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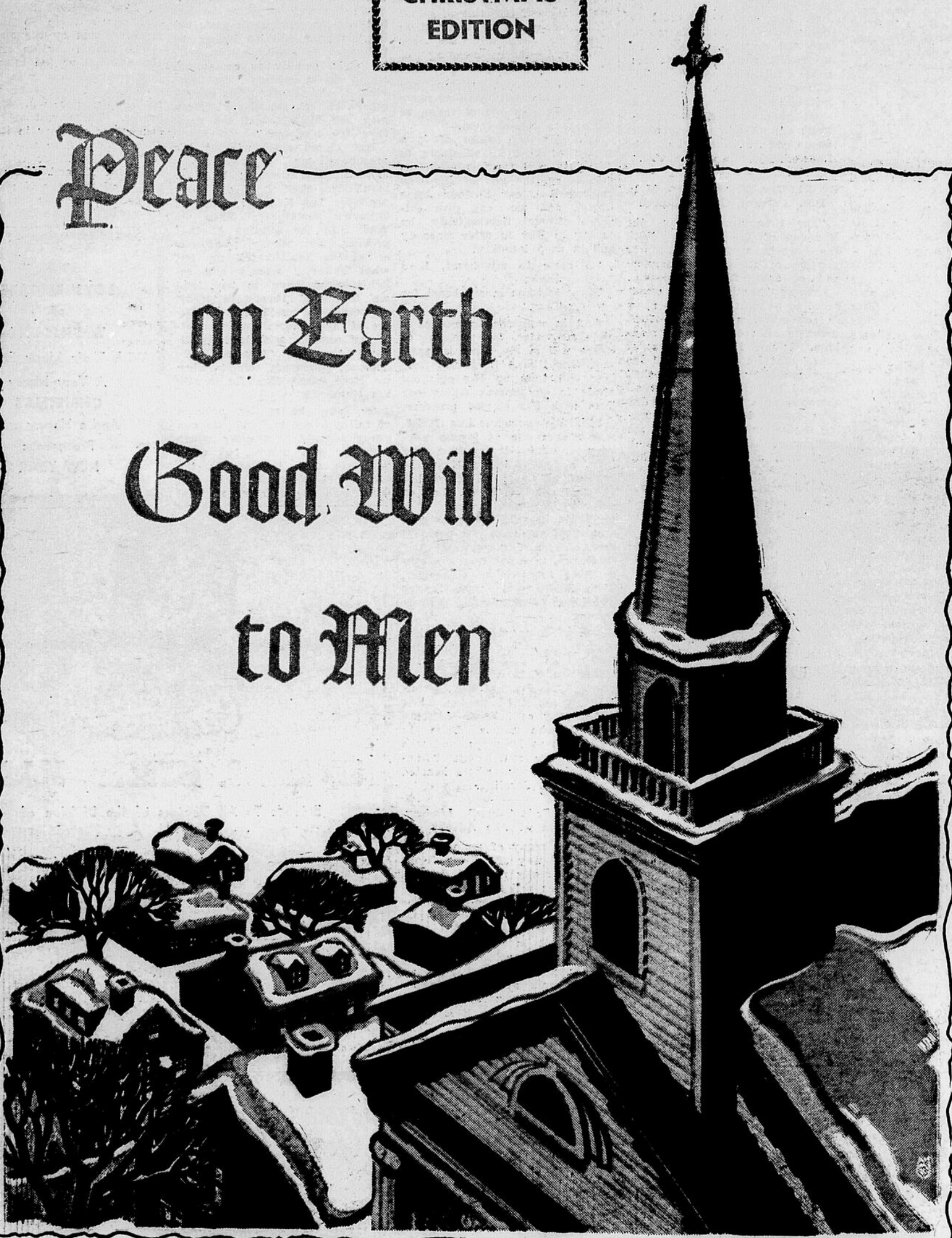
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Peace
on Earth
Good Will
to Men



Merry Christmas

Christmas Messages

By Rev. A. Lloyd Smith, D.D.
Dominion-Douglas United Church

The words of the title are from the ninth chapter of Isaiah which sets forth a shining vision given at a dark time. Powerful invaders had come into Palestine and had already seized much of the country. In Jerusalem there reigned a weak King, Ahaz, dominated by his wife, the wicked Jezebel. Isaiah had no hope of courageous leadership from such a sovereign. But he had confidence that the needed leader would appear. Even though the future looked dark, he was sure a light would shine. Instead of gloom and foreboding, he preached confidence and gladness born of trust. When the facts seemed to point to war and captivity, Isaiah dared to proclaim liberation and the end of war.

To-day, some psychologists would turn on Isaiah a most superior smile and label his message "Wishful thinking." But it is almost 2700 years since this prophecy was first spoken — yet still folk with glad hearts turn to these confident words, "Wishful thinking" does not explain why a hope and an ideal have persisted so long.

Occasionally to far-seeing souls there is granted a glimpse into the real meaning of history. Isaiah saw the true trend. In poetic phrase he foreshortened the time and spoke in present tense of something to come but about which he felt absolutely sure.

Centuries went by before there was born in Bethlehem the One of Whom Isaiah's words were true. Even yet the vision has not been fully realized. But the influence which Jesus, born a child in Bethlehem, has exercised upon the world is mightier than any earthly empire. With the story of his birth and life and death and rising again are associated the most vital movements in history. These indicate the direction in which the

Creator's purpose steadily moves. In a world still quivering after the paroxysm of war and where unity among the peoples seems still far away, we take up again this Christmas-tide, the ancient prophetic words:

"For all the armour of the armed men in the tumult and the garments rolled in blood shall be for burning, for fuel of fire. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace — Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end . . . The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

By Rt. Rev. T. W. Jones, M.A., D.D., Calvary United Church

"The time draws near the Birthday of The Christ". With these words a writer introduces a story of struggle, of heroism and of sacrificial comradeship. To us, as Christians, these words serve to quicken our minds anew in remembrance of the greatest event in all the history of mankind. It was in "the fulness of time," that He came, and all the ages preceding His birth looked forward to that event, while all the ages since that wondrous day have looked backward, accounting that birth of the babe in the manger of Bethlehem as having been also, a new birth of humanity.

A few weeks ago, while in our Canadian Northland, I stood on the "Watershed" line, where from one end of a lake the water flows toward the North, while at the other end, the water flows toward the South. Even so in the calendar of the years, the life of Jesus of Nazareth, whose birth in a stable at Bethlehem we celebrate once again, is the "Watershed" in all the life-story of our race, for even

the historians when recording events of the long ago, date them as (B.C.) before the birth of Christ.

What will this birthday mean to us this year? Simply a date upon the annual calendar? A holiday from our usual form of employment? An occasion for added enjoyment and possibly selfish indulgence? A day for the giving and receiving of gifts? If it means these and these alone, we shall miss the very heart and inner meaning of Christmas.

It is, however, within our power to make it mean so much more than any one of these, or more than all of them.

1st. We can make of it a season of glad Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His wondrous gift to us, the gift of His well beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and we can give evidence of our thanksgiving by saying to Him in utter sincerity and in deep humility:

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee."

And in response to our complete surrender, the miracle of Grace will surely come to pass, that Our Divine Lord and Saviour will take up His spiritual abode in our hearts, filling our lives with His blessed presence.

2nd. We can make this Christmas season one of joyous ministry for others. It can be a good time, a happy, loving time, the best of all the year, if we but choose to make it so. Let us earnestly, eagerly, joyously seek for those in need and give generously of our time, our personal service, and if possible, of our substance, in order to make other lives brighter and happier. Then indeed will "the Joy of The Lord" fill our hearts to overflowing.

3rd. Let us make it a time of worship. In our homes, in the Sanctuaries dedicated to the worship of God, or wherever we are on this Festival Day, let us worship the Lord in the spirit and beauty of holiness—offering to Him who was a Babe in Bethlehem so long ago, and who is now, our ever-loving, triumphant Lord, our whole hearted loyalty and devotion.

By Rev. Sydenham B. Lindsay,
Church of The Advent

A good many of us object to the casual way of writing Xmas when we really mean Christmas. Some of us feel that it is a little irreverent to abbreviate our Lord's Name in this way merely because we have not the time to write it in full. Perhaps, however, we may look at it from another point of view. In all our attempts at solving problems X is taken as the unknown factor. When X is found the problem is solved.

We are all aware of some of the problems facing us to-

day: problems of faith; problems of conduct, personal and national; problems of international co-operation. There is no end to them, and as often as we find an answer to one of them we uncover another that we had not imagined before.

Take one of the problems of faith: What is man? We may set out with an answer like this: Man is the highest product of the evolutionary series, a creature who behaves like the rest of the animal world but is endowed with a higher degree of intelligence. It is a reasonable answer, i.e., it is an answer based on reason, and it justifies man in going on in precisely the way in which he has behaved for generations past: using his body and his higher intelligence to gain his own selfish ends, exactly as an animal would do in seeking "the survival of the fittest." This can be otherwise expressed as "Each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost."

But if we start without the presuppositions of selfishness and ask the question: What is man? we shall try out our problem: Let X equal man: an unknown something. Then we draw into the solution of that problem, not simply what our selfishness has to tell us, but what history, science and religion alike have to say, and we find that there are ideals suggested by religion, corroborated by history, uncontradicted by science, that lead us directly to the "Man Nobody Knows". Curiously enough, when we have found Him He is still the Unknown.

Or take the related problem of faith: What is God? We can easily suggest answers which suit our own minds, but when we pose our problem in the form: Let X equal God, and draw into the solution all that

we can learn from the beauty and order of the universe, from the ideals of the noblest men from the self-sacrifice of mothers, from the charm of children, we arrive again at the solution "Jesus of Nazareth," and we still realize that there is a mystery remaining in the answer. There is still X the unknown. When we go to the age old problem of the philosophers and ask—What is the riddle of the universe? we may satisfy ourselves for a time with a man-made answer; but in the end we are driven to two passages of Scripture: "In the beginning God created;" and "In the beginning was the Word . . . by Him were all things made," and our attitude to the world is determined by the answer.

The search for an answer to the national or the international problems will lead us in the same direction. The answer will not be simple, nor will it compel assent. There will still be the element of mystery in it. It will be accepted, if at all, as a matter of faith. There will still be an X in it, and eventually we may find that the X may prove to be not a letter but a cross. (Continued on Page 16)

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and

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H. B. Beaumont Named To High C.P.R. Post

H. B. Beaumont, of 2 de Casson Road, has been appointed steamship passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it was announced on Saturday by George Stephen, C. B.E., vice-president of traffic of the C.P.R.

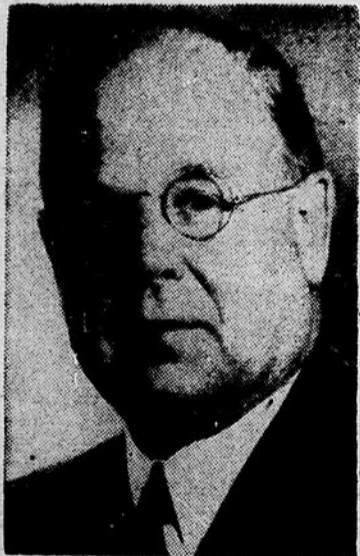
A native Montrealer, "Harry" Beaumont has had 43 years of experience with the company, and has seen service in London, England, and Toronto as well as here, in addition to making extensive trips to the Orient and other parts of the world served by the Canadian Pacific Steamships.

He organized the C.P.R. steamship cruise department, and when he left the position of head of the cruise section in 1929 the company's ships were carrying passengers on round-the-world cruises, Mediterranean cruises, South American-African tours and sailings to the West Indies.

Some years before the war, on Mr. Beaumont's advice following an inspection tour of the Orient, Canadian Pacific's ships on the Pacific run included in their schedule a call at Honolulu which continued until the outbreak of the Second World War.

Born in Montreal on August 3, 1889, he attended public and high school here, joining the services of the Canadian Pacific as a junior clerk in the steamship office in July, 1904. For a period in 1917 he was city passenger agent in Montreal, and in July of that year went to London, England, as chief clerk in the steamship passenger department.

Returning to Canada in 1920 as general agent at Montreal, he remained here for a year before moving to Toronto in the same capacity. He was in Toronto until March of 1924, when he returned to Montreal as assistant to the steamship general passenger agent. He has successively served here as steamship general passenger agent, assistant steamship passenger traffic manager and acting steamship passenger traffic manager.



H. B. BEAUMONT

Auto Skids Hits Parked Car Woman Injured

Shortly after nine o'clock on Thursday evening, A. W. Bruce, 2910 Maplewood avenue, who was driving westward on Sherbrooke street, lost control of his car, and skidded into a car parked at the side of the street near 4883 Sherbrooke street.

Force of the impact badly damaged his automobile and the car he struck which was rammed into another parked car.

Mrs. Bruce, who was riding with Mr. Bruce at the time of the accident, was seriously injured, and conveyed by ambulance to the Homeopathic Hospital, where she was found to have sustained severe abrasions and a fractured leg.

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

Drama Festival Entries Complete

The list of entries for the Western Quebec Region of the National Drama Festival is now complete. Plays to be presented by local drama groups during the week of January 26 in the Sun Life Auditorium are as follows:

Les Compagnons, 2 acts, "Antigone," by Jean Anouilh.

Montreal Repertory Theatre, 3 acts, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," by Rudolf Besier.

St. Genesius Players Guild, 2 acts, "Christmas on the Village Square," by Henri Ghéon.

Conservatoire Lassalle, 1 act, "Athalie," by Racine.

Groupe Alfred Brunet, 1 act, original Canadian Play, "La Rose de Jéricho," by André Bisson.

United Entertainers of Canada, 1 act, "L'Égrevue," by Marivaux.

Catholic Teachers' Guild, 1 act, "Shall We Join the Ladies," by J. M. Barrie.

N.D.G. Women's Club Drama Group, 1 act, "The Six Queens of Henry," by Marjorie Price.

Les Quinze, 1 act play.

Montreal Drama Guild, 1 act, "The Lower Depts.," by Maxim Gorki.

Trinity Players, 3 acts, "Hay Fever," by Noel Coward.

Sun Life Players, 3 acts, "Spider Island," and an original Canadian one-act, "That's What You Think," by Lawrence Money.

Drama Group, Business Women's Unit, CWL, 1 act, "Lost Victory."

Fridays Will Be Holidays In Westmount

It has been announced that the Council of the City of Westmount adapted a resolution declaring Friday, December 26, 1947, and Friday, January 2, 1948, to be civic holidays or non-judicial days in the City of Westmount, and that the City Hall and Civic Library will be closed on those days.

SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME

Smart folks will heed advice from the Police Department suggesting that anyone leaving home, even for a short time, be sure to carefully lock up and leave a light on, because housebreakers are generally active at this time of year.



SANTA CLAUS SNOW MAN

Sculptress Mrs. K. Winslow looks on as her little daughter, Daphne (extreme left), and her friends Connie and Susie Foucar admire the Santa Claus snow man she made for them.

Herbert Reddy Drive Progresses Toward Objective

Slow but steady progress toward an appeal objective of \$25,000 was reported today by Lyle D. Richardson, chairman of the Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital's appeal committee. As of last night, close to \$10,000 had been subscribed and Mr. Richardson stated that he was "not discouraged" over results so far.

"We have noted, with appreciation," Mr. Richardson said, "that many subscriptions have been received from persons who have not hitherto donated funds to the hospital. These donations have come from all sections of Greater Montreal and indicate an awareness that although Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in Westmount, it serves the community at large."

Mr. Richardson stated he was hopeful that a large increase in donations would be registered before the holiday season. He reiterated that canvassers were not being employed to solicit subscriptions and that the appeal will continue until the objective is reached.

A. D. Horne, Local B. of M. Branch Head, Moves To Peel St. Post

New manager of the Bank of Montreal's main Westmount branch, at the corner of Greene and Western avenues, is William M. Jackson. In charge of the Hull office for the past four and a half years, Mr. Jackson succeeds Athol D. Horne, Westmount manager since June, 1945, who will shortly take over the management of the bank's Peel street branch.

Mr. Jackson has had previous experience with the B of M in Montreal. Starting his banking career at London, Ont., in 1907, he subsequently served with the bank in Victoria, B.C., and at both the bank's head office and the West End branch in this city. Named acting manager of the Notre Dame and McCord Streets office in 1931, Mr. Jackson was manager, in turn, of the branches at Montreal West, Cowansville and Granby, whence he went to Hull in May, 1943.

During his residence there, Mr. Jackson has shown himself to be an active community worker. Director of the Hull Federated Charities from 1945 to 1947 and of the Board of Trade, he has also served as treasurer for the Red Cross at Hull. In 1946, Mr. Jackson was vice-president of the Lions Club of Hull.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Mr. Horne, now appointed manager at Peel Street, came to Canada in 1909 and began his banking career in Toronto that same year. After service at various Toronto branches of the bank and four years' inspection work, Mr. Horne was appointed accountant, in 1928, at the King and Yonge Streets office, Toronto.

The following year he was attached to the superintendent's department there and in 1930 to the department of the superintendent of the Montreal district. Six years later Mr. Horne became manager of the bank's local Beaver Hall office, remaining there until he took charge of the Westmount branch two and a half years ago.

This Week at Victoria Hall

Saturday, December 27
Canadian Art Theatre—2.30 p.m.

Monday, December 29
Putters' Social—evening.
Westmount Chapter O.E.S.—evening.

Tuesday, December 30
St. John Ambulance Association—evening.
Mizpah Lodge—evening.



ATHOL D. HORNE



WILLIAM M. JACKSON

Scouts & Cubs

BY REG GROOME

CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL:—(From "The Council Fire"):

Far behind the celebration of Christmas and the New Year lies the old pagan and prehistoric custom of rejoicing at this season of the year because it marks the turning point of the Sun in its journey across the heavens. All through the autumn its path has been getting lower and lower towards the south, and on Dec. 22nd at 11.43 a.m. (the Winter Solstice) it reaches its lowest point. Thereafter it slowly works towards the north, with the days becoming gradually longer; and it was in celebration of this start of a new cycle in the astronomical year that the rejoicing were held.

The meaning of the season is, of course, that a new period is beginning, leading through the spring into full-fledged summer. There is a time-lag getting the warmer weather because it takes a while for the stronger sunlight to overcome the coldness stored in the earth. But the promise is there for all who understand to rejoice in.

"New beginnings" are possible in Scouting and Cubbing as well as in astronomy. To what better use can a Scout or Cub put the holiday season than to plan a new beginning in his activities with his unit? A difficult period lies immediately ahead: hockey and skiing are terrific competitors for the attention of boys during the next couple of months. None of us can object to these admirable winter sports, but there surely is a place for our own activities as well. We can't overcome the competition by issuing regulations about compulsory attendance at our meetings; we can cope with it, however, by making our activities so attractive that the boys will MAKE time for them in spite of their busy schedule.

So, beyond its personal application, the message of Christmas and the New Year to Scouters can be to make a new beginning in our game; to start fresh forgetting any previous failure; to blow the dust off our manuals; to overhaul our ideas of what Scouts and Cubs should be doing on the basis of the unique type of activities we offer to boys; to celebrate the "turn of the season" by renewing our own devotion to the ideals and practices of our Movement.

The Chief Scout has awarded the Cornwell Scout Badge to Scout Donald Gould of the 2nd Salisbury Group, England. The presentation is to be made at the Guildhall, Salisbury, on December 24th. The "Cornwell Scout" Badge is an exceptional award in respect of pre-eminently high character and devotion to duty, together with great courage, endurance or gallantry.

Scout Gould is 18 years old. Seven years of his life have been

spent in hospital with tuberculosis of the right hip. This, in 1943, necessitated an amputation of the right leg. In spite of constant suffering most of his life the hospital authorities say "his courage, cheerfulness and fortitude have been outstanding."

His Scoutmaster writes: "It is impossible to speak too highly of his courage and perseverance. Donald insists on entering fully into the Troop life — he attends all outdoor activities, camps, etc., and has proved himself invaluable in helping other lads in the Troop."

"No matter what the weather, Donald finds his way to Troop meetings; if his artificial limb will not take him where he wishes to get, then he tries his crutches. In the appalling weather of last winter, Donald insisted in helping with the collection of gas masks—although this involved walking on ice and through snow. "Always cheerful, never complaining, Donald is always willing to help in any way; he is a true Scout and an inspiration in our Troop."

Y Notes

The Westmount Y.M.C.A. will hold a Special Christmas Program for its members during the holiday period.

The Y.M.C.A. will be open each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On December 24th, the Y.M.C.A. will close at 3 p.m. and open again Dec. 26th at 2 p.m. A schedule of inter-Y competition and house league games, bordon hall, crafts, swimming and visits will be held during the week after Christmas.

Most clubs will do their preparations for the Penny Carnival on the afternoon of December 26th.

We should like to take this opportunity of extending a Merry Xmas greeting to all Y.M.C.A. Boys and their families.

What Makes Christmas

It was not the angel's singing
Gave the Christmas thought,
Not the precious gold and incense
By the Wise Men brought.

Not the shining star that led them
On their unknown way;
'Twas the Christ within the manger
Made the Christmas Day.

So 'tis not the tree and presents
Make our Christmas Day,
'Tis not what we get that counts,
But—what we give away.

'Tis the joy of loving service
Makes the glad hours bright,
Thinking first of others' pleasures
Self put out of sight.

We need never mourn that Christmas
Comes but once a year
Since the blessedness of giving
Brings the Christmas cheer.

If we keep the Christmas spirit
In our hearts always,
Through the whole year we can
make it
Christmas every day.

Roslyn News

On Friday, December 19th, a Christmas programme was held in the gym for the parents and friends of the students of Kindergarten, and Grades One and Two. First heard were two songs from Miss White's Kindergarten called "All Folks at Christmas" and "Mary." It was very well done with two or three pupils waving to their mothers in the crowd. Then we heard two more songs from the other Kindergarten, entitled Hush-A-Bye-Baby and Santa Is A Fine Old Man.

Next we heard four pieces from Grade One's rhythm band. They were "Santa's Pixies," "Elves of Santa Claus," "The Whistler and His Dog," and "Waltzing Matilda." Then we heard Miss Rankin's and Miss Jamieson's classes say two verses entitled "Christmas Eve" and Christmas Tree Toys. They also sang two songs called In Bethlehem and Mary Had A Little Baby.

Then the parents heard from Grade Two, two songs and a singing game called "Christmas Bells" and Bethlehem Inn." The next and final item saw Miss Cliff's and Mrs. Bailey's classes act out a play entitled "The Christmas Story." The players did a very fine job and we hope to have another play towards the end of the year.

On the closing date a Christmas carol singing programme was held just before the school closed for the holidays. The school choir sang carols with the pupils of the upper classes.

Roslyn's Grade Five team played a return basketball game with Iona's Room 23. The Ionans were a lot stronger than the Roslyns and out-shot them by a great margin. The score was 13-6 for Iona.

Last Thursday, Room 13 put on a Christmas play in their classroom. Among those present were Miss White, Miss MacLennan, Miss Jamieson and Mr. Penrose.

Grade Five Room 12 have a Christmas tree and have decorated it. Ann Stewart brought the tree and some of the decorations. Our holidays begin December 23rd in the afternoon and will end January 5th.

On Saturday night, December 20th, the swimming team participated in a school girls meet at the Community Hall pool. Beth Whittall won the free style race, and Judy Liersch the sidestroke race. Our relay team were also the victors. The team was made up of—Beth Whittall, Judy Brow, Judy Liersch and Janet Buzzell. Each swimmer brought a gift for the Children's Memorial Hospital.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone.

Down Hobbylane

By FRANCES GAUTHIER

Izzat the new fashion in sweaters, Pauline . . . wrong side, that is? . . . Sheila Kennedy passing around her memoirs of the 1946 season at camp . . . Seems it's over for good 'tween Doreen and Gerry . . . Audrey quite concerned about George hitch-hiking downtown . . . Don't miss the dance at St. Willibrord on the 27th. Prizes, refreshments, an ork will help make it one of the best school dances yet . . .

Lotsaprizs and lotsapeople at the MISSA dance Friday . . . Ditto the High dance . . . And the Jenkins Brothers do that same nite . . . Also worthy of applause were the St. Leo's and Mtl. West Xmas dances last nite . . . Terry Bourgon's pahty skeddled for New Year's Eve . . .

Helen Borne's the new check-girl at the Avenue . . . Thelma Cassidy will spare-time same job . . . Mitts seem to be the order of the day where Christmas presents are concerned . . . So far, we know of a half-dozen gals receiving them . . . Michele Lawton skeddled to be the wardrobe mistress for St. Leo's Dramatic Club . . .

Please . . . Would those certain people, when they want to complain about what I put in this column, come to me or the editor and not the school which has nothing to do with what's in here? . . . We'd be very grateful . . . That's all for this week except that we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas . . .

STAR SALESMAN

Wendell Corey, who makes his screen debut in Hal Wallis' "Desert Fury," tried his hand at selling refrigerators in a Springfield, Mass., department store before he turned his hand to acting.



To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?

ANSWERS

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.

THE LADY IN GRAY

When beautiful Florence Marly arrived in Hollywood to make her first screen appearance in America in Paramount's "Sealed Verdict," the European actress proved beyond any doubt that she is partial to gray. Nearly every item in her Parisian-designed wardrobe is made up in that color—a perfect combination with her pale blue eyes and russet-colored hair.

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Y.M.C.A. NOTES

Teen-Age Party

Teen-agers in the Westmount Area will welcome in the New Year at the Westmount YMCA to the music of Rhandy Whinfield and his mixed Orchestra.

This is a semi-formal party with a floor show, prizes, decorations, entertainment, refreshments. Dancing commences at 10.15 p.m. and continues till 2.30 a.m.

Special arrangements have been made so that couples who attend may have their photo taken. A male vocalist and Max Reden, a ventriloquist, will add to the program.

Members of the committee planning the event are: Tom Parrott, Phil Rosengarten and Joan Fox, Friday Night Club; Kenneth Parrott, St. Andrew's Church; Emily Wolfkill, Ann Smith and Derick Matheson, Hi-Y; Audrey McLean, Westmount Park Church; Vera Cooper, St. Stephen's Church; Jim Nesbit, Westmount Park Church; Robin Upton, Dominion Douglas Church; Carrington Carriss, St. Matthias Church; and Bill Bant, Derek Hannaford, Alec Condie; and Bliss Cartmel.

This party is to provide for the Youth of Westmount a New Year's Eve that they will remember at a minimum cost, away from the commercialized attractions of the City.

Westmount Y.M.C.A. Boys Plan Penny Carnival Saturday, December 28th

Residents of Westmount, old and young, are invited to the annual Westmount Y.M.C.A. Christmas Penny Carnival to be held from 1 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., Saturday December 27th.

This Penny Carnival is sponsored by clubs of the Boys' Division of the Y.M.C.A. in order to raise funds for the World Service Work of the Association. This year's Carnival will be held in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A. with various clubs of the Y.M.C.A. operating the different stalls and booths.

Opening at 1 p.m., the Penny Carnival will feature dart shooting, automobile racing, basket shooting, fish pond, ring throwing, B.B. gunshooting, fortune telling, movie sights, hot dogs, soft drinks, bean guessing and a number of other games of skill, participation in which will cost one cent.

The following Boys' Division Clubs are operating several booths each—Trianglettes, Y-Eba, Jr. Hi-Y Alphas, Jr. Hi-Y Betas, St. Henri Jr. Hi-Y, Intermediate Leaders' Corps, All Star Gra-Y, Chesterfield Gra-Y, Planets Gra-Y, Coyote Gra-Y, St. Henri Gra-Y, Friendly Gra-Y.

Following the carnival, a dance will be held at 9.30 p.m.

On behalf of the boys planning this event, we invite parents and boys to attend this Christmas Holiday event.

Druids Considered Mistletoe Sacred

Did you know that when enemies meet under the mistletoe bough they are supposed to lay down their arms for at least a 24-hour truce? This is why a hostess tries to hang some mistletoe near the doorway of her home, thus assuring perfect harmony while her guests are under her roof. The Druids of old held the mistletoe bough sacred. It was also considered symbolic and an invitation to the spirits of the forest to come in and bring good cheer. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe dates back to ancient Britain. To bring the best type of luck to the one kissed, it is claimed the bough must be cut with a golden knife.

W. F. Murphy Funeral Held

Funeral service was held on Friday for W. Frank Murphy, of 4540 St. Catherine street west, who died at his home on Wednesday after a long illness in his 64th year.

Mr. Murphy was former secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Real Estate Board, and well-known throughout Canada as a leading member of the Order of the Elks.

Born in Saint John, N. B., son of William Murphy and Helen Mackintosh Murphy, he came to Montreal with his parents over half a century ago and his father established the real estate business of William Murphy Registered.

He was educated in Saint John, and joined his father's firm, subsequently carrying it on with his brother, Lt.-Col. D. Murray Murphy, on the death of his father. He was a member of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers in the United States and of the Building Owners' and Managers Association in Montreal.

Mr. Murphy was one of the founders of the Montreal Lodge of the Order of Elks, and did considerable pioneer work in establishing lodges throughout Canada, eventually being appointed Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks for Canada and Newfoundland. He was an enthusiastic fisherman and belonged to organizations interested in conservation of fish and game.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Lena J. Murphy, and his brother, Colonel Murphy, both of Montreal.

Rev. W. Orr Mulligan, of Melville Presbyterian Church officiated at the funeral service held in the Chapel of Tees & Co., St. Luke Street. Interment was at Mount Royal Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS SEALS SALES

Sales of Christmas seals across Canada so far this year have raised more than \$500,000 for the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, Dr. G. J. Wherritt, executive secretary of the C.T.A. announced in Ottawa last week.

He said that the present total of \$523,941 represented an eight per cent increase over the sum raised at the corresponding period of the campaign last year.

Accident Prevention At Christmas Urged

Christmastime is the season of the year when it is most essential that good housekeeping habits prevail within the home to avoid injury to the family, Arthur Gaboury, editor of Nouvellettes, organ of the Quebec Association for the Prevention of Industrial Accidents, writes in the Christmas issue of the magazine.

Hints for holiday happiness compiled by Mr. Gaboury include:

"Keep the floor clear from grease spots; keep pot handles turned toward the back of the stove; keep percolators and coffee pots where children cannot reach; prevent pots and pans from boiling over and extinguishing gas flames; always keep matches, cleaning fluids and disinfectants out of the children's reach.

"Also to be kept well away from children, Mr. Gaboury warns, are buckets or pans of hot water, knives and sharp kitchen tools. Make it a Merry Christmas through safety in the home," the safety engineer added.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Westmount, by resolution adopted December 22nd, 1947, declared Friday, 26th December, 1947, and Friday, 2nd January, 1948, to be civic holidays or non-judicial days in the City of Westmount under Section 43 of the Bills of Exchange Act, and that the City Hall and the Civic Library will be closed on both days.

R. P. ADAMS,
 Mayor.

C. W. HOUSTON,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

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MOST POPULAR FESTIVE POEM

Almost every weekly which came to our desk during the past week published the season's most popular poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." In fact, it is the most popular verse of the festive season each year.

The Christian Science Monitor brings to light the interesting origin of the poem:

"The author, Clement Clarke Moore, of the Columbia College class of 1798, never intended the words of his ballad, 'A Visit From St. Nicholas,' to be published. He wrote it for his children, nine rollicking youngsters whose home was a big country house in Greenwich Village. The Moore home was located at what is now Ninth Avenue and 23rd Street.

"Milton Halsey Thomas, curator of the Columbia Collection in Low Memorial Library, recalls the circumstances in a foreword to a little book on the poem's author published by the Columbia University press.

"Mr. Moore wrote the ballad and recited it to his children to enliven the Christmas Eve celebration of 1822. A few days later, Miss Harriet Butler of Troy, N.Y., visited the Moore family and heard the poem. She requested permission to copy the verses.

"Miss Butler later sent the ballad to the Troy Sentinel, where it was first published anonymously on Dec. 23, 1829. The authorship was not disclosed for several years, although the poem attained instant popularity and was printed annually in the Sentinel.

"Mr. Thomas notes that it is Mr. Moore's St. Nicholas, a characterization based on a 'portly, rubicond Dutchman' living in the neighborhood of Chelsea section of New York, who has become the accepted personification of Santa Claus for Americans.

No artist in the past century has deviated from the portrait drawn from Mr. Moore's words; nor in a day of airplanes and central heating systems has his delightful fantasy lost its appeal."

OLD YOUNGSTER

Interviewed at Halifax, Saint John, Vancouver, Montreal West — visitors to Canada usually manage to put in something about

this being such a young country. They have been doing it for a good many years. Some of them may even thoroughly believe what they say. At any rate, they probably mean no harm in saying Canada is young. The harm would be if Canadians themselves believed that this was entirely so.

It has been in Canada's national interest to foster the tradition of her being a young country, for which due allowances should be made. But a tradition of youth is naturally a difficult thing to keep up especially when one is getting along in years. At least one newspaper interviewer has come to suspect a twinkle in the eyes of some of the visitors who have lately given forth about Canada's youth. This newspaperman suspects that some of the dignitaries he has been interviewing really think that eighty years is not so very young, even for a country. He feels they may have been looking at maps and noticing a good many nations' names that are newer than Canada's — nations that are of course made up of old peoples, just as Canada is made up of old peoples. He suspects also that it may have occurred to some of the visitors that, in the eighty years of Canada's history, the empires of Germany, Japan and Italy have started up and have run their courses and have perished.

It may then be that the tradition of Canada's being a young country, just starting up is not so generally accepted as formerly. If this is so, the time may be passing, or even past, when we can hope for any considerable leeway of allowance on the score of our inexperience.

The important question about Canada is not whether it is young or old among the countries of the world but whether it is going to be a place of expanding satisfactions. Even people who are no longer remarkable for their youth can get satisfaction out of life if they don't fool themselves and instead, try very hard to do things well. —

THE PRINTED WORD.

EXTENDING AUTO'S LIFE EXPECTANCY

Just as the life-expectancy of man is steadily improving, so is the usefulness of his car. Probably the basic reason is the same, an improved understanding of the physical machine, and the stresses it will have to meet. Anyway, here is the statement of fact for whatever comfort it may be to those who cannot get a new car. On the authority of data gathered by the National Highwayusers Conference, the average motor vehicle today is good for 90,000 miles and twelve years of wear. Just a dozen years ago the same makes of cars were scrapped at an average of 8.3 years. They had achieved an average of 58,000 miles. — J.L.R.

marketeers. As a result of this encroachment upon individual liberty, Mr. Dean says, "the Englishman's home is no longer his castle and is fast becoming something close to a prison".

Mr. Dean gives other examples of the gradual whittling away of personal liberties, and concludes: "I am convinced that the Cabinet at present in office is just as much devoted to parliamentary democracy as Mr. Churchill or any other political leader in the country. I am also convinced that where it invaded personal liberty it has done so reluctantly and in the belief that this was the only way. Nevertheless, the fact remains that an administrative machine which in some respects is horrifyingly totalitarian has been built up, piecemeal and by slow degrees".

That is a complete reversal of Tennyson's idea of British political progress as expressed in the lines:

Where freedom broadens slowly down

From precedent to precedent. Mr. Dean has discovered that under socialist planned economy freedom has narrowed slowly down from restriction to restriction.

Shooting authentic backgrounds for "Sealed Verdict," Paramount's picturization of Lionel Shapiro's novel about postwar Germany, took Director Lewis Allen and a camera crew on a special trip to the Continent, during which 40,000 feet of film were expedited to add reality to the forthcoming screen version of the bestseller.

THE FORUM

Conducted by Howard S. Ross, K.C., D.C.L.

In Which Subjects of General Interest Are Discussed

The opinions expressed in this Forum are not necessarily those of this newspaper, and it does not accept responsibility for them.

The American Revolution, wrote John Adams, "was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people."

Concluding his report to the U. S. Senate on the London meeting of the United Nations, Senator Vandenberg said: "You may tell me that I speak of the millennium. I reply in the words of Holy Writ: 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'"

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The City of Verdun should get the right to use the power plant near them which has been lying idle for some years. It is terrific waste to allow the millions of horsepower in the Lachine Rapids to run to the sea day and night, year in and year out when it should be used by the people of Verdun, Ville LaSalle, Lachine and Mont-real. If we were bright enough we would find out who is responsible for such glaring sabotage. That such a state of affairs is legally possible shows how faulty our economic system is. The people of Verdun should take the lead in signing a monster petition to our Provincial Government with figures showing the loss to the communities mentioned and with photographs showing the rushing water going to waste so that electric power may be scarce and therefore expensive.

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This columnist takes advantage of this opportunity to bid his host of readers, friends and acquaintances a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year — and means this sincerely.

When it is known that the ancient Greeks applied that term to their fine sculptured statues and statuettes, wrought painstakingly from marble, advertising them as sincere, or "with-wax", the depth of feeling behind these words may be somewhat realized as the Forum draws to its close with the old year.

So again, to my host of dear friends, I repeat, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Hermann Hagedorn of Santa Barbara, Calif., concludes his long impassioned poem "The Bomb That Fell on America" with the assertion:

"The atom is the greatest force in the world save one.

That one is the human soul."

The implication of course is that unless this discovery is applied no new strategy of military defence will save the people of the world.

Unfortunately the poet did not indicate that he sensed the importance of discovering an economic system, which John Bunyan called the "practice side" of Christianity, that is a system based on economic justice to people everywhere.

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John Randolph wrote: The surest way to prevent war is not to fear it.

What a weak statement!

Surely it is becoming clearer that the only way to end war is to adopt an economic system which will give all humans equal freedom and thus equal opportunity so that it will be as easy for one as for another to share in the bounty of nature by doing his and her share of the really useful work of the world without anyone having to pay tribute to anyone. Such a system known as Equitism is now being advocated in Canada and the U. S. A.

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Speaking at the opening exercises for the new term of Yale Divinity School, Liston Pope,

Professor of Social Ethics, said that because no retreat is possible from world problems Christendom is faced with deciding whether a new socialism akin to that now emerging in Great Britain is more Christian than either Capitalism or Communism is capable of being; whether the profit motive, as exalted in America, is unChristian; whether racial discrimination, hatred and compulsory segregation are always and everywhere un-Christian; whether war is truly evil; whether rich persons, rich churches and other wealthy institutions are an affront to human community and a sin against God in a poor world; whether "God is always on the side of the oppressed." — From The Christian Century.

Book Review

By H. S. Ross

Managing Your Mind. You Can Change Human Nature by S. H. Kraines, M.D., Major, Medical Corps, A.U.S. Associate in Psychiatry, University of Illinois, College of Medicine; Assistant State Alienist, State of Illinois; Diplomate of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and E. S. Thetford. The MacMillan Company of Canada Limited, 70 Bond St., Toronto 2. Price \$2.75 Pages 374.

Someone wrote recently: "Today's harassed business and professional men suffer as much from 'Civilization' as from disorders of organic origin. When there is no proper outlet for emotions which have been aroused and physical responses which have been stimulated, a state of tension is created and frequently presents itself through purely physical symptoms."

This stimulating volume, filled with convincing arguments and a wealth of information, explains to what extent humans can control and direct their actions, thoughts and feelings. The many illustrative stories of unique cases and the non-technical language and the very thorough treatment given this all important subject merits the attention of a wide circle of discriminating readers.

The 18 chapters are: (1) Introduction, (2) Man versus Animal, (3) Automatic Bodies In A Changing World, (4) Emotional Thinking, (5) Making Allies Of Our Attitudes, (6) Tension, (7) Heart Symptoms, (8) Stomach Symptoms, (9) Other Symptoms, (10) Psychologic Mechanisms, (11) Symbolic Symptoms, (12) Sex and Marriage, (13) A Realistic Philosophy of Life, (14) Intellectual Objectivity and Emotional Stability, (15) Achieving Maturity, (16) Self-Reliance And Courage, (17) Energy Expression and (18) Changing Social Nature.

Anyone who follows the advice hailed the book as a step forward of the authors will never regret doing so. Chapter (13) "A Realistic Philosophy of Life" should be carefully read and absorbed and the many wise suggestions. This chapter alone is well worth the cost of the book which is full of the soundest kind of common sense (or should one say uncommon sense) based upon knowledge and insight. Medical journals have in the broad field of mental hygiene.

Weekly Review

Freedom In Reverse

By LEWIS MILLIGAN

What happens to individual liberties under a planned economy? Basil Dean, in a recent article, says he has been turning over that question in his mind for some time, and that the answer at the moment is that in England individual liberties are "taking a bad beating". At the outset he explains that until a few months ago, "one of my deepest-held personal convictions was that the British Labor movement would indeed be able to find the solution to the problem of individual freedom in the planned society". Now he has decided that the "battle is rapidly being lost".

Mr. Dean does not believe that the "constant erosion of freedom which is going on in Britain is the result of calculated policy on the part of the government", but that it is rather the "inevitable extension of government interference in an ever-widening range of industrial and commercial activity." The process has been so imperceptible that the British people are today "approaching a state of acquiescence".

He then gives a series of outstanding examples. One is the new order for the direction of labor, which he says was introduced because a milder form of selective service had failed, and he adds: "By only two steps in this logical process, the freedom of workers to choose their own jobs has been returned to a condition in which it was in about 1485".

Another example is that of forbidding British residents to

travel abroad for pleasure. This, says Mr. Dean, seemed quite logical in view of the dollar crisis, and it was also logical that they should not be allowed to send money out of the country, and that women should be forbidden to wear jewelry when they go abroad for fear they might sell it to get foreign currency. But this chain of logic led to other restrictions, searchings and censorship of mails, and now, says Mr. Dean, "travellers are forbidden to kiss or embrace their wives when leaving London airport for fear some contraband article may pass between them".

By the same logic it seemed perfectly proper that enforcement officers of the Ministry of Food should be given blanket search warrants to assist them in their operations against black

Faith and Peace Are Eternal...

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew is remembered



chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

★ Star ★ Of The East

Star of the East, that long ago Brought wise men on their way Where, angels singing to and fro, The Child of Bethlehem lay— Above that Syrian hill afar Thou' shinest out, tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear

But for the tender grace That with thy glory comes to cheer

Earth's loneliest, darkest place, For by that charity we see Where there is hope for all and me.

Star of the East, show us the way In wisdom undefiled

To seek the manger out and lay Our gifts before the Child— To bring our hearts and offer them

Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Westmount Baptist

Mrs. Pearl Wu Hsu, distinguished Chinese gentlewoman, and friend of Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, will address the evening congregation in Westmount Baptist Church on Sunday evening. Mrs. Hsu's husband, Professor C. Y. Hsu, of the Department of Physics at Kun Ming Teachers' College, is Principal of the En Kwang "Light of Grace" School and a graduate of McGill University. Following her baptism, she was a member of Westmount Baptist Church for fully a year.

This gracious lady has under her direction 300 pupils in her Junior High Boarding School. Of these, about 30 are orphans, many of whom were brought to her by American flyers during the war.

Mrs. Hsu will tell of her Christian work on behalf of China's children and will describe, verbally, the terrible years of Japanese occupation. No one should miss hearing this inside story, as told by one so competent.

At the morning service, Dr. Johnston will have as his theme "Pressing Toward the Prize." The Choir, under the direction of Hibbert Troop, will again present a programme of Christmas Carols and Choruses.

The Church will again hold its annual Watchnight Service on the last night of the year. The programme will begin with a play, presented by the young people of the Church. This will be followed by a period of friendly fellowship, during which refreshments will be served. The Watch-night Service proper will begin at 11.15. All friends of the city and community are cordially invited.

Thursday Evening a company of some 40 young people from the Church visited Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital. Carols were sung, to the accompaniment of a portable organ. Six or seven large wards were also visited by Dr. Johnston and his young people, when little Christmas gifts were presented to each patient and to the nurses and orderlies in charge. Preliminary arrangements were made by Nurse Eileen McCreedy and Nurse Audrey Hunter. Harold Hamilton was at the organ. Les Carson was responsible for the refreshments. George Ward was in charge of the carol singing and George Fisher, President of the Young People's Organization, supervised the whole programme. Janet Buchanan was soloist.

Church of the Advent

Carol Service of nine lessons, which will be on Sunday at 7 p.m. consists of two parts. The first is based upon the ancient monastic office of Matins for Christmas Day, which included a number of lessons. Sometimes as many as twelve were read, interspersed with hymns, psalms, antiphons and prayers.

In the Carol Service there are nine lessons, read by nine different people, to show that it is the duty and privilege of all Christians, no matter what their age or station, to bear witness to Christ, and spread the Gospel. The nine Lessons follow a culminating sequence, starting with the origin of evil and the promise of a Savior, and ending with the glorious proclamation, that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, come to earth as man, full of grace and truth. Here the first part ends.

The second part is the Procession to the Crib, followed by Devotions to the Christ Child, and the receiving of a Candle by every Chorister and Server. This part of the Service embodies certain features connected with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (2nd Feb.), which is called Candlemas, because on this day the aged Simeon declared the Christ Child to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. As each Boy and Man receives his candle, it is a token that the Everlasting Light has come to him, and he must bear it aloft, till the light and glory of Christ shine into the darkest corners of the earth.

Thus the final Profession from

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CASTING UP ACCOUNTS

By Rev. Canon R. Kenneth Naylor,
Rector of Trinity Memorial Church



A good many people make good resolutions at the New Year, sometimes in jest, but perhaps more often in earnest. It is not a bad custom, for it is a recognition of the fact that every one of us might and should do better.

It would add to the reality of New Year resolutions if we made a preliminary appraisal of the past year. If I look back to the last New Year, consider what my good resolutions were and then compare them with the results, the process might have a sobering effect.

Even if I made no resolutions it still would be a good plan to look back over the year and compare the performance with what should have been.

Part of the difficulty with re-

solutions is that many of us are not really in earnest about them. We make them as a joke without any intention of keeping them. That is extremely bad for the character. Life is actually too serious a matter to be taken in this way. When I say "serious", I do not mean that we should rob life of its humour. That would be deadly; we need humour in these trying days to keep us sane. But humour does not need to be false.

Another year gone should make us stop and think. Actually, of all seasons in the year it is used for unrestrained revelry, for the sheer purpose of drowning thought. The habit of seeing the New Year in with prayer is growing less and less popular; and the habit of spending large sums on food and

be illustrated with lantern pictures.

The Church School will meet as usual at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday at 11 p.m., there will be a Watchnight Service in Stanley Church to which all members of Dominion-Douglas are cordially invited. The speaker will be Dr. Lloyd Smith.

Church of The Advent

Corner of Wood and Western
Westmount
Rev. Sydenham B. Lindsay, Rector

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.30 p.m. Midnight Eucharist.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.15 a.m. Matins.
11.00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist.
4.00 p.m. Evensong.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.15 a.m. Matins.
11.00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist.
4.00 p.m. Evensong.
7.00 p.m. Carol Service of Nine Lessons

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH

Westmount
Corner Church Hill and
Cote St. Antoine Road
Rector: Rev. Canon Gilbert Oliver,
L.Th., M.C.

CHRISTMAS EVE
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral and Carols).

CHRISTMAS DAY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral and Carols. Short Address by the Rector).

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: The Rector.

11.30 a.m. Junior Church.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.
WEDNESDAY
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

Trinity Memorial Church

Sherbrooke St. at Marlowe Ave.
Rev. Canon R. Kenneth Naylor,
Rector.

CHRISTMAS EVE — DEC. 24th
11.45 p.m. Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY — DEC. 25th
6.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY — DEC. 26th
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY
DECEMBER 27th
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DEC. 28th
HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Confirmation Class.
10.00 a.m. Senior School.
11.00 a.m. Matins. Preacher: — The Rector. Kindergarten.
3.00 p.m. Primary School.
4.30 p.m. Evensong.
7.30 p.m. Carol Service.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

drink and noise at a popular restaurant increases yearly. I wonder if any of us really approve of our present New Year revelry, except the restaurants which provide it and profit by it.

If we look back over the year and cast up accounts it will be well if we go back to the very beginning of it and see if we were satisfied with it.

Calvary Church

Dorchester St. at Greene Ave.,
Westmount
Minister: Rev. T. W. Jones,
M.A., D.D.
Moderator of The United Church
of Canada

Assistant. Mr. Maxwell Reader, B.A.
Organist and Choir Director,
Mr. Gifford Mitchell

10.00 a.m. Church School in all Departments.

11.00 a.m. Worship Service.
Carols by Children of The Friendly Home.

7.30 p.m. Worship Service.
Preacher at both services: Rev. Dr. T. W. Jones.

Watch Night Service in the Church
Wednesday, December 31st at
11.15 p.m.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THESE FINAL SERVICES OF
THE YEAR 1947

Dominion-Douglas Church

Westmount Blvd., cor. Lansdowne
Avenue
Ministers:

Rev. A. Lloyd Smith M.A., D.D.
Rev. R. Graham F.D., B.A., B.D.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th DECEMBER

11.00 a.m. Joint Service with Stanley
Congregation in Dominion-Douglas
Church. Speaker: Rev. J. D.
Wilkie, B.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

11.00 a.m. Morning Worship.

3.00 p.m. Church School.

7.30 p.m. Evening Worship.
Organist and Choirmaster,
Mr. John Robb, Music Bac.

St. Andrew's Church Westmount

191 Cote St. Antoine Rd.,
near Argyle Ave.

Rev. D. M. Grant, B.A.,
Minister

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. "The Worship of God."
7.30 p.m. Choral Service, St. Andrew's
Choir.

8.30 p.m. Alpha Omega Society,
Jr. Young People's Society.
Organist and Choirmaster
MR. FRED WHITELEY

3.00 p.m. Church School.
WELCOME AT GRACE CHAPEL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

11.00 a.m. Senior Congregation.
COME AND WORSHIP
COME AND WORSHIP

St. James United Church

463 St. Catherine St. West

Interim Minister

Rev. B. B. Brown,

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

11.00 a.m. Morning Service.

7.30 p.m. Evening Service. The Choir
will render the Cantata "Before
the Paling of the Stars," by Ben-
jamin Dale, at the evening service.

Dr. Kilpatrick at both Services

Westmount Park Church

(Cor. Lansdowne and Western Aves.)

Minister:

Rev. George W. Goth, B.A., B.D.

11.00 a.m. Mr. Roland Kelly.

4.00 p.m. Sermon Topic: "The Man
of the Year." Mr. Goth will preach.

J. C. Scott, L.R.S.M., Choir Director
G. E. Flower, Organist

PERSONAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS WEDDINGS

Seasons Greetings

The Social Editor takes this opportunity to express appreciation for the co-operation of all organizations and individual correspondents and wishes each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Miss L. Vaz, of Sherbrooke St. West, is spending the Christmas Holidays in Toronto, the guest of Mrs. E. A. Smith.

Mrs. G. H. Foster entertained at a not-out dance recently at her residence, 116 Aberdeen Avenue Westmount, in honor of her daughters, Miss Jill Foster and Miss Joan Foster.

Mr. Stanley Shenkman of Westmount Blvd., has returned from Syracuse University to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding of Miss Eleanor Suzanne Hornback to Mr. Robert Hunter Dunn which took place on Saturday afternoon in the Kensington Presbyterian Church were Miss Betty Hornback and Mr. R. C. March, of Arvida; Mr. and Mrs. J. Franchello, of New York; Miss Louise Grierson, of Stittville, Ont.; Miss Isobel McMaster, of Nashville, Ont. and Mrs. Grace Laskey, of Toronto.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Mr. Donald Jackson Dodds, elder son of Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E. and Mrs. Dodds, of Westmount, Que., and Miss Doris Elizabeth Sheppard, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sheppard of Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The marriage is to take place in June.

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APPROACHING WEDDING

Miss Natalie A. Sommer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nathaniel Sommer, of Westmount, and Mrs. Monroe R. Rovins, of Plattsburg, N.Y., son of Mrs. Jean Rovins, of Montreal, whose engagement is announced. The wedding will take place early in the spring.

Eight Trained Attendants Receive Bands At Ceremony

Eight graduates of the Trained Attendants Association of Canada received their cap bands and pins at the fifteenth graduation ceremony held on Monday evening Dec. 15 in the Allan Shatford Hall. Miss Sarah Huckle, President, was in the chair. Miss Helen Turnbull, R.N., gave the report upon the past examination.

Dr. Guy Fisk welcomed the graduates and emphasized the fact that practical knowledge was as important as theory.

Rev. E. J. White congratulated the graduating class, and commenting upon the remarks of Dr. Fisk, stressed that although his suggestions were necessary, also the religious outlook must be kept in mind when serving their fellowmen.

The velvet bands were presented to the graduates by Miss Huckle

and the pins by Miss Turnbull. Mrs. Taylor, the soloist was accompanied by Mrs. Meachum. Miss Helen Smith thanked the speakers.

Those receiving their pins are: Miss Mariah Delaney—Town of Mount Royal; Miss Joyce Field—Verdun; Mrs. Grace Goudie—Montreal; Mrs. Florence Johnson—Lachine; Miss Emilise Mallet—Montreal; Miss Anna M. McPhail—Montreal;

Mrs. Ethel MacLeod—Westmount; and

Mrs. Margaret Walsh—Verdun. A diploma was also presented to Miss Hazel Thurgood.

Westmount Students Home For Holidays

Miss Ann Ruth Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walker of Westmount Ave., and Stanley Shenkman, son of Mr. S. Shenkman of Westmount Blvd. have returned home from Syracuse University to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Miss Walker, who graduated from Westmount High School in June 1945, is a junior in the college of liberal-arts. She is majoring in sociology.

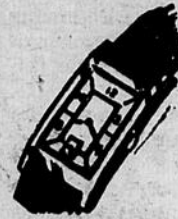
A transfer student, she spent her first two years at Colby junior college in New London, New Hampshire.

Mr. Shenkman is a sophomore in the school of architecture. He is a graduate of Providence Academy, Providence, R. I. He is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Greek letter fraternity.

Songs of joy and praise, often accompanied by dances, have been sung by the English for more than a thousand years, being handed down from the Druids to the Christian Church. "On Christmas Day In the Morning" and "The Cherry Tree Carol" are found in many languages with slightly different words.

Mr. Joseph Hillwood of the Aluminum Co. of Canada Limited is leaving January 2nd, 1948, for an extended business trip, which will include Jamaica, Trinidad and British Guiana.

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Ascenston Parish Business Women Donate 110 Gifts

The members and friends of the Professional and Business Women's Organization of the Parish of the Ascension of Our Lord, Westmount, donated 110 gifts at their social service night held in St. Paul's Academy on December 18th. The Reverend Father Govenlock, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare at the University of Montreal and also Chaplain of St. Patrick's Orphanage, addressed the meeting on "The problems of Institutional Living."

Miss Edna Coyle was in the Chair. She introduced the speaker, while Miss Lenore Kirkpatrick moved the vote of thanks.

Y.W.H.A. Junior Committee Announces Camp Program

The Junior Committee of the Young Women's Hebrew Association, 3561 St. Urbain Street, has announced that the Annual Winter Camp program will open on Wednesday.

This program will be conducted at the Y.W.H.A. building on December 24, 26, 29, 30, 31 and January 2 from one to four o'clock. Midget and Junior members of the Association will be able to participate in activities including art, crafts, dancing, singing, dramatics and outings. The special project of the winter camp will be a puppet show in which all the children will participate.

The Junior Committee includes Mrs. J. M. Loebel, chairman, Mrs. N. Steinberg, Mrs. C. Usher, Mrs. J. B. Becker, Mrs. M. J. White and Mrs. H. Steirman, Executive Director of the Y.W.H.A.

Canadian made newsprint accounts for one out of every two newspaper pages throughout the world. Some paper mills in Canada use as much electric power as would supply with power Montreal and Toronto combined.



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CHILDREN OF MRS. E. A. HARRISON

The Children, Donna Margaret and Kenneth Edward, of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harrison, Regent Avenue, N.D.G., celebrate birthdays. Kenneth was one year of age on December 17th and Donna Margaret will be four years old on January 1st.

Mrs. John Heron Re-Elected Fourth Term As President

At the annual meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Westmount Branch (Que. 39) Canadian Legion which was held recently in the Legion Hall Mrs. John Heron was re-elected president for the fourth consecutive term.

The following officers were also elected:—1st Vice president; Miss L. Turfus; 2nd Vice president, Miss Doris Harbor; Secretary Miss Jean Heron, re-elected secretary for the fourth consecutive term; Treasurer, Mrs. K. Parsons; Sgt.-at-arms, Miss Frances Duerden; Hospital & sick visiting, Mrs. Latham; Social, Mrs. Jacques; Membership, Mrs. Ingat; Flag-bearers, Mrs. Selby and Mrs. McGregor.

The group visited Queen Mary Hospital regularly during the year and distributed gifts of books, cigarettes, candy, playing cards and jig-saw puzzles. The donations



Mrs. John Heron, re-elected for the fourth time as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Westmount Branch (Que. 29) Canadian Legion.

for the year were cheques to the Hospital Committee, Polio Fund, the Xmas Tree at Ogilvie's, the Friendly Home and a donation of radios to the Military Hospital. Xmas baskets were also sent out to needy veterans' families, also cheques to Poppy Fund and for food parcels for Britain.

A sale of work was held in the Lanrol Motors on St. Catherine St. W. which was very successful and the following were the winners of the drawing for paintings:—

First prize—Sgt. Campbell, No. 9 Pte. St. Charles Police Station—water color by John Humphries.

Second prize—Miss McDermid, 1847 Bayle St.—water color by Kathleen Leilbeck.

Third prize—Mr. C. Raymond, 143 Charron St., St. Lambert—oil painting by Lorna Babbage.

Fourth prize—Mr. H. Adams, Canadian Publishing Agents, 1877 St. James St. W.—oil painting by Amy Wylie.

Fifth prize—Miss D. Gomes, Imperial Oil,—pastel by Laurette Shearer.

Sixth prize—Miss J. Anderson, 286 Ellis St., Niagara Falls,—6 hand painted glasses.

Climbs From Teaching To English Politics

Alice Bacon went straight from teaching school in Yorkshire to the British House of Commons.

This cherry Yorkshire woman, with wavy hair and a forthright north country accent, was Senior Assistant at the Normanton Modern school. In July, 1945, she was elected Labor Member of Parliament for the Northeast Leeds Division.

From then on life has been a busy round of speechmaking, traveling, Committee meetings. In 1946, she went to Moscow on a Labor Party good-will mission whose members were given a two-and-quarter hour interview with Joseph Stalin.

Fire Chief Cobb Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Chief W. C. Cobb, of the Westmount Fire Department who lives at 4760 The Boulevard, and Mrs. Cobb, the former Rosina Louise Fryer, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. They are both from England. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have six children, two married and four single. They have three grandchildren.

This month is another anniversary for Chief Cobb, it is his 24th year in the service of the Westmount Fire Department which was observed on December 13th.



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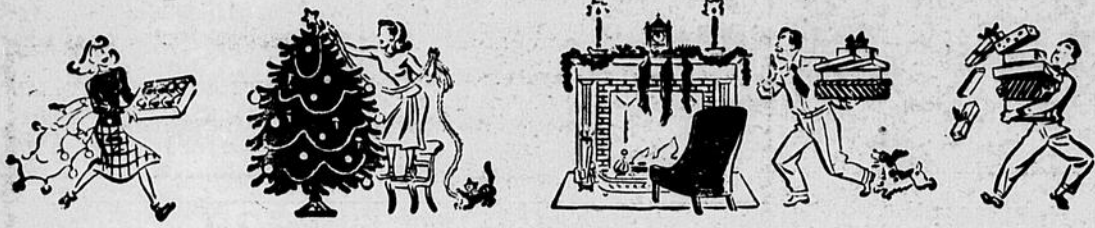
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"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." Who isn't? And in a few more days the festive season will have started, and all the music appropriate to this time of year will be played in the homes, the churches and on the radio. This is one day of the year when our appreciation is extended to the kind souls who are sacrificing their Christmas morning, or evening, so that we, in our homes, may listen to the familiar voices of those who link our glorious EMPIRE together . . . starting with the voice of H.M. THE KING, wishing the joyful tidings to his people, and later in the day we hear Dickens' Christmas Carol, and so on. . . This ancient festive occasion with its religious message is one we should all be happy to take part in through knowing the pleasure of giving and the joy of receiving. This year will be the first in years when so many of our post-war dreams will have been realized. . . It has been a long time waiting for the arrival of all these wonderful electrical achievements, but now that they are here we must admit that they have been worth waiting for, and I hope that in the not too distant future I will be able to tell you more about the wonderful time savers that I have seen, but which, under present conditions, cannot be sold. However, THE ADMIRAL RADIO COMBINATION STILL LEADS THE FLEET, and next week we will have more chatter about this wonderful innovation. . . THE FRED HUDON AGENCIES AND THEIR DEALERS EXTEND TO YOU A MERRY AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS. . .

Carol Singing With A Swedish Glogg Stocking Stuffers



In France, we find that the population having the best average health live in the vineyard districts. Wine is a living organism, and like every other living thing, it has a cycle of life. It has its infancy, it burgeons gradually into maturity, it continues for a time at its best, and then, like other beings, declines slowly or rapidly into decay. All wines are made from the juice of either white or red grapes or occasionally from a combination of both. For example, Sherry is always made from white grapes whereas Red Port is made from red grapes and White Port from white grapes. Champagne on the other hand, is often made from a combination of the juice of both. By this time many of you have made your Christmas cake, while others, like myself, will be dashing something up at the last moment. Here is my recipe, and I hope you like it. RICH WINE CAKE: ½ cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon molasses, ½ cup cold coffee, 1 ½ cup flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon clove, ¼ teaspoon mace, ¼ teaspoon all-spice, ½ cup raisins, ¼ cup currants, 2 tablespoons citron, 2 tablespoons Hamilton's Selected Port. Christmas week means Carol singing in our home and it is an event which calls for Swedish Glogg. In the traditional manner, is assembled a Copper Kettle, a wire grill, a long-handled ladle, and the following: 1 bottle Monnet Brandy, 2 bottles Groot Constantia Claret, 2 bottles Hamilton's Selected Port, 25 cloves, 1 pound almonds (blanched), 1 pound seedless raisins, 2 ounces cinnamon sticks, 1 pound lump sugar, 2 ounces dried orange peel (pommerized). Put dried orange peel, cardamon seeds, cinnamon sticks and cloves in a cheese-cloth bag and boil slowly in wine for 15 minutes. Add almonds, raisins and boil another 15 minutes. Remove from stove, place wire grill over kettle with sugar on top, and gradually pour brandy over sugar. Hold a lighted match near sugar, and brandy will flame up. When sugar is melted, remove grill. Remove bag of spices, serve hot with a few almonds and raisins in each glass.

Smart Women Shop Here



When one thinks of L. P. Lazare & Co., 1454 Peel St., the words QUALITY FURS come to mind, and rightly so, but MILADY may also purchase the finest of blouses here, like the exquisite evening blouses with scintillating sequins in black and gold, or all black, on black rayon crepe, jewel neckline long sleeves, and self buttons in back, and a few with black jet buttons down the front, at \$39.00 and \$45.00. Combine these blouses with a perfectly plain skirt and you have an inexpensive dinner dress. Good things come in pairs as does the Cashmere pullover, at \$13.95 and the cardigan at \$16.95. The discriminating woman with an inborn appreciation of exclusive importations will value these Scotch sweaters, coming in pastel shades. A present of a slack suit tailored by IRVING would be cause for great jubilation, because with the superb cut that all his clothes have, one is sure to feel perfectly attired in these Ice Blue or Grey speckled gabardine suits, for \$29.95. . . The Lansea pure wool scarves in their multi-colored diaphanous shades, are very flattering when worn over the hair for evening, or the scarf worn with a fur coat, these are \$2.95. . . Lazare's have the perfect companion blouses for the new whirling skirts, lovely white crepes with the choir boy collar, or the dramatic wing collared shirt, and for the older woman, the delicate front tucked blouse, buttoned down the front, with a tie neck, for \$10.95. . . Yes, a visit to this store will help solve your shopping problems and there is plenty of light, space, and quietness to think. Out-of-town, C.O.D. Mail, is given prompt attention, also 'phone orders, are delivered to any part of the city.

Of Things Chinese



When shopping at BEAUMANOIR, 1498 Sherbrooke St. W., one is bound to find the unusual in gifts, so that when a present is received with the stamp of this specialty shop, one can be assured that confidence and good taste has been shown by the giver. At the present time there are many beautiful inexpensive objects from China to be found here, such as enamel cigarette boxes with lovely landscape scenes done in deep blues and reds, for \$2.85. . . Those who prize Cloisonne ware should see the box with a cream floral design, for \$3.00, or a four piece smoking set for \$9.65. . . On the mantelpiece were many different Chinese male figures made of pottery, small sizes at 85c, and larger ones for \$3.00; there must have been at least thirty of these figures, and not two were alike, all having the most expressive faces. There is an out of the ordinary candle holder with snuffer, made of wrought iron, set in a saucer large enough to be used for a pipe tray, for \$5.00. I was amused at the china Ivy holder in the shape of a fish with its mouth open, only \$1.00. I'm wandering back to Chinese ware again, but thought someone might be interested in the carved bon-bon dish, with the word PEIPING written across the cover, this is \$7.00. Here is an odd holder for cigarettes, or it could be used as an ash tray, it is an old fashioned coal bucket of wrought iron, for \$1.85. . . The hand painted wooden coasters for 60c each make very acceptable gifts, as also a copper silent butler with a wooden handle for \$1.50. As you can see there are many attractive gifts to be had in this exclusive gift shop, articles that cannot be bought elsewhere. All out of town C.O.D. Mail orders are accepted, or by 'phone . . . WI. 5689.

From East To West



Joyous Holiday

More and more Montreal ladies are discovering that N. G. Valiquette, 915 St. Catherine St. E., is one of the finest House Furnishing stores in the city. It is a store complete in itself, and when the new alterations have been completed, it will be the only store of its kind in Montreal. This week I visited their "work shop", and truly I was amazed to find that they have a complete repair department. For instance, they will rebuild any old furniture, and upholster it in either the plain or tufted effect. If you have any pieces that have become scratched or broken, here is where it should be sent, as the manager said to me: "There is no job too small or too big for us." If you are thinking of having slip covers made, you will find here the largest range of materials and colors imaginable. The covers are cut in your own home, so as to have a perfect fit, and then returned and finished in the shop. This service is also extended to the making of drapes, whether plain or fancy, with a swag valance. In connection with this work shop is their modern furniture factory, where furniture is made up to your own specifications. You may also have rugs laid down wall to wall, or linoleums cemented to the floor. If you are unable to visit this modern store, 'phone and ask for one of the decorators to visit your home, where he may take the right measurements and advise you as to the cost. 'Phone PL. 8811.

Scissors Help Her Cut Out A Career

Using scissors "in the manner of a sculpture tool" to carve designs from paper rather than stone, Katharine de Tyroff of New York City has cut out for herself a career which is only beginning to disclose its possibilities.

As a designer of wallpaper, dress and drapery fabrics and other items demanding her attention as her work becomes known, Mrs. de Tyroff does all her designing with fine embroidery scissors and ordinary drawing paper. She literally cuts out her designs, achieving in this way certain clear-cut lines which she believes are obtainable in no other way.

Her first designs, for hand-screened wallpaper, were white, mounted on plain colored backgrounds. Monotones still prevail in her wallpapers, but some of the designs for dress fabrics have as many as five colors.

"Why, it's just like cutting paper dolls," people sometimes exclaim after watching Mrs. de Tyroff work. It is — and at the same time it isn't, as anyone who examines the intricate patterns will quickly recognize.

The spontaneity and freshness of her work doubtless are due to her feeling of utter freedom. She always starts with a definite idea, supported by an innate sense of composition, but she feels bound

by no set pattern. She cuts into paper swiftly, with no indecision, exactly as if she couldn't wait to see what her scissors were devising. Sometimes she makes a few preliminary lines in pencil, but rarely follows them exactly.

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WHEN SNOW IS DEEP, let the garden rake help you remove it from the pathways. Rake the snow to the edge of the sidewalk and use a broom to remove the light covering that remains.

"To Mommy From Mary and Jamie"



This is one week of the year when the drug store around the corner is a blessing in disguise. No matter how well we plan our Christmas shopping ahead, we are sure to discover at the last minute that we have forgotten someone. This is the time the kiddies love, when they can spend all the pennies they have been saving up for the last four months to buy Mom and Dad a gift. Now, Mothers, you can go on reading the rest of this column, because this week I am writing for the "kids". Well, Mary, you and Jamie can give Mommy a big surprise and present her with one of those lovely LUCIEN LELONG'S "Castel" Packages, they are so smart looking and really are a wonderful buy, because you get four of the most popular Lucien Lelong's perfumes, each forming part of this lovely old castle. The four fragrances are Tailspin, Sirocco, Indiscrete, and Balalaika. Think what fun it will be during the year to guess which perfume Mother has on. However, she may have a good supply of perfume, but no toilet water or cologne, just take a peep around and see which one of these is missing, and then make your decision, if it is to be perfume, or toilet water, or cologne. Do you know that the early Egyptians invented the process of distillation and removed the fragrant oils from their natural bases to scent unguents and balms with which they enhanced their persons, and embellished their mummified dead. The traditional heart of the perfume industry is the south of France. In its warm and fertile valleys grow a profusion of the flowers destined to enhance Milady's charm. Jonquil, violet, acacia, orange flower, jasmine and tuberose breathe their perfumes into the oil base in an ancient process called "enfleurage" . . . The "chic" mother of today has learned to use perfume as an artist uses colour to set a mood. She knows that the proper perfume can complement her gown and complete the ensemble. If Mother has never used Lucien Lelong's exotic TAGLIO, or SIROCCO, then surprise her with a bottle of one of these heavenly fragrances.

Christmas Picture In A Bowl Is Decorative And Unusual

Have you ever included a Christmas bowl arrangement among your holiday decorations? asks a reader, and she goes on to say:

We always have one which we say is for the children but the older members of the family secretly enjoy it immensely, too.

The bowl I use for our arrangement is one of those irregular low bowls about 10 inches long and an inch and a half deep. Year after year I have been using some prewar "minute" tapioca for snow. Then, I have one of those tiny little white trees made of some brush fiber, sprinkled with tinsel. They cost a nickel or dime, according to the size. A sprig of evergreen will do as well. Small red berry branches are also good.

Mirror Pools

I always use one or more small

pool of water in the snow. At the pool mirrors for a tiny lake or edge I place some small white (sugar) doves to sip the water. These usually can be bought at the dime store among the cake decorations.

Then there is a fawn which I use every year. I put a tiny bell on his neck — one which really tinkles and was among the Christmas wrappings one year.

Bright beads are the decorations for my little tree. I run a thread through the hole and tie a knot about three inches back from the bead and loop it over the top of the tree. The threads sink down into the fiber and do not show at all. At the top I stick two silver stars back to back.

The Snow Man

Last year among my Christmas cards was one which hinged at the top instead of the side. The picture was of a group of youngsters with a snow man. Being very small and mostly white, it fitted right in the snow scene and appeared realistic. Appropriate figures from old Christmas cards may be cut out and made to stand upright with a small strip of paper pasted on the back and bent to form an easel.

In the home where there is room enough for a large tree, a Christmas scene underneath is lovely to have. But the smallest apartment is not too small for a Christmas arrangement in a bowl.

Waist Nippers Have Flexible Tiny Bones

Corsets are having their innings. Three fundamentals come to light in the new foundation garments, no matter how variously they are developed.

The rounded bustline is number one. Second, look for the smooth, built-up diaphragm. And lastly, note the return to the curved hip. These three things give the silhouette its newness.

One way to achieve two points at one time is to reach out and cinch in your waist with one of the smart little waist belts that are hardly more than eight inches wide but constructed with a genius for giving your waistline a trimming. They are fairly comfortable, inspire you with the movements of a ballet dancer, light, untrammelled and airy and at the same time they give a sense of security, for they hug the waist soundly.

These waist nippers are made of different fabrics — of light satin, of net, or batiste, and boned with such softness that you scarcely notice their flexible little bones. Their colors, too, carry out the mood of lightness — pale flesh, black, peach, pale blue, old ivory, and white, even some in faint little rosebud brocades.

Banquet Adjective Tops In Superlative

Altogether it is a very thankless task being a Minister in Britain these days.. Mr. Strachey's Undersecretary, red-haired, smartly dressed Dr. Edith Summerskill, has been wrestling with questions about the Government's ban on public banquets which number more than 100 persons.

Col. Alan Dower, Conservative member of Pinrith and Cocker-

mouth, offered a special motion in the Commons against this regulation, charging the Government with promoting misery for misery's sake.

He even introduced a novel phrase to describe the regulation. He said it was a subject for "flocci - nauci - nihili - pilification."

And if the members didn't believe him, they could look it up in the Oxford Dictionary. It meant the Government's regulation was useless, stupid and superfluous.

IT USUALLY DOES

Anything can and usually does happen in a hockey game. In the Arena opener with Providence furnishing the opposition for the New Haven Ramblers, the Blueshirts were playing with one man in the penalty box when Goalie Jim Henry took a swipe at a loose puck and batted it into the rafters. The disc lodged in the storage loft while the players milled around on the ice waiting for it to reappear somewhere on the playing surface.


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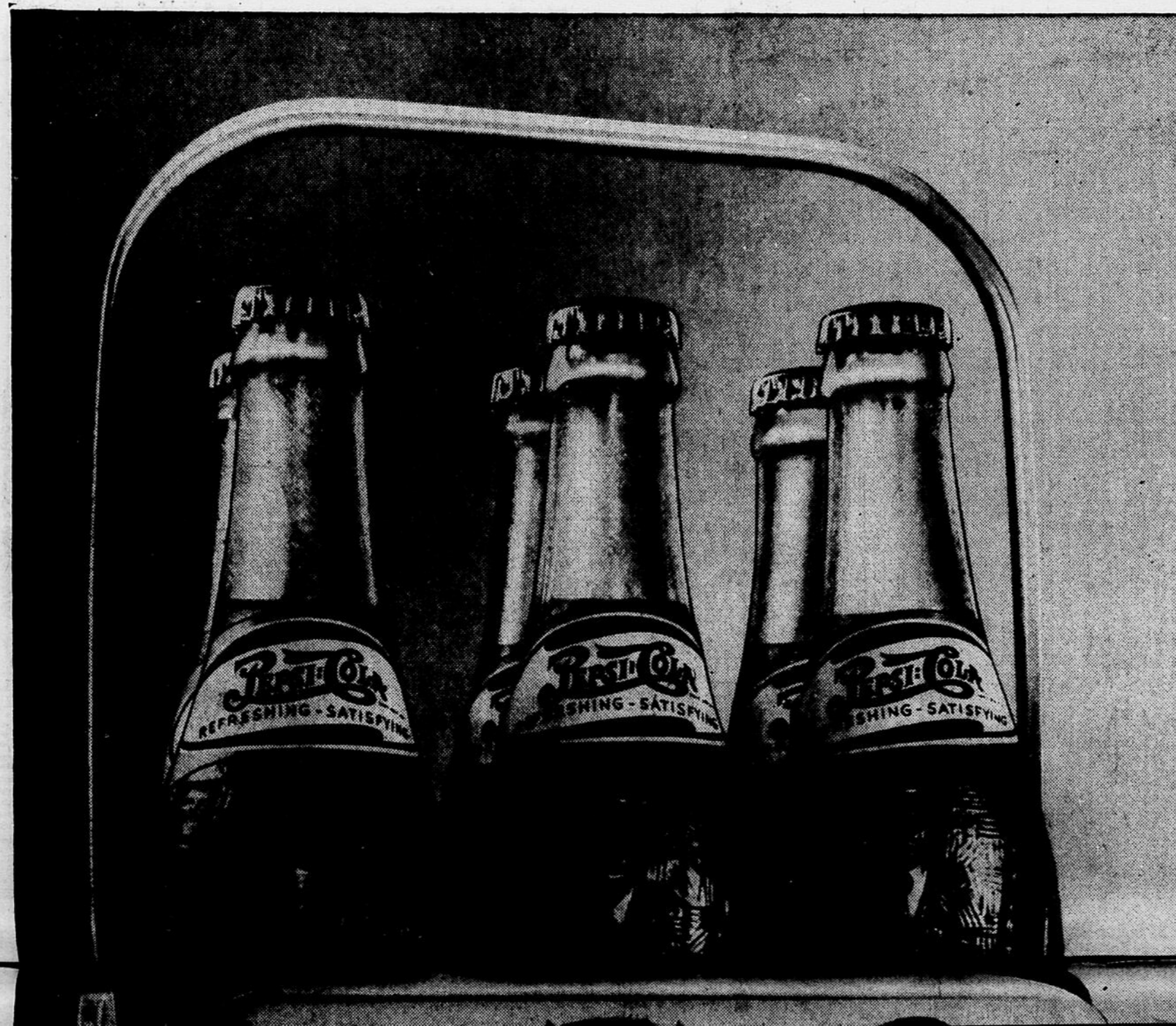
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In this Holiday message to our friends, we want to add our sincere appreciation for the goodwill and co-operation you have given us. Equally as warm and sincere are our cordial wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.
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WOMEN WITH IDEAS

MADAME YVEL

It is a revelation to leave the bustle of snow-filled streets and enter the luxurious salon of a well-known dress designer. Madame Yvel of Wood Avenue, Westmount, a petite blonde, with sparkling brown eyes can best be described by the word *enchante*. She has successfully combined a demanding career with marriage and motherhood. Her achievements are such that spell the word **SUCCESS** in capital letters.

It is barely nine years since Madame Yvel and her husband left their native Switzerland to establish themselves in Canada. In that time they have created a wholesale dress business which is tops in the Canadian fashion industry.

Madame Yvel would rather live in Canada in preference to the continent. Before coming to this country, she was fluent in three languages, French, German and Italian. Hearing her speak makes it evident that she has had no difficulty in mastering the English language.

As a young girl she had decided to study medicine; however, she went to Art School in Zurich instead and later went to Paris for further study. In these years she learned designing with a thorough grounding in the fundamentals. In 1939 she entered an International Designing Contest in Paris and won the highest honour, the French designer's gold medal. For this contest she submitted four dresses in jersey material. This material has always been the favorite medium with which she works.

Within the first couple of years after establishing herself in the Montreal designing world, Madame Yvel was instrumental in starting a fashion trend. She began using pastel colors for winter clothes, something quite unheard of before. This idea has since become an accepted vogue.

Madame Yvel designs her own prints. Inspiration comes easily when she is surrounded with a working table cluttered with materials and fabrics. She transmits her ideas to paper and works in black and whites, keeping the colors in her head. She creates her own original designs although she adheres closely to the Paris fashion trends; adapting the more extreme styles to the Canadian way of life. To quote Madame Yvel, "I never design dresses with definite accessories in mind; when I create I want the gown to speak for itself. I like to work either with prints or plain materials."

Last summer, Madame Yvel revisited Paris and Switzerland going back to the many familiar landmarks. She has returned to Canada firmly enthusiastic about the radical changes in fashion



Madame Yvel

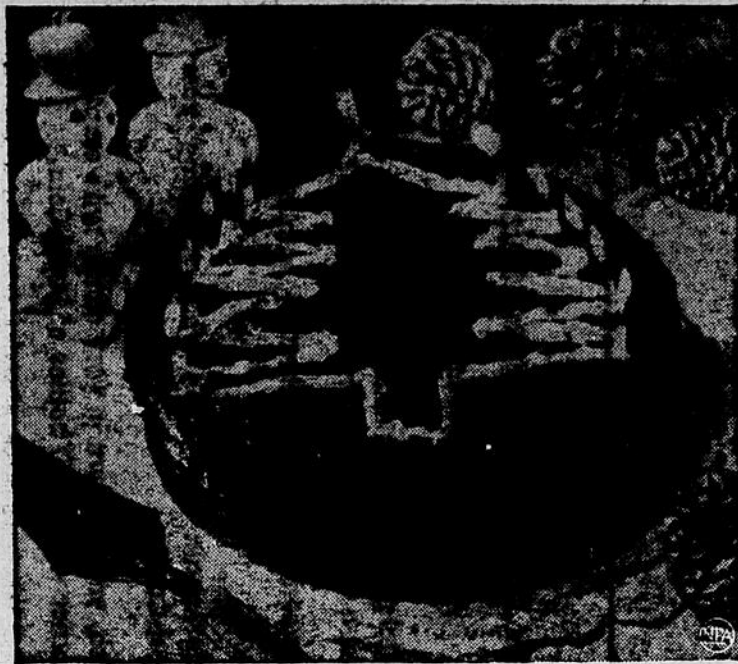
trends which she believes are conclusive. In fact, she maintains that a change will soon be evident in other branches of designing, such as furniture and interior decor, which will be created to more readily complement the new feminine trends.

Madame Yvel's well-rounded life encompasses much more than fashion designing. She has two daughters both artistically inclined. For her eldest daughter, who was recently married, she designed the entire ensemble for her story-book wedding, centering around a spectacular wedding gown of Brussel's lace.

Madame Yvel's taste in books stems back to her early interest in medicine — she is interested in psychological reading matter and she seldom reads fiction. Her taste in music is diverse and she does not specifically adhere to the classical.

This talented woman has very classically proved that a career and marriage can be happily mixed. She admits, however, that it does sacrifice the children to a certain extent. She said with real contentment in her voice, "al-

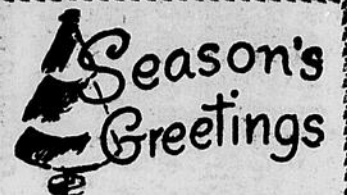
Make Yule Cake Really Special



A "tree" of frosting and lighted candles beautifies the Christmas cake.

six or eight servings.
Ginger Apricot Sauce
1 1/2 cups dried apricots
2 cups water
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Wash the apricots, drain them and then let them soak in the two cups of water overnight. Add the sugar, ginger and lemon juice. Cook until tender. Replenish the water to keep the apricots covered. Beat with a spoon to break up the apricots slightly. Serve hot or cold on the short-cakes. This is a delicious sauce for ice cream, gingerbread or cup cakes or for any pudding.



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Ginger Apricot Shortcakes

3 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or shortening
1/4 cup milk

Sift the flour once, measure it, add the baking powder and salt and sift again. Cut in the shortening; add the milk all at once and stir carefully until all the flour is dampened. Then stir vigorously until the mixture forms a soft dough and follows the spoon around the bowl. Turn this out immediately on a lightly floured board and knead 30 seconds.

Roll it one-quarter inch thick and cut with a three-inch floured biscuit cutter.

Place half of the circles on an ungreased baking sheet; brush with melted butter. Place the remaining circles on top and butter the tops well.

Bake in a hot oven (450 Degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Separate the halves of hot biscuits, spread the bottom halves with soft butter and part of the Ginger Apricot Sauce. Place the other halves on top, crust-side down. Spread with but-

ter and the remaining sauce. Garnish with whipped cream. Makes

Christmas HEFT'S

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though my husband and I work together and are in each other's company constantly, we are as much in love as when we were courting. M.P.

NDG Club Honours Citizenship Week

The Notre Dame de Grace Women's Club will hold an open meeting in Victoria Hall, on January 2nd at 3 p.m.

Through the courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. Norman Mackintosh, public relations officer, who is well known to Montreal audiences and group organizations, will give an interesting and educational "Picture Story of Canada" followed by several coloured sound films showing the scenic highlights and outstanding points of interest and beauty of Canada.

President Mrs. Norman B. Muir extends a cordial invitation to members to bring their children to this meeting. The showing of a film of the Royal Wedding will be especially appreciated by the children, who have not had the opportunity of seeing the pictures at local theatres.

Members who are bringing their children to this meeting are asked to telephone Mrs. R. H. Grant not later than Monday, December 29th, in order that arrangements may be made for refreshments.

THE GLOWING CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS...

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Mrs. Pattee Cites Youth Centre Work

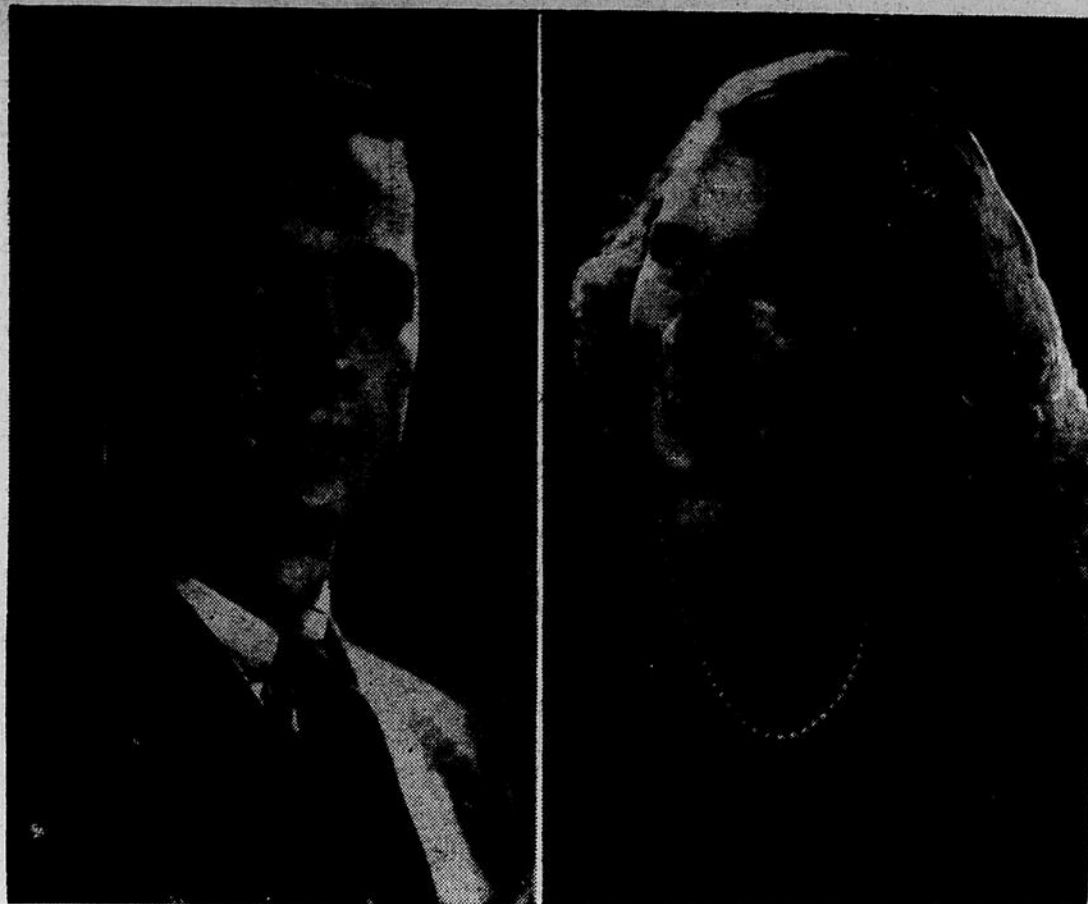
The St. Andrew's Youth Centre, 1520 St. Mark Street, has accomplished marvels in redirecting the energies of the youth and curbing juvenile delinquency in that district, said Mrs. Chauncey Pattee, Westmount, Board Member of both the Junior League and The St. Andrew's Youth Centre and a member of the Dominion-Douglas Church.

This Centre was originally operated entirely by the League but as it has been the policy of the League to turn their projects over to the community, a board consisting of public spirited citizens, trained in youth work and drawn largely from that community, was created last March. This board administers the Club, said Mrs. Pattee and it has been my privilege to serve as liaison officer between it and the Junior League — a most gratifying job.

The Centre provides children from 8-18 with much needed facilities for sports, handicrafts, sewing, drama and social activities as well as having a nursery school, continued Mrs. Pattee. The staff is largely made up of volunteers from Westmount, who give the Centre invaluable service and largely plan the activities.

The Junior League of Montreal expects to contribute \$9,000 to the support of the St. Andrew's youth Centre. It is to support this and other worthy projects that the Junior League of Montreal Inc., in its Annual Money Raising Campaign is sponsoring the Harvard-McGill Hockey Game tonight at 8.30 p.m., in the Montreal Forum.

Manners are like the cipher in arithmetic: they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.—From The Arab Island.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED
Miss Barbara Jean Ritchie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritchie, of Montreal West, and Mr. Robert Edward Connolly, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stuart Connolly, of Westmount, announce their engagement.

Musical Sharps Flats and Naturals

by
Frances Goltman



CHRISTMAS MUSIC

It may be said without fear of contradiction that musicians are

among those who contribute the most joy to all peoples of the universe at Christmas time. Music is just taken for granted. Think of all the choirs, soloists, organists and orchestras who help to create Christmas happiness! Rich and poor alike can share in the Yuletide spirit when listening to or taking part in musical festivities and the radio has done so much for the unfortunate shut-ins.

Many of the world's masters composed special Christmas music such as the Cantatas of Bach (there are six) Haydn (the "Creation" and "Seasons") Mendelssohn ("Elijah" and "St. Paul") Liszt ("St. Elizabeth") Gounod, Dubois and Handel, who wrote the most celebrated Christmas Oratorio of all time, the "Messiah". Everybody knows and loves the great "Hallelujah" chorus. Perhaps it is not generally known that Handel turned to oratorio because opera was dwindling in popularity and therefore no longer profitable. It is fortunate for the world since the "Messiah" might not have been composed otherwise.

Just as the "Messiah" has remained a favourite through the years there are certain Christmas Carols that are equally loved. Among these are, "Silent Night" by Franz Gruber, "O Christmas Tree" traditional, "O Come All Ye Faithful", John Reading; "Hark The Herald Angels Sing", Mendelssohn; "We Three Kings of Orient Are", J. H. Hopkins; "O Little Town Of Bethlehem", L. H.

Steinberg's Hold Gigantic Party

Revelry permeated the ball room and the Normandie Roof of the Mount Royal Hotel on Sunday evening as over 1300 persons attend the third annual employees' dinner-dance of Steinberg's Wholesale Groceries. During the evening a floor show entertained while dancing was held to the tune of Blake Sewell's band.

Sam Steinberg, president of the Company, offered "Season's Greetings" to all employees and stated that the aim of the company "is to cut the cost of food to the consumer" . . . and the "the company would have new and larger markets in 1948."

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Redner, "Away In A Manger" Martin Luther; "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", R. S. Willis; "Jingle Bells" J. Pierpont; "Coventry Carol" Old English; "Joy To The World", Handel; "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas", Traditional; "The First Noel", "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"; "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks By Night"; "Star Of The East" and many more.

We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas

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COMING EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Casting their shadows on the village street of picturesque Lacock, Wilts, Eng., are a "gaggle" of geese and ducks whose days are numbered. Such sights are common in this old-world backwater of England, but with the approach of Christmas and reports of rural-minded "spivs" out to cash in on scarce table birds, a close watch is kept on truant poultry, and the school children welcome the chance to shepherd them back to the farmyard.

Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of

both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree, but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough
At our Christmas board
Shall hang to the honor
Of Christ our Lord.

When he was a struggling young actor, Alan Ladd, starred in Paramount's "Whispering Smith," played in 20 radio shows a week as a stock actor, received a salary of \$16.

Christmas Day

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in some mystic way rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-bye," there really isn't anything else to say that pulls at our heartstrings as do these old dear words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the littlest ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth . . . who lend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want . . . who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together . . . who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax . . . for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holiday cheer and friendship . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to myself, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.



Christmas Messages

(Continued from Page 2)

and that we shall never find our answer in the Xmas story alone, but in that Xmas story interpreted in the light of the Cross and backed up by the Resurrection.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE
By Rev. Canon Gilbert Oliver
St. Matthias Church

I welcome this opportunity of joining with others in a hearty and sincere wish for a very Happy Christmas to all readers of the Examiner.

The birth of the Messiah was long foretold by prophets and saints of the Old Testament, but when Christ was born only a few people recognized Him as the Messiah. "He came to His own, and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Amongst His many titles was one which was of paramount importance to the age in which He was born, and in fact to this age, and to any other period in the world's history—"The Prince of Peace." He came to bring Peace to nations and to individuals, and Peace we sorely need; yet we seem to be unable to secure it. What a wonderful world this would be if we could secure Peace amongst nations, and peace in our own hearts; but, alas! this most desirable gift appears to be most elusive.

One reason is that we must not only desire Peace, but be willing to fit ourselves for it. So long as nations are self-seeking and power-drunk, there will be no peace. So long as we ourselves are selfish, proud and arrogant, there will be no peace in our hearts. So long as we persist in going our own way, and not God's way, we shall seek this boon in vain.

Since the Christ-child is known as the Prince of Peace, and since

the Angelic message was one of peace and good-will, let us dedicate ourselves this Christmas to the attainment of Peace. Let us believe in it; work for it; live for it; and, if need be, die for it—die to ourselves and come alive to God.

We may not see Peace in our own lifetime, but we can do our share towards its attainment, beginning with our own hearts and lives, and then reaching out to others.

To you, each one, then—A Christmas of Peace and Joy.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

If Broadway and movie veteran Percy Helton, currently cast with Paulette Goddard in Paramount's "Hazard," is working this coming Christmas Eve, it will be the 50th successive Yuletide that he has donned the grease paint and gone on with the show.



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SCOTT STORIES

Lizabeh Scott, starring in Hal Wallis' "I Walk Alone," at Paramount, has a collection of short story manuscripts which she never got around to sending off to a publisher. She says she did the stories for fun.

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HOLIDAY at HOME

It was three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, walk down Fifth avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theatre.

But Ralph had been invited to a "swell house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a lonely mother, or a widowed sister.

"What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had, instead, smiled and said that it was just too marvelous, wondering meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 500 miles!

Several hours later she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she smoothed her black tailored wollen frock over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been par-



FOOD FOR BRITAIN

Major General C. B. Price, of 64 Forden Crescent, Dominion President of the Canadian Legion (right) presents a cheque to Breen Melvin of Canadian CARE, bringing the Legion food for Britain campaign total to \$20,000. The Legion's objective is \$100,000. As if approving the campaign is a picture of the Queen.

ticularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train. Closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising agency, and Mr. Johnston's kindly face when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Phil-

adelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts—and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburgh, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthsign, she settled herself into the practical task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but much more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked.

"I win!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and enfolded her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace. "Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal."

Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother.

"I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something . . ." Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a centre page and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph Wells," she said "I came home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown it's your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"Okay."

"She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown cautiously. She patted his arm, and Ralph understood.

AFTERMATH

Why be dismayed at War's recurrent phase

With human nature being still evolved

By trial, between good and evil ways? . . .

Brute instinct laid, Accord must be resolved!

The Spark Divine within each mortal breast

Remains articulate; this fateful hour

Of choosing well or ill, each mind, impressed,

Is nowise unaware the Atomic Power.

No patent Truth, no Dream of living worth—

No Word Prophetic—since Creative Mind

First thought to broadcast on our Earth,

Has failde its bond to Spirit to unwind:

Emancipated Man shall mount his throne—

"And nothing hidden shall remain unknown!"

—Alwyn Coristine.

EX-COACH

Burt Lancaster, who stars in Hal Wallis' production of "I Walk Alone," coached athletics at a New York settlement house while attending the New York University.

REEVES RETREAT

When George Reeves winds up work with Veronica Lake in Paramount's "The Sainted Sisters," the popular young leading man will open his own restaurant in suburban Los Angeles. Cooking has long been his hobby, and now he's going to make it pay.

Robert Preston, star of Paramount's "Wild Harvest," sleeps in a special bed which measures eight by nine feet. Turning the mattress, he says, is a full day's job.



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CANDY VIES WITH FILMS

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23 — Well, it's holiday season, so theater owners everywhere have stocked up an extra large supply of candy, chewing gum, cough drops and popcorn. The old favorites are still available, plus several varieties in new wrappers.

They show movies, to — but these are almost incidental. Fantasy? No, Friend, it's the bitter truth. Showmen today are more interested in how many bags of peanuts they sell than in how many tickets cross the box-office counter. Without revenue from concessions, a majority of theaters would have to close their doors.

One small showcase chain made a clear profit of \$2,000,000 on candy products last year. The larger circuits are so dependent on popcorn that they run their own farms to raise corn for popping.

What started as a purely American merchandising plan, geared at first to save theatres from bankruptcy in depression days, is soon to spread to Eng-

land. Sir Alexander King, who heads a circuit of several hundred British movie palaces, says he'll install popcorn and candy counters in his houses as soon as materials become available.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of this arrangement is the revelation of a theatre owner that "the better the picture, the worse the candy business—and vice versa". You see, a truly fine film keeps patrons in their seats. They have no time for candy. But during a mediocre

movie their minds wander to the lobby counter—and they break the monotony of the show by buying popcorn, peanuts and chewing gum.

I have a further suggestion for the geniuses who run our picture business. Just so long as they continue to make movies that put patrons to sleep, why not install a new type theatre seat that tips back like an autobus chair to allow for comfortable slumber. Then the usher could sell pillows at 25 cents each.

Think of the added revenue!

TICKETAPE — Though Tyrone Power has just returned from Canada and a trip which took him to 31 other countries, the 20th Century star is already outlining next year's junket. His 1948 itinerary includes Greenland, Scandinavia, India and possibly Palestine. . . . Local gossips seem amazed to see Bing Crosby and his wife taking in the night spots. Perhaps it's the Groaner's answer to the flood of rumors that have cropped up regarding his marriage in recent years. . . . Like other folks, the Crosbys may have had their family difficulties — but there has never been any serious talk of their separating.

Metropolitan Opera star Ezio Pinza gets the lead in "Babes in Toyland", film version of the Victor Herbert hit which goes before the cameras in April. . . . Local Christmas tree sharks took a beating this year. Many were left with hundreds of trees unsold; and if anything is worth less than yesterday's newspaper, it is a Christmas tree the day after Christmas. . . . Hollywood recording studios are working on a 24-hour schedule daily, building up a reserve of platters against the promised Petrillo strike on January 1. Leonard Joy, recording chief at Decca, says his company has a two-year backlog of popular tunes.

JAMES ANDREW HERVEY, whose desk faces mine in this Hollywood typewriter emporium, is probably Hollywood's best known press agent. Andy worked for Warner Brothers back when Colonel Jack Warner was still a private—and that's a long time ago.

About 1925 Andy was press agent for the Los Angeles Orpheum Theatre in the heyday of vaudeville's two-a-day prosperity. Tom Mix, the cowboy immortal, used to reserve two seats in the front row, first balcony, by the year. However, each week Mix would show up stag and enter the theatre all alone.

Finally Hervey's curiosity got the better of him, so one Friday night he followed the great cinema cowboy quietly up the stairs to the balcony.

"Damn'd if he didn't sit in one seat," exclaimed Andy, "and reverently place his Stetson hat in the other. At two dollars a show, that hat cost him over \$100 a year!"

REVIEWS OF PREVIEWS — "High Wall" (Metro) 60% — Designed as a thriller, this tale of a man framed for murder emerges as another MGM (mighty gruesome movie) blunder. Robert Taylor was his usual inadequate self, Herbert Marshall struggled with his villainous chore, and Audrey Totter lent the picture its only bright note. Canada's Dorothy Patrick gets killed early in the proceedings—lucky for her. . . . "T-Men" (Eagle-Lion) 75% — Here's a fairly exciting hunk of celluloid, semi-documentary in style, based on authentic adventures of U. S.

CASTING THROAT-ACHE One of the toughest casting problems Paramount has encountered in a long time was finding six first-rate yodelers for a Tyrolean sequence in "The Emperor Waltz," starring Bing Crosby and Joan Fontaine. More than 300 had to be auditioned before a choice could be made.

"It Happened On 5th Avenue" To Be Shown At The Snowdon

You can be sure of a real holiday treat when you see the thoroughly delightful motion picture "It Happened on 5th Avenue," Roy Del Ruth's first Allied Artists production which will be shown for one week at Snowdon Theatre starting Saturday, Don DeFore, Ann Harding, Charlie Ruggles, Victor Moore and Gale Storm play the principal roles, heading what is virtually an all-star cast.

Here, indeed, is comedy at its best — tender, poignant, heart-warming, and at times hilariously funny. The timely story is charmingly presented by a company of players who are not only agreeable personalities, but whose competence as actors results in a group of smooth, seemingly effortless portrayals. Altogether, it is the sort of picture which literally makes an audience glow with pleasure.

The story is based on an interlude in the life of hobo philosopher Victor Moore, who has solved the housing problem through the simple expedient of moving into the unoccupied mansions of vacationing millionaires. Thus, for the third year in succession, he has established himself in the luxurious

but boarded-up 5th Avenue dwelling of Charlie Ruggles. After Moore has taken in Don DeFore, an evicted ex-G.I., the two squatters are startled by the "intrusion" of Gale Storm, Ruggles' daughter who has run away from boarding school. Mistaken for a thief, she conceals her identity and, enjoying the situation, induces the men to allow her to remain. Soon other vets and their families are added to the heterogeneous household, and a romance develops between DeFore and the masquerading Miss Storm.

Ruggles arrives from his winter home in Virginia, searching for his daughter. So that he may see the young man with whom she has fallen in love, and still not reveal his identity, she induces him to enter the fast-growing circle disguised as a down-and-outer. Then she telegraphs for her mother, Ann Harding, who has been divorced from Ruggles, and who joins the household as a cook. Complications ensue when the ex-G.I.s, planning the development of a housing project, find themselves in unwitting business rivalry with the unknown tycoon in whose mansion they are non-paying guests

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Over Thousand Children See "Wizard Of Oz"

Following three weeks of unprecedented success, the Theatre for Young Folk's production of "The Wizard of Oz" will be presented again this Saturday at Victoria Hall, Westmount.

This wonderful fairy-tale story of Dorothy and her trip to see the Wizard of Oz has delighted well over a thousand children, many of whom have come back a second time to revel in the humour of this fast-moving play.

High-lighted in the play are the three famous characters — the Lion, the Tin Woodman, and the Scarecrow, who accompany Dorothy and become engulfed with a series of Good and Bad Witches, and a group of six weird little munchkins, ably portrayed by six students of the Mary Beattie School.

Directed by Silvio Narizzano, no techniques are ignored that can possibly add mystery or fun to the story. The coming to life of the Scarecrow is completely mystifying to the children. The appearance of the Wizard is breath-taking.

Parents whose children have not yet seen this production should send or take them this week. It

Excellent Variety Program Westmount Theatre

"Professor" Ray Milland has a theory about love in Paramount's new romantic comedy, "The Trouble With Women," but it is co-star Teresa Wright, who teaches Ray the actual practice of that mystifying and delightful emotion.

The love and laugh film, which starts Wednesday at the Westmount Theatre, also stars Brian Donlevy. He plays a hard-boiled newspaper editor who divides his affections between sob-sister Teresa Wright and his paper, and provides a formidable obstacle to Milland's enjoyable pursuit of knowledge.

The versatile Milland, who has displayed his "Oscar" - winning talent in almost every conceivable type of role, is now cast as a "book-wormish" psychologist whose work, "The Subjugation of Women", was written from theory and not personal experience. His belief that some women love to be pushed around by their mates, arouses much controversy and a great deal of feminine interest in the professor. And when Donlevy's paper libelously misquotes Milland in an article by Miss Wright, the fun really begins.

Teresa's efforts to get Milland to withdraw his suit against the paper are said to contain as many laughs as one audience can stand. To strengthen her campaign further, Teresa enrolls as a pupil in Ray's class, and she soon goes to the head of the teacher. The film's ending finds Ray and Teresa on the verge of love's greatest experiment — marriage.

The added attraction is an interesting adventure picture which deals with a couple of ex-Army pilots who are flying for a mining company located in the jungles of a Latin American company. They're out to make a stake with which to set themselves up in the

is seldom that such a play is presented—that appeals to children of the youngest of ages.

Following "The Wizard of Oz", the Theatre for Young Folk will present Mark Twain's immortal "Huckleberry Finn", companion-play to "Tom Sawyer", which broke last year's attendance records at the children's series. Directed by Norman Springford, "Huckleberry Finn" will feature Neil Madden as Huckleberry and Frank Ottiwell as Tom Sawyer.

Studio Recital At Art School

On Friday, the students of the Canadian Arts Theatre School of Musical Arts presented a studio recital at their studios on Monkland Avenue. Well attended by parents, relatives and friends, the evening was both enjoyable and encouraging.

The main purpose of the recital was to show the progress that the students had made during the first term of their musical studies. Mr. Sebastianowich, Director of the School, was highly pleased with the results, and looks forward hopefully to the second term, which commences in January.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening, during which guests were given an opportunity to meet the members of the Musical Arts staff and students.

INAUSPICIOUS DEBUT

When Paulette Goddard starred in Cecil B. DeMille's "Unconquered," began her career, it was in a silent role—seated on a half-moon over the stage and just looking beautiful in Ziegfeld's "Rio Rita."

ROSE GROWER

Phyllis Calvert, who co-stars with Melvyn Douglas in Paramount's "My Own True Love", is a rose specialist and grows prize beauties at her home in England.

flying business back in the States. Sacrificing safety in his hurry to get home to his wife and child, one of the fliers is killed in his overloaded plane.

The other carries on to provide funds for his pal's family. He meets up with a beautiful blonde who, unknown to him, is running away from her divorced, convict husband. She talks him into taking her back to the mining camp, where she becomes the cook.

They fall in love with each other, but her ex-husband follows her through the jungle and, when the police come for him, implicates her in his crime. The plane taking them back to justice crashes into the jungle, and Lowery flies to the rescue. There, in a flurry of fists and bullets, the film comes to its exciting climax.

Heading the list of popular stars are Robert Lowery as the hero and Ann Savage as the beautiful blonde in trouble.

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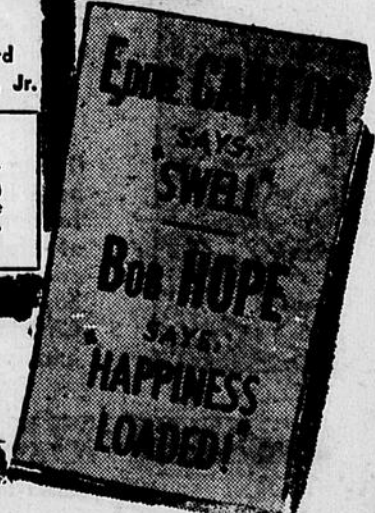
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Second Attraction

★ Ray MILLAND

★ Teresa WRIGHT

"THE TROUBLE WITH
WOMEN"



Laurette was dining alone in her apartment, while outside the tempo of a New Year's Eve celebration grew in intensity.

It was quiet, sitting there by candlelight, a beautiful moment to reflect back over the 12 months just ending—except that tonight was so crucial! Tonight the vigil would end, the problem would resolve itself. But which way?

It was a strange thing they had done. Just a year ago tonight, while all New York was going mad welcoming the New Year with raucous gaiety they had been sitting in this very room—yes, Harry over there in the big arm chair and she, Laurette, in the very chair she occupied at this moment. "Laurie," he used to call her; not "Laurette," the name everyone else used, but "Laurie", the convenient abbreviation he had invented.

"I'm a failure, Laurie," he had said. "Five years on the same job with nothing to show save a thinning head of hair and an almost empty bank account."

Laurette remembered how she had tried to comfort him, and then the bombshell:

"No, honey," he had said flatly. "It's no use. We can't be married, for I'd merely be fastening a millstone around your neck. I'm leaving—leaving you right now!"

She had cried, protested, and then he had agreed to make a game of it. His parting words, still vivid, were:

"If you'll wait a year, Laurie, dear—a year from tonight. If I've succeeded, if I've made something of myself by then, I'll be back. A year from tonight. If not, well, probably you'll never see me again."

She still remembered the firm set of his shoulders as he walked out the door that night, bound he knew not where.

She remembered the questions their friends had asked. Where was Harry? Away on a long trip she had replied, at first. Then she had ceased to offer excuses, and of course the friends stopped asking questions.

Only once had there been word

of him, and then only very indefinite news.

"I saw him getting into a cab on Market street," Bill Collins had told her upon returning from a trip to San Francisco. "At least I think it was Harry. Saw him only an instant, though, and I couldn't be sure!"



Midnite came, and the noise reached a mighty crescendo.

So tonight she was waiting. Only God and she and Harry knew how important was this New Year's Eve. Bill Collins had asked her out for the evening, but she said, no, she wasn't feeling well and would stay home. Then he asked if he might drop around to her apartment and she begged off. Bill had given her a puzzled look, but only God and she and Harry knew . . .

Laurette washed the dinner dishes, brushed her hair and straightened up the living room, because Harry used to enjoy sitting in front of the hearth with his pipe.

At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door, and Laurette's heart jumped. But it was only the lady next door, pausing long enough to extend the inevitable "Happy New Year!"

"What's happy about it?" Laurette wanted to ask her.

She picked up a book and tried to read, but it was no use. Midnight came, and outside the noise reached a mighty crescendo. At that moment Laurette suddenly realized that Harry had failed her; New Year's Eve was over, and he hadn't kept the rendezvous!

Then the telephone jangled and Laurette leaped to answer.

"San Francisco calling Miss Windsor," said the operator. Then a long silence, while Laurette held her breath. Hadn't Bill thought he'd seen Harry in San Francisco? Finally the operator came back: "I'm sorry, Miss Windsor, but our lines have apparently gone out somewhere. I'll have to call you back."

Then Laurette had an idea. Operator," she asked, "was that call addressed just to Miss Windsor? Wasn't there a first name?"

"Why, I guess so," came the reply. "Yes, here it is—to Miss Laurie, L-a-u-r-i-e Windsor. That's you, isn't it?"

"I'll say it is!" Laurette shouted gleefully. "But only one person in the world ever called me that!"

Barbara Ann Scott Will Broadcast

Ottawa's Barbara Ann Scott, North American and world-figure skating champion now in Europe in a bid to add the Olympic title to her records, will tell Canadian radio listeners some of her championship secrets in a nation-wide radio broadcast Saturday, December 27.

The diminutive, blue-eyed ice queen will be a special guest on the regular weekly Sports College broadcast heard over a network of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and affiliated stations. Her talk was recorded just before she left Ottawa for her Olympic bid.

The mental approach to practice and a temperament which avoids ups and downs are more important than outstanding athletic ability in developing a champion, Barbara Ann will tell Sports College listeners. To bring her own standard of proficiency to a point where she is one of Canada's main hopes for an Olympic title, took years of almost continuous hard work, she says, and hours of practice are still required before she feels ready to enter competition.

During her overseas tour, financed by a special fund subscribed by Canadian admirers, the Ottawa skating star will defend the world title she won at Stockholm, Sweden, last February.

Christmas Trees, Cribs And Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, within respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.



According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then, the cry rose against heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. This first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an immediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pageantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

FLEMING MACKELL

Fleming Mackell is only 18 year old. Mackell was born in Montreal on April 30, 1929. He

stands 5'7½" and packs a sturdy 160 pounds. Mackell learned his hockey in Montreal where he was a standout Junior. He lined up with the Toronto St. Mike's Memorial Cup winners last year and was the scoring sensation of the Junior O.H.A. where he won the scoring honors with 49 goals and 33 assists for 82 points, thereby shattering the previous record held by Tod Sloan.

BRINGS FANCY PRICE

Gary Cooper, competing with Howard Da Silva, buys Paulette Goddard from the slave auction block for the fancy price of 103 pounds and sixpence in "Unconquered," the Cecil B. DeMille epic of frontier America. It was an extraordinary sale price.

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Westmount Converters' won their tenth straight victory by soundly trouncing McGill Juniors 77-29, in their most convincing display of the young Basketball season. This victory enabled the home squad to take over first place in their section of the M.B.L.

Paced by Gordon MacLeod and Sterling McLeod with 21 and 20 points respectively, the Converters' really turned on the power to outclass the college boys from the opening whistle. The accurate and picture-play passing of Gordon MacLeod and Sterling McLeod and in fact of the whole Westmount squad had the visitors in constant confusion. The Westmounters quickly jumped into an early lead of 18-2 and gradually increased their margin until they held a 37-11 lead at the half. This margin was further increased in the second stanza when the homesters piled up another 40 tallies to the 18 scored against them. Jack Dudley, Jim Henderson and John Field shone in this half, with the latter scoring 11 points as his contribution to the total. Godel for McGill shone with 9 tallies.

On Tuesday, December 30th, at 8 p.m., the young Converters' will tangle with either McGill's Senior squad or the Montrealeers' Intermediates on the Westmount Junior High School floor and a very interesting tussle is anticipated.

The scoring summary:—

Converters' (77) — S. McLeod (20), Binmore, G. MacLeod (21), Wray (3), Dudley (8), Field (11), Greenbaum (2), Young (2), Henderson (6), Silver (4).

McGill Jrs. (29) — Garfinkle (6), MacGregor, Baker (3), Frater, Godel (9), Burgess, Segall (7), Gordon, Klein (4), ½ under.

\$25.00 PENALTY

A misconduct penalty in the United States Hockey League carries an automatic \$25.00 fine and as most misconducts are called for abusing the referees this pastime has now lost most of its attractiveness to the players. A player drawing a second major penalty (five minutes) also gets an automatic 10-minute misconduct penalty and a \$25 fine. Should he be so rash as to commit a third major foul he is ruled off the ice for the balance of the playing time, but a substitute shall be permitted after five minutes have elapsed. He also receives an automatic \$50 fine.



SKI TEACHERS

Who wouldn't like to take ski lessons from these two instructors? Left is Jane Kearns of Westmount who was the only girl entrant to earn the coveted Maple Leaf Badge at the recent Canadian Ski School held at Lac Beauport. She has accepted an invitation to teach at Gaylord, Michigan. Kraysna Share (right) is another popular Canadian Ski School entrant who plans a teaching career.

—Photo by C.P.R.

Ski Club To Meet Next Week

Next meeting of the newly formed Westmount Ski Club will be at the Westmount Y.M.C.A. at 8 p.m., on December 29th.

The programme will include ski movies from Switzerland and a talk by Mario Gabriel, ski instructor at Shawbridge.

The nominating committee has nominated the following slate for elections of officers and directors: President, John F. Lewis; vice-president, Wilson Beckett; secretary, Dr. Errol Clift; treasurer, Andy Hamilton; directors, Geoffrey O. Merrill, O. H. N. Owens, Frank Reiffenstein, Kenneth Lindsay and Bruce Johnson.

All interested in joining the Ski Club are invited to attend the meeting. Application forms, accompanied by membership fee, may be filled out at the meeting. Application forms are available at the Westmount Y.M.C.A.

The club now has 61 members.

18 N.H.L. ROOKIES

There are 18 players entering the National Hockey League this season for the first time in their youthful careers and one who has played two games in hockey's big tent. Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins top the rookie rosters with five freshmen each. Chicago Black Hawks have four N.H.L. newcomers on their squad; Detroit Red Wings and New York Rangers

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LETTER & Christmas

"Wonderful weather for Christmas!" Timothy Rowan thought as he tramped home through the snow with an armful of mail from the post office.

But he was apprehensive, for in the bundle was a letter from Caroline, his daughter. Why, he kept asking, would Caroline be writing now, the day before Christmas, unless to tell her parents that she wouldn't be home for the holidays?

Noisily he stamped the snow from his overshoes on the back porch, then walked into the kitchen which was savory with the odor of his wife Rachel's Christmas cooking. Then, as Rachel approached the bundle of



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letters he had placed on the table, Timothy found himself shrinking from the room, fearful of how Rachel would take the news.

No Caroline for Christmas! Why, never once in her 24 years had Caroline been away. But, then, she was building her own life in the city, now—new friends, new interests, and spending the holidays with two old parents was probably pretty dull.

But how would Rachel take it. If only someone, anyone, would spend Christmas with them to relieve the loneliness. Well, how about young Tom Wakefield with whom Caroline had once been in love, a fine young man who didn't have a home, and who probably would miss Caroline this Christmas as much as he and Rachel would?

A few minutes later Timothy was tramping downtown through "Merry Christmas, Tom!" Wakefield's garage.

"Merry Christmas, Tom!" he shouted, walking into the small office.

"Same to you, Mr. Stone!" cried Tom. "What can I do for you?"

"Well, Tom," Timothy began, "you can make a couple of old people pretty happy if you'll come to dinner with us tomorrow. You see—I don't expect Caroline will be coming and, well, it would be nice if you'd join us."

"Gosh, thanks Mr. Stone!" Tom

"Be Thou Well" On Xmas Day

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."

The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "waes hael," meaning "be thou well."

Wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.

Here is a recipe for wassail today:

1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

A philosopher ace mechanic arrived home from overseas and soon was busy repairing the car of his brother. A friend hailed him saying: "Bet you're glad to be back, but things here have got pretty well fouled up, haven't they—housing, prices, strikes?" "Listen," he disagreed blissfully, "things are swell! All the cars are in terrible condition!"

answered. He turned red, then pale. "I'll be there."

Back home, Timothy was reprimanded. "Well, Mr. Stone, where have you been, leaving me all alone with this news about Caroline?" Rachel's eyes sparkled.

"I know, darling," Timothy said, "it's too bad she can't be here for Christmas, but I've asked Tom Wakefield to join us. It'll be kind of nice having him, remembering how he and Caroline used to be so close. You know, I think that boy is still in love with her—"

Mrs. Stone smiled. "Well, we'd better get busy, since company's coming. Fix a fire in the hearth, will you?" And as Timothy went off on his errand, her eyes followed him, smiling.

The Stone household was a busy place Christmas morning. While Timothy tended his stock and poultry, Rachel fixed the turkey, set the table and then went upstairs to dress. And shortly after noon Tom Wakefield arrived, handsome young Tom, and the three of them sat down in the living room before the fire for a short visit before dinner.

Then an automobile horn blazed out front, and Timothy ran to the window.

"It's Caroline!" he shouted, beside himself. "Rachel, come quick! She must have come in on the noon train!"

Then she burst into the room, lovely Caroline, laughing merrily, tossing her bags on the floor and running to her parents.

Suddenly she saw Tom, standing white and tense beside the fireplace, and momentarily her mouth fell open with surprise.

"Oh, Tom!" she cried. "You here, too! This makes it perfect!" And she ran to his arms, while Rachel drew her puzzled husband into the kitchen.

"You may be a pretty smart man, Timothy," she explained quietly as she lifted the turkey from the oven, "but we fooled you that time! You just assumed, because Caroline wrote the day before Christmas, that she wasn't coming home. What she said in the letter was that she was tired of the city and was coming back to stay."

"Of course," she smiled, "I'll give you credit. Poor Caroline's heart was breaking for Tom, so your inviting him here today makes everything perfect!"

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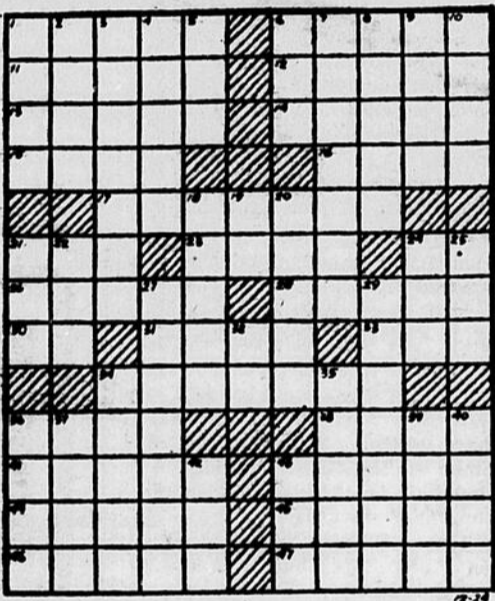
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| 1. Flower | 1. Moist | 3. Disregards intentionally | 20. Incited |
| 6. Shaft of a feather (Zool.) | 2. Inland sea (Asia) | 4. A kind of leather | 21. Father of the gods (Babyl.) |
| 11. Debate | | 5. Affirmative reply | 22. Saucy language (slang) |
| 12. Incendiarism | | 6. Man's nickname | 24. Jelly |
| 13. Hair on horses' necks | | 7. Decay | 25. Ancient |
| 14. Pondered | | 8. A thing of value | 27. Stuff, as a room |
| 15. Walk heavily and slowly | | 9. American author (poss.) | 29. Of medicine |
| 16. Befoul | | 10. Concludes | 32. Music note |
| 17. Small enclosed fortification | | 18. Thick | 34. Juice for pickles |
| 21. Malt beverage | | 19. On account (abbr.) | 35. Rub out |
| 23. Nobleman | | | 36. An upright side of a doorway |
| 24. Leave | | | 37. Like a wing |
| 26. Jewish month | | | 39. One side of a book's leaf |
| 28. Twin | | | 40. Female sheep |
| 29. Aloft | | | 42. Snare |
| 31. Little island | | | 43. Moist earth |
| 33. Old times (archaic) | | | |
| 34. Covered with bread crumbs | | | |
| 36. A nobleman (Norse hist.) | | | |
| 38. Mature | | | |
| 41. Foreign | | | |
| 43. Kind of parrot | | | |
| 44. Minister's home (Scott.) | | | |
| 45. Custom | | | |
| 46. Seaport (Fr.) | | | |
| 47. Takes out (print.) | | | |



HIS LAST THIN DIME

Dan Driscoll was broke. Well, almost broke. He had one thin dime, hiding in the dark depths of a purse that had once held bills of three figures.

He had held it for 20 years, ever since he had found it while plowing on his father's farm. His lucky dime — that's what he had called it. Dan laughed grimly at the thought. Lucky! Had anyone ever been so unlucky as him? Here was the whole town preparing for Christmas, shopping, spending oodles of money, and he was a penniless, weary wanderer. A lucky dime!

A little place around the corner caught his eye. Dan entered, his nostrils quivering under the tanta-

lizing odors. He looked around with greedy eyes, his mouth watering with longing. Soup, roast fowl, potatoes, luscious mince pie. But he mustn't think about such things. He had just one dime — the price of a cup of coffee and a doughnut, or a hamburger. Which would it be? The queer little man inside the counter waited while Dan weighed the important question. The hamburger won. While it was being cooked to order, Dan dug into his pocket and took the dime from the battered purse.

Hungry as he was, he handed it over before attacking the food. His voice was a bit apologetic. "It's an old timer," he said; "been in my pocket for years and years." The old man didn't seem to be listening. He was peering through his spectacles at the coin.

"You're sure you're telling the truth about this dime?" he queried.

"The absolute truth," Dan answered. "But, if you won't believe me, you can have your coffee and hamburger."

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It was Christmas Eve. The girl was young, and lonely and hurt. But she hung a holly wreath in her window and on the sill she placed an old-fashioned candlestick with a tall white candle in it.

The girl was lighting the candle when the man came across the hall and stood at her open door. He was old, and bitter and cynical because the war had taken all he loved.

"Why do you do it?" he asked, and his voice sounded like a savage bark.

"So that everybody will remember there is peace," the girl told him.

"Peace!" said the old man with fine sarcasm.

But the girl just smiled. "Everybody should light a candle in his window for peace so that all who see it will know he has lighted a candle in his heart, too. A candle for peace. If the world tonight could only blaze with candles..."

"Bah! Dangerous things, candles. Always setting fires."

The girl answered dreamily, "Yes. It was an old tradition at home to light candles on the Christmas tree. We always had a pail of water and a sponge on a long stick, and everybody watched for any little fires and we promptly put them out—together."

"Ah! So everybody watched and put out all the little fires, eh? Hum!" said the old man and turned and stalked out of the house.

An hour later when he tramped back to his room, he noticed the girl's door was closed. In the excitement of the task ahead, he left his own door open.

And presently the girl came across the hall and stood looking

owner was waving his hands in the air, the dime clasped between his thumb and first finger. "I've been looking for one of them all my life!"

"Hand me that menu!" Dan Driscoll cried commandingly. "I'm going to have a Christmas dinner right now. I'm going clear down the line, from soup to mince pie."

into the room. A large, beautiful holly wreath hung at his window. In a rare silver candlestick on the sill was a bright red taper and the old man was lighting it.

"Why do you do it?" asked the girl gently, forgetting to be lonely and hurt.

"I am lighting a candle of courage," said the old man solemnly, forgetting to be bitter and cynical. "All who see it in my window will know I've lighted one in my heart, too. A candle of courage."

"You know the whole world should light its candles of courage tonight, for it will take much courage to put out all the little fires that endanger the peace. The little fires that we must promptly put out together."

Then the girl who was young, and had been lonely and hurt, and the man who was old, and had been bitter and cynical, smiled at each other in complete understanding.

New Ski Train From Montreal

To accommodate skiers using the hills between Montreal and Montfort, the Canadian National Railways will inaugurate, effective December 26th, an additional train service in both directions between these points. The service will operate on Fridays only.

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"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done.

"I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way."

After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she



"All tall and bright and — and beautiful."

realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

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"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from

Come To Church

"And the hour shall be filled with music,
With songs, and praise, and prayer;
And the burdens of life shall be lifted
From all who enter there."

It is good for us in the general uproar of the world to pass through a season of quiet meditation and put our fingers on our spiritual pulses and see what kind of life we are living. We cannot best estimate our own life in the noise of the street and the turbulence of the world and need to retire within and shut the door that we may see with a quiet eye and balanced judgment what manner of persons we are. The world is too much with us, and late or soon we spend our spiritual substance in wordly ambitions and anxious living. Simply to step into the seclusion and quiet of a church tends to cool our fevered pulses and calm our agitated hearts and give us peace. God is the great need of our souls, and while we should always live in His presence, yet there are times and means for realizing in a special degree his nearness.

the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time.

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt — it was only a few hundreds — and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and — and beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight, an snowflakes, but" — tapping the papers — "wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

CHRISTMAS IN TROPICS

Boston—Christmas trees, turkeys, mince pie and plum pudding were stored aboard the Canadian National Steamships "Lady Rodney" here to provide its passengers with a traditional Yuletide holiday when the liner docks at Trinidad on December 25th. The "Lady Rodney" sailed from here recently carrying 104 passengers bound for Bermuda and the British West Indies.

Rhonda Fleming, titian-haired beauty who is playing opposite Bing Crosby in Paramount's Technicolor production of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court", teaches Sunday school class and sings in the church choir.

Hunting The Wren In Old Ireland...

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning, a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped and began to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp: the Irish, driven off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Irish, ashamed of the once-honored tradition, say the guilty bird may have been a starling or a sparrow anyway, and now welcome the wren to their farms and homes.

We are saying ditto to the old Roman maxim "Si vis pacem, para bellum" — "If you wish peace, prepare for war."

A MIRACLE

Disturb not that shroud of virgin white

That clothes quiescent earth in its sterile sleep;

Change not the symmetry of mould

Of silvered Gothic spires and stone facade,

Let no one dare despoil the mounting drifts

Like downy pillows piled on slope and hedge;

Take no truant steps on far-flung field,

Nor seek to make a trail where woodland paths once lay;

Look not for jewels beyond the Crown of Hills

The gleam of diamonds, in the noon day sun

Reflecting all the brilliance of Eternal stars:

Accept with gratitude that mystery of silent night!
So beautiful now, unlovely things concealed.

Touch not in passing the overlaiden boughs,
Great cascade bouquets, dripping pearls and tears;

Despise not even the unshapen growth

That lies in disarray, beneath white sentinels of pine or spruce;

Step softly and behold,
Attune your ears to sounds of Winter's quest,

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