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Happy New Year 56

Year-End Message



PREMIER HENRY D. HICKS

By Hon. Henry D. Hicks
Premier of Nova Scotia

1955 has, I think, been a significant year for Nova Scotia Generally speaking, it has been a year of high level economy even though we have encountered some special difficulties in certain sections of our economy. Thus despite great difficulties in finding markets, even the production of our coal mines has been maintained, so that the 1955 figures will probably turn out to be the same as those for the year previous. Our agriculture and forest production have continued a high level though farm prices, as has been the case elsewhere on this continent, have not always been as strong as we would like.

This year, for Nova Scotia has been a year of important additions to our transportation facilities. It has seen the opening of the Angus L. Macdonald bridge and the Canso Causeway, and we feel confident that the 'Bluenose' will commence its run from Yarmouth to Bar Harbour within the next few days.

Certainly we face important decisions and difficult problems if we are to fully develop the resources of Nova Scotia and bring ourselves the fullest measure of happy and harmonious living which our resources make possible to us. It is my ernest hope that Nova Scotians will never hesitate to face the decisions and problems of the future, and it is in this confident and optimistic spirit that I look o ta continually improving future for all of us who live in this province by the sea.

May I therefore wish you all, sincerely, a happy and prosperous 1956, and assure you that if Government and people co-operate in backing up the faith which we all have in Nova Scotia, I am sure we can achieve great things.

May the new year bring health, happiness and prosperity to all.

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Union Appoint Officers

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A meeting of Petit de Grat Local 303, of the United Fisheries Workers of Canada, was held on the 13th December. At this meeting the following officers and stewards were appointed for the 1956 term:—

—Vincent L. Landry, President
—Charles DeCoste, Vice-President
—Bernard Landry, Recording Secretary.
—Stanley L. Boudreau, Secretary-Treasurer.
—Alhonse V. Boudreau, Guard.

The Stewards appointed were:

—Alvin LeBlanc, Cutting Line.
—Delores Samson, Wharf.
—Arthur A. Boudreau, Cold Storage.
—Edith Samson, Fish Sticks.
—Valerie Boudreau, Packing Line

Sporting Mountain Echoes

Date of writing, is December sixteenth.

We were not isolated by the big storm.

Leonel LeBlanc replaced the double wheels on the rear of his two and one half ton truck on Tuesday morning, and joined b his equally energetic neighbor, Alfred Boudreau, made a dash for the frontier. They passed by our little domicile and over the top of the Spruce Hill without a halt.

Mr. LeBlanc brought the Seaview mail from the general post office at Hawker.

However, our trusty mail carrier, Cerena McLennan, substituted horse and sleigh for the Chevrolet, and was back on the job next day.

After James Smith of the Fougere Garage had renovated Alfred Boudreau's Ford he was kept busy during the week transporting supplies to the neighbors but took time off Wednesday evening to motor to Little Anse.

"Buddie" says the snow fall was light on Isle Madame in comparison with this side of the Passage.

We are grateful to our friend, Chas. I. Cameron, St. Peters Wholesale for attractive 1956 calendars.

Lillian Cooke is employed in Sydney and George Cooke on the J. A. Murray farm in Oban.

Whitney McPhee was up to the school house to meet Mrs. McPhee this evening, and favored us with an interesting social call.

Mrs. Lena McLeod sold her horse the other day to Ben Konning.

D. A. Macleod of Halifax is greeting his friends this Christmas Season with a very distinctive card depicting the old homestead with the twin birches down at Framboise, Cape Breton.

It is complimentary to Mr. McLeod that he thus commemorates that hallowed spot of youthful associations and cherished memories.

D. A. S.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.

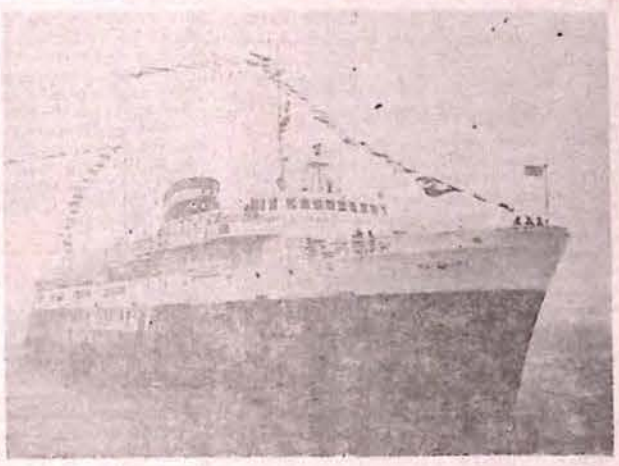
—John Burroughs

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The voice of conscience is so delicate that it is easy to stifle it, but it is also so clear that it is impossible to mistake it.

—Mme.de de Stael

Yarmouth-Bar Harbour Ferry, 'Bluenose'



(N. S. Film Bureau Photo)

December 20 was a red letter day for Yarmouth and Nova Scotia generally when the $5,000,000 M.V. Bluenose knifed through the gale-whipped waters of Yarmouth Harbour for the first time. The modern, car-truck and passenger ferry will inaugurate its Yarmouth-Bar Harbour, Maine service January 4.

BLUENOSE ARRIVES AT YARMOUTH

The sleek M.V. Bluenose, which arrived in Yarmouth, December 20 after weathering a stormy 1,000-mile voyage from Luzon, Quebec, will commence its ferry service between Yarmouth and Bar Harbour, Maine, January 4.

The $5,000,000 car-truck-passenger vessel will make the run from Nova Scotia to Maine in approximately seven and one half hours, leaving Yarmouth every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. AST and from Bar Harbor, Maine to Yarmouth, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 EST in the morning, laying over in Yarmouth over the week-ends. This is a tentative winter schedule.

Despite a blustery north-westerly gale sweepng across Yarmouth Harbour Captain Crump docked the big ferry easily as pulling a car into the curb. Veteran seadogs expressed admration of his seamanship.

With temperatures near zero, the coldest day of the year, a warm reception greeted the Bluenose, her captain and crew from hundreds who brayed the severe weather to welcome the new vessel.

A welcoming cermony was held in the temporary Customs Building following her docking. Chairman of the occasion was Irving C. Pink, chairman of the Ferry Celebration Committee. Mayor Willard Allen of Yarmouth presented Captain K. L. Crump with a solid bronze tablet bearing a picture of the original Bluenose, on behalf of the citizens of Yarmouth.

Also extending welcomes were: T.A.M. Kirk, M. P. for Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare; Earll Clark, Director of Industrial and Tourist Promotion for Nova Scotia; Dr. P. E. Belliveau, MLA, Meteghan; Victor Cardoza, MLA, Digby; W. H. Brown, M.L.A., Yarmouth; H. A. Pickering, District Superintendent, CNR, Halifax Division, R. T. Cooper, Yarmouth Board of Trade president, Deputy Mayor of Yarmouth, Fred Emin.

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L'ARDOISE

The blessing of the Convent Chapel the interior of which has recently been completed took place on Sunday afternoon December 4, by his Excellency Bishop John R. MacDonald of Antigonish. Present at the ceremony were Mother General of the congregation of the Daughters of Jesus and Mother Provincial of Dalhousie, N.B. Sisters from Arichat, D'Escousse and River Bourgeois also attended the ceremony.

Pte. Raymond Gracie who served with the Armed Forces in Germany for the past two years is spending leave with his mother, Mrs. Louise Gracie.

Mr. Robert Reed, Sydney, was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Landry. He accompanied Mrs. Henry Adamson and infant son home from St. Rita Hospital.

A delightful stork shower was held at the home of Mrs. Quentin Sampson on Wednesday in honor of her sister-in-law Mrs. Alonzo Sampson. There was a large gathering of friends and neighbours and the guest of honor was presented with a beautifully decorated basket heaped with beautiful gifts for which she graciously expressed her thanks. Mrs. Wilfred Bonley opened the gifts while Mrs. Connie Samson read the accompanying verses. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Delicious refreshments were served by the Misses Veronica MacNeil, Marina MacLean, Estelle Baccardax, Rose A. Monbourquette and Mrs. Chas. S.Samson.

Mr. Anthony Samson motored to Sydney, last Friday, accompanied by Miss Maria Burke and sister, O'Beline both of whom will sepnd the winter months with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burke.

Lieut. Joseph W. Monbourquette, Chatham, N. B., accompanied by his mother, who spent the past couple of months visiting her son and daughter-in-law, arrived here recently.

Messrs Bert Samson and John Clannon attended a boat builders

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M. J. BOURINOT, Publisher

ARICHAT, Cape Breton, Canada

DECEMBER 31, 1955

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We wish all our readers, correspondents and friends, "A Very Happy and Prospercus New Year."

At this time we wish also to thank all our printing and advertising patrons for their loyal suppport during 1955 and look forward to serving them even better in 1956.

May 1956 be a year of peace among the nations of the world and the Peace on Earth that comes at Christmastime prevail throughout the whole year.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration early in the 16th century.

When you fasten ornaments on your tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

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Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1843 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius 1, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

'NIGHT BEFORE XMAS

Dr Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, 'Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

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Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



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

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

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

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

In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

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

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for his throne, they find the Christ Child.

SANTA COMES TO AMERICA



Just like most everyone else Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores Saint Nick was a tall angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nicholous." The best they could do was "Santa Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809 Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York" changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waistline. It will be a tough job, for though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



NEW YEAR'S AGAIN!

There is no reason why Maggie Sinclair should be surprised to find a New Year on hand once again; it happens every 365 days. Maggie, however, turns up every 7 days on the CBC television show "Cross-Canada Hit Parade" and also has been featured as a musical comedy singer. Unfortunately, the New Year's baby can't tell her what the top tunes will be in 1956, but she will keep in touch bywatching the show every week.

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A problem Resolved

By Don Wheeler

TYLER TURNABOUT placed a tray of sandwiches on the buffet in the dining room and hurried to the front door to welcome the first of his New Year's Eve party guests.

"Well, Tyler," said Robert Benson, ushering in his wife, "Don't tell me we're the first to arrive? I thought the Harrisons would be here at least."

"Nope, not them," said Tyler with a good-natured sneer. "They live right next door, but they're sure to be the last."

The Bensons seated themselves in the living room while their host went into the kitchen to assist Mrs. Turnabout in putting the final touches to the party preparations. The minutes ticked by and the guests drifted in, until at last they were all there, even the Harrisons from next door.

"Look here, Turnabout," said Tom Harrison as he planted his left foot squarely on the middle of the piano bench. "This is the time of year for making resolutions. I've made a few myself and I'd like to know if you've done the same."

"Me? Made any resolutions? I hadn't given it a thought, Tom, old boy."

"Well I have," said Harrison, lifting his foot in the air and bringing it down on the piano bench with a thud. Mrs. Turnabout



"You'll never stick to it, turnabout," he said.

scowled from across the room, so Harrison retreated from the piano bench and leaned against the wall nearby, pausing only to grab up a cup of coffee from an end table as he did so.

Bob Bensen, who had caught the opening of the conversation, moved along with him. He was aware of the friendly arguments the two neighbors had indulged in over a period of several years. He knew a trap was being set for Tyler Turnabout.

"Well, Tom, let's hear some of your New Year's resolutions," said Benson, pulling up a chair.

He Tells All

"I've resolved," said Harrison, looking at Tyler, "to figure out some way to keep your dog out of my flower bed this spring. Further, I've resolved to figure a plan which will make you cut your share of the grass between our houses—by the way, you still have my lawn mower from last summer—a plan that will make you shovel your share of the snow off the front walk." Harrison gulped some of his coffee and continued, "A plan that will keep the branches of your apple tree from hanging over into my back yard, and a plan that will keep you from using my garbage can when yours is full." Harrison indicated a full garbage can by raising both hands above his head and as a result his coffee cup crashed against the wall and fell to the floor.

Harrison apologized for the action. Mr. Turnabout seemed unconcerned.

Most of the other conversation in the room had ceased and the others had gathered around the two smiling. The clock on the mantle showed that it would be a New Year in five minutes.

An Easy Solution

"Tell you what I'll do, Tom," said Tyler, "I'll make a resolution that guarantees you won't be bothered by any of these things this year."

"You'll never stick to it, Turnabout!"

"I guarantee it," said Tyler with a broad grin.

"All right, Turnabout. You make that resolution. If you keep it, and I know you won't, for just three months, I'll cut your grass for the rest of the summer. If you don't, then you cut mine. Agreed?"

"Agreed," replied Turnabout with an even broader grin.

"Let's shake hands on it before the New Year, just to make it legal," said Harrison.

The New Year arrived with horn blowing, hand shaking and kissing of wives and then Tyler turned to Harrison and said, "By the way, Tom, I guess I should have told you before, we've sold our house. We'll be moving to the other side of town in a week. So when you come to cut my grass this spring don't forget to bring your lawn mower with you, I don't have one you know."

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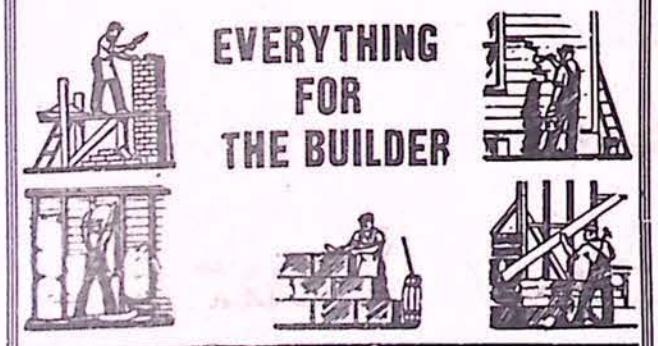
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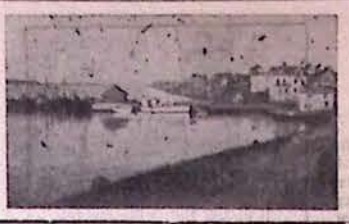
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Yuletide Visitors

At this season of the year we find it difficult to report all the holiday visitors. You could assist us greatly by phoning 29 informing us of visitors at your home. We do not wish to omit anyone from our news columns and would greatly appreciate your cooperation.

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BORN. To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Baccardax (Geraldine McDonald) at the Halifax Infirmary on December 3, 1955, a son—Paul Leon, weight 7 lbs. 5 ozs. A brother for Anne.

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From Halifax

Frank Mayo and his sister, Lillian of Halifax, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Mayo of this place.

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Attends Funeral

Miss Marie Marchand, of the Royal Bank, Halifax, attended the funeral of her late uncle, Alex Marchand, of Pondville, which took place from Notre Dame Church on December 23rd.

Miss Marchand returned to her duties after the Christmas holidays.

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Holiday Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Oliver, (nee June Latimer), Point Tupper and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dingle, (nee Marion Latimer,) Moncton, were holiday visitors at the home of Mrs. Oliver's and Mrs. Dingle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Latimer.

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Holiday Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. LeVesconte, of Dartmouth, spent the Christmas Holidays at the home of Mrs. LeVesconte's mother, Mrs. May Dunphy, Pondville.

Also home for the holidays was Miss Laleah LeVesconte, a student at an Art College, in Boston, Mass. She returned by plane.

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Returns To Newcastle

William Wright, who spent the Christmas holiday with his wife and family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Mulzard has returned to his duties as Electrical Engineer at Newcastle, N. B., where a large mining development has recently being established.

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96th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Paul LeBlanc, of Poulamon, recently celebrated her 96th birthday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles McDonald, of Poulamon.

Mrs. LeBlanc, is still quite active and enjoys playing cards with neighbors and friends. She knits and can also thread a needle without the aid of glasses.

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Home For Winter

Raymond LeBlanc, arrived home on Christmas Day, from the Great Lakes, where he was employed as an engineer, on a lake freighter. Raymond will spend the winter months with his wife and family. We wish our good neighbor a very pleasant holiday.

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Returns To Ottawa

Lawrence (Buddy) Power, left for Ottawa, during the week to resume his training in the R. C. M. P., Corps in that city. We wish Buddy continued success.

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From St. Mary's

John LeBrun, a student at St. Mary's College, Halifax, is spending the Yuletide holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. LeBrun.

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From Hawkesbury

Paul Doyle, B. A., Supervisor, of the Port Hawkesbury High School is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Doyle.

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From Truro

Norman Samson, B. A., a student at Provincial Normal College, Truro, is spending the holidays with his wife and famly.

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Home For Holidays

Eddie Edwards, the efficient representative for Morse's Teas, is spending the holidays with his wife and family.

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DEATH OF ALEX MARCHAND POSTMASTER PONDVILLE

The death of Alex Marchand, occurred at his home in Pondville, on the 22nd of December, after a brief illness.

For the past several months he had been visiting relatives in the U. S. A., and had only arrived home a short time when he was seized with a paralytic stroke.

A man highly respected by everyone, his passing came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. For the past several years he was postmaster at Pondville.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Desire Marchand he was in his 65th year. Surviving are five brothers and five sisters: Willard, Henry, Leonie, Joseph all of Pondville and Thomas in the U.S. Mrs. Arthur Martell, (Emma), of Petit de Grat; Mrs. Andrew H. Boudreau, (Eva), of Petit de Grat; Mrs. Fred Babin, (Mary), of West Arichat; Mrs. Felix Fougere, (Josie), of Poulamon; Mrs. Raymond Marchand, (Laura), Pondville; Mrs. Alvina Vautour, of Everett, Mass.

The funeral took place from Notre Dame Church, of which the deceased was a devout member. Rev. A. P. Poirier, Pastor, was celebrant at the Mass.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the brothers and sisters in the passing of their beloved brother.

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From Mulgrave

Arthur LeBrun, a student at the Mulgrave High School, is spending the holidays with his father, Gerald LeBrun.

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From Lancaster

Joe Richard, of Lancaster, N. B., was a visitor to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richard, of this place, for Christmas.

Joe is favourably known in the Maritimes at track meets as a runner who has chalked up many victories in recent years. He has also competed in races in Toronto.

For the past two years Joe entered the Boston Marathon and did remarkably well finishing the route both years in a respectable position.

In April he will again compete in the Boston Marathon and we ask all Isle Madame natives living in Massachusetts, to be on the look out for the plucky little runner wish "LANCASTER" written across the back of his sweat shirt.

We were glad to see our good friend, Joe and wish him the best of luck in the next marathon.

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Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime

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By Shirley Sargent

AS ALICE DANFORTH moved from the sink, she saw the big calendar turned to December and the latent happiness within her swelled like a balloon She hugged her secret to herself, glad now that she had kept it from Jed What better way to start the New Year? Of course, if Jed had been here in Weed these last two months, she couldn't have kept it but he had been gone on sales trips for the company. She walked into the living room to study their wedding portrait taken just three years ago

Jed's expression was radiant He was a tall young man with dark hair and warm brown eyes while Alice, herself, was slight with honey blond hair and a smile that lent her beauty How happy they had been. Alice thought, when they had come to the town of Weed The first year and the second year It had been only recently that Jed had exhibited the restlessness that culminated in his transferring to the sales staff

It had been only recently that Alice had paid particular attention to Weed's snow-covered parks, to its homey schools and its pervading air of "typical" as she had walked its broad streets When they had first come to Weed, she had had little time for anyone but



Jed sat up when she brought the bowl of well-salted, buttered popcorn to him

Jed, lately she had treasured every friendly greeting, every evidence of belonging And soon she wondered, will my interests narrow down again?

Jed arrived home too late and too exhausted to go to the parties they had been invited to There were tired lines in his face, especially around his eyes "Let's just see the New Year in together," he suggested sprawling on the couch

Thoughtful Quiet

For a while the living room was broken only by the noises of the crackling fire and the popping corn Outside, Alice knew, snow was falling in geometrically beautiful flakes that would heap together and mean shoveling tomorrow

Jed sat up when she brought the bowl of well-salted, buttered popcorn to him They sat side by side, sharing the bowl

"Good," Jed mumbled, his mouth too full for clear speech.

"How was your trip?" The clock read 11:45

Jed sighed from deep within him "All right," he said, "considering how green I am at sales The boss is pleased In fact " he paused

Alice was aware of his intent gaze "In fact, what?" she questioned

Jed rose, paced restlessly

"In fact, the boss is so pleased with my progress that he'll put me out in the field regularly Now don't interrupt Let me finish We would either move to Chicago or maybe we could buy a house trailer and you could go with me "

Jed poked another log on the fire "Of course, it wouldn't all be fun and travel, but at least you wouldn't be stuck in Weed any more "

Not Stuck At All

"Stuck in Weed," she echoed "Who said I was stuck? Why Weed has one of the best stocked libraries I've even seen in a small town and in the summer we have the band and the people are so friendly "

"But I thought you hated it here " His square face was set in lines of utter bewilderment "That's why I took the darn job with the sales force "

Church bells began to tell the old year out as Alice went to Jed "Jed, dear, you couldn't be more mistaken I love Weed, and our future lies here A wonderful future Why, next June we're going to have a baby "

Jed whooped and hugged her tightly then led her gently to the couch "A baby Our daughter or son! In June? Are you sure?"

"Of course nitwit, and I want him, her, it to grow up in Weed "

"Then I don't have to stay with sales and we can live here and raise our child Oh, Happy New Year darling Happy New Year!"

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There is no such way to attain to greater measure of grace as for a man to live up to the little grace he has.

James Gordon Brooks

L'ARDOISE

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covention at Halifax recently.

Mrs. Leo Nelson, Dartmouth, an employee of The Paramount Theatre, Halifax, returned to her home, after spending three weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Mary S. Briand who has been seriously ill with pneumonia. We are glad to report that Mrs. Briand is making a satisfactory recovery.

Rev. Mother Marie Sophia, Superior, O.L.O.P.H. Convent, was called to Margaree, recetly due to the illness of her father.

Sgt. Joseph Monbourquette of the R. C. M. E., Toronto, accompanied by Mrs. Monbourquette are spending two weeks with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Berrette.

Friends of Mrs. Emmanuel Monbourquette, will regret to learn that she is a patient at th V. G. Hospital, Halifax. All hop V. G. Hospital, Halifax. All hope hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. Quentin Samson returned from Moncton, last Saturday with a new school bus purchased for the Lower L'ArAdoise-Point Michaud route. The bus seats 65 pupils and is operated by Mr. Samson.

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There is but one failure, and that is, not to be true to the very best one knows.

—Canon Farrar

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Where you are is of no moment, but only what you are doing there.

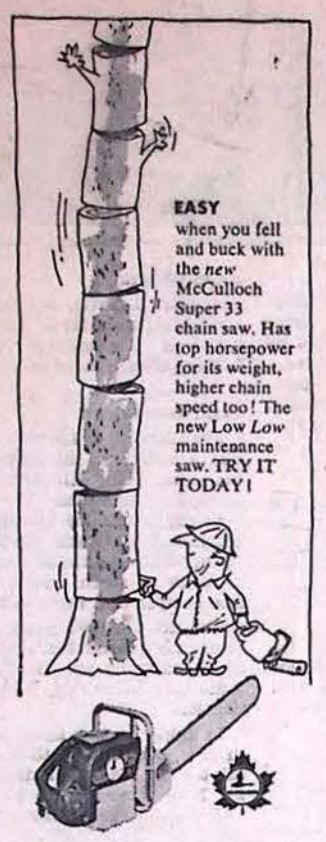
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The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1955, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep
With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a high ideal, no other resolutions will be required.

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