

Les autorités du Bureau National de Placement de Valleyfield nous informent que des travaux d'hiver ont été approuvés par les gouvernements fédéral et provincial, pour la municipalité de St-Louis de Gonzague, pour des rénovations aux chemins et à la station de pompe à feu, au coût total de $3,300.00.

La contribution conjointe des gouvernements fédéral et provincial atteindra 90% du coût direct de la main d'oeuvre, qui est de $2,300.00, soit $2,070.00.

Ce projet emploiera environ quinze (15) travailleurs.

MUNICIPALITE DU VILLAGE DE ST-TIMOTHEE

Les autorités du Bureau National de Placement de Val- (10) travailleurs.
leyfield nous informent que des travaux d'hiver ont été approuvés par les gouvernements fédéral et provincial, pour la municipalité du Village de St-Timothée, pour la construction de nouveaux trottoirs et la plantation d'arbres dans les parcs et rues de la municipalité, au coût total de $6,250.

La contribution conjointe des gouvernements fédéral et provincial atteindra 90% du coût direct de la main d'oeuvre, qui est de $4,800.00, soit $4,320.00.

Ce projet emploiera dix (10) travailleurs.

PROCLAMATION

Les citoyens de Huntingdon sont priés de prendre note que le lendemain de Noël, i.e., le 26 décembre 1964, et le lendemain du Jour de l'An., i.e., le 2 janvier 1965, sont déclarés congés civiques.

PAUL E. LEFEBVRE,
maire
Ville de Huntingdon, Qué.

Province de Québec

VILLE de HUNTINGDON

AVIS PUBLIC

AVIS PUBLIC est donné par les présentes que moi, soussigné secrétaire-trésorier de la Ville de Huntingdon, ai préparé selon la loi la liste des électeurs municipaux de la Ville de Huntingdon, et que cette liste est déposée à mon bureau, à la disposition des personnes concernées pour information.

Donné à Huntingdon, Qué., le 9ème jour de décembre 1964.

C. PILON,
secrétaire-trésorier

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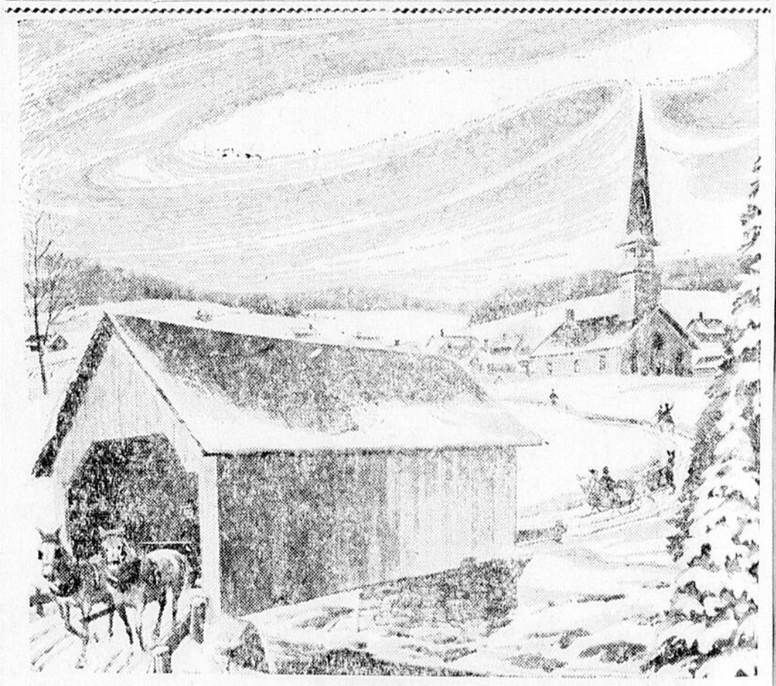

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Conseiller Lawrence Murphy, Président, Pares et Terrains de Jeux
Conseiller Gérald Brisebois, Président, Département de la Voirie
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Conseiller Leopold Legault, Président, Assistance et Bien-Etre

Secrétaire-Trésorier: CLAUDE PILON, B.A. - L.L.B., Notaire

St. George's Notes From The December Crusader

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms:

HEWITT Jonathan, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Hewitt, Nov. 15;

POWIS Terry George, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.G.F. Powis, Nov. 15.

Confirmations:

December 1st, in St. George's Church, Chateauguay, by the Rt. Rev. R. Kenneth Maguire, D. D., Bishop of Montreal:

Geoffrey Roy Bache, Martin Paul Buck, Gary William Burchmore, William Arthur James Haycock, Frederick Shaw Rockwell, Sheldon Ryan Seale, Brian Lundy Sonne, John Leslie Turriff, Donald Walker, Robert James Dean Waugh, James Fred Zizian, Bonita Margaret Bindon, Trudy Mae Brooks, Catherine Eleanor Cahill, Lynn Carol Curran, Violet Kseni Angela D'Aze, Peter Edmund David Garland, Sidney Donald Hamilton, Eric Douglas Harper, Wells Albert Hooker, Irving Earl Mudd, Sharon Lynn Garrett, Alma Elizabeth Anna Green, Marilyn Guenette, Gail Linda Hague, Donna Althea Harding, Joyce Marjorie Horton, Karen Jeanne Mary Jones, Nancy Belle MacLeod, Linda Sue Lucy McIlwaine, Debra Lunn Miller, Joanne Lynn Mulderrig, Diane Gertrude Newman, Heather May O'Connell, Carolyn Grace Ritchie, Lynn Catherine Scott, Leslie Ann Stanton, Donna Shirley Taylor, Wilfred Herbert Quenneville, Sheldon Ernest Seale, Joy-Ann Moyer, Daphne Stone.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding;

that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified.

that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them;

that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses;

that the true spirit of this Christmas Season —

its joy, its beauty, its hope and above all its abiding faith — may live among us;

that the blessings of peace be ours —

the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

— Anon. (1963)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

3rd Sunday in Advent — Children's Christmas Pageant — Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

4th Sunday in Advent — Candlelight Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols — Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve — Choral Communion with Carols — Dec. 24 at 11:15 p.m.

Christmas Morn — Family Eucharist and Carols — Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

The choirs this year, both adult and junior, have prepared some new and lovely Christmas music for our Candlelight Service. It is always a beautiful Service, with opportunity for the whole congregation to join in rendering the everlastingly true Christmas Story in word and song.

We shall begin our Christmas Eve Communion 15 minutes earlier than in previous years. Once again the rector will have assistance in the administration of the cup so that the Service will not be too protracted.

BAZAAR

The Church Bazaar was a whopping success, and the total funds raised exceeded $1350. The thanks of the whole parish go to the organizers and to those who in any way participated in this overwhelming proof of the good will existing among us.

LITTLE HELPERS' PARTY

The little Helpers' party which was held in October proved to be very successful and all the children seemed to have a good time. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. The money from the Missionary Banks amounted to $83.23, compared to $46.12 in 1963. This money has been sent to the Little Helpers' Treasurer of the M.D.W.A., who informs us that it will go into the United Pledge Fund. This money is used for the salaries of our women missionaries in the field, teachers in kindergarten, doctors and nurses in hospitals, work with mothers and children in the villages. Wherever the need is, a trained worker is sent. Their salary is not large but they are devoted women in their Master's service.

Pat Oelmann says "I would like to thank all the ladies who so kindly helped make this party a success."

MEN'S GROUP

Our ever active and versatile Men's Group want to run a Talent Show early in the New Year for boys or girls up to 18, any talent. Now is the chance for our children to show what they can do, whether it be singing, dancing or turning summersaults.

Thanks, and a very *Merry Christmas* to all our loyal friends.

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Chateauguay

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It has been a busy year for all of us in Dominion Textile. Success comes through the co-operative effort of employees, management, shareholders and our customers.

As we pause at the year-end holiday time, may we extend a warm Christmas wish to all and particularly to our employees, their families and of course the children.

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S. H. CHAMBERS, General Superintendent Converting Division

The Bar(d) Revisited

By Russ Faughnan

To boose or not to boose,
That is the question.
Whether it is wiser in the end
to suffer the slings and arrows
of outrageous hangover
from bootleg hootch;
Or to cross a border
and crossing, hope to win
refreshment.. without detection.

Such a sonnet might have been composed by one William Shakesbeer (?) in these dry times. Or even, "to sleep, perchance to dream..ah, there's the rubbing alcohol ..."

In spite of the strong urge of some for the cup that cheers, it would be wise to consider some recent results of the QLB strike. At least two are dead from the effects of raw alcohol and several others are reported in serious condition. At least one person will likely lose the sight of both eyes. All this from an illicit swig of bootleg booze. Vendors of "homebrew" are out in force these days with their bottled poison. Aside from the medical aspects of drinking the stuff, it should be remembered that it is a criminal offence "to be in possession of liquor not purchased from the Quebec Liquor Board". That is the position being taken by the Provincial Police when they confiscate ANY liquor found, even if purchased from a legitimate source outside of the Province of Quebec. However, all you stand to lose is the cost of the bottle as the Provincial Attorneys office is reported to have announced that they will not prosecute such cases. Nevertheless, there is such confusion between laws and law enforcement agencies, that the situation could change at any moment. Let's just hope that there are no labor troubles with Brewery employees.

Or, as King Richard III might have said, under similar circumstances, "A pony, a pony. My Kingdom for a pony".

Town of Chateauguay Centre Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Town of Chateauguay Centre Council was held Tuesday, December 1st., with Mayor Richard Sutterlin presiding for the first part, Coun. Jean Chevrefils, Pro-Mayor, for the second part, and all members present.

Payment of the following was authorized: total amount paid from the revenue account, $72,975.85; Salaries paid in November, total $15,244.76; total amount of bills authorized for payment through capital account, $109,836.92.

Payment of the following special accounts was authorized: Mr. Armand Poupart, the Town's legal advisor, $5,015., work in connection with by-laws 291-299-312, 314, 318, 329, 330, 335, 337, 338, 344, 345 and 346; Jean Bédard Ltd., $601.50, by-law 403; $9,874.76, by-law 415; $3,619.98, by-law 440; $9,311.94, by-law 453; P. Baillargeon Ltd. $8,904.03, by-law 353; $14,713.75, by-law 360; $4,881.54, by-law 361; $47,970.90, by-law 393; Baillargeon & Fournier, $46,562.53, by-laws 390 and 391; Chantigny Construction, return initial 5% deposit plus interest, by-law 316, $87.36; Gilles Faubert, $4,416.95, by-law 441; Laberge & Freres, $4,503.78, by-law 417; $3,245.41, by-law 437, $3,203.87, return 5% deposit plus interest, by-law 383; $9,673.07, return 5% deposit plus interest, by-law 384; $5,178.02, by-law 403; Lakeshore Construction Inc., $2,935, return initial deposit plus interest by-law 414; Lery Howick Constr. Ltd., $549.19, return 5% deposits by-laws 274 and 290; Marier & Fils Ltd., $1,014.52, return 5% deposit plus interest by-law 305; Seaway Nursery & Landscape, $8,540.33, by-law 365; Valrive Construction Ltd., $761.33, extra work on by-law 357; P. Baillargeon Ltd., $42,517.81, by-law 362.

During the question period, Mr. H. Rene Laberge, member of the Chateauguay Catholic School Commission informed the Council that the School Commission had decided to hire a janitor to take care of the gymnasiums of all the schools under their jurisdiction, which will be opened every night of the week for certain sports associations. He said that normally the janitor's salary should be paid by the Town Councils of Chateauguay and Chateauguay Centre. They had planned to pay the janitor $90. a week, continued Mr. Laberge, and it had been suggested that the two towns each participate for $45. a week. The Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to pay each month the amount required, for the next three months, this agreement being subject to renewal.

Mr. Georges Desparois, Building Inspector, was requested to contact Mr. Léger, building duplexes on Laremee St. asking him to post in view his permit or permits.

It was moved and seconded that lots 150-453 and 150-454, in the St. Joachim Parish, be purchased by the Town for the amount of $4,500. for the purpose of making a park.

Notice of motion was given that a next meeting an amendment to zonage by-law 212 would be proposed in order that lots No. 150-453 and 150-454 be in Zone A.

It was moved and seconded that the Quebec Municipal Commission be asked to authorize the borrowing by the Town of $100,000 at the National Canadian Bank of Chateauguay Centre, at an interest rate not exceeding 6%, in connection with by-law 410, until the bond issue. It was also moved and seconded that they be asked to authorize the borrowing of $279,650. on the same conditions in connection with the following by-laws, until the bond issue: by-laws 404, 396, 381, 327, 439, 440, 441, 453. Finally, the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Blais, was authorized to borrow temporarily the amount of $200,000. out of the $500,000. authorized to the Council on November 17.

Notices of motion were given that the two following by-laws will be proposed at a next meetinge: By-law in order to govern and define the water and sewer trenches in the Town of Chateauguay Centre. By-law creating and establishing an amusement tax in the Town of Chateauguay Centre.

Tenders were asked for December 8th, for the lighting of the skating rinks in the Randill, Primeau and St. Ferdinand Parks; two tenders from each of the tenderers were asked: 1- lighting with six poles and flood lights (see McComber Park): 2- ordinary lighting (as in the previous years).

Notices of motion were given for the three following by-laws: By-law having to do with the construction of swimming pools in the Town of Chateauguay Centre. By-law amending zonage by-law 212 to allow the construction of swimming pools on part of lots No. P-226-1028, P-226-236, and P-226-237. By-law providing for the installation of sewers and water services and the paving of Wilbrod, Dollard and St. Andre Sts.

The Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to contact insurance companies in order to obtain tenders for a pension plan which every town employee could enter.

Mr. Jules Bissonnette was hired to drive the town's plow truck at the rate of $75. for a week of 25 hours, $3. an hour extra being paid after 25 hours of work.

The meeting adjourned until December 9.

CHATEAUGUAY NOTES

(By Fergus Horsburgh)

It is reported that Provincial Government engineers will meet with Caughnawaga Mayor Andrew Delisle early in January to discuss details of the proposed Chateauguay By-Pass Road. This project has been stalled since completion of the million-dollar bridge over the Chateauguay River some two years ago.

Following a meeting between Mayors Joseph Laberge and Richard Sutterlin and their Secretary-Treasurers, the third Joint Council Meeting of the two Towns Councils was scheduled for Monday evening, 21st December, in the Centre Town Hall.

Hear that Insurance-Agent-turned-Garageman, Dick Noonan is throwing a mammoth party at Seigniory Park County Club on New Year's Eve.

Beer and ale retailers have been informed by local breweries that delivery of further supplies would be suspended early this week. The current Q.L.B. strike has led to extraordinary demand on the brewers, whose stocks will be gone probably by the time this Gleaner is published. It seems enough ale is still available to float the Queen Mary, but bottles are scarce. Supply of draught to the taverns is unlikely to be affected.

Phil Howells, Gleaner compositor who has been collecting "copy" from Chateauguay Correspondents these past few months, was involved in a car accident last week near Ormstown. Taken to Barrie Memorial Hospital, Mr. Howells was released, and is now not much the worse of his accident, but his car was less lucky and is unlikely to see road service again.

A meeting of local sports organizers arranged by Mr. George Kennedy, M.P.P., was held last Thursday in Seigniory Park Country Club. Details of the meeting are held over until next week's issue of The Gleaner.

Chateauguay

Mrs. Mildred McClutcheon

St. Andrew's Notes

Christmas Eve Service

This Thursday, December 24th at 11.30 p.m. a half-hour worship service will be held in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's United Church in observance of the Holy Night when Christ was born. Why not plan to include this quiet time' in your preparation for Christmas?

1965 Offering Envelopes

After morning worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday and again next Sunday, December 27th Stewards will be in the church kitchen to distribute boxes of weekly offering envelopes for use in 1965. A special envelope marked 'Observer' has been enclosed with each box in the hope that many more families will remunerate the church for the amount which it costs to have this United Church magazine delivered to the homes twice monthly.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at St. Andrew's at the close

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COTE LINGERIE

CHATEAUGUAY REGIONAL SHOPPING PLAZA

Chateauguay

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to all residents of the Town of Chateauguay Heights

MAYOR: Jean M. Laberge
ALDERMEN: A. Behrens, J. Friedlander, T. Lunn, and R. Thauvette
SECRETARY-TREASURER: M. Pritchard

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MAYOR JOSEPH LABERGE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

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With Thanks,
MAYOR JOSEPH LABERGE
Town of Chateauguay

LETTER FROM

SEIGNIORY PARK

(by FERGUS HORSBURGH)

Route Boy:
ALLAN LUSSIER
373 St. Francis 691-0787

Route Girl:
HEATHER RAINE
396 Woodbine 691-2256

Last Sunday's early-morning snowfall, welcome as it was for the youngsters, was unfortunately not enough to avoid cancellation of the planned sleigh-ride organized by Mrs. Pat Bedard of the Activities Committee. Again subject to suitable ground conditions, the sleigh-ride is postponed to next Sunday. Mrs. Bedard's telephone committee had to do some fast work advising some forty parents of the change in plan.

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Best wishes to the Rountree baby of Northern Development for a speedy recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

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In the Big 12 Bowling League, Mrs. Lorna Whalen and Doug Wilson won the weekly high singles with scores of 164 and 209. Ants once again lead the league following their 7 to 0 win over the Worms. Other results were: Groundhogs 5, Schrews 2; Beetles 4, Hornets 3; Bees 5, Flies 2; Wasps 5, Grasshoppers, 2.

Bowling starts again on January 8th, with the following schedule:

Hornets vs Groundhogs; Flies vs Beetles; Wasps vs Bees; Grasshoppers vs Worms; Schrews vs Ants.

The regular statistics are not available this week, owing to sickness in the home of Secretary — Statistician Rhoda Rowntree.

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A warm welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Titherington who have moved into 359 Woodbine — the first on Woodbine above the transmission line. Derek is the brother of Geoff Titherington on Montmorency. Mrs. Derek says she feels lonely up there, but that will not last beyond the Spring, as a very large number of homes in the new area are now a-building and scheduled for occupancy in the Spring.

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The boards for the hockey-rink (still unpainted!) have been placed in position by a Town work force, and flooding of the rink should be done this week. Seigniory Park Sports Association Vice-president Mac Johnstone tells me though every effort to contact the various age-groups has been made, it is possible that some may have been missed. There are still vacancies in the under-12 Pee Wees and under-10 Mosquitoes. Coaches Herb Clayton, 691-9583 and Al Wilding, 691-1710 will be glad to receive names.

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Gerald Laniel, M.P., Favors Union Jack For Second Flag

Printed below are excerpts from a speech reported in Hansard, under date of Wednesday, December 16th, given in the Federal Parliament by Gerald Laniel, M.P., for Beauharnois-Salaberry, on the question of a Canadian Commonwealth flag. He was interrupted several times on points of order, which have been deleted as having no particular bearing on the main subject. The article will give Mr. Laniel's views on the matter.
(Translation)

Mr. Gérarld Laniel ,Beauharnois-Salaberry): Mr. Speaker, as a member from the province of Quebec and the representative in this house of a riding whose population is more than 75 per cent French-speaking, I feel I should express my views on the debate under way, and especially on the motion for concurrence in the seventh report of the flag committee asking us to recognize the union jack, the union flag, as the symbol of our membership in the commonwealth and our allegiance to the crown.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to restrict my remarks to the amendment now before us, and I hope that you will appreciate that most of the points I will make will apply to the original report as well as to the Conservative amendment.

All through the flag debate, the Liberal members were blamed for their silence and it has been said that we were muzzled, that we were afraid to stand up, as the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Fane) said last Thursday, while it was very well known that there was, within our party, a very great unanimity on the matter, and not only a virtual majority to use the words of the Leader of the Opposiston (Mr. Diefenbaker).

The same thing applies to the seventh report. We needed only a few speeches to express the general opinion, and as other speakers could refute the numerous false accusations from the opposition, we were quite satisfied to listen patiently to the Conservatives and their nonsense.

Mr. Laniel: We are now considering the motion for the adoption of the final report of the flag committee constituted by unanimous decision of the house. Mr. Speaker, in spite of the Conservative amendment, I believe we should ask ourselves two questions:

1. Does our country need this second standard, emblem or smybol of our membership in the commonwealth of nations and our fidelity to the Queen of Canada?
2. Would the union jack or the red ensign or something else be a more proper symbol?

The first spontaneous reaction of many people, is to ask why we should consider the adoption of a second flag now that we are on the verge of having a distinctive national flag, particularly in view of the following facts.

Canada is recognized as a self-governing and independent country and we are steadily on the way to achieving nationhood, our central government, in co-operation with the 10 provincial governments, has agreed upon a formula to amend our Canadian constitution, a fact which should soon lead to its repatriation; and with the growing pains we are going through at the present time, we witnessed the development of a Canadian spirit which a better dialogue, at the federal-provincial level, has definitely promoted.

Mr. Laniel: I hear a member wailing over there — who succeeded in establishing and in maintaining in this country a democratic system which has protected everyone, the powerful and the weak, and has brought us peace and prosperity. One would have to be blind or dishonest to deny this.

As such, we should be proud to be members of the commonwealth of Elizabeth II the Queen of Canada or not, as well as the Queen of most of the commonwealth countries? Per-

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of worship next Sunday morning, December 27th.

Vesper Service

Guest speaker at the Vesper Service to be held on Sunday, December 27th, at 7.30 p.m. will be Mr. Gordon Green, a teacher at Chateauguay High School. Mr. Green is also a well-known author and magazine contributor. He will read one of his short stories on a Christmas theme.

The latch is on the
string tonight
The hearth fire is aglow
I seem to hear
swift passing feet
The Christ Child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight
For stranger, kith or kin
I would not bar a single door
where love might enter in.

(Kate Douglas Wiggins)

Many of our friends will be having a sad Christmas this year with loved ones missing for the first time and some with members of the family hospitalized. To each and everyone a blessed and peaceful day.

Winter Works For Grande Ile

We are informed by the National Employment Service monwealth. Is Her Majesty authorities that the Federal and Provincial Governments have recently approved a $115,000. project for the municipality of Grande Ile, for construction of purification plant.

The 90% federal-provincial share of direct payroll costs, which are $12,000.00, will be $10,800.

This project will provide employment for some twenty (20) workers.

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I sincerely hope that you will experience most fully all the joys of this festive season and have a

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

GEORGE KENNEDY
C.A., M.P.P.
CHATEAUGUAY COUNTY

GREETINGS

To everyone,
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very best wishes
for a
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CHRISTMAS
and may the
year 1965
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Member of Parliament
BEAUHARNOIS-SALABERRY

Our heartiest good wishes for a happy and joyous Yuletide go to you and yours.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mayor Richard Sutterlin

Roméo Bourcier
Alderman

Yvan Gilbert
Alderman

Rolland Colpron
Alderman

Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a holiday season that's filled with joy and love.

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Grange Families and Friends Hold Christmas Party

Despite the zero temperature on Friday evening, some 35 "big and little people", gathered at the Grange Hall for the annual get-to-gether.

The hall was nicely decorated in keeping with the Season and a prettily lighted tree was at the front under which the gaily wrapped gifts were placed.

The programme opened with Carol singing by all present with Sis. Curran leading in song and Sis. Elizabeth Rankin at the piano. The children gave different items, recitations, solos., duets and musical numbers. More group singing was then enjoyed.

Later in the evening, Santa made his appearance and distributed the gifts. The children also received a treat of candy and apples. In all a very happy time was had by all. The gathering then adjourned to the dining hall were a bountiful lunch was enjoyed.

During the evening Sis. Anna Barton and Sis. Jean Rankin was at the piano for the musical numbers. We welcome these talented Sisters to our midst.

"Happy birthday" was sung to Anna Barton and a wish for a pleasant Holiday Season as she leaves on Wednesday, to spend Christmas at her home in Minto, N.B.

Receives Unusual Letter From Russian Countess

Arnold McNaughton, Hemmingford, recently was the recipient of a rather unusual letter from Russian Countess Alexandra de Zarnekau of Paris, France. Having read the November issue of Chatelaine on McNaughton's research she has offered him her entire family photograph collection comprising those of the Russian Imperial House of Romanoff and her husband's family of the House of Oldenburgh and others in Europe. Born at the Imperial Tsarist Palace of Peterhof at the dawn of the 20th century the Countess Alexandra managed to survive the Russian Revolution and when she left Russia in 1918 she took with her this collection of photographs to France where she has lived ever since. To quote part of her letter of December 8th she relates: "If they can be of any interest to you they will be at your disposal and I shall be glad to know that they go into good hands as I had often wondered what would happen when I am gone. .... I have in my room some of the best beloved photographs which I have had around me all my life.... The younger generation, with few exceptions, is no more interested. The modern way of living has caught them up. Let me know if you want them..... And on this let me wish you a Merry Xmas and all that is best in the coming year. Let us hope **Peace** and Good will to all mankind..."

Since the story on McNaughton's research appeared in Chatelaine he has been the recipient of more than 60 letters from many parts of the world. Not only from Canada and the United States but from as far away as Japan. A young German Count in Finland, connected with the research, sends family photographs for the collection while others expressed interest from places in England, Germany and even from the Canary Islands as a result of the story's appearance.

Recently a Mrs. M.J. Green of Niagara Falls, Ontario wrote to say she had some very prized books on European royalty and that since she was "entering the evening of my days and nearing the four score years I would like them to go to someone who would appreciate them". These have already been forwarded.

Favourable report has been received from The Hutchinson Publishers in London to the effect that plans are underway for the proposed publication of The Book Of Kings, McNaughton's 1346 paged charted volume of the descendants of George I of Great Britain, a collection of between 13 and 15,000 names comprising some 12 generations stretching around the world."

Cecil Brown Home After Temporary Duty In Noranda

Cecil Brown, Immigration Settlement Officer of Huntingdon, has returned to his home here after an absence of almost five months when he was on temporary duty at Noranda. He left Huntingdon July 29th, anticipating an absence of a couple of weeks, but the temporary assignment lasted until December 18th.

"It was 36 degrees below zero when I left Noranda on Friday," Cecil told The Gleaner. He said the mercury had dropped to 42 below a few weeks ago and that residents there said it was not uncommon to experience 50 below during the winter months. "There was a fair amount of snow when I left and people had been skiing for several weeks. The golf course was officially closed for the season September 16th and the curling club opened October 15th."

Rouyn and Noranda are actually one city, like Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, Cecil told us. The combined population numbers 30,170 and is comprised of 29 nationalities and one might hear each of the 29 languages spoken in a day's work. "Each person I met there was very friendly and cooperative," he said, adding that he never once heard anyone discuss or even mention separatism there.

It was interesting to learn that at hotels, stores and most public places there are heat plugs that one plugs into his car, free of charge. "People pull into parking lots and plug their cars in with as little apparent thought as cowboys throw their reins over a hitching rail in the movies," he laughted. At the Noranda Hotel where he lived for a time. he said there were 35 oulets in the parking lot.

Noranda is 464 miles northwest of Huntingdon and Cecil returned home three times during his stay there. He said the popular pastime there appeared to be gambling on the stock market. Of course many people made a profit but he personally knew one man who lost $60,000 practically overnight. He met several former Huntingdonians there, including Maurice Melnyk, Dr. Lukacs, Ken Wentworth, Mrs. Shirley Leaman. He also met Owen MacFarlane, Don Rolfe and Brian Smith, who are at Val d'Or. On the road from Val d'Or to Noranda, Cecil said one could see the smoke stacks at the Noranda Mines while still fourteen miles from the city.

Welcome home, Cecil, and we hope if you ever get another out-of-town assignment you'll like it as well as your Noranda assignment.

Policemen Rescue Flag From Icy Waters

At approximately two A.M. Dec. 18th, Canada got her new Flag and almost twenty-four hours later, Mrs. Douglas Stephen, Huntingdon, nearly lost her old Flag.

About 2.30 A.M., Mrs. Stephen was awakened by the frantic barking of a dog. The barking didn't let up, and as it was a bitterly cold night, Mrs. Stephen decided to see what was the matter. She dressed and slipped out quietly. Her two dogs, the German Shepherd and the Irish Setter, sleep in the stable with the horses. On checking, she found the Shepherd in her bed, but the Setter wasn't there. Then the barking began again and it came from the directon of the Walker Bridge. When she got there, she saw her dog in the water about one third of the way across the river. The hole was about five feet wide and was the only open spot under the bridge. The dog was clawing desperately to get out, but the ice was too slippery and he couldn't get a hold.

Mrs. Stephen knew she couldn't get him out alone as the ice was too thin, so she ran to the home of her friends, Mr. nd Mrs. Paul Valdemar, who live near the bridge and from there called the Police. In less than five minutes Sgt. Prevost and Const. Cardinal arrived. They had with them a long pole with a hook at the end. They eased their way out onto the ice and when they were within reach of the dog, they got the hook under his collar and pulled him out. The dog's head ears and shoulders were encased in ice. Mrs. Valdemar and Mrs. Stephen took the dog home, gave him a stimulant and rubbed him with woollen blankets to keep him from taking a chill.

Mrs. Stephen has the highest praise for Huntngdon's police force under the able direction of Chief L'Heureux. She is very grateful to Sgt. Prevost and Const. Cardinal who lost no time coming to save her Flag. Yes, "Flag" is the name of her six-year-old Irish Setter. Now that Canada has her new Flag, the Stephens think they'll call their Irish Setter "Red". At the time of writing, he is none the worse for his icy bath, but perhaps, a bit more spoiled from all the attention he has received.

Named President

JONATHAN PROUDFOOT

At a meeting of the Huntingdon County War Memorial Arena Ltd., executives held Monday afternoon in the Cleyn & Tinker Ltd. offices on Lorne Ave., Huntingdon, Mr. Jonathan Proudfoot was unanimously chosen President to replace the late Mr. Albert A. Antoine, whose death occurred on December 16th.

Those present paid tribute to the late 'Ab' Antoine, reminiscing that he had been an official of the old Huntingdon Skating Rink on King St., for many years before the Huntingdon War Memorial Arena was built in 1957. Much of the credit for the successful operation of the War Memorial Arena since that date was due to Albert Antoine, they also stated.

While death caused a void difficult to fill, general reaction of the nomination of Jon Proudfoot as President of the Huntingdon County War Memorial Arena Ltd., is that of complete satisfaction. Jon has earned the repution of being a good worker in behalf of the public at large and his work in Little League Baseball, junior hockey and other youth work is well known and appreciated in Huntingdon.

Candlelight Service At St. Andrew's

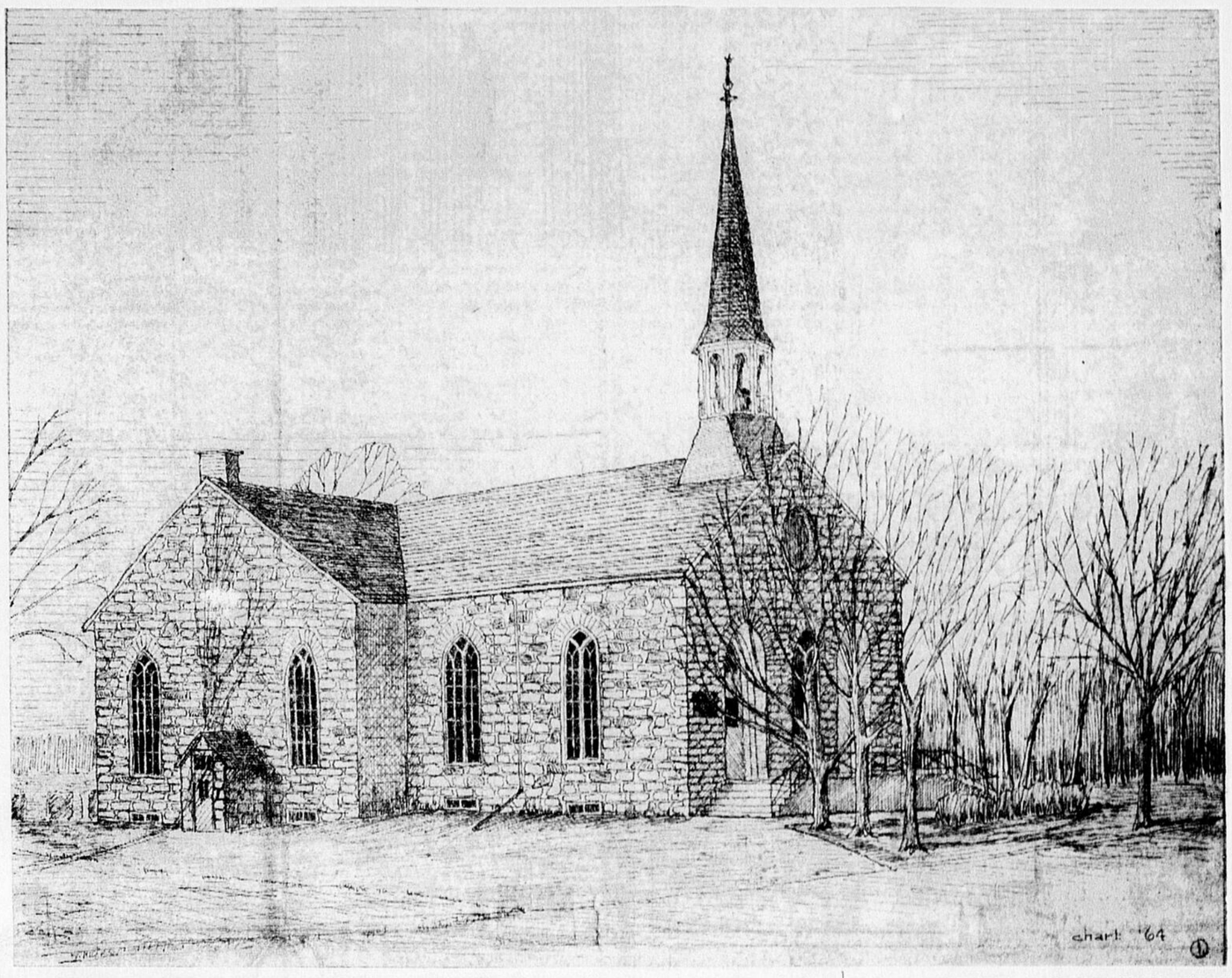
On Sunday evening. December 20th., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church School in Huntingdon held their Annual Candlelight Service. This year's presentation was entitled "Christmas in Word and Song" and was well received by the large congregation present.

The program told the story of God's promise of a Saviour who would come to save the world, the birth of the Christ Child, and how this promise has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Using the prophecies of Micah and Isaiah and the Christmas Story according to Matthew and Luke, intermingling songs by the Church School Choir, the C.G.I.T., the Sunday School Classes and the congregation, the program unfolded the drama of the Christmas Story as given us in the Holy Scripture.

Jon Proudfoot, Church School Superintendent, acted as leader for the program, reading the scriptures and leading the congregation in prayer. Mrs. Ethel Smellie, Church Organist, was in charge of musical direction for the Church School Choir, the C.G.I.T. and the Classes, ably assisted by Mrs. Stanley Ruddock, who, along with Mrs. Smellie and Mr. Proudfoot, were responsible for the preparation and direction of the program. The co-operation of Mrs. Edward Ottney and Mrs. Douglas McColm, leaders of the C.G.I.T.. the Church School teachers and the parents of the children was very instrumental in the success of the program.

This Is The First In A Series of Local Landmarks And Public Buildings That Will Appear In The Gleaner



Above is the first of a series of pen and ink drawings of local landmarks and public buildings which will appear in this newspaper from time to time. The drawing has been done by Mr. Donald Chart of Chateauguay, an account of whom appeared in the last issue of The Gleaner. It is believed that a number of people might like to obtain copies of the above subject and others as they appear in this series. They may do so by applying to Mr. Chart and paying a nominal sum. The above drawing is of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church near Howick, on Route 4. It is a very old church and landmark on this route and well known to many travellers on this route as well of course to people living in the area. Mr. Chart's address is — 396 Montmorency, Chateauguay, Que. We believe the subjects will make very good pictures for album or framing and will be cherished in the years to come. Georgetown Church was first erected in 1837. In later years other additions were made until it looks as it does today.

Ormtown Parish Council Requests Quebec Dept. Of Public Works To Restore Traffic Over River At Allan's Corners

Regular session of the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Malachie d'Ormstown was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 1. Present were the Mayor Jean Paul Riendeau and Councillors Gilles Gagnon, Douglas Sproule, Wilfred Bryson, John Rodger and L.R. Ross, acting for M.E. Barrington, Sec.-Treas. Couns. Gerald Dagenais and James Smith absent.

On motion of Couns. Gilles Gagnon and Douglas Sproule, minutes of November meeting were approved as read.

Moved by Coun. John Rodger, seconded by Coun. Douglas Sproule, the following accounts were approved for payment:

Shawinigan Water and P. Co. $146.28; Lionel Bazinet $68.; Gerard Beauchamp $61.; Hermas Beauchamp $32.; Cesaire Poissant $119.75; A.A. Mc Neil $100; Ernest Sauvé, $16.50; Lamb and Waller, $88.95; Gerald Hebert $25.; M.E. Barrington A.I.B. $320.; Ernest Rennie & Sons Reg'd $16.31; Royal Can. Legion Br. 196, $11.; Dept. of Family & Social Welfare $96.80; Handy-Andy Assoc. $8.92; B. McCartney Shell Service Station $2.; A. Beaulieu et Fils Enrg. $8.48; Beauchamp et Frère $5.25; Village of Ormstown $210.

Moved by Coun. John Rodger, seconded by Coun. Wilfred Bryson, that the following changes in ownership of property be made on the Valuation Roll: Sale by Roger Simard to Gratien St. Yves 1080-6; Will of Irving Lawrence to Alida Thompson 824-1, 824-1-1 to 7; Will of George Pretson Hooker to Lillias Ida Greig 120; Sale by D.P. Clarence Ovans & Uxor to J. Horace Paxton 179; Sale by Kenneth Cook & al to J. Horace Paxton 180; Sale Coupe de Bois by Ernest Sauvé to Réal Lefebvre 756; Sale by Emile Perreault & Uxor to Henry Baessler P.859.

Mr. Lionel Bazinet, Road Officer. was authorized to purchase pickets and submit account to Council.

Whereas a fire damaged considerably the bridge over the Chateauguay River at Allan's Corners on October 31st, 1964;

Whereas the damages are such that the use of the same bridge is now prohibited to all vehicular traffic;

Whereas such a condition causes considerable harm to the population;

Whereas such a condition causes additional expenses for the School Boards of the region, also to the local transport operation;

Whereas this situation will necessitate a considerable period of time to be corrected,

It was moved by Coun. Wilfred Bryson, seconded by Coun. Gilles Gagnon, that it is resolved to request the Dept. of Public Works of the Prov. of Quebec, to take immediate steps to restore the traffic between the south and north shores of the Chateauguay River at Allan's Corners.

Meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

Athelstan

ATHELSTAN — At the annual Christmas banquet of the Champlain Milk Co., at Stanbridge Station last week, Mr. Clifford French was the recipient of a gold watch as a token of having completed 25 years of service in their employ. Congratulations Clifford.

Round Byre AND Ring

by FRANK NAPIER

"Ab" Antoine

While a very fine, Albeit deserving tribute was paid to Albert A. "Ab" Antoine in last week's Gleaner, we would like to add our moiety of appreciation.

One of his recreations or hobbies, until a few years ago, was his garden, in which respect he was a highly qualified amateur gardener both as regards flowers and vegetables. However, he was neither born on a farm, nor did he ever, insofar as we are aware, actually work on a farm, except perhaps in a voluntary way on odd occasions. Nevertheless, "Ab" Antoine always took a keen interest in current agricultural events, and he had "a soft side", so to speak, for Ayrshire, (EYRshires to him). In the latter instance doubtless partly due to his long-time, intimate association with Ross Pringle. Also partly due to his long time connection with Canadian Ayrshire Review, during most of the 40 years that Magazine was printed by The Huntingdon Gleaner Inc.

It was, of course, in connection with Canadian Ayrshire Review that I first became acquainted with "Ab" Antoine, away back in 1927 when I became Secretary of the Ayrshire Association, thereby also Editor and Business Manager of the said Review. In that respect, during the period from 1930 to 1950, when my Editorship was more or less on a remote control basis, so to speak — that is, by mail and telephone to quite an extent — I always found "Ab" to be most cooperative, and always willing to give and take, a very happy situation indeed, thereby saving a lot of extra travelling between Ottawa and Huntingdon. Obligements and cooperation aside, however, in "Ab's" "book" it was a job — printing and mailing — The Gleaner had to do and he "lived" for The Gleaner. As a matter of fact one could well say that it is doubtful if any other similar concern ever had a more dedicated employee than had The Gleaner in "Ab" Antoine. On the other hand, while he didn't carry the proverbial chip on his shoulder, one had to beware of making to him any unwarranted criticism of The Gleaner. In later years I enjoyed the same fine cooperation from him when I was trying to rejuvenate Canada-West Indies Magazine for The Gleaner.

Also to his credit is the magnificent effort he made on behalf of the Huntingdon Skating Arena; in taking an active part in the organization and building of same, and then the long hours of his own time and effort he subsequently gave in the management of same. Likewise as regards several other local efforts and projects.

Hugh Walker

Postmarked "Savannah, Georgia" we were intrigued until we opened that envelope and found that it enclosed a Greeting Card from Hugh and Mrs. Walker who, at the time of that writing, were at sea off the Eastern Coast of the U.S. en route to their homeland, Australia.

The sale of "Ochiltree" and the departure of Hugh and Mrs. Walker and their Canadian born son "Monty", would thereby seem to completely sever the ties of the Walker family with Huntingdon. It is true that their son, "Monty" is a native born Canadian, but he was born in Toronto, Ontario.

The Walker connection with Huntingdon goes back to Hugh's great-grandfather, the Rev. William Montgomery Walker a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, who was sent out to Canada in 1834 to establish Huntingdon's first Presbyterian Church, and who is several times referred to in Robert Sellar's History. The Rev. Mr. Walker was subsequently recalled to Scotland to take over a Parish there, but later on his son, W.H. Walker, came out from Scotland to live with his uncle, Hugh Barr, and to subsequently inherit the Barr Farm which is now owned by Miss Lillian Rankin, with the house on same being Riverview Terrace Rest Centre which is operated by Miss Rankin.

By and by, William H. Walker, in addition to being a progressive farmer gave considerable distinguished service as a Councillor of the Township of Godmanchester and the County of Huntingdon. Together with J. A. Brown's father, Mr. Walker is credited with being responsible for the erection of the several bridges which span the Chateauguay and Trout Rivers, including the Walker Bridge which spans the Chateauguay as part of Lorne Avenue of the Town of Huntingdon. He also represented the County of Huntingdon for several terms in the Quebec Provincial legislature. In addition, as indicated by the printed records of same, he was also the very efficient Secretary of Huntingdon Dairy Association for several years. Despite its name that Association actually embraced the entire District of Beauharnois, and it was very active indeed for several decades before and after the turn of the Century. It's really a pity that we don't have a similar, either District or County, organization nowadays. We have breed association Clubs; Ormstown, Huntingdon and Havelock Fair Associations; the Montreal Milk Shippers Association, but no body that embraces all phases of farm and livestock activities as did the former Dairy Association.

However, to return to the Walkers, shortly before his death William H. Walker built Ochiltree house in the then Village of Huntingdon, and the farm was sold to a Mr. Newman, who was in turn succeeded by Miss Rankin. We are not sure when, but prior to World War 1, Montgomery ("Monty") Walker, son of William H., went to Australia and when that war ensued he enlisted in an Australian Regiment, and thereby subsequently served in the famous ANZAC (Australia and New Zealand) Division in the Dardanelles, Egypt and other Middle Eastern battle areas in which that Division served with distinction. Monty Walker died in Australia but his Australian Widow and daughters paid extended visits a few years ago to Ochiltree, with the late Miss Frances Walker, who like her brother, was a veteran of World War 1, in her case as a Nursing Sister with Canadian Field Hospitals in the Middle East, France and England. Hugh, Monty's son, was also in Ca-

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SPECIAL NOTICE

CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS

As next week will be a very short week in which to publish The Gleaner, attention is called to, and co-operation is asked, of all correspondents and advertisers to get their copy into the office **by first thing on Monday morning, December 28th,** for the December 30th issue. Any items that can be sent before this time will be appreciated. Any items received later than the time mentioned cannot be guaranteed to appear in that issue.

News from Ormstown

COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LITTLE ROYAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

St. James' Sunday School Service

The pupils and teachers of St. James' Anglican Sunday School presented thier annual service in the church last Sunday evening. The programme was as follows:

Chorus: Once in Royal David's City; Greetings in His Name, Ian Johnson; The Star, Brian English; Chorus, While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks; Christmas Symbols, leader Jane Grant assisted by Stephen Cowper, Kenneth Dalgleish, Susan Murray, Karen Smith, Lorne Burton and Michael Whitehead; Away in a Manger by the Primary Class; Carols, leader Alison Johnson assisted by Valerie Henry, Ellen Burton, Kevin Ovans, Philip Dalgleish, Richard Cowper, Wally Daniel, Shirley Cooke, Carolyn Daniel and Connie Rice. Unto Us a Boy is Born, by Elementary, Senior and Intermediate class.

Joy, Garry Daniel; As on That Holy Night, David Vallée; Remarks by Rev. P. R. Stote who spoke on Christmas symbols; Carol, Angels from the Realms of Glory; The World's Good will Centre, Ernest Dalgleish; Offering, Michael Murray.

Precious Packages, Jimmy Vallee and Donnie Sutton; Carol, Silent Night; My Gift, Pearl Woodward; God Bless You Merry Christmas, Jane Whitehead; Christmas Lights, Jean Murray; Christmas Prayer, Lynn Rowe; Chorus, The First Noel.

Benediction by Rev. Mr. Stote.

Each child was presented with a bag of candy.

The St. James' Anglican Sunday School will be closed until further notice.

4-H Meeting

The members of the Ormstown 4-H Club met on Thursday evening, Dec. 10th in the cafeteria of Ormstown High School. The main features of the evening were a short address by Mr. Surprenant who explained the new constitution, the election of two delegates and one substitute who will attend all regional council meetings, and the selection of members for the film committee. Two educational films were also shown.

Cubs and Scouts Busy

The Ormstown Scout Christmas party was held on Thursday, Dec. 19th. It was the intention of the boys to have a sliding party but the weatherman did not cooperate, however the boys had a bang-up party just the same. Troop Leader Ray Chartrand, called the Scout Master and the Assistant Scout Master and presented them with gifts from the troop as a token of appreciation from the boys.

Special thanks were extended to Messrs Joe Daoust and William Logan for donating cases of soft drinks to the troop.

The Catholic Scouts will asst at serving Mass and will also act as ushers at Midnight Mass to be held in the school on Christmas Eve.

George Barrington Injured

George Barrington was the victim of an unfortunate accident at O.H.S. on Friday which resulted in his being taken to the Montreal Neurological Institute. At the time of writing, George is out of danger and will soon return to his home. He received a nasty bump on the head which caused him considerable pain and nausea.

We regret to report that Dr. Murray Stalker is a patient in Barrie Memorial Hospital. The entire community extends wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Presbyterian Y.P.S. Candlelight Service.

An impressive candlelight service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. The address was given by Brian Aldridge whose Christmas message was most appropriate. The service was conducted by Miss Phyllis Bott, past president. Scripture was read by Dale Begbie and Jane McNichol and prayers were given by John Rember and Betty McEwen.

Scouts and Cubs Refundable Bottle Drive

The Ormstown Scouts and Cubs will be at your door on Saturday, Jan. 2 asking for your refundable bottles. This will be the second year the boys have conducted such a drive and they ask your help in making their campaign a success.

The recent bake sale sponsored by the ladies of St. James' Anglican Church and which was held at Mr. B. McGerrigle's store was a most successful venture.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Harvey and family of Stanbridge East were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. A. McNeil. Mr. and Mrs. Keith MacMillan and family of Finch, Ont., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Henderson, both Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. MacMillan visited their mother in the Barrie Memorial during the afternoon.

Miss Anne Marie Crete and Master Richard Crete of Plattsburgh are spending Christmas week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Cullen.

St. James' Fellowship Meeting

The monthly meeting of St. James' Anglican Fellowship was held on December 16th in the hall with an attendance of 18 members. Devotions in the form of a Christmas reading were given by Mrs. Robert Furey. Candy was wrapped for the pupils of the Sunday School and a gift exchange among the members was a feature of the evening. Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Whitehead and Mrs. McCallum.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. James Lockhart, Mrs. James Elvidge and Mrs. Wallace Collins on the sudden death of their brother, Fred, of Montreal, who passed away late Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Collins, Lois, Mr. James Lockhart, Mrs. James Elvidge and Mrs. Rita Thurston attended the funeral in Montreal on Monday.

COUNCIL MEETING
Village of Ormstown

Regular session of the Municipal Council of the Village of Ormstown was held in the Town Hall on Monday, December 7th, at 7.30 p.m., at which session were present Mr. Mayor A. A. McCormick and Councillors Ernest Rennie, Eldas Primeau, Irenée D'Aoust, Walter Harkness, Archie Hughes, Ernest Sauvé and L. R. Ross, acting for M. E. Barrington, Sec'y.-Treas.

On motion of Couns. Walter Harkness and Eldas Primeau, minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

Moved by Walter Harkness, seconded by Eldas Primeau, the following accounts were approved for payment: — Village of Ormstown Bond & Coupon Account $2728.63; Lamb & Waller $17.70; Robert Rice, $217; Rolland Goyette, $170; Albert Marcil Dandurand, $13.50; André Poissant $53; Oswald Primeau, $140; Wallace Collins, $103.04; Royal Can. Legion Branch 196, $11; A. Beaulieu & Fils Enrg., $6.07; C. H. Bolduc, $5.43; Regional Construction Ltd., $22.97; Handy Andy Assoc., $1.17; Lepage & Chasle Enrg., $4.19; Francis Hankin & Co. Ltd., $299.66; J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co., $10.35; Maislin Bros. Transport, $12.93; Ormstown Texaco Service Station, $60.52; M. E. Barrington A.I.B., $112; Evanhoe Primeau, $702.21; The Shawinigan Water & Power Co., $1073.08; B. B. McCartney Service Station $53.72; Municipal Forms Ltd., $121; Hector Crête Notaire, $35; Can. Nat. Telegraph, $1.35; Can. Nat. Railways, $1; Omar Harvey, $5; Bell Telephone Co., of Canada, $40.12; Beauhamp & frère, $21.95; F. X. Primeau & Fils Enrg., $7.06; Wm. Scully Ltd., $102.24; Hooker's Feed & Coal Reg'd., $21.98; John E. Rennie, $164.41; Wm. Rennie, $131.29; George McKell, $208; Donald Gruer, $30; George McAdam, $9; D. A. Barrington, $8.49; Minister of Revenue Quebec, $42.66.

Moved by Coun. Walter Harkness seconded by Coun. Ernest Rennie, that the following changes in ownship of property be made on the Valuation Roll: Will of Annie Sadler to Edward Samuel Baird and George Wesley Baird one half s.o. 62-20 & 21; Sale by Edward Samuel Baird and George Wesley Baird to Dame Clara Mabel Sadler, widow of Thomas Stuart Osmond 62-20 & 21; Sale by Clara Mabel Sadler to Murray Raymond Stalker M.D. P. 62-20 P. 62-21; Sale by Edgar Kirkland to Glen Ovans P. 297; Will of Frederick Gelsthorpe to Dame Louisa Agnès Gelsthorpe Schmidt and Miss Annie L. Gelsthorpe No. 305 & 306; Sale by Charles A. Hoffman & Uxor to Uldège Dandurand P. 313; Sale by Gordon H. Elliott to Alexander R. Mills Pts. 62-48-49; Will of Dinora Langlais Cartier to legal heirs No. 304.

Mrs. Helen Taylor, representing Mrs. J. McNeil, waited on Council re malicious damage to the property of Mrs. McNeil. Council offered every assistance to curtail these acts of vandalism.

Moved by Coun. Eldas Primeau, seconded by Coun. A. Hughes, that Bell Telephone of Canada be requested to install a telephone in the new residence of the Chief of Police of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Ormstown.

The Secretary was instructed to have Public Notices, re Parking on Town streets and snow clearance, published in The Gleaner and Le Journal.

Council agreed unanimously to instal permanent coloured lights on the main street at an approximate cost of $900.

It was moved by Coun. Ernest Rennie, seconded by Coun. Irenée D'Aoust, that the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Ormstown makes application to the Quebec-Hydro Co. to purchase lot No. P. 262-263, now owned by the Shawinigan Water & Power Co.

Coun. A. Hughes was appointed in charge of Town workmen until January meeting.

Meeting adjourned to the call of Mr. Mayor at 12.10 a.m.

To The Citizens Of Chateauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie

The economists tell us that 1964 was Canada's most prosperous year. Yet Canada has appeared, this past year, to most of us, to be in a quarrelsome divided mood. The internal arguments and dissension which have been Canada's lot in 1964 and which have been reflected in a year of bitter debate at our Parliament in Ottawa is the process by which a democracy resolves and settles its problems.

Our Canadian differences have been brought out into the open. As a result of this exposure I am convinced that Canadians from coast to coast understand each other a little better at the end of 1964 than they did when 1964 began.

I am equally convinced that from this improvement in mutual understanding, a stronger more harmonious Canada will begin to emerge in 1965. To this end we all have a contribution to make.

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Ormstown High School Notes

(By Nancylyn Cullen)

As elsewhere the fragrance of Christmas is permeating O.H.S. Classrooms are gaily decorated for the Yuletide season, and in preparation for the annual concert which was presented on Tuesday evening. Tuesday was an exciting day for the kindergarten also, as that was the day Santa made his visit to them.

During the past week the Red Cross has been on its toes selling tickets on a turkey, sales for tickets are running sky high

The boys have been busy flooding the rink, and it is now being used. The elementary classes skate during the noon hour and broomball games have been played. We hear that the one on Sunday left a few bruises and scraped shin bones, notably to one of the teacher's delicate shin bones.

Curling is just about in full swing and those who participate in the roarin' game, are getting ready for the annual Montreal Schoolboy Bonspiel.

Television at School

Grade Eleven viewed Hamlet in two segments done by the Stratford Company. It was truly an enriching experience as we had read and discussed the play in the weeks preceding. The presentation was artistically superb with many new and refreshing interpretations of lines as well as a diversified pacing that added immeasurably to the enjoyment of the young listeners. The sets were starkly simple but effective, giving Christopher Plummer room to move and enabling him to project the character of the gloomy Dane with sensitivity.

Student Council Conference

This year's annual Student Council Conference was held at Beaconsfield. For two days representatives from all parts of the province were entertained. On Friday we were invited to a panel discussion, a dance and hootenany, as well as a banquet.

Saturday we were divided into groups to discuss problems of Student Council together with possible solutions. Inter-school conferences such as these are beneficial to all. The only improvement that we felt was necessary was including more representatives from Roman Catholic Schools. This was the first year that any attended.

Since this is our last report for this year, our very best wishes to all O.H.S. teachers students, students of other schools, parents and friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Properous 1965.

Rockburn

ROCKBURN — The Sunday School entertainment, put on by the scholars last Friday evening, proved to be enjoyable for all present, each taking their part in songs, recitations and dialogues exceptionally well. Santa arrived at the close and in his happy manner distributed gifts from the well laden tree and also gave each child present an orange and a bag of candy. Gifts were also exchanged between pupils and teachers. Mr. Cunningham acted as chairman for the evening and at the close all joined in singing the hymn, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".

Many attended the Christmas Pageant given in the beautifully decorated church on Sunday evening. At the opening of the service a few carols were sung and during the lifting of the offering Master Howard Welburn delighted the audience with the solo "How Great Thou Art", after which the pageant was given. The costumes were beautiful and added so much to the rendition of the Christmas story. Mrs. Kyle Blair took the part of the Reader extremely well. The choir rendered suitable Christmas carols as the different characters appeared and walked slowly to the front of the church. All acted their various parts splendidly. The service closed with all joining in the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful". The members of the choir, who sponsored this service, are grateful to all who in any way helped to make this event such a success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprague, Chateaugay, N.Y., were Friday callers at the Trainer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Patenaude of Malone, were Sunday afternoon callers at his parents' home.

Many in this vicinity have been suffering with a mild type of 'flu but with zero weather and bright sunshine this germ should soon disappear so that all may enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy 1965.

Aubrey-Riverfield

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Kees together with their three daughters and sons-in-law, Mrs. Charles Wylie of Hamilton, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. William Summerfield of Massena, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs Willard Orr of Ste. Agathe, held "Open House" at the Kees' home in Aubrey to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 28th and 29th.

Friends, neighbours and relatives were received and among the guests from out-of-town were Miss Patricia Lindsay of Saginaw, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Forest Lancaster of Aylmer, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindsay of Lachine, Mr. and Mrs. John Marlcham and daughter of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Greene of Chomedey and Miss Viola Kees from Town of Mt. Royal.

Mrs. Kees wore a corsage of golden chrysanthemums and Mr. Kees a white carnation boutonniere.

A three-tiered wedding cake decorated in orange gold icing centered the dining room table and a basket of flowers in gold and bronze tones graced the living room.

Mrs. Kees received a wrist watch and Mr. Kees a gold tie pin and cuff links from the family. Other gifts included an electric fry pan, a gold china cream and sugar set, a special tea cup with "Golden Anniversary" engraved on it, a a bottle of "Golden Anniversary" whiskey and money totalling $85.

Mr. and Mrs. Kees spent two delightful days greeting their guests, several of whom they had not seen for many years. They are grateful to all who helped to make the week-end such a memorable one.

Christmas Entertainment

The annual Christmas Tree was held in Riverfield Church Hall on Saturday Evening, December 19th, with a goodly number of parents and children in attendance. After several carols had been sung each Sunday School class put on a skit or gave recitations which were much enjoyed by all. During the singing of "Jingle Bells" Santa Claus arrived with a flourish and delighted all the eager little people. He, in his

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In Memoriams, minimum charge $1.00, additional charge of 10 cents for each count line of verse. Add half if in both languages.

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Died

ANTOINE, Albert (Ab). — At the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que., on December 16th., 1964, Albert Allan Antoine, age 70 years, of Huntingdon, Que., dear brother of Elsie (Mrs. John McCracken), Violet (Mrs. Louis Roy), Mrs. Edith Roy, Massena, N.Y. and Nelson of Kingston, Ontario. Interment held at Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery.

GIROUX — At the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on Thursday, December 17, 1964, Myrtle Houle, aged 56 years, beloved wife of Joseph Giroux. Funeral from the J. M. Sharpe Funeral Home, Hemmingford, Que. to St. Romain's Church was held on Saturday, December 19 at 10 A.M.

In Memoriam

BENNIE — In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Annie May Bennie, who passed away Dec. 27, 1963.

Christmas comes with deep regret,
Memory recalls the day,
God called her Home.
Ever remembered by her daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

HADLEY — In loving memory of my dear brother, Daniel J. Hadley, who passed away Dec. 26, 1963.

Asleep in God's green garden,
Free from worry and pain,
God bless you my dear brother,
Till we meet again.
Always remembered by his sister.
Clara.

HADLEY — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, D. Hadley, who passed away Dec. 26th., 1963.

Just a memory fond and true
But memories of you will linger on.
Always remembered by his wife and family.
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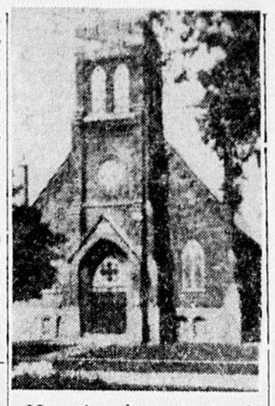

Huntingdon United Church

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11 p.m. December 24

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Christmas Services

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Wed., Dec. 23 — 7.45 p.m. Family Service, Christmas Communion and Tree.

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Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve 7.30 p.m. — Family Service, Carols and Christmas Communion.

ST. JOHN'S, HUNTINGDON

11 p.m. — Midnight Service, Carols and Christmas Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY

8 a.m. — St. John's Christmas Communion.
9.30 a.m. — St. James Christmas Communion.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. James, Ormstown
9.30 a.m. — Morning Prayer

St. John's, Huntingdon
11 a.m. — Holy Communion

Christ Church, Franklin
2.30 P.M. — Evening Prayer

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Franklin Centre

HARLEY E. BYE, Minister

Sunday School 10.15

Worship 11 a.m.

Huntingdon Service 7.30 P.M.

In Memoriam

FORRESTER — In cherished memory of our darling mother and grandmother who entered into rest two years ago Dec. 20th.

"Where days are dark and lonely
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper:
'Cheer up and carry on.'
If all the world were ours to give
We'd give it all and more,
To see your smiling face once more
Come walking through our door."
Always remembered by
Tom, Rita and children.

WALLACE — In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather Frank S., who passed away 4 years ago.

Beautiful memories are wonderful things,
That last through the longest day,
They never wear out; they never get lost,
And can never be taken away.
The passing years will never dim
The thoughts of one so dear.
Wife Olive,
Son Ches,
daughter Lois.

VAILLANCOURT — In loving memory of Russel Vaillancourt, who was accidentally killed on December 6, 1964.

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Mother and Father,
Sister and Brother.

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Glory to God in the Highest.

Huntingdon Locals

Christmas Party

Huntingdon Volunteer Firemen held a Christmas party for their families on Sunday afternoon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The festivities began at 2 p.m. with the showing of movies. Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed gifts to each of the 30 children present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pringle of Rochester, N.Y., spent the American Thanksgiving with his parents, M. and Mrs. John Pringle.

Huntingdon County Hospital Notes

The Huntingdon County Hospital gratefully acknowledges the receipt of annual memberships from Mr. Lucien Hart and Mrs. Helena Grant in addition to the following donations: — $15, Chateauguay Lodge No. 36; $10 Western Division Ladies' Aid; $15 Anonymous; $75 Anonymous; $25 Ladies Dutch Club; $10 Gordon D. Ferry and family in memory of Robert Nelson Elliott; $6 from friends and neighbours on The Gore in memory of Mrs. William Henderson.

25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Houde were the guests of honour last Saturday evening when friends and relatives gathered at the Rod & Gun Club to celebrate with them their Silver Wedding Anniversary. An enjoyable evening was spent and Mr. and Mrs Houde. were presented with a set of silverware.

Those attending from out-of-town were Mr. Houde's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Houde, Warwick, Que.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Letourneau, Miss Denise Houde, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Houde, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Houde, Barrie, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Letourneau, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Boutin, Montpellier, Vt.; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gosselin, Bristol, N.H.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Poitras.

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Mr. Robert McGee, who is teaching school at Fort St. James, B.C., has arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Clifford McGee, Centre Street. Mr. James Todd of Philipsburg has been a recent guest at the same home

In Memoriam

MOORE — In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who passed away a year ago today.

She wished no one a last farewell,
Not even said goodbye;
She was gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Her busy hands are resting now
Her work on earth is done.
Her worries are all over now
And her heavenly crown is won,
Our hearts still ache with loneliness,
Our eyes shed many tears;
God knows how much we miss her,
At the end of one lonely year.
Sadly missed by
Her Family.

LEFEBVRE — In loving memory of a dear sister, who passed away on December 24th., 1963.

So greatly missed along life's way
But quietly remembered every day.
Susie.

PATENAUDE — In loving memory of Dad, who passed away January 3, 1962.

We think of you so often.
Your name we often recall.
But all that is left to answer us,
Is your memories and pictures on the wall.
To those who have a father.
Watch him with tender care.
You never know such heartache.
You never see his vacant chair.
Till you see his vacant chair.
Lovingly remembered by
George, Bernice and Family.

Cards of Thanks

My sincere thanks to Dr. Kelen, Dr. Mitchell and staff and to the nurses on the third floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care and so much kindness during my stay there; also the different clergymen who visited me. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.
Mrs. Alex McNiven.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Doctors Stalker, Thompson and Johnson and the entire staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for their care and kindness during my recent hospitalization, To relatives, friends and neighbours for their visits, cards and gifts, my sincere appreciation. To each, separately, goes my wish that they may experience the joys of the Christmas Season and enjoy peace and good spirit in the New Year.
Leo Kreivys.

Sincere thanks to the doctors and the staff of the Barrie Memorial, Ormstown for the wonderful care given me during my stay there.
Rene Forget.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Cameron, nurses and entire staff for excellent care I received while a patient in Huntingdon County Hospital.
Thanks also to friends and relatives for cards and visits.
All is deeply appreciated.
Mrs. Alice Ross.

Cards of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. McCrimmon and the nursing staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for the good care I received and the kindness shown me while I was a patient there. To my friends, neighbours and relatives for the cards, gifts and visits received while in the hospital and since I returned home. Also a special thank you to my classmates and the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church who so thoughtfully remembered me with such lovely gifts.

Every thing was very much appreciated.
Marilyn Johnson.

My sincere thanks to Dr. McCrimmon and the staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for their kindness during the past month, also to the many friends who helped in numerous other ways.
Sarah R. Cunningham.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for cards, visits, mass offerings at the time of the death of my brother.
Mrs. Alex Bergevin.

I wish to thank Doctor Cameron and all the nurses and staff of the Huntingdon County Hospital for their excellent care and kindness to me while I was a patient there.

Also I would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for visits, cards and gifts.
Mrs. Lynden Helm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Knight, following their recent wedding in Mountainview Baptist Church, St. Hilaire, Que. Mrs. Knight is the former Marilyn Hannah, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Hannah, and niece of Mrs. Earl McNicol, St. Anicet. Mr. Knight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W Knight of St. Johns, Que.

went back to Australia after his first visit to Canada he went by boat to the U.K. and from there with a fellow Australian, by car across Europe and Asia, and from the latter by boat and car across the intervening seas and a large part of Australia to his native New South Wales. Somewhere en route, in Iran I believe, they met up with a conducted touring party and thereby met his future wife, likewise an Australian who had previously worked in Canada and New York. And so it was that after they both returned to Australia they were united in wedlock.

A Variety Sale

Several of those who read the Hays Farms Ltd. announcement of an auction sale to be held by them on December 14, doubtless wondered, as we did, about the whys and wherefores of that sale. Listed were Shorthorn, Aberdeen Angus, Galloway, Devon, Red Poll, Hereford, Holstein and Jersey cattle, some 90 head in all, and all directly imported from Great Britain. We have now learned that these cattle were apparently purchased in the U.K. by a Professor for shipment to Cuba, and that the said Professor was engaged to go to Cuba to supervise a breeding project in connection with these cattle. However, as our information has it, the Professor died before the cattle reached Halifax from whence they were to be reshipped to Cuba. Also that the Cuban representatives who examined them on arrival in Halifax decided that they were unsuitable for the intended project and turned them over to Hays Farms Ltd. to sell at auction at whatever price they would bring.

In that respect our informant says: "Surprisingly so, the 92 head sold for a little over $20,000. all of them at above the current beef market prices. Surprising to me because at least 80% were undesirable types, to say the least of them".

Round Byre . . .

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nada for some time several years ago, during which time he was an Electric Technician on a boat in the Great Lakes; on another off the British Columbia Coast and on the Dewline. About a year ago, following the death of his aunt, Miss Frances Walker, he again came to Canada this time to wind up the Walker estate, during part of which time he worked in Toronto for a subsidiary of the Company for which he worked in Australia.

Incidentally there's quite a romance attached to the union of Hugh and "Necie" (Bernice) Walker. When Hugh

Hemmingford News

(Mrs. W. J. McKay)

HEMMINGFORD — To all the staff at The Gleaner Office, other correspondents, and readers of The Huntingdon Gleaner, both at home, and in far away places, may I say, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Services

Sunday morning service in St. Andrew's United Church was largely attended. There was special Christmas music, "Nazareth by Gounod. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell was baptized. The baby was given the names, Thomas Allen. A solo "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" was sung by Mrs. Ficko.

Sunday evening at 7:30 was the Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service by the C.G.I.T. girls. Miss Joann Simpson and Miss Vera Lynn Richards were in charge.

The many friends of Mr. Lester Sellars are sorry to hear of his illness. All good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lavallee, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Colin Chisolm, of Cornwall, Ont., enjoyed a few days visiting in New York City recently.

Ladies Guild

The December meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Brown on Tuesday evening, December 15th., at 8:30. There were 16 members present, and one visitor.

The meeting opened with the worship period with a scripture study on Dorcas and prayer. The treasurer reported a healthy bank balance, and a donation was made to the mortgage fund.

The Hall Committee reported a mortgage fund has been opened, as well as the Building Fund, and donations could be made to either or both. The Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for next year. There being no nominations from the floor, the committees' nominees were accepted as follows: Past president, Mrs. K. Batchelder; president, Mrs. J. Robertson; 1st. vice-president Mrs. E. Napper; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. D. Kyle; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry Davis; corresponding secretary, Miss Nora Angus; treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Somerville; worship convener, Mrs. K. Batchelder; publicity, Mrs. A. Fisher; work conveners, Mrs. W. Kyle, Miss Evelyn Elliott, and Mrs. D. Hadley; sick and visiting,

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Notre Dame High News Roundup

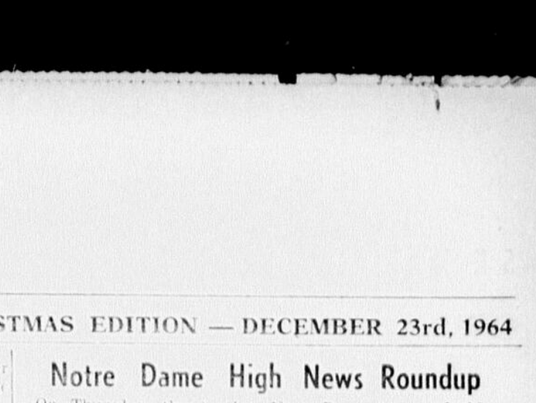
On Thursday, the teachers twice defeated 1st high girls in closely contested Volleyball games. Friday saw the French Section boys whip the English Section All Star team.

On Friday afternoon, the classes of S.S. Joan Ann and Mrs. Kerby held their Christmas party. Games were played, refreshments served and music records were danced to. All who attended, enjoyed themselves immensely.

A real shindig is being prepared for New Year's Eve. A hockey game between the Notre Dame team and old graduates will take place at the arena at 8 P.M. This will be followed by a school dance with music provided by the Belltones from Montreal. This should begin around 9:15 p.m. and everyone, young and old, is welcome.

The principal S.S. Mary Philippa is joined by the staff in extending their warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to parents and students and to all those who have actively supported the school in the past.

Christmas Ball At Notre Dame



Christmas Ball was held at Notre Dame School on Friday, December 18th, 1964. A King and Queen of the Ball was chosen at approximately 11.30 P.M. The Queen chosen was Miss Denise Labrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Labrie. The King, Norbert Bourgon, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bourgon. Denise received as gifts a beautiful corsage, compliments of Booth's Florist and another gift, compliments of Mercedes Wool Store. Norbert received gift, compliments of W. E. Lefebvre Reg'd.

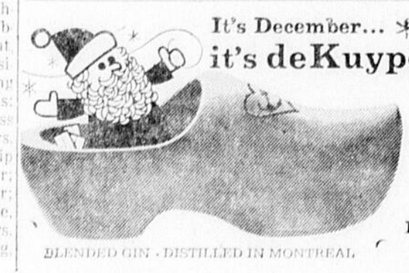
The youngest couple of the Ball were chosen as Prince and Princess, Richard McCallum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCallum and the princess, Jeanne Campeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Campeau. Jeanne received a beautiful corsage, compliments of Booth's Florist, also a gift, compliments of Legaré, and Richard received a gift, compliments of Leblanc's 5 towick, 56 York St., Huntingdon.

$1.00 Store. The judges had a difficult task in making a decision, therefore the judges awarded a prize to the second choice, Miss Monique Labrie and Allan Hawthorne. Prizes were awarded, compliments of Fortune's Drug Store.

The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Hartley and Mr. Hubert Langvale. Mrs. Campeau received a very beautiful gift from the Majorette Corps, presented by Miss Carol Saumier on behalf of the Corps.

Many thanks to the merchants for their generosity in donating the gifts which helped make the dance a success.

Drawing for the fruit cake (made by Grant's Bakery) was made. The first ticket drawn by Mrs. Guy Lefebvre went to Marie Brisebois, 44 Lake St., Huntingdon and the second, drawn by Miss Jeanne Campeau, went to Mrs. Guy Sedgwick, 56 York St., Huntingdon.



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7-Retardataires	15	41	30
8-Has Been's	15	41	30

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High Single, Ladies:—
Jackie McCallum 157
High Triple, Men:—
Clermont Laurendeau 440
High Triple, Ladies:—
Jackie McCallum 414

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name	Av'g.
M. Fournier	151
B. Deme	144
A. Fournier	143
M. Daoust	138
H. Boileau	137
C. Myre	137
C. Laurendeau	133
N. Nadeau	133
L. Moniqui	131
M. Mainville	131
G. Parent	131
R. Fournier	125
M. Pilon	124
J. N. Hains	124
M. Tinker	122
A. Durocher	121
L. Ener	119
N. Daigle	118
L. Derépentigny	118
C. Ste-Marie	112
H. Banning	109
L. Nadeau	109
H. Nadeau	116
H. Rodrique	111
J. McCallum	111
N. Laurendeau	110
A. Hains	110
M. Galipeau	107
R. Parent	106
D. Primeau	105
L. Perreault	103
R Mainville	102
N. Lalonde	100
D. Leduc	97
L. Leblanc	97
C. Daoust	93
B. Banning	93
T. Pilon	91
L. Lalonde	90
C. Daigle	90
C Quesnel	84
V. Ener	82

Farmer's Bowling League

Team	W	L	T	TPF	Pts
Herdman	38	22	0	31375	76
Trout River	33	26	1	31298	67
Boyd Settlement	32	27	1	30954	65
Rockburn	32	28	0	30560	64
Dundee	30	29	1	31339	61
Brooklet	27	32	1	30327	55
Franklin	26	34	0	30749	52
Dewittville	20	40	0	30909	40

High Singles:
Richard MacPherson, 190
Cameron McNicol, 171
Bill Steele, 161.
High Triples:
Cameron McNicol, 466
John Steele, 420
Bill Steele, 409
Bill Middlemiss, 408

Bowler	Average
Cameron McNicol	124
Bill Steele	124
Jack Tannahill	119
Willis Arthur	118
Ernest Maithers	118
Keith Rennie	117
Mervyn Farquhar	117
Gordon Rennie	116
Henry Wilson	116
Glenn Gordon	116
Richard MacPherson	115
Russell Moore	115
Lloyd Douglas	115
Roy Middlemiss	115

Ladies' League

The tickets were drawn Wednesday night for the turkey and the fruit cakes. The lucky winners were: — Turkey: Mr. John Koski of Powerscourt; Fruit Cake: Bobby Gordon of Boyd Settlement; Fruit Cake: Tommy Proudfoot of Huntingdon.

Teams	W.	L.	Pts.
Lucky Strikes	27	18	39
Gai Nineties	26	19	36
Valdo's	24	21	32
Clinkers	23	22	29
Jolly 5	23	22	28
Friendship 7	21	24	28
Seven-Up	19	26	27
Ladies' Auxiliary	17	28	21

High Single,
Alma Duheme, 148
High Single,
Alma Duheme, 390

CURLING

Eight Zones For Quebec Ladies

MONTREAL — Quebec's lady curlers have been grouped into eight zones by the Royal Caledonian Ladies Curling Association. For the first time, the entire province is covered by the Association and Mrs. G.A. Roy of Howick, president, predicts a record season.

The Association is preparing plans for the 1965 Dominion Silver "D" under general chairman, Mrs. C.C. Mahoney of Rosemere. Mrs. Mahoney and Mrs. W.W. Gillies will be Quebec delegates to the Canadian Curling Association.

Aubrey-Riverfield

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usual jovial manner, distributed the gifts under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Then in addition each child received an orange and a bag of candy, the former due to the kindness of Mrs. Donald Roy.

Curling Season Opens

The official opening of Riverfield Curling Club was held last Tuesday evening with a very good attendance in spite of several other activities taking place the same evening.

Six rounds of curling were enjoyed on splendid ice after which cards were played and a bounteous lunch enjoyed by all present. The president, Russell Gruer, welcomed the strangers and after introducing each one he expressed the hope that they had all enjoyed themselves and that they were planning to become members.

On Thursday evening eight men from Valleyfield played on the Challenge Cup but failed to lift it from the home team as the game ended in a tie.

The usual Saturday evening programme of curling, cards and refreshments was much enjoyed by all those present.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gruer and Peter of Lindsay, Ont., spent last week-end with Mrs. Annie Gruer and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Templeton spent a few days in Sabrevois last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Judson, Michael and Barry of Pierrefonds were guests on Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Milne.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Orr, Wendy and Johnnie of Montreal were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Orr who were entertaining at a family dinner for 21. Mrs. J. J. Craig was able to join the party at the dinner table and enjoyed being up with her family again. We wish her a complete return to health and a very Merry Christmas.

News from Howick

Christmas Services at Georgetown and Riverfield Churches

Sunday, December 20th., turned out an ideal day for Special Christmas Services in many churches. A sprinkling of snow and good roads encouraged all who wanted to attend to be present at worship and to enjoy the special Christmas music. At Georgetown and Riverfield Churches combined choirs led the praise with large congregations in attendance. The Rev. W. M. Brown's sermon theme was developed from verses one, three, and five, of the beautiful carol — "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", and the text — "The Dayspring from on High hath visited us". The combined choirs led the praise very effectively, and contributed three special anthems, they were — "Long Years Ago In Bethlehem" by Norman J. Clayton, "Come Let Us Go To Bethlehem" by John M. Rasley, the Rev. Brown sang the solo parts in this anthem, and the third contribution by the choirs was — "Wonderful Birth, To A Manger He Came", by A. H. Ackley.

The large congregations responded well to the leading of the choirs, and the singing was most enjoyable for all present, giving promise of a joyous time at the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

The annual "Christmas Letter" from the Rev. and Mrs. Fossum, missionaries in Zambia, was distributed at the close of these services. Mrs. Fossum was formerly Donalda Goodall of Ormstown.

Christmas Church Services

Services at the United Church on December 20th. were well atended both morning and evening to hear the joyous Christmas messages.

The morning service was conducted by Mr. Wm. Hudson, student minister, whose sermon theme was, Simplicity of Christmas. The choir, directed by Mrs. R. Stewart, sang two anthems. The First Christmas Morn, and As With Gladness Men of Old.

The Siioki C.G.I.T. conducted the Vesper Service which included the beautiful candlelighting ceremony.

The readers were Carolyn Templeton. Cathy Gruer, Pamela Miller, Myrna Nugent. Joy and Fay McKell, Diane Allen and Pamela Miller were candlelighters.

The offering was taken by Jean Stonehouse, Peggy Roy, Fay and Joy McKell.

Their sweet voices were heard in two carols, Coventry and Indonesian, conducted by the organist, Mrs. R. Stewart.

An invitation was extended to everyone to meet in the church hall, where the group served refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed. The girls at this time exchanged gifts which they had made.

A novel touch was added to this annual service. The switch on the electric organ had caused some trouble at the morning service, which was repaired during the afternoon. Miss I. Frith arrived at the evening service with a portable organ and played carols in the narthex while the congregation gathered.

The Akita and Siloki groups will go carolling together on Monday night. They will enjoy refreshments later at the high school, when Siloki girls will be hostesses.

U.C.W. Meeting

Unit B. of U.C.W. held their December meeting at Margaret Chisholm's home when more than twenty ladies answered the roll call with a Christmas thought.

A printed programme was followed which included the devotional led by Gladys Younie and using the theme "Life in His Name, with readings from Luke 2:8-20; Miss I. Frith told a Christmas story, which used candlelighting; and Evelyn Turner played a recording of Christmas music; a Christmas declaration of faith was repeated in unison and carols sung. This was a beautiful and moving programme. Refreshments were served.

Ladies from the local churches have visited the sick and shut-ins during the past week with gifts of flowers and Christmas dainties. Our best wishes go to these folk and may the peace and hope of Christmas make bright the coming year.

HOWICK — The Annual Meeting of the Howick United Church Women was held at the church on Tuesday, December 15th. The President Mrs. Eldon Orr presided and opened the

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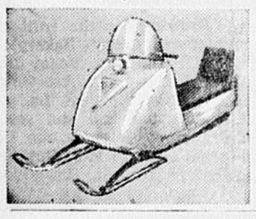

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Howick

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meeting with prayer.

An inspiring and fitting devotional with Scripture, prayer, carols, and a story of St. Francis — "The Christmas at Greccio" was appreciated by everyone.

A business meeting was held, reports of Committee chairmen adopted and a new slate of officers accepted for 1965.

A new allocation was accepted. World's Day of Prayer was announced. It is to be held March 5th.

Slate of Officers for 1965.

Past President, Mrs. Eldon Orr; President, Miss Isabel Frith; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Kenneth Lamb; 2nd. Vice-President, Mrs. Cecil Younie; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Malcolm McIntyre; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Edgar McKell; Treasurer, Mrs. Russell Stewart.

Chairmen of Committees —

Christian Citizenship and Social Action — Mrs. Ivan Knox.

Community Friendship and Visiting — Mrs. Douglas Ness.

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Membership — Mrs. Lydia Orr.

Nominations — Mrs. Everett Orr.

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Programme — Mrs. Melville Brown.

Archives — Mrs. James Crawford.

Unit Leaders —

Unit A. — Mrs. Hazel Bradley.

Unit B. — Mrs. Whiteford McKell.

Unit C. — Mrs. John Logan.

The United Church Christmas Tree was held at the high school on Saturday evening, Dec. 19. The bare stage had been transformed with banks of greenery and poinsettias, holly wreaths, a fireplace, and at the back the Nativity Scene.

Supt. Donald Templeton welcomed everyone and assisted by student minister Mr. Wm. Hudson, the teachers, and Senior boys, the programme of vocal solos and choruses, recitations, pageants, and a piano solo, was presented with a minimum of fuss and flurry.

The tiny ones were delightful as usual. There were some surprisingly good solos, and the little pianist showed considerable talent.

Those who took part were: three classes taught by Myrna Nugent, Anita Wilhelmsen and Jean Roy, sang Silent Night, First Noel and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Mrs. Whiteford McKell's class sang action songs.

Mrs. Douglas Templeton's class presented the Nativity Scene and sang Away in a Manger. Susan Hale, Pamela Ness, Janie Templeton and Charlene Turner from the same class, sang, The Friendly Beasts.

About fifty Messengers sang a welcome song, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Edgar McKell.

The Explorers presented "The Night Before Christmas". Miss I. Frith was the reader, while some girls slept soundly and others dressed as Santa Claus, and his reindeer went about their business.

Diane Cavanagh, Greta Nugent and Dianne McKell recited, Truth That Lasts. Other recitations were given by Susan McKell, Clifford Furcall, Danny and Mildred McKell, Valerie Furcall, Larry Ness, Roy Templeton.

Vocal soloists were: Scott Templeton, Judy Templeton, Ronnie Plaizier, Susan Fingland, Michael Fingland, others who sang were: Fay and Agnes McKell, Janie Stuckey and Agnes McKell, the Turner family, Margaret and Elaine Younie, Pamela and Carol Ness.

Dianne McKell played a piano solo, "Little Spring Song".

After several telephone calls from Santa he arrived during the final singsong. The children gave him a joyful greeting. He was a busy man for a long time as he distributed gifts to all the little ones. Finally he said Merry Christmas to all and away he went. Before the happy evening ended each child received the gift of an orange and a bag of candy.

The Georgetown Christmas Tree was held on Friday evening, Dec. 18, in the church hall, which was crowded to the doors.

A new projector, a gift from a friend, was used for the first time to show a Christmas film which pleased everyone.

Heather Anderson's class recited "December" — one little verse to each child.

Heather McCartney's class recited in unison, Baby Jesus' Birthday Cake.

Shelia McArthur's group sang, "Away In A Manger," and Sheila Brown's Senior class, "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Lynn Chrisholm gave a recitation, and Debbie McCartney sang, "Rudolph", Judy and Debbie Champ sang the Westminister carol.

The Rev. W.M. Brown was master of ceremonies, and the programme was varied by a sing-song at intervals. Children were called on at this time to sing a solo, verse or in unison.

Santa Claus arrived with gifts for the children, then everyone enjoyed refreshments. There were ice cream and cookies for the children and tea and cookies for the adults.

Mrs. Ann Rich has returned home from a week or more in Ross Memorial Royal Victoria Hospital.

Hemmingford

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Mrs. W. Kyle and Mrs. F. Boon.

The past president thanked the past executive for all their help, and co-operation, and wished the new executive success in their term of office. Mrs. A. Fisher presented a gift from all the members to Mrs. Batchelder, for a job well done.

It was announced that the annual church meeting, would be held in the hall on Friday, January 8th.

The date of the Women's World Day of Prayer will be March 5th. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A "Christmas Cookie" exchange then took place. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Brown on January 21st.

Friends of Mrs. Joe Giroux, were sorry to learn, last Thursday, of her death in the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Giroux was formerely Miss of Covey Hill. Funeral was Myrtle Houle, of Covey Hill, and was well-known for her kindness, and thoughtfulness, to all whom she came in contact with. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, one sister, Mrs. Willie Heaney, and two brothers, Leonard and Kenneth Houle from Sharpe's Funeral Parlor to St. Roman's Church and burial. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McAdam were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Kerr of Howick.

Men's Bowling League

Teams	Pts.
1 Regional Construction	28
2 S. & D. Market	20
3 Sommerville Keddy Insr.	20
4 Hemmingford Auto Body	19
5 Keddy & Sons	19
6 D'Allaire Electric	18
7 W. B. Smith	17
8 P. & R. Co	16
9 Restaurant Legault	16
10 Hills Service Station	14
11 Hemmingford Bowling	14
12 J. L. Priest Electric Contr.	13

High Singles of the Week
H. Dawn, 200
P. Faille, 197

High Triples of the Week
André Hebert, 523
Don Cleland 504

High Averages

1	Y. Roy	147
2	Roger Laplante	145
3	R. Lussier	141
4	J. M. Gagnon	140
5	Roy Holmes	131
6	L. Keddy	130
7	L. Berthiaume	128
8	E. Keddy	127
9	A. Germain	126
10	G. Morey	124
11	B. Mackay	124
12	B. Laurin	124

Date: December 20th 1964
Secretary: C. R. Winter

Xmas Cheer Drawing

First Prize: Mrs. Sheard,
34 Mount Pleasant, Valois
2nd Prize: James Rolfe, Huntingdon
3rd Prize: Jean Latreille, Huntingdon
4th Prize: Romain Menard, Huntingdon

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body politic and corporate, having its head office in the city of Toronto, province of Ontario, and having branches in the city and district of Montreal, plaintiff, *against* ETIENNE ARCOUETTE, of Franklin Centre, said district of Beauharnois, defendant, has obtained before our Superior Court, in our district of Beauharnois, judgment declaring the following immoveable, to wit:

"A piece of land of emplacement situate in the second range of Russelltown, township of Franklin, known and designated on the official plan and book of reference for the township of Franklin, as being part of the lot number thirteen E (pt 13 E) measuring, said part, seventy-five feet in width along route 52, seventy-one feet at the rear, by a depth of one hundred and nineteen feet, English measure, more or less, with buildings thereon erected, and bounded: in front by said route 52, at the rear by another part of the same lot to Joseph E. Faille, on one side by part of that lot owned by Armand Renaud and on the other side by another part thereof owned by Arthur Renaud."

To be sold at the church door of St-Antoine Abbé, county of Châteauguay and district of Beauharnois, WEDNESDAY, the THIRTEEN day of JANUARY, 1965, at TEN THIRTY o'clock in the forenoon.

ERNEST LEBLANC,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's office,
Valleyfield, December 1, 1964.
8699-50-2
(First insertion December 12, 1964)

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the residents of the Village of Ormstown, please be advised that Garbage Pick-Up will be on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
and
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

A. A. McCORMICK

NOTICE

My office will be closed from December 24 to December 28th. inclusive.

E. C. MARTIN

PROCLAMATION

The citizens of the Town of Huntingdon are asked to take notice that the day after Christmas, i.e., December 26, 1964, and the day after New Year's Day, i.e., January 2nd, 1965, have been declared civic holidays.

PAUL E. LEFEBVRE,
Mayor
Town of Huntingdon, Que.

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County of Huntingdon

To the residents of the aforesaid Municipality, Public Notice is hereby given that the new "Town Dump" is now completed and ready for use. The public is requested to place all rubbish at the new location, and no longer use the former Powerscourt Dump.

The Dump is located one mile north of Herdman on the Gowan Road or "New" road, 1½ miles off Route 52. According to Government regulations, all rubbish must be placed at least 500 feet back from any public road." Your co-operation in helping keep our municipal roadsides clean, by use of the "Town Dump", shall be appreciated.

HINCHINBROOKE COUNCIL

Province of Quebec
MUNICIPALITY OF THE

TOWN of HUNTINGDON

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Huntingdon, have prepared according to law, the list of Municipal Electors of the Town of Huntingdon and such list is now deposited at my office at the disposal and for the information of all persons interested.

Given at Huntingdon, Que., this 9th day of December, 1964.

C. PILON
Secretary-Treasurer

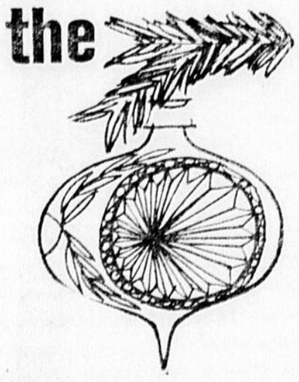
Province of Quebec
SCHOOL MUNICIPALITY OF
ORMSTOWN (Protestant)

Public Notice is hereby given to all proprietors of real estate of this municipality that the collection roll of school taxes, as established by the school commissioners of this municipality, has been made and completed, and that it now is and will remain in my possession for inspection by parties interested, during fifteen days from this notice. During such time it may be amended; any ratepayer may, during the said delay, complain of such roll, which will be taken into consideration and homologated, with or without amendment, at the meeting of the commissioners to take place on the 11th day of January, 1965, at the place where meetings are usually held (High School) at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening. From such day, the collection roll will be in force and every ratepayer shall pay the amount of his taxes to the undersigned, at his office, without further notice, within the twenty days following the homologation of the collection roll.

Given at Ormstown this 22nd day of December, 1964.

L. R. ROSS,
Secretary-Treasurer

May our friends have a happy Holiday season...And may each enjoy prosperity and health during the coming year.



COMPLIMENTS OF

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This And That In Town

ORMSTOWN — Young George Barrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Barrington, McBain St., suffered an unfortunate accident Friday evening at the Arena. George slipped on the ice and suffered a head injury when he fell. At present, he is a patient in the Montreal Neurological Hospital. His school pals, friends and relatives join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The 'fire' (actually smoke and water) sale at Arnold's Men's Wear in Huntingdon has been attracting crowds of people. The sale actually started a half-day sooner than advertised when one person walked into the store on Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Kahn. Others followed and it was impossible to lock the doors after that. The affable Mr. Kahn had to phone Mrs. Kahn to hurry down and help and the couple worked straight through until ten without even a coffee break. The rest of the week was the same, despite the fact that extra sales help was hired. See Arnold's advt. for further information.

The business section of Ormstown is a maze of Christmas lights and we suggest passers-by take a minute to look at jolly old St. Nick in his bright red sleigh in front of the Remillard Barber Shop. And a drive through the residential districts will reveal some fine decorations at private homes . . . we suggest towards the Exhibition Grounds where one will see the B. J. McGerrigle home on Lambton St.

There are some fine 'natural' skating rinks on rivers and ponds, etc. In Valleyfield, scores of youngsters were playing hockey and skating on the old canal directly in front of the business section, over the week-end. And in Huntingdon, Ormstown, Howick, Ste. Martine and all along the banks of the Chateauguay River, rinks were cleared of snow and people were having fun.

And talking about rinks and skating, the Ormstown Lions have Season Tickets for the Ormstown Arena . . . ideal Christmas gifts.

Now that all appears final, we predict local stores will do a landslide business in flags in '65.

Some district news does not appear this week but will be printed in next week's edition. In order that all subscribers will receive Chrstmas messages from merchants and buisnessmen before the 25th, The Gleaner went to press a day earlier than usual. The Post Office staff, who have been doing yeoman work in sorting and delivering the heaviest Christmas mail in years, will observe a holiday like the rest of the country and if we had waited until Wednesday to print, some subscribers would not receive the Gleaner until after Xmas. PLEASE NOTE: The Gleaner will be printed early next week, too . . . our correspondents and advertisers are respectfully requested to mail their copy to arrive at The Gleaner Office not later than Tuesday a.m. next week.

To some, the closing of the Quebec Liquor Board retail stores was, AND IS, a hard blow. But the current rumor that a beer shortage is in the making too is making things all the rougher. It appears that the breweries have plenty of beer, but are running short on bottles. Now is the time to return those empties that have been gathering dust and, we think, order some extras.

Just when the Q.L.B. strike will come to an end is anybody's guess. Most people thought it would be over before Christmas, but these same people are worrying that it won't end now before New Year's. Some older folk are remembering high-powered cars racing through Ormstown and Huntingdon to little-used roads along the border and predict those days will return 'in reverse'... referring, of course, to prohibition days in the U.S.A.

Last-minute shoppers are reminded 'The Pope of the Chateauguay' is available at $1.25 at The Gleaner Office.

ORMSTOWN —The community at large is deeply concerned, having learned that Dr. M. R. Stalker suffered a heart seizure on Sunday. A speedy and complete recovery is wished by everyone.

We suggest you take a drive down Churchill Street where one can see an outstanding work of art — hand-made Christmas decorations by Nelson (Red) White — you will see a huge Santa stuck in the chimney with his little helpers desperately trying to extricate him. There are also reindeer, Choral singers, etc. Most artistic!

Yesterday (Monday) was the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year.

Some 400 employees of Cleyn & Tinker Ltd. in Huntingdon enjoyed their annual Christmas Party and get together on Saturday evening. The banquet tables were well laden with delicious holiday fare and all were impressed with the reception they were accorded at The Hilton Hotel, Dorval.

MESDAMES! Soyez belles tout en économisant

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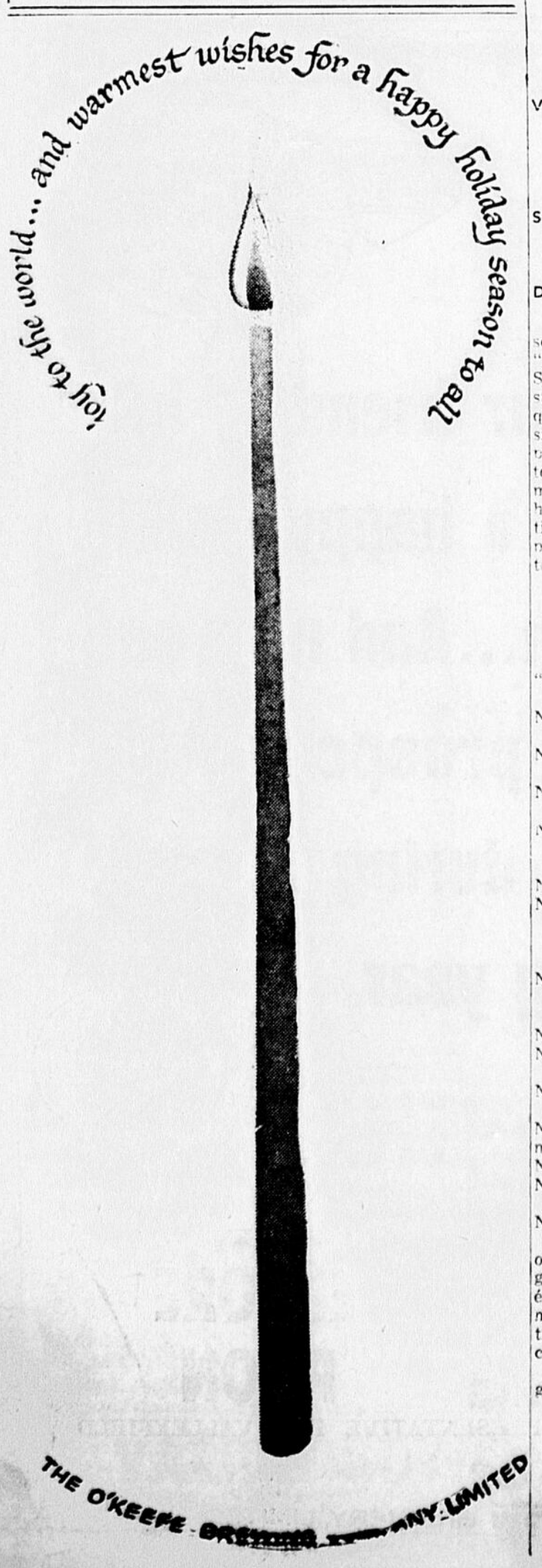

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Liturgie — En cette fin d'année un examen de conscience s'impose. N'ai-je pas trop souvent choisi ce qui était facile, cueilli les petites joies, les petits bénéfices de ma condition humaine, oublieux de mon baptême, succombé à des tentations immédiates? N'avons-nous pas arrangé notre vie durant cette année comme une crèche de Noel: beaucoup d'objets, de personnages, de sentiments? Légitimes sans doute, mais superficiels. Nous avons sacrifié aux traditions aux joies faciles. Comme tout le monde. Alors que la vraie liberté est de refuser une joie trop facile pour s'en procurer une plus haute. C'est dur d'être chrétien! Mais l'or n'est pas seul. Sur nous aussi, comme le dit l'Evangile, se penche la grâce de Dieu.

Sunday — 27 — White — Christmas Octave Noel (Dum)
5 masses: 7½h. — 9h. — 10½h. — 12h. — 5h. p.m.
9h. Après la messe — Te Deum — After Mass
12h. Vente des bancs — Pew sale.

Lundi — 28 — Rouge — SS. Innocents (Ex ore)
7h. Feu Raoul Soucisse: son fils Rémi
7½h. Feu Raoul Gendron: Fam. André Monique
4¼h. Late Mrs. Donald McRae and rel.: Fam. Ed. McGinr

Tuesday — 29 — White — Christmas Oct. (Puer-30 Dec.)
7h. Feu Eugène Lalonde: Fam. Raoul David
7½h. Parents défunts: Mme J. A. Boyer
4¼h. Par. déf. Houde et Létourteau: Fam. Edgar Houde

Mercredi — 30 — Blanc — Octave de Noel (Puer)
7h. Late Pope John XXIII: Millia Murphy
7½h. Feu Oscar Billette: Fam. Rodolphe Billette
4¼h. Parents défunts: Mme Philorum Lefebvre

Thursday — 31 — White — Christmas Octave (Puer)
7h. Feu Narcisse Gendron: Fam. Hébert
7½h. Feu Mme Claude Renaud: R. Lalonde et R. Dumouchel.
3h. et 7½h. Confessions — 3¾h. Heure sainte
4¼h. Feu Mme Achille Picard: Fam. George Picard.

1965

Vendredi — 1 — Blanc — Octave de Noel (Puer 1 janv.)
Intentions: Apostolat de la prière — Apostleship Prayer.
Unité: tous les chrétiens — All Christians Unity.
Bénédiction des parents — Blessing given by parents.
5 messes: 7½h. — 9h. — 10½h. — 12h. — 5h. p.m.
Avant messes: Veni Creator — Before each Mass.

Saturday — 2 — Requiem.
7h. Late Edward Curran (ann.): Mrs. Michael Burke.
7½h. Feu René Lefebvre (ann.): son épouse.
4¼h. Feu René Billette (ann.): sa mère.

Dimanche — 3 — Blanc — S. Nom de Jésus — Holy Name

Liturgy — You, today's teen-ager, must face two most serious questions. First, decision regarding a state of life: "Am I to remain single, to marry, or to live as a religious?" Second, "What type of career am I going to choose after my state of life has been decided?" These are indeed serious questions, and you **must** find definite answers to them. And since your happiness in heaven as well as on earth, depends upon your answers, it is NOW that you must prepare to answer them. How do you go about solving them? Every minute counts. What **you** do with **your** time will determine how well you answer these questions. And with your attention directed to these questions, how can you as a teen-ager possibly wander aimlesly? How can you ever have nothing to do?

NOEL EST-IL VRAIMENT LA FETE DES ENFANTS?

Oui et non, ce quelques réflexions, aideront à le savoir.
"Nuit de Noel dans le monde ce soir. Quelle est donc cette Nuit?
Nuit de l'enfance heureuse, Nuit de l'émerveillement devant le sapin illuminé,
Nuit des enfants dorlottés, des sommeils paisibles et des rêves heureux,
Nuit des gosses martyrs, des bébés abandonnés, des enfants battus,
Nuit de ceux qui crient sous les coups, qui grelottent sous la couverture trouée.
Ceux qui pleurent parce qu'ils n'ont plus de maman.
Nuit des familles unies,
Nuit du bonheur dans la maison, et dans les coeurs la joie de vivre.
Nuit de détresse sans maison et sans feu,
où le pécheur retrouve son péché, et le pauvre sa misère.
Nuit de la joie pour ceux qui s'agenouillent auprès de la crèche.
Nuit sereine entre toutes, Nuit douce et belle.
Nuit de gaspillage, Nuit de sensualité, Nuit de plaisirs.
Nuit de la paix entre les hommes, Nuit de l'entente avec les frontières grande ouvertes.
Nuit de guerre et d'assassinats, Nuit du réfugié qui a tout perdu,
Nuit de vieux qui n'espère plus rien, Nuit du miséreux qui meurt du faim,
Nuit des accidents de la route,
Nuit des petits et des pauvres, de tous ceux qui espèrent, de tous ceux qui attendent quelque chose de Dieu.
Nuit de Noel, Quelle est donc cette Nuit?"

Enfin c'est la Nuit de la Bonne Nouvelle de l'Evangile, où chacun doit répondre avec toute sa foi. Qu'on soit anglais, français, italien, indien, égyptien, pakistanois, hongrois écossais, irlandais, chinois, hollandais, belge, iroquois, américains, canadiens, tous ont à coeur de s'aimer, de s'entraider, de se connaitre, de servir, de vivre en paix, de combattre la haine.

Ainsi vivre une vraie Nuit de Noel, qui aide à s'interroger, sur ces paroles du Christ:
Heureux les pauvres en esprit, Heureux les doux,
Heureux les affligés, Heureux les assoiffés de justice,
Heureux les miséricordieux, Heureux les coeurs purs.
Heureux les artisans de paix, Heureux les persécutés pour la justice.
Ainsi je puis vous souhaiter un joyeux Noel à tous.

Abbé MARCEL GAREAU.

Deuxième ronde du Circuit Professionnel Dow en fin de semaine dernière

La deuxième tranche du Circuit Professionnel Dow des Cantons de l'Est s'est terminée avec succès samedi dernier au Salon de Quilles St-Luc, près de St-Jean. 202 joueurs de petites quilles y ont participé et la bourse totale fut de $565.00. On se souvient que le premier tournoi avait enregistré 164 participants ce qui veut dire une augmentation de plus de 20%. L'organisateur, **Hubert Houle** est enchanté de la tournure des évènements et anticipe le même succès dans les 6 autres tournois cédulés pour 1965.

Léo Ducharme de Greenfield Park, à terminé au premier rang avec un total de 2180 quilles abattues. Il a conservé une moyenne de 181.6. Il s'est mérité une bourse de $150.00, le Trophée du commenditaire et le titre de Champion. Ce titre lui permettra de participer au tournoi des Maitres des Cantons de l'Est en mai prochain. Voici la liste des 20 gagnants qui se sont disputés la bourse totale de $565.00:

Nom	Endroit	Qualification	Total 12 Parties	Bourses
1. Ducharme, Leo;	Greenfield Park	1157	2180	$150.00
2. Cyr, Paul,	Valleyfield	1019	2110	$100.00
3. René, Yvan,	Boucherville	1091	2087	$ 60.00
4. Frégeau, Maurice,	Valleyfield	1041	2084	$ 400.0
5. Ainslie, Normand,	Sherbrooke	979	2069	$ 30.00
6. Gagné, Gaston,	Thetford Mines	1000	2025	$ 25.00
7. Charest, Jocelyn,	Acton Vale	973	2018	$ 20.00
8. Dumont, Claude,	St-Jean	1023	1998	$ 20.00
9. Morin, Léopold,	St-Hyacinthe	1061	1973	$ 15.00
10. Coté, Jean Paul,	St. Hyacinthe	1028	1966	$ 15.00
11. Charpentier, Paul,	Beloeil	1026	1951	$ 15.00
12. Mallette, Yvon,	St-Philomène	1014	1931	$ 10.00
13. Lamoureux, Yves,	Sorel	972	1930	$ 10.00
14. Boutin, Réal,	Coaticook	976	1910	$ 10.00
15. Tanguay, Edmond,	Valleyfield	982	1909	$ 5.00
16. Joannette, Kitoute,	Valleyfield	975	1880	$ 5.00
17. Allaire, Jacques,	Sherbrooke	969	1878	$ 5.00
18. Bellevance, Guy,	Sherbrooke	976	1863	$ 5.00
19. Poulin, Jean Claude,	Sherbrooke	1011	1834	$ 5.00
20. Morrissette, F.,	Bromptonville	1003	1832	$ 5.00

Plus Haut Simple:— Lamoureux, Yves
Special Abats:— Coté, Jean Paul

La prochain tournoi du Circuit Professionnel Dow des Cantons de l'Est aura lieu à Drummondville le 16 janvier 1965.

Tous les joueurs des Cantons de l'Est et de la rive sud sont invités à s'y inscrire au plus tôt.

Conseil de St-Anicet

Conseillers Ernest Wylie et Alcide J. Caza absents ainsi que le secrétaire-trésorier.

Les comptes suivants ont été approuvés: Champlain Oil Products Ltd $153.00; P.E. Lafleur $95.00; Romuald Cartier $12.50; Elie Carrière $5. L. Hurteau $51.00; Anatole Castagnier $90.00; Adrien Castagnier $15.00; Adélard Richer $8.00; Henri Brunet $28.28; Claude Jalbert $8.90; Société Coopérative Agricole $240.; Canadian Salt Co.$167.14; Gilles Latreille $20.00; P.E. Trépanier $8.00; Rolland Saucier $55.00; Avila Génier $15.00; Bell Tél $4.68; Anatole Leblanc $15.00; Huntingdon Gleaner Inc. $28.00; Ildori Quesnel $12.40; Alcide H Caza $22.25; J.R. Caza Frères $1278.00; Ministère de l'Agriculture $3181.60; Léo Laparé $60.00.

Les changements suivants ont été effectués au rôle d'évaluation:

Ernest Lalumière et al à Marcel Gravel pt89; John Billion à Henri Lazure 516-19; Ernest Lalumière et al à Richard Lalumière pt89; partage: Ernest Lalumière et Gilles Dérépentigny pt89; Romuald Hurteau à Gérard Vallerand 467-5; J. Milton Sharpe à James B. McCoy pt103; Arthur Trépanier à Raymond Caza et uxor 590-63; Claude Trépanier à Fernand Ligotte 515-12; Mark Stone à Dame G. McHeown 507-6; Miss Adlie Currie à Dame Elphège Paquette pt895; Robert Castagnier à Wesley Russell et uxor pt502B; Dame Andie Gratton à Fernand Nadeau, droits pt476; Lucien Dandurand à Walter Brown pt94; Roland Dansereau à Edward C. Quinnett pt105; Joseph A. Caza à Claude Caza 1/2 ind. 638; Gérard Caza à Alphonse Côté pt472; Roland Carrière à Elie Carrière pt625; Alcide Benoit et uxor à Mme Paul Charest 2pts98; N. Duncan Rankin sr. et uxor à Mlle Lise Bonnoyer pt97; Ronald Vincent à Robert Hope 3 iles; Edward J. Carr et uxor à Dame Marcel Papillon 598-22; Alcide Benoit et uxor à Dame Marcel Laurendeau 503-18, 19, 20; Sylvio Dugas à Keith Howden 494-11, 495pt Sylvio Dugas à Roger H. Daoust 495 pt1; Sylvio Dugas à Claude Beaudoin 495 pt1; Sylvio Dugas à Roger Bélanger 495 pt1; Lucien Perron à Roland Perron 504 pt1; Edmour Caza à Dame Maurice Trudeau pt142; Georges McPherson à Gérard Daoust pt593; Bail: Gaston Dupuis à Lincoln C. Johnston et uxor pt492; Gaston Dupuis à Stanislas Vaillancourt pt489; Léo Joly et uxor à Roland Dansereau pt110; Gérard Daoust à Bernard Hart 513-4, 515pt5; Adélard Richer à Dame Arthur Trépanier et al pt492, 493; Sylvio Dugas à Miss Georgina E. Winwood 495 pt1; Lucien Perron à Paul Masella 504-19; Lucien Perron à Mario Masella 504-18; Etienne Leblanc à Ferme Roda Inc. 102, 106, 107; Aristide Beauchesne à Fernand Laurin pt620, pt621; Municipalité St-Anicet à P.E. Kingsley pt554.

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REMERCIEMENTS

Je remercie sincèrement les Drs Stalker et Johnson et tout le personnel de l'hôpital Barrie Memorial pour leurs soins attentifs durant mon séjour à l'hôpital. Une grande reconnaissance aux parents et amis pour leurs visites, fleurs, cartes et cadeaux. A tous je souhaite un joyeux Noel.

Mme Normand Crête.

REMERCIEMENTS

J'aimerais exprimer mes sincères remerciements pour les cartes, visites, offrandes de messe lors du récent décès de mon frère.

Mme Alex Bergevin.

Les économistes nous disent que l'année 1964 fut l'une des plus prospères.

Cependant, je crains qu'il a semblé à la majorité des Canadiens que l'année qui s'achève a été plutôt remplie d'amertume et de divergences d'opinions profondes. Notre Gouvernement à Ottawa a soulevé des problèmes urgents et épineux lesquels ont été soulignés par de vifs et orageux débats à la Chambre des Communes. Comme en toute démocratie ces problèmes ont été débattus à fond et des solutions équitables y ont été apportées.

Je suis convaincu, en cette fin d'année, que les Canadiens, d'un océan à l'autre, se connaissent un peu plus et se comprennent un peu mieux qu'au commencement de 1964.

Je suis également assuré que cette compréhension mutuelle renforcie consolidera notre unité comme peuple canadien et que nous pourrons, en 1965, aller de l'avant pour le plus grand bien de tous et chacun. Pour atteindre ce but, chacun de nous doit y apporter sa contribution. A tous les citoyens de Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie, mes voeux les plus sincères pour un JOYEUX NOEL et une BONNE HEUREUSE ANNEE.

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There is also a Sunday School in the Mary Gardner School, St. Hubert St., at 11.15 a.m.

In the Church there are two complete Sunday Schools, one at 9.30 and one at 11.15 so that the whole family may come to church together.

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Due to circumstances beyond our control Santa Claus was unable to be with us on Sunday as promised. We are very sorry about this, however, Santa did send gifts for all the children, which they all appreciated very much, and lovely gifts they were. Our Thanks to Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Roy for all the work they did with this project.

Hockey News

Hockey is beginning to take shape, resulting from the meeting on Friday night. Coaches for the Mosquitoes team are, Mr. John Fuller and Mr. Lorne Golden, another coach is needed: For the Pee Wee team are, Mr. Carl Cotton, Mr. Stan Houston, and Mr. Harold Lowe. Games will be held two nights a week, from 7 to 8, no week-ends.

Monday and Wednesday Mosquitoes. Tuesday and Thursday Pee Wee. The Chateauguay Minor Hockey League has a new ruling this year. It is compulsory for all children to wear a Helmet on the head, for the greater protection of your child.

Few children turned out on Saturday to sign up, maybe its because they did not know about it, we'll try again next Saturday, so tell all your little friends about it. Fathers are needed to transport children to and from games, so if you are available, please call 692-9348 and leave your name. First game will be on January 4th, Mosquitoes. January 5th Pee Wee . . . Both Games At West-End commencing at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Maehder of St. Denis St. on the birth of a son on Tuesday morning, December 15th, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Montreal, weighing 6 lbs. 8½ ozs. brother to Gary, Stephen and Marie. Mother and son both doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall of St. Louis St., announce the engagement of their son Gary Edward, to Feranda Santos of Chateauguay Station.

The Social Service Centre held its annual Christmas Party at the Armory on Belair St., in Montreal on Wednesday. Among those attending from West-End were, Mrs. Geo. Marshall and Ruby, Mrs. John Fuller and Dale and Diana, Mrs. Sproston and Jamie and Valerie. Refreshments were served, each child received a gift, and all had a wonderful time.

The friends and neighbours of Mrs. George Gourley will be pleased to hear that she is coming along very well, after undergoing surgery on Saturday at the Reddy Memorial Hospital in Montreal. We hope you'll be home for Christmas Shirley.

Mrs. Ruth Manks of Chateauguay, visited with her aunt, Mrs. Sara Skinner, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Syd. Mitchell on St. Louis St. Other visitors for Mrs. Skinner were her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Phoebe Skinner, and grandson, Frank, Grandaughter Mrs. Ethel Mattise of Chateauguay, and Great Grandson David Maxwell, 2 months old. All were making their Christmas visit and aunt Sara received many lovely gifts.

Bowling

Friday night was the big night at bowling. All the gang bowled for Turkeys, Chocolates and Fruit Cakes, The winners are as follows:

Turkey
Mrs. Vera Esdon, Mrs. Rita Watt, J. Lavoie and Stuart Cotton.

2½ lb. Boxes of Chocolates
Mrs. Kay Legault, Mrs. Evelyn Drivver, Alex Drake and Peter Poupart.

Cherry Chocolates
Mrs. Dorothy Houston, Mrs. Gloria Fure, Mrs. Lee Melnichenko and Duggie Allen.

Fruit Cakes
Mrs. Leo. Lecroque, Mrs. Jean Taylor, Albert Allen and Alwin Lampitt. Many received consolation prizes. Congratulations to the winners.

High Singles
Women, Mrs. Gloria Fure, 125
Men. Alwin Lampitt, 122

High Triple
Women,
Mrs. Evelyn Driver, 365
Men, Peter Poupart, 416

There will be no bowling on Friday, commencing again on January 8th., 1965.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Very Dry New Year.

Mr. Joe Mueller has returned home to spend Christmas with his family, after spending the past 6 weeks in British Columbia.

Editorial Notes...

Guest Editorial

SANTA'S CHILDREN

BY SANTA CLAUS

The setting is a local department store in Chateauguay; Santa Claus is seated on his throne. A child, the offspring of the mid-twentieth century, stands awed before the ancient symbol of its hopes and dreams. To prove to himself and the world he is smart, he decides his best defence is to be clever and pose a question, hoping to outwit or stump the old gent.

He asks "Santa, do you have any children?" This might be an embarrassing moment — because how would you answer the question? Would you be blunt and answer the child negatively; or should you try to add to the illusion? Can you answer the question truthfully?

But where does one find the truth to this question? The great minds and writings of the past are silent on the subject — the only place you will find the answer, is in your heart. In today's world of realism and sophistication this may appear as a strange place to find the answer. But this safe and sacred repository holds many an answer that cannot be found elsewhere.

"Yes, Santa Claus has children. "The answer must be in the affirmative. All the children of the world are his, and he belongs to all of them.

The days now turn to hours, as millions of little eyes reflect the lights of Christmas. We want to wish all children a good night, knowing it will dawn a bright day of joy in their hearts. The age old greeting will again turn into an echo — A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

A Merry Christmas - And A Safe One

By Fergus Horsburgh

It looks as if the opportunity will shortly present itself to establish dramatically that a link does exist between festive-season drinking and traffic fatalities. The current strike of Q.L.B. employees makes it virtually certain that less alcohol will be available for consumption over Christmas and New Year than in former years. Will the annual road death toll be consequently less gruesome than in the past by a marked enough degree to arrest the attention of the social drinker, that is to say, the social drinker who survives? Road Safety Councils will surely not be slow to point to the moral of the statistics once these are known.

Human nature being what it is and striking Q.L.B. personnel, dwindling ale supplies and watchful Provincial Police notwithstanding, party drinking will not entirely disappear throughout the coming weeks. Glasses will still be raised to excess, and some glass-raisers will not live to suffer resultant hank-overs — they will be mere cyphers in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics Office.

It is a curious fact that Canada has not to any large extent followed the examples of other countries more sophisticated in their drinking habits. Swedish party-goers select one or more of their numbers to act as chauffeurs for the evening, and those selected practice complete abstinence until their driving chores are completed. Also in Sweden, organiziatons of university students set up all-night telephone services, providing safe sober drivers on request for a fee. British "Bobbies" are known to provide chauffeur service when asked. So why not here in Canada?

The morning papers on December 26th and January 2nd will tell the next chapter in this story.

A Merry Christmas to You All — and a Safe One.

Four Generations...

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Hall.

Jack and Irene Taylor are also known to many here in Chateauguay. Jack has been a great sports leader with the young lads, and is still interested in all sports, but pressure of business at times keeps him from joining in such activities as much as he would like.

When Heather arrived at Dorval with her little son, Billy, that young man, although he had never seen any of his grandparents, great-grandparents and other relatives, was right at home with them immediately. On arrival at Massey Drive, he hopped right on to his new rocking-horse, thoughtfully provided by grandparents and he is still rocking and running with an odd hour or two thrown in for a little sleep and food. He is right at home so far away from home. Last Saturday, Billy went uptown to Montreal to see Santa Claus, and had his photograph taken sitting on Santa's knee. Coming from Southern California where there is no snow, and no bearded old gents saying, Ho, Ho, Ho, it must have seemed strange indeed to Billy.

Heather first met her husband, Bill, when they arrived here in Chateauguay, seven years ago. Their romance budded and bloomed, finally culminating in marriage after they had both left for greener fields and warmer climes of California.

There is a possibilty that Bill Delaney may be able to come "home" after the New Year for a short visit, and to accompany his wife, Heather and their little son, Billy, back to the U.S.A.

In the meantime, this will indeed be a very Happy Christmas for them all, the Taylors' and Wyatts' and of course the center of attraction, Heather and Billy. Sincere good wishes to them at this season.

Memorandum From McLeod

Mrs. Edith Bate

Hit the panic button! I just found out that our deadline has been pushed forward twenty-four hours. A frenzied dash to the cluttered dining room and the typewriter is indicated. It's not just at this Christmas season that I am in a befuddled state — but all year long, and one of my New Year's resolutions is to change all that. Relatives and friends reading this will have a hearty laugh right now.

My first item of interest this week is about a very nice little girl of this neighbourhood, who went out in all the cold weather from door to door selling Licorice Allsorts for the Y.M.C.A. She sold over one hundred boxes, and as a result of her efforts, she has won a very nice transistor radio. She is Virginia Cowell of St. Charles St. Virginia is about nine years old — and I wrote of her last Spring in this column, regarding her lovely singing voice. Congratulations to you, Virginia, and we hope you will enjoy listening to your new radio!

I forgot last week to mention that I had met Eddie Neal and his wife Lorraine in a local dining establishment. They are down here in Chateauguay all the way from B. C. Eddie is on leave for a while, from R.C.A.F., and his next posting is in Armstrong, Ontario. I believe that is pretty far up in the Northern part of the province, so I imagine Eddie will not be coming home every week-end. Their little girl, Sheena, is staying with Eddie's parents on McLeod Avenue. She is nineteen months old now, and I will let you draw your own conclusions as to her liveliness and a little bit of mischief thrown in to keep Gran Janet on the hop. Ed. Neal Senior, was installed this past week as W.M. of the Masonic Salaberry Lodge, here in Chateauguay.

Here is something new — I came across a birthday that is happenning this week. Holly Blenkhorn of Lang St. will celebrate her ninth birthday on December 24th. Many happy returns, and I do hope you will get at least one Birthday gift, instead of all for Christmas, Holly.

Congratulations are also in order to Mrs. Jessie Robinson of McLeod Ave., who was the lucky winner of a big, fat turkey at bowling last Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

Formation of...

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legislature under recent educational legislation, agreement by the nine local Boards must be unanimous.

Creation of the Regional Board would be by an Order in Council. Each existing local board would nominate three voting delegates to the new Board, and the 27 delegates would then elect seven members to the Board.

The three delegates from Chateauguay were recently chosen, and are composed of the three members of the Chateauguay Board with seniority in length of service, namely charman Mr. R. A. Jobber and Commissioners, Mr. R. S. Kallmeyer and Mr. Gordon Carpenter.

A Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Lang of Valleyfield has been formed, and will shortly nominate a Planning Committee charged to evaluate the educational needs in the Valley and report to the new Board. The Planning Committee of 15-20 members will be recruited from educators, service organizations, social, economic and cultural groups and from industry and commerce. The best brains in the Chateauguay Valley are to be invited to play a part in the current far-reaching educational reform movement initiated by the Provincial Government.

Gérald Laniel M.P.

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sonally, I was proud that Her Majesty came to this country in October last, and I would add that I was thrilled to pay her my respects during her last visit in the capital. I am a Quebecker just the same, and nobody can refuse me the right to believe in our institutions and to respect them.

We need unity. Therefore, let us act seriously, as true Canadians, and avoid any protraction of this fight which has lasted many months. This house has voted on a distinctive national flag, a standard which, in my opinion, meets the aspirations of the majority of Canadians and which we will soon see unfurled over all public buildings, over parliament buildings and also during any public demonstration throughout Canada. No one wishes to vilify or depreciate the red ensign, because it has served our country well. But it must give way before a purely Canadian flag, a symbol of national unity and a pledge of our future.

For this purpose, and also to avoid misuse of the flag which is proposed in the seventh report, I believe that the government, through an order in council, should define and set out the various circumstances under which the union jack could be flown besides our distinctive flag. This would not exclude its being used in other circumstances, but it would foresee doubtful situations and prevent criticism on the part of those who wish to deride the adoption of this second symbol which will identify us to the other nations of the commonwealth and recall our allegiance to our Queen. I hope that my suggestion will be taken into consideraton and that the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister will implement it, once this seventh report is concurred in.

Mr. Laniel: Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I want to say that I am very much concerned with the problem of Canadian unity, like most of us, and certainly as much as the hon. member of Victoria, B.C. (Mr. Groos) with whom I fraternize from time to time; it is even my first concern as a member from Quebec, and I ask all hon. members of this house, as well as all Canadians, to look for the solutions which will be pledges of our unity, not to go too fast and live with patience and understanding through the coming years, which will lead us to a better and stronger Canada, a Canada of ours with an increasing reputation throughout the world.

Mr. Grafftey: I would like to put a question to the hon. member who just delivered a great speech. Now that he indicated his desire to vote against the Conservative amendment, I would like to know whether he feels, with most of his fellow citizens in the Province of Quebec, that the union jack is the flag of England, as is the case for most people outside Quebec?

Mr. Laniel: In answer to the hon. member, I do believe that this is a matter of judgment and common sense. We had a flag known as the red ensign and we have replaced it by a new one, one with a maple leaf which represents the future. Surely we are not going to continue the fight, as I said in my speech. We feel that the only distinctive national flag is the one with a maple leaf, but now we want a symbol of our membership in the commonwealth and our allegiance to the Queen. Certainly, such a symbol must be recognized and used by the majority of the other members of the commonwealth.

The red ensign has never been unfurled by Australia or New Zealand, while the union jack is generally used throughout the commonwealth. The Queen's flag should be recognized as the symbol of our membership in the commonwealth and our respect for Her Majesty.

St. Philomene Man Killed Near St. Isidore

Joseph Boileau, 51, of St. Philomene, died Friday night when his car was involved in a three-car pileup on Route 36 near south shore St. Isidore.

We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

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Wings Over The Amazon

Armand Laberge Foundation Dinner Is Held

By Fergus Horsburgh

A distinguished gathering of clergymen and laymen sat down to dinner on Sunday evening, December 13th, at Chateau-Gai Motel, as the Armand Laberge Foundation honoured His Excellency Monseigneur Damasé Laberge, O.F.M., first Vicar Apostolic of the Mission of St. Joseph on the Amazon, in Peru.

Formed two years ago in memory of the late Armand Laberge of Chateauguay, the Foundation's role is to support financially the aircraft servicing Bishop Damazé Laberge's diocese, a vast area centred in Indiana, Peru. The St. Joseph Mission serves a territory of 60,000 square miles with a population of 60,000, and came into considerable prominence across Canada eighteen months ago when Father Louis Bedard the Flying Priest, headed a national appeal for a twin engined aircraft. Three years ago Father Bedard sold all of his personal belongings in order to buy a small second hand single-engined plane For fifteen months, the Flying Priest and his little aircraft were indispensable in the servicing of the Franciscan missionaries in Peru, transporting missionaries, nurses, sick people, medical supplies and food.

The story of the mission's work appealed to the restless spirit of adventure in Armand Laberge. Son of Mr. Arthur Laberge of Chateauguey Heights, Armand was brought up in Chateauguay, where he completed his high school education. When he could not readily decide on his future career, to help make up his mind, young Laberge decided to see as much as possible of the world in the shortest possible time. One of his early exploits saw him hitch-hike his way from Hailfax to Vancouver. Next came a three-month journey to Mexico and back. His last adventure saw him in Peru working with the Franciscan mission there. In saving the lives of two Amazon Valley natives who had inadvertently seized a live electric cable, Armand Laberge lost his own life by electrocution.

Who can tell what the future would have held for such a dynamic, adventurous, fun-loving, yet well-read young man? Armand Laberge lived his short life to the full, and was a small Peace Corps in his own right. The tragedy inspired the Chateauguay Laberge family, which had already played a part in raising funds for the Franciscan missions, to form the Armand Laberge Foundation. Armand's elder brother, Heights Mayor Jean Laberge, who is himself a former jet pilot, devotes two evenings a week to the administration of the Foundation. A host of teenagers help him distribute descriptive literature to thousands across Canada.

The Foundation took the opportunity, on the occasion of Bishop Laberge's return to his birthplace, Chateauguay, to honour the dedicated Vicar Apostolic in a fund-raising dinner. Bishop Laberge was on the penultimate stage of five month journey which took him to the third session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

Town of Chateauguay Mayor Joseph Laberge, uncle of Armand, acted as Master of Ceremonies at the dinner, and was accompanied at the head table by Monseigneur Damasé Laberge, Mr. Joseph Laberge, Mrs. Joseph Laberge, Mr. C. Bastien, Sales Manager for Air Canada, and Mrs. Bastien; Mr. Campbell, General Sales Manager for Canadian Pacific Airlines Eastern Region; Rev. Père Sylvestre, representing Rev. Père Chabot, who is the Provincial of the Franciscan Order for the whole of Canada and the Eastern United States; Mr. Maurice Bergeron, a lay missionary who is in Peru for 5 years; Rev. Père Jacques Leclerc, Solicitor for the Franciscan Order; and Rev. Campeau, who administers the Foundation's Office in Montreal.

Speaking on his recent experiences in Rome, Msgr. Laberge deplored the excessive publicity given to areas of theological dispute. "If we spoke of areas of agreement instead of emphazing points of dissension," said His Excellency, "total Christian accord would be more quickly achieved".

Turning to his diocese in Peru, Mr. Laberge described the St. Lawrence River as a small stream compared with the mighty Amazon. Despite the wealth of the country's natural resources, the poverty of his people in the jungle could be understood only with difficulty by Canadians. "Their faith is childlike", he said, "but they believe in Providence too much, and are slow to realize that a little work also helps. Heaven helps him who helps himself. Canada has a wealth of teaching skills, and the teaching orders could easily spare some of their talent to teach these gentle ignorant people".

In wishing Bishop Laberge "bon voyage" on his return the following day to Peru, Mayor Joseph Laberge was happy to present a cheque for $200, being the net proceeds of the evening's function.

OPENING OF PLACE CHATEAUGUAY

The offical opening of Place Chateauguay took place on Friday evening, December 18th. Shown in the above photos are the dignitaries who took part in the opening ceremonies. In the lower photo, Mayor Joseph Laberge is seen cutting the ribbon which declared the official opening. An article appears in another column on this event. (Photo by Pat Wilkins.)

Place Chateauguay Opens

(By Fergus Horsburgh

Chateauguay's little Place Ville Marie, Place Chateauguay, was officially opened last Friday evening, in the presence of some 200 representatives of Church, Government, Education, Industry and Commerce.

Place Chateauguay is the project promoted by a group of five local businessmen, Messrs. Eugene Guinois, Ovide Asselin, Robert Beauchamp, Philippe Laurent and Marcel Masson. The official opening came some two months after individual tenants had moved into their premises. The building was designed by the well-known local architect, Mr. Roland Dumais, and widespread admiration was expressed at the clean modern lines and spaciousness of the buildings interior. The entire building is air-conditioned, and the main feature dominating the decor is a charming fountain on the ground floor.

The two-story building, reported to have cost approximately a quarter of a million dollars, is undoubtedly a show-place in the Chateauguays. The ground floor includes a restaurant, "Au Petit Poucet" with everything for babies and children, a ladies sportswear shop, Chic Boutique, hairdressing salon, Chez Andre, the Regal Dairy and a carpet store. The second floor is exclusively reserved as officers for professional and businessmen and for corporations.

Mayor Joseph Laberge performed the traditional ribbon - cutting ceremony, and congratulated the five promoters on their spirit of enterprise which was contributing so much to making Chateauguay a place to be proud of, and which would continue to attract newcomers to the area. Mr. Robert Beauchamp, on behalf of the five Place Chateauguay Directors, welcomed the invited guests, and said that the planning, construction and opening of the building had been accompanied by as many difficulties as there were bricks in the building. Nevertheless, all these difficulties had been overcome, and the result was all around them, for all to see and share in the pride of accomplishment.

Granby Little Singers In Chateauguay Last Friday

(By Fergus Horsburgh)

It was Friday-evening shopping with a difference for hundreds from Chateauguay and out of town last week-end. The Granby Little Singers (including some not too noticeably little) gave a delightful performance in the Spot-Towers supermarket on St. Jean Baptiste Boulevard.

The Granby Singers were making only their second appearance in a commercial establishment, having appeared in Granby two weeks ago at the initiative of Mr. Louis Litvack, President of Spot Supermarket Corporation. Most of the young singers and all the adults had travelled extensively in Europe and elsewhere with the Granby Singers on tour.

The 45 man-and-boy group had planned their programme under Rev. Bro. Valier's direction to be sung in two parts — the first of popular religious music and the second in Christmas mood with particular reference to the Canadian way of life. However, the second part, including a pot-pourri of Irish, Scots and other folk songs proved so popular that the Singers agreed to extend their programme into a third and final group of songs by request, including such old favourites as White Christmas and Merry Christmas, in French and English.

At the end of the performance it was announced that arrangements had been completed for a return visit of the Granby Singers to Chateauguay in early-July next.

VETVILLE CHRISTMAS PLANS

(By Edith Bate)

Continued from last week:

Here is a Christmas Party to top them all. The Jalberts' of Somme are expecting to have twenty-two guests for Christmas Day. Mr. Jalberts' eldest son, wife, and their children and presumably other relatives will make up this party, which will no doubt overflow into the corridors. Also so they are having Mr. and Mrs. Alec Pitt from Park Extension over for a visit on December 20th., and also all their family. I groan when I think of all the dishes to wash after such a big "do".

Another big Christmas Party will be attended by Mrs. Mary Milloy of Dieppe. She will be going to her daughters' home in Dorval, where there will also be twenty-two sitting down at the festive table. Mrs. Milloy has not completed her plans for the New Year, but perhaps may visit in Delson On Friday, December 11th, Mrs. Milloy became a Great-grandmother, when a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McConachie of Ville Lemoyne, and she was beaming all over when she gave this news item. Sister of Mrs. Milloy, Mrs. Britton, also of Dieppe, will be spending her Christmas at the home of her son in Greenfield Park. She also is planning to go to Delson for the New Year holiday.

Mrs. Langdale of Lens Bldg. will be visiting the home of her son in the West-End Development.

Mrs. Norton also of Lens will spend the Christmas season with a relative in the Town of Mount Royal, and then will head north for Ste. Agathe for New Year's celebrations with another member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockburn of Arras will have the enjoyment of watching three of their grandchildren opening their gifts on Christmas morning while they are visiting at their daughter's home in town. The name Rockburn seemed to me to be a familiar one, and Mrs. Rockburn was telling me that her husband's great-uncle was one of the founders of the Village of Rockburn in this Chateauguay Valley district.

Another little pearl of wisdom I picked up in Vetville: Every housewife (or Homemaker) should remember the Beatrice Roland recipes in a large Montreal Daily Evening newspaper. Well, I was delighted to hear that Beatrice is the daughter of Mrs. Roland of Ypres Bldg. Her column and recipes are greatly missed, and I never knew why they were no longer available in the newspaper mentioned. Apparently Beatrice is now in our Capital city of Ottawa, and that is where Mrs. Roland will be spending her Christmas vacation.

For the first time in six years, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Will of Dunkirk will be spending their Christmas in Vetville. Mr. Will's health is not too good at times, and they feel they will enjoy their holiday season right at home just as much as travelling a distance.

Major and Mrs. Mitchell are having a quiet Christmas Day, but the day after will see all the family around them once more. They realize that the numerous grandchildren have much more fun in their own homes on the Big Day, with all their new toys and all the other gifts that Santa brings, and so will have their Christmas dinner on Boxing Day, December 26th.

Last Friday evening there was a very nice Christmas Party organized by Mr. Chester Rufh, who is Public Relation Officer for the Quebec area of the Canadian Legion. Mr. Rufh is a frequent visitor to Vetville, and the residents are most grateful to him for all the entertainment provided through him. To be continued in next week's edition. Merry Christmas in the meantime!

CHATEAUGUAY NOTES

By Fergus Horsburgh

By a vote of 5 to 2 in the Town Council meeting held last Tuesday, December 15th, it was decided to remove the Stop signs on the corner of MacLeod and Fairmount, and Dunver and Lafontaine. It appears that in these two instances the Stop signs were of little, if any value.

The Town and Centre Councils were due to have a meeting on amalgamation on Monday 21st. There should be more details on this next week, when I have more time to write it, and you have more time to read it.

The patients at the Wheeler Nursing Home on Salaberry Blvd., some of whom have had no visitors for 6 years — yes, 6 years — have not been forgotten this Christmas. In memory of Mrs. T. Kenyon, who was a patient there for 5 weeks this fall, Mrs. E. Jalbert of Vetville decided on her own initiative to buy a Christmas gift for each of the patients in the Home, and these were presented by Mrs. Jalbert on Tuesday 22nd at an afternoon gathering.

The Centre Council are thinking of putting up slides for the children for winter use. One slide will be delivered this week and if it proves satisfactory, others will be delivered around the middle of January. This should be an interesting experiment in sliding, on or onto ice. Sounds such fun I'm tempted to try it myself — incognito.

In court last week Mr. Thomas McDade pled guilty with explanation to the charge of having crossed a double white line to enter the Towers parking lot on St. Jean Baptiste Boulevrd. Mr. McDade's explanation was that traffic regulations were at fault in requiring North-bound traffic to proceed all the way to St. Francis and go the long way round. Mr. McDade's explanation was noted, but it still cost him $15.

It is not clear if a Federal Provincial or local by-law offence is involved, but the same Mr. McDade is reported as having practiced a massive masquerade on hundreds of Chateauguay children. Places of offence were in local department stores. Disguise adopted by Mr. McDade was — Mr. Santa Claus!

Not only Mrs. Jalbert will be thinking of the old folk in the Wheeler Home this Christmastide. The 6th Chateauguay Brownies and the 2nd Girl Guide Company will be around carol-singing, and a Christmas wreath made this past week will be presented to each patient.

Police Chiefs Gervais and Spenard have urged the population of Chateauguay to exercise restraint while driving, particularly over the Christmas season. A cup of coffee is preferable to a glass of wine.

Vandalism Deplored At Scene Of The Nativity

(By Mrs. Edith Bate)

Well, I could hardly believe this item of news when it was given to me last Sunday, December 20th. I mentioned in my column last week, the beauty of the Crib below the tower at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The loving hands that created this lovely scene must have been wrung with despair when the early Mass goers discovered that the figures had been badly defaced by some unknown person during the night.

Why anyone could do such a thing, is something for the Psychiatrists to fathom out. Apparently there are many in this world who derive a great deal of pleasure in acts of this sort.

Of those who perpetrated this act, Father Belanger said: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP SERVICE HELD AT VETVILLE HALL

(By Edith Bate)

Last Thursday morning, December 17th., a very beautiful Christmas Prayer and Fellowship Hour was held in the Hall, at Vetville. Sponsored by the Ladies of Maplewood Presbyterian Church, this service was open to all and a fairly good attendance noted, although there were still some empty seats. This is fast becoming an annual event, and this year with a guest speaker and soprano solist, it was the most enjoyable to date.

The service opened with Carol singing, with Mrs. John Allan accompanying on the piano, and Mrs. Winnie Will leading the singing. Scripture lesson from the New English Bible translation was read by Mrs. Weston. Guest solosit, Mrs. Jean Craig sang two very lovely sacred songs; "Holy City" by Stephen Adams, and "Mary's Boy Child" by Jester Hairstone. Mrs. Craig's voice is such a beautiful soprano, that I find it difficult to even try to describe it. She did her own accompaniment on the piano.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Howard Fraser, wife of the Rev. Fraser of St. Andrew's United Church, brought the Christmas Message so much closer to the minds and hearts of all who heard her.

A prayer was said by Mrs. Arleen Maude of St. George's Anglican Church, and then more of the well known carols were sung. The blessing was given by Mrs. Rose Young, and then a delicious lunch was served to all.

A comment from a number attending this warm, friendly service — "Why do we not have more of these?" Well, a sad commentary; alas, we do not keep this Christmas spirit with us all round the year, and I am just as guilty as others. It is a poor excuse to say, "We are only humans, and can't help it."

SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY RETARDED

(By Mrs. Geo. Rankin)

A school for the Mentally Retarded Children is badly needed in the Chateauguay area. The closest schools for these children around here are in Valleyfield and in Caughnawaga. The school in Caughnawaga is run by Mrs. Vroomen of Parkview, who is a qualified teacher, and very much interested in opening one in Chateauguay. The work this woman does for these children are too often pushed and what she can do with them, is really amazing. It is a wonderful thing, what Mrs. Vroomen is doing, as these children are too often pushed aside and forgotten, but here is one person who is really interested enough to try to do something about it.

A group of Ten children is needed to open, and have the backing of the Quebec Assoc. of Retarded Children, and the Federal Government. Special classes will be formed, and the children will be placed according to their capability. I am very sure there are such children in the area and that the mothers of these children will be very interested. Mrs. Vroomen is only asking that these mothers get together and form their own Local Branch, Her home phone No. is 692-2035. A lot more can be accomplished by a group working together. Why not give her a call, and see what can be done about getting this school opened, tell your neighbour about it, or if you know someone who wishes their child placed in such a school, she may not see it in the paper. If You, have such a child yourself, Call Mrs. Vroomen right away, and talk it over with her, remember, she wants to HELP your child, and will supply you with all the information.

Four Generations To Spend Xmas Season Here

Left to right: Mrs. Jack Taylor — (Irene) grandmother; Mrs. Wm. Delaney — (Heather) mother; Billy Delaney — 16 months old; Mrs. Fred Wyatt — (Lucy) great grandmother.

By Edith Bate

Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, was a very happy one for the Taylors' of Massey Drive, and the Wyatts' of Somme Apt. in Vetville. After a number of unfortunate delays, Heather came home from San Diego with her little son Billy, who is sixteen months old.

Their arrival here in town had been anticipated since early last summer, and to say that they were all "very happy", is to put it just a bit too mildly.

Heather is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Massey Drive, and has been in San Diego for approximately three years. Her husband, Bill, is a former resident of Beauharnois, and is now in the contracting business in San Diego. Heather's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyatt, residents of Vetville. The Wyatts are quite well known here in Chateauguay. Although they have been here in Canada for eight years with a year back in Yorkshire to take away the old "homesickness", they are well liked and even loved, by so many. Mr. Wyatt's position at Chateauguay High School on McLeod, has brought him in touch with most of the younger people of the whole area. Mrs. Wyatt is, of course, the moving spirit behnd the Ladies' Activities in Vetville

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Formation Of Protestant Regional School Board

By Fergus Horsburgh

The chairman of the nine, Chateauguay Valley Protestant School Boards met in Howick in closed session last Wednesday, December 16th. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Wise of the Department of Education.

It is understood that near-agreement was reached in principle to the formation of a seven-member Regional School Board for Protestant Schools in the Chateauguay Valley. Membership in the Board is reported to be on the basis of three members from Chateauguay, one from Huntingdon-Dundee, one from Valleyfield - Beauharnois, one from Howick-Ormstown and one from Franklin-Hemmingford.

Main point of discussion in the recent series of meetings of School Board Chairmen has been the question of whether the Regional Board would comprise seven or nine members. The choice of a seven-man board would mean that Chateauguay, with 50% of electors within its area, would have a 43% representation on the Board.

Next step in the Chateauguay Valley's part in the Department of Educations Project 55 of Bill 60 is expected to be formal resolutions by individual School Boards calling for the formation of a seven-man Regional Board. Such resolutions must be publicly posted for thirty days, and submitted to the Quebec

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