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ST. PETER'S NEWS

BY ROBIN HOOD

"Robin Hood" extends good wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The old year is about to end and we are all thankful for the bountiful blessings we have enjoyed in 1954.

May 1955 be another year of Peace, Goodwill and continued prosperity to all Nova Scotians.

Talking of Nova Scotians some say we are to lose our status as an Island now that the Causeway at the Gut of Canso is completed.

"Robin Hood's" opinion is that Cape Breton is still an Island basing our argument that the bridge over the causeway canal when opened to let ships through will keep Cape Breton's status as an Island secure not because we resent the causeway but for reasons of sentiment so dear to the hearts of all Cape Bretoners.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kyte and family were motor visitors to Sydney last week. Victor is the lockmaster at the canal. Cape Breton can boast two canals, one in this community and the other at Port Hastings.

Miss Helen Archibald B. A., the popular and successful principal of our High School is at present visiting relatives in the province of Ontario.

John N. Morrison was on a business trip to Isle Madame last week.

A recent contribution from the "Old Spinning Wheel" in the Record was much enjoyed. Mr. MacLeod's reference to old time winters in Cape Breton was appreciated. We have been enjoying mild winters for the past several years and if one of these old time winters put in an appearance "Robin Hood" as well as every Cape Bretoner would feel its impact.

Our local barber Harold MacDonald has been a patient at St. Rita's Hospital. Harold is our favourite barber and this is the reason for Robin Hood's grey locks hanging a little lower than usual, however this gives us a more distinguished look and in keeping with our nom de plume.

A Christmas concert was held in St. Peter's Parish Hall during the Advent season under the capable supervision of Mrs. Paul White.

Appropriate carols were rendered and the Christmas Story of the birth of the infant Jesus was illustrated.

Chrstmas obligations were observed by the parishioners of the parish by large attendance at all the services.

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New Years and Superstition Go Hand in Hand

Mankind has always been superstitious about New Years.

In olden times families south a glimpse into the future by the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted was indictive of the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky, as where people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was hired to be the first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year occurred often climbed upon the roof on New Year's eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

We moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

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Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk. He thought of the idea in 1903 while mailing Christmas packages and letters.

The clerk was Einar Holboell. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Chrisian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was paced on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

Door Decorations

In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath.

Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.

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The pennies, nickels and dimes raised by the Canadian Junior Red Cross for Crippled Children's work amounted to $150,597.63 last year.

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.

PETIT DeGRAT NEWS

Allan MacEachern M. P., and Earl W. Urquhart, MLA, were visitors to Petit de Grat recently and visited the Booth Fisheries plant.

Major Thexton was a recent visitor at the Booth Fisheries plant.

Eugene Benoit accompanied by his son Clement and David and Richard Gordon were visitors to Sydney.

Mr. Charles Gordon, the popular and efficient manager of Booths plant was a recent business visitor to Halifax.

Leon Landry, assistant manager of Booth's plant was a business visitor to Sydney recently.

Harvey S. MacKenzie of Sydney Representative of the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada was a business visitor to Petit de Grat.

The Red Diamond II under the command of Capt. Joseph Mayo arrived from the banks with 190,000 pounds of mixed fish. She left the following day for Lunenburg, N. S.

The work at the big processing plant of the Booth Fisheries was in steady operation for the past month. This plant is indeed an asset to this community.

Joseph LeBlanc, Leon R. Landry Laurier Boudreau, Arthur Landry and Wilfred Landry arrived from Ontario where they were employed on the Lake boats during the season.

A new house was recently built for Alcide Landry by Emile Landry on the Arichat road. We expect a few more houses will be built in this vicinity this year.

A. A. Boudreau is having a well bored by the Trask Well Company.

Councillor David E. Boudreau had a TV set installed recently.

Joe Rankin of Judique was a visitor at the Booth plant on Tuesday.

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The Year 46 B. C. Contained 445 Days

The longest year in calendar history was 46 B. C. and contained 445 days. This is how it happened:

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. It was revised several times, but by Julius Caesar's time it was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar's experts revised the calendar in the 16th century there was the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December. As a result 46 B. C. contained 445 days.

There is no report of the confusion it must have caused, but it must have played heck with tax collections and the like.

Pre-Red Russia Observed New Years

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay and happy time in Russia.

In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers. The year was ushered in with a hundred shots fired from cannon.

One New Year's Day the Winter Palace was opened to society. Festivity reigned throughout the city, hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage.

The mythical Frsen was supposed to be around about this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbol of Aryan descent.

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More than 8,000 Canadian women enrolled in Home Nursing Classes of the the Canadian Red Cross in 1953.

DUNDEE DEW DROPS

The sacred concert sponsored by the members of the congregation was staged in Black River United Church on Thursday night, Dec. 16th where around two hundred people were captivated by the excellent performance of both children and adults.

The Pageant showed two scenes "The Three Kings" and their three servants as they followed the star and "Two shepherds as they sat by the campfire at night watching the flocks when the angels appeared."

The interior of the church was suitably decorated for the occasion and colors used in the costumes were beautiful.

The night scene with the shepherds the campfire and the star overhead and suitable background was most impressive.

The cast comprised A. C. Russo Phil MacInnes and Ralph MacInnes as "The Three Kings". Servants were Bert, Archie and Billie MacIntosh.

The two shepherds were Angus MacInnes, R. J. Urquhart; the angels were Mary I. Russo, Cecelia Morrison and Mary Jean MacDonald.

Christene MacInnes was Mary with the Babe in the Manger.

In the children's program were Phyllis MacInnes, Joan Calder, Jean Calder, Alice MacIntosh, Dianne MacLean, Marlene MacLean, Linda Morrison, Roberta MacDonald, Leslie Ann Urquhart, Olivia Gullickson and Margret MacDonald.

Mrs. W. S. Urquhart accompanied at the organ during the singing of a number of carols.

Before the beginning of the program Rev. H. Humby spoke briefly and made favorable remarks at the close.

J. H. MacIntosh was master of ceremonies. After the singing of The National Anthem, Santa arrived in a new red costume (a donation by A. C. Russo) and distributed gifts from the tree.

A sale table in the lobby was an additional feature and helped to boost the proceeds to $138.00

The spirit of goodwill and cooperation shown from the beginning was marvellous and many thanks are in order for all who so readily volunteered to take part and a special thank-you to Mrs. Urquhart for her patience in helping with the children's program as well as with that of the main show.

With our kindest regards to all we trust that you have had a very Merry Christmas and that 1955 will bring happiness and prosperity to everyone.

A. F.

New Year's Day Was Not Always On January 1

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1. In fact, even today New Years comes on different dates for some peoples.

Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on March 25.

Today, many people who continue to use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world until 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ends on Yom Kippur.

The Moslem calendar (dating from 626, A. D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result New Years and months retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.

Winter Carnival Scheduled



Quebec City is busy laying plans for a winter carnival which will produce scenes such as the above, featring skating, skiing, tobogganing and similar winter sports. The Carnival, which opens officially on January 6, or "Little Christmas," will run for six weeks, ending with a "Mardi Gras" celebration. Many of the color-laden winter sports events scheduled for the carnival will take place on the ski hills of Lac Beauport (upper left) and in the shadow of the famed Chateau Frontenac hotel (lower right.)

(Canadian Pacific Photos)

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POULAMON

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Postmaster and Mrs. Joseph A. Pottie wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Lillian to Alexander Paul son of Mrs. William F. Fougere and the late Mr. Fougere of Poulamon. Marriage to take place in Montreal in the near future. For the past five months, Miss Pottie has been residing in Montreal. For the past eight months Mr. Fougere has been employed on the S.S. Hogarty plying between Port Colborne, Ont., and Detroit, USA. They will spend the winter months here with their respective parents.

Misses Shirley Paon and Phyllis Fougere spent the holidays here with their respective parents. They returned to Halifax on Sunday.

Bert Paon is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. P. L.Paon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vander Landry of Petit de Grat spent the holidays here guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Poirier.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ranson and family spent Christmas day in Petit de Grat guests of their son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Landry.

Mr. Thomas Short visited his wife and family over the holidays returning to his duties on Monday.

Those who returned from the Great Lakes the past month are, Ernest and Amedee Boudreau, Calvin, Valma and Alex Fougere, Simon and George Maltby, Alfred Paon and Wilfred Poirier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boudreau spent Christmas in Halifax with their son Roy.

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M. J. BOURINOT, Publisher

ARICHAT, Cape Breton, Canada, JANUARY 1, 1955

Cape LaRonde

Mr. and Mrs. John Connelly (nee Pearl Mauger) of Halifax were motor visitors to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Mauger during Christmas week.

Miss Eva Mauger of the A class of the Provincial Normal College, Truro, is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mauger.

Christmas services were conducted at St. George's Church here by the Rector Rev. W. A. Trueman with a celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Christmas Day.

Several parishioners attended the Carol Service at St. John's Church on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mauger and family of Canning, N. S., are visiting at the home of Mr. Mauger's parents, Mr. and Mrs . Edward Mauger.

Basil is a member of the Canadian Army and recently returned from Korea where he spent a year.

Friends are glad to see them.

Hubert Mauger motored from Halifax to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mauger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Mauger were recent visitors to New Waterford guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Holm of that place.

Mr. James Mauger who was recently on the sick list is now much improved in health, friends will be glad to learn.

The new telephone line recently constructed by the Maritime Tel. and Tel. to Cape La Ronde is greatly appreciated by subscribers in this section.

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There are 23 Canadian Red Cross welfare workers serving our troops in the Far East.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "TENDER FOR WHARF REPAIRS, FINLAY POINT, INVERNESS COUNTY, N. S." will be received in the office of the Secretary, until 3.00 p.m. (EST) WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1955.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Ontario, at the office of the District Engineer, Public Building, Belford Row, Halifax, N. S., and at the Post Offices at Mabou, Port Hawkesbury and New Glasgow, N. S.

To be considered each tender must be accompanied by a security in the form of a certified cheque or bonds as specified in the form of tender and made on or according to these firms and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

The Department, through the Chief Engineer's office (H. and R.) or through the undersigned, or through the office of the District Engineer at Halifax, N. S., will supply blue-prints and specification of the work on deposit of a sum of $10.00 in the form of a cheque or money order payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works. The deposit will be released on return of the blue-prints and specification in good condition within a month from the date of reception of tenders. If not returned within that date the deposit will be forfeited.

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ROBERT FORTIER,
Chief of Administrative Services, and Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 20, 1954.

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The Misses Rosella and Nellie George who are employed at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence George.

Mr. Wallace George employee of National Sea Products spent the Christmas holidays with his wife and family here.

Manthorn George of the Canadian Army, stationed at Kingston, Ont., visited hs parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence George.

Rose Marie George, Grade XI sudent at OLA Convent, Arichat, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace George.

Bennie Fougere a patient at St. Martha's Hospital spent Christmas with his wife and family here. He returned to the Hospital on Sunday. We are glat to report that he is well on the road to recovery.

Aurel Vigneau spent Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wallace George.

Florence McNeil, who is employed at St. Martha's Hospital spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McNeil.

Ralph Landry, Petit de Grat, spent Christmas here guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton George.

Mr. and Mrs. Albany Gerrior of Cape Auguet spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dorey.

Miss Margaret George spent the holidays at her home here.

Robert Hart, crew members of the dragger Donna Louise, spent the Christmas holidays at his home here.

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To be considered each tender must be accompanied by a security in the form of a certified cheque or Bonds as specified in the form of tender and made on or according to these forms and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

The Department, through the Chief Architect's office or through the undersigned, or through the office of the District Architect, Public Building, Halifax, N. S., will supply blue-prints and specification of the work on deposit of a sum of $150.00 in the form of a cheque or money order payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works. The deposit will be released on return on the blue-prints and specification in good condition within a month from the date of reception of tenders. If not returned within that period the deposit will be forfeited.

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ROBERT FORTIER,
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



Spent Holiday

Miss Marie Marchand of the main branch of the Royal Bank at Halifax, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marchand, Pondville. Marie also visited her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goyetche of this place

From Bridgetown

Week-end visitors from Bridgetown were Inspector of Schools, C. A. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards and two children, and Mrs. Edwards' mother, Mrs. Foster.

While here they were the guests of Inspector Edwards' mother, Mrs. Philip Edwards.

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From Great Lakes

Our good neighbour Raymond LeBlanc has returned from the Great Lakes where he has been employed as an engineer on a freighter.

He will spend the winter with his wife and family.

We wish Ray a very pleasant holiday.

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Returns from Visit

Alex Marchand of Pondville, recently returned from Everett, Mass., where he visited his sister, Mrs. Alvena Vautour of that city for a few months.

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Pension Inspector

Raymond Samson of L'Ardoise, the efficient old age pension inspector for the County was a business visitor to Arichat during the week.

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Nearing Completion

Capt. Jos. Mayo's new dwelling located on the site formerly known as the Fixott property is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

From Halifax

Miss Eva Burton, of the City Hall Staff, Halifax, accompanied by Mr. Himmelman, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Burton of this place.

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From Antigonish

Paul Doyle B. Ed., of the teaching staff of St. Ninian's School, Antigonish and his sister Miss Margaret Doyle, nurse-in-training at St. Martha's Hospital spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Doyle.

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From St. Martha's

Miss Constance Binet, a nurse-in-training at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Binet.

Also holiday guest of her parents, was Miss Lydia Binet of the Royal Bank staff Halifax.

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To Charlottetown

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corbett and family spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Corbett's parents in Charlottetown, PEI. Motoring to New Glasgow they left by plane for the Garden of the Gulf.

On their return they visited Mr. Corbett's home in Harbor Boucher.

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Mainland Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. MacLeod of Lewis Cove Road were motor visitors to Arichat during the past week.

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Returns Home

John B. Theriault arrived from the Great Lakes where he was employed during the past summer on a ship. He will spend the winter with his wife and family.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

To all my people in District 6 and the Municipality as a whole, I wish to extend to all "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

J. W. SAMPSON, Warden.
Muncipality County of Richmond.

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From Cannes

Walter Fougere and Hervey Boyd of Cannes were visitors to town recently.

Walter is favourably known in Arichat having been the pouplar Gordon bus driver for several years. At present he is engaged as a Garage and Service Station proprietor at the head of River Bourgeois.

Hervey Boyd, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Boyd recently returned from Seven Islands where he was employed as an engineer. He will be returning to duty after a three-month holiday.

We were glad to see Walter and Hervey.

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From Boston

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison arrived from Boston, Mass., to spend the winter months at their home in D'Escousse.

Friends are pleased to see them.

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From Great Lakes

Louis Richard arrived from Toronto on Christmas Eve where he had been employed during the summer. He will spend the winter months with his wife and family.

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From Toronto

Theophile Richard arrived from Toronto where he was employed as crew member on a ship in the Great Lakes. He will spend the winter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richard of this place.

MRS. MELINDA GOYETCHE

The death of Mrs. Melinda Goyetche, widow of the late Arthur Goyetche, occurred here on December 20th. She was 81 years of age.

She leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Raymond Stone (Ida) Arichat, Mrs. Charles Connolly (Louise) Halifax; and three sons Peter, Halifax; Arthur, Sydney; Augustine, Grafton, Mass.; one Step-son Wilfred, Halifax; and one brother Charles DeCoste of Arichat.

Funeral took place on December 23rd with High Mass of Requiem celebrated by Rev. A. P. Poirier, P.P. assisted by Rev. W. Boucher as deacon and Rev. A. Doucett as sub-deacon. Burial was in the parish cemetery with Fr. Poirier officiating at the grave.

Pallbearers were Baptiste Goyetche, David Boudreau, Wallace Maloney, Thomas DeYoung, Joseph Boudreau and Norman Samson. Funeral was under the direction of C. A. Boucher, Funeral Director.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the beraved family.

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NELSON LAFFORD

Funeral services were held recently in Saint John for Nelson J. Lafford, 57, a native of St. Peter's and a wel known commercial traveller.

Mr. Lafford, who had been ailing several months was a member of the sales staff of Imperial Tobacco Company. He was born and educated in St. Peter's but resided in Saint John for the past 25 years.

Survivng are his wife, the former Marie Sampson, four daughters, Winnifred of Toronto, Catherine, student at Teachers College Fredericton, Lorraine at home and Mrs. Earle McMinniman Edgar, Ont.; four sons, Wilfred residing at Lancaster, N. B., Gerald at Goose Bay, Labrador; Douglas and Patrck at home. A sister, Mrs Myrtle MacNeil, Meaford, Ont also survives

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New Year Greetings

Arichat, Dec. 28 — May I take this opportunity of wishing to all my friends here and elsewhere a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Alvena Doucet.

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The family of the late Mrs. Melinda Goyetche wish to sincerely htank all the kind neighbours and friends who assisted them in their recent bereavement. Especially do they wish to thank the Rev. Fathers Poirier, Boucher and Doucett, those who sent Mass Cards, messages of condolence and to those who loaned cars. To all they are deeply grateful.

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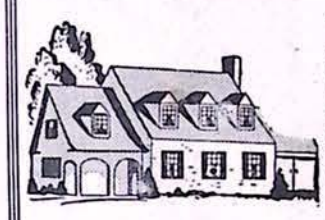
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LITTLE ANSE

Mr. C. Gallant of Summerside, PEI, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Henry Martell of Samson's Cove.

Theresa Samson, student at OL A Convent, Arichat, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Samson.

Vincent Landry of Samson's Cove and Paul David of Petit de Grat motored to North Sydney on Saturday.

Yvonne Samson is spending her Christmas holidays with her sister Mrs. Dannie Marchand of Halifax.

Mr. Wilfred Boudreau visited friends in Louisdale Friday.

A Home and School Meeting was held in Little Anse school on December 9.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Samson motored to Halifax on December 9. They will take up residence there for the winter months.

Mr. Melvin Samson, Medard Samson, Raymond Landry, Quinten Landry and Thomas Landry left for Halifax to seek employment.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Samson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clannon and Geraldine Clannon were visiting relatives and friends in L'Ardoise Sunday.

A card play was held in Little Anse school sponsored by the Home and School Association.

Mr. George Martell arrived home to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and family. He is employed as crewmember on the Red Diamond III.

Mr. Duncan MacIsaac was a visitor to Little Anse recently.

Clifford Samson left for Halifax to spend his Christmas holidays.

Albany Boudreau recently returned home from Halifax.

The Samson's Cove post office had a busy week and we had splendid service by our mail courier and our efficient postmaster, John W. Clannon.

New Year in France Day Par Excellence

January 1, la jour de la bonne annee, is the day par excellence in France.

It is the day of gift-giving and of ringing doorbells. Besides friends who come to present gifts, tradespeople are accustomed to call to offer compliments of the day and receive, in turn, small sums of money.

The atmosphere is full of joy and galety and hospitality. Gifts are proudly displayed and callers come and go amid many compliments and the toasting of everyone's health.

Jour de l'an has its serious side, too. Many families visit the graves of departed members, since this day is considered an appropriate time to remember the dead as well as the living.

The churches generally are crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early pontiff and father of the Church. In various rural communities, the cattle are driven to the door of the village church where they are blessed by the priest who also says Mass for their protection during the New Year.

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POULAMON NEWS

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Miss Patricia Pottie and Alex Fougere motored to Sydney the past week. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Burke and Mr. and Mrs. John Almon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Landry and Mr. and Mrs. Valma Poirier were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Fougere over the holidays.

Leo Miller of Sydney was the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs L. Miller for the holidays.

Eddie Fougere is at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau.

Gerald Laplante is spending a few weeks vacation here with his wife and family.

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Egypt, Rome Observed New Years in Spring

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring.

Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June.

The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a "good howling crop."

Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.

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