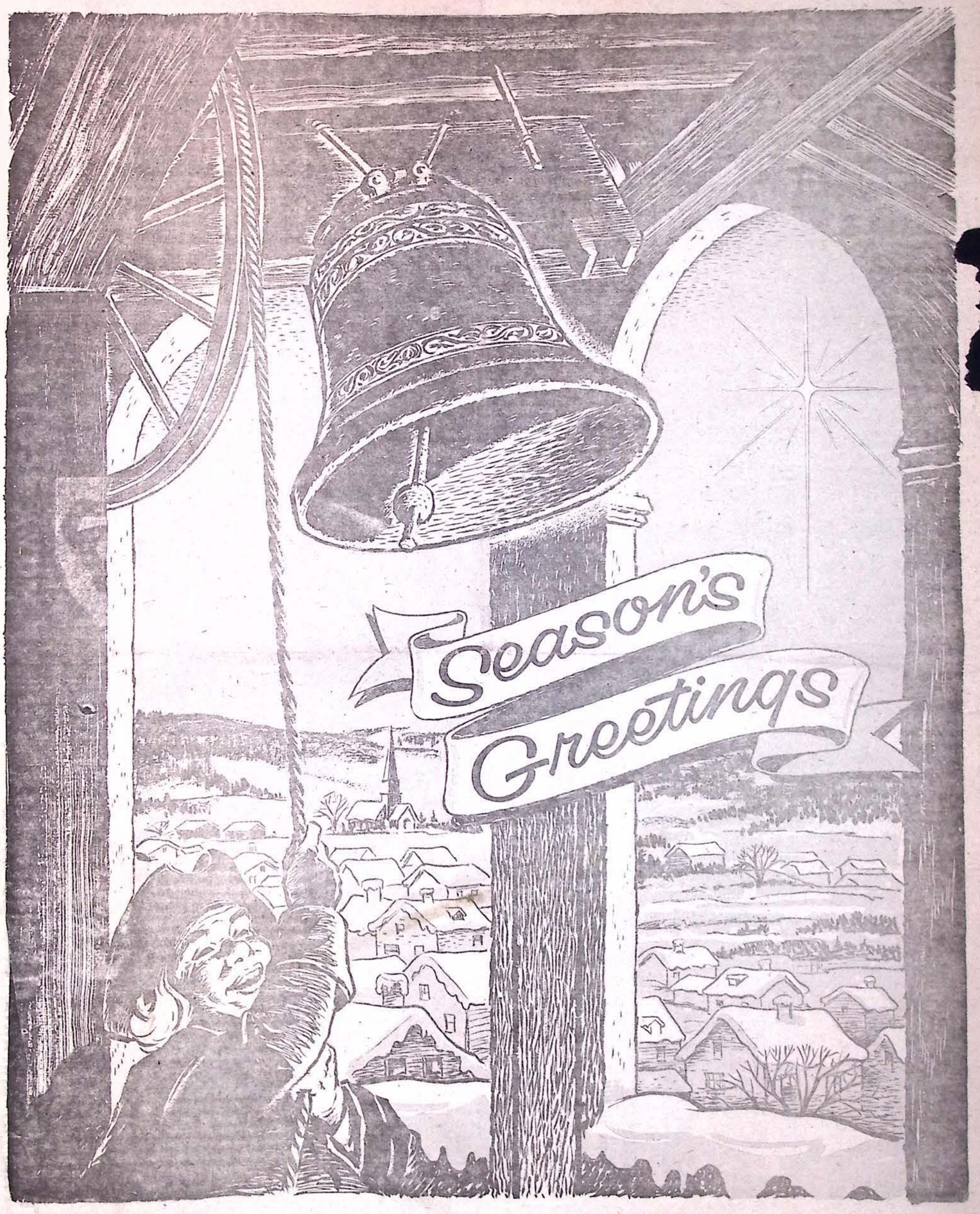
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Ding dong! merrily on high
in heav'n the bells are ringing
Ding dong! verily the sky
is riv'n with Angel singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

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Greetings

To say thanks, and express appreciation to our many patrons is difficult when our heart is filled with gratitude that our words cannot express. The Greeting "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you" may say it in form alone but the warmth of tone, running smile, and the sincerity of a personal character adds an emphasis nothing else can do. So we modestly add, "you know what we mean".

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CNR REDUCES FARES FOR SERVICEMEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

MONCTON—Canadian National Railways is offering reduced fares to personnel of the Armed Forces during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

George Stiven, general passenger agent for the company's Atlantic region, has disclosed that the CNR has authorized round-trip coach class fares for members of the Armed Forces during the festive season at the regular one-way coach class fare and one tenth.

These Armed Forces vacation tickets go on sale Dec. 12 and may be purchased anytime up to and including Dec. 31. The return limit is leaving destination not later than 12 o'clock midnigh Jan. 10, 1959.

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ANGLICAN PARISHES FUND OF $26,000 TO SPRINGHILL

Since the October disaster more than $13,000 has been contributed by Anglican parishes in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. Funds are still coming in and the total will probably go higher, Rt. Rev. R. H. Waterman, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia said recently.

A trust fund has been set up with contributions from Anglican parishes across Canada amounting to approximately $26,000, besides a donation of $5,000 which was sent to Springhill shortly after the disaster.

Bishop Waterman, who will administer the fund, will meet shortly with the Mayor of Springhill, the rector of the parish, and others to decide where the money can be of the best use.

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THE NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITAL INSURANCE PLAN
ANSWERS to some QUESTIONS

A SERIES OF "ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS" DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN THE HOSPITAL SERVICES YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THE HOSPITAL PLAN OFFERED BY THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT

Q Does the Plan pay doctors' bills?
A No.

Q Will electrical heart tests (electrocardiograms) be covered under the Plan?
A (a) For in-patients: yes.
(b) For out-patients: no, except when required within forty-eight hours following an accident.

Q Are persons suffering from tuberculosis or mental disease covered?
A No, except in general hospitals where special provision is made by the hospital itself and special facilities exist. The province now provides treatment for almost all tuberculous patients, and the majority of mental patients, outside the Plan. There likely will be no change in this policy for some time at least.

Q How long may I stay in Hospital?
A As long as it is medically necessary and this includes long term treatment. Benefits cease when the patient's physician indicates that hospital care is no longer required, or the Hospital's Standards Committee or the Commission so determines.

Q In the event a patient does not leave the hospital when the doctor discharges him, what happens to the hospital bill?
A In such circumstances the patient is responsible for payment of the full bill for hospital services provided after the date of discharge.

Q Who will be responsible for "proof of residence"?
A It will be the patient's responsibility to provide the hospital with proof of the fact that he is a resident of Nova Scotia. Such items of proof as the appearance of his name in a current telephone directory, a tax receipt, a Nova Scotia driver's license, or the word of two reliable persons may help to establish eligibility for insured service. If no evidence satisfactory to the hospital can be produced, the patient will be responsible for his hospital bill, but may request the Commission to review his case. If the patient satisfies the Commission that he is entitled to the services he may apply to the hospital for a refund.

Q Can patients obtain drugs to be taken at home?
A No. The Plan provides drugs only when administered in a hospital.

Q Will the services of an anaesthetist be covered?
A No.

THIS HOSPITAL PLAN BECOMES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1959

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Greetings.....

"LYNCH'S BAKERY, Bakers of Pan Dandy Bread and the New "Twist Sunliner Bread", Extend their best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all the people in Richmond County.

TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S GIFTS WERE SACRED

The Druids distributed branches of the sacred mistletoe, cut with peculiar ceremonies, as New Year's gifts to the people and the Saxons observed the day with gifts and festivals.

The Roman custom of taking gifts to the emperor was introduced into England as early as the time of Henry III. Queen Elizabeth is supposed to have supplied herself with her jewels and wardrobe almost entirely from these gifts.

As late as 1822 the English nobility were accustomed every year to send to the king a purse containing gold.

Under the Tudors and the Stuarts it was the habit of all classes to give presents to friends with the best wishes for the New Year.

Ladies received presents of gloves or pins which were then expensive. Sometimes the gifts were wrapped in money and from this practice we have the term "pin money."

We always have time enough, if we will but use it right.

River Bourgeois Ripples

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Black and family of Barra Head, have moved into their new home which they purchased from Arthur Morrison at River Tillard.

Mrs. M. Cameron and sons Martin and Gerard of Margaree Forks were the guests of Mrs. Cameron's daughter, Mrs. Cletus Touesnard during the early fall.

Eddie Bowers, who has been in and out of Camp Hill Hospital for the past several years, ever since he was injured in an auto accident has returned to his home here feeling somewhat better.

Miss Grace Burke, daughter of Mrs. and the late Pacien Burke of Halifax, was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Elias Bouchard and other relatives at River Bourgeois.

Among our new arrivals: — Bruce Joseph, born to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sampson. — Ann Elizabeth, born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrison. Gillis Paul born to Mr. and Mrs. James Richad.

Among those from here who have joined the Knights of Columbus recently are:—Allan and Cletus Touesnard; James Richard; Fred Dorey; Kennie C. Cosman; John Landry and Walter J. Fougere.

Mr. Sam Fougere, who was killed when struck by a car at Portage recently, was an nucle of Mrs. Charlie Bouchard of River Bourgeois. He was 91 years old and had spent the previous weekend as the guest of Mrs. Bouchard.

Mrs. Anthony Sampson of Halifax was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Burke. She will be remembered as Monica Burke.

Lawrence Pottie son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pottie of Hawker, has returned home after spending some time seeking employment in Montreal.

William and Anthony (better known as Ginger Fougere) and Ginger's two oldest sons Charlie and Earl, spent the week-end visiting their brother Peter at the old homstead.

Miss Peggy Boyd, stewardess for T. C. A., is spending a few days at home. Peggy, who is a daughter of Mrs. and the late W. F. Boyd, visited her uncle, George Boyd and family at Gaudeloupe, F.W.I., before coming home.

Several of our older citizens have had Birthdays recently. Mrs. Isiah Pottie of Hawker celebrated her 81st birthday and Mr. Ned Thibeau celebrated his 90th birthday, in the month of October. Both these nonogenarians are very active and enjoy very good health.

Our collectors for the Children's Aaid were: Helen Burke and Gerry Fougere, South Cannes; Margaret A. MacPhee, Hawker; Digout, North Side R. B.; Florence Goyetche and Marguerite Eleanor Boudreau and Jeannette Sampson, Church Point and Grand Gulley. The collection amounted to $52.55.

The Poppy Sale amounted to about $32.00. Thank you collectors.

Vincie Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amable I. Burke, spent two weeks visiting his parents here during the month of October. Vince is from Peterborough and it has been some time since he was home. While he was home Mr. and Mrs. Burke also had their sons, Pat and Abram visiting them. Pat is attending Technical College and Abram is employed at Halifax.

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New Year's Blessings an Ancient Swiss Legend

According to Swiss legend, the Holy Family is abroad during the hour of midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Therefore, a bowl of fresh milk is placed upon the dining table and each member of the household carefully lays his spoon upon the table cloth.

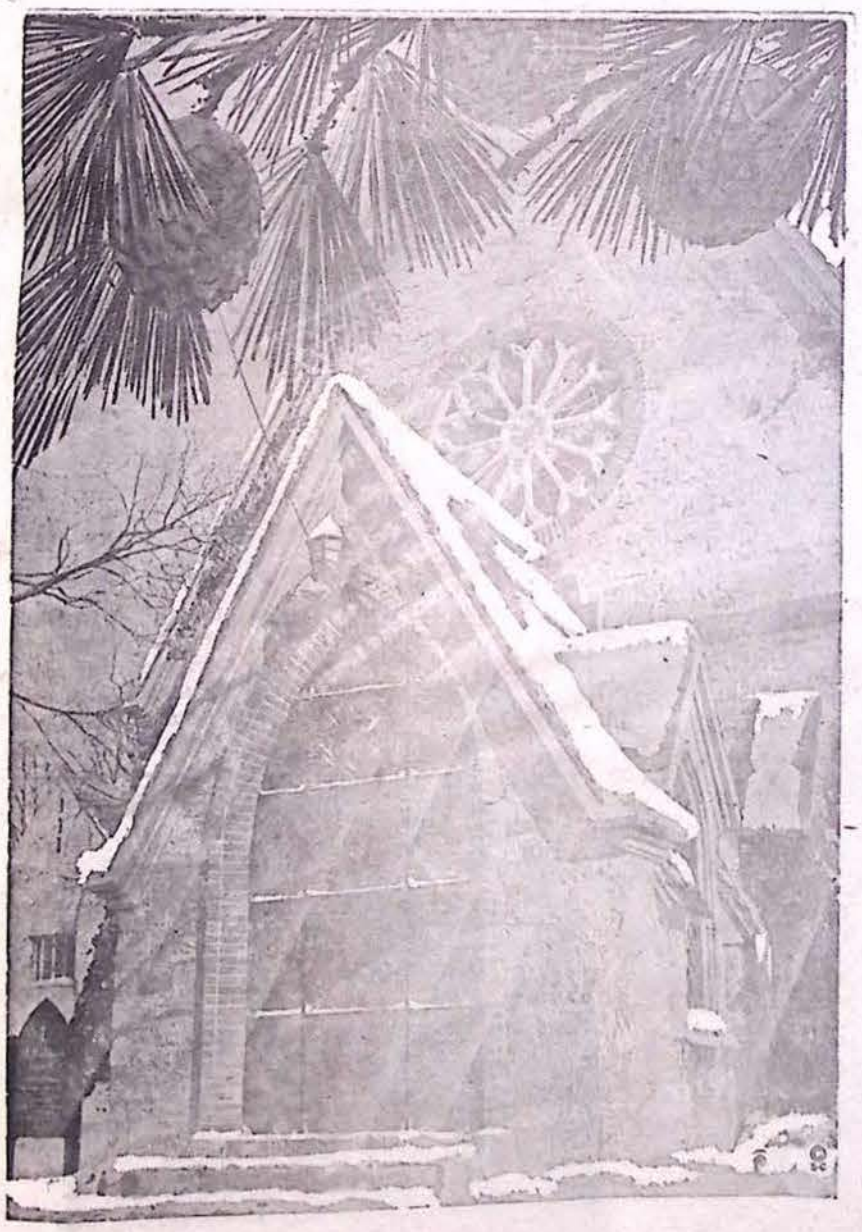
The person who, returning from church, finds his spoon has been moved may anticipate special blessings during the coming year: for surely Mary and Joseph have rested within the abode during their Flight into Egypt and the Virgin used that spoon to feed the Infant Jesus.



Merry Christmas

To all my Richmond County Friends I extend my best wishes for A Merry Christmas and may the New Year be filled with good health and happiness for each and everyone of you.

Earl W. Urquhart, M. L. A.



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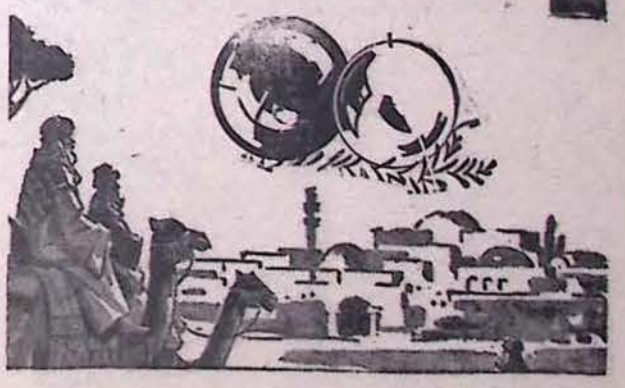
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—General Jan Smuts

TIME

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Regret for time wasted can become a power for good in the time that remains, if we will only stop the waste and the idle, useless regretting.

—Arthur Brisbane



Bundles of Christmas Joy To all . . .

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WORLD WHEAT QUEEN, 15-year-old Gail Adams of Drumheller, Alta., displays a sheaf of the prize wheat that won her the title at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to E. A. Bromley, vice-president, Canadian National Railways. Gail, a first-year member of the Drumheller 4-H Grain Club, won with a sample of Chinook wheat. Her entry was chosen from hundreds submitted from Canada, the United States and five other countries. Mr. Bromley presented the charming champion with CNR's world wheat trophy, an engraved silver tray and a cheque for $100.

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Richmond County Federation Meet At St. Peters

ST. PETER'S — The Annual Meeting of the Richmond County Federation, held in hte Provincial Bnilding, Monday afternoon, December 8h, was a pronounced success. New enthusiasm was evident to bolster a community club in each District through its new directors. Chairman Angus MacInnis, was obliged to keep the meeting going at a hurried pace to cover the long agenda.

Among the topics discussed was the Vet. Assistance Policy. The meeting was briefed on this subject by Dr. J. Hobson, Inverness. A committee comprised of the President, the Secretary, Donald MacLeod, Loch Lomond and Duncan White, were appointed to meet the New Municipal Council on this subject.

A resolution was submitted by the Grand River Federation and endorsed whole-heartedly by the meeting that sheep owners are not protected sufficiently by present game laws.

Other topics discussed were: Increased Freight Rates on Feed Unemployment Insurancec for Farm Labour, Federal Farm Credit, Artificial Insemination, Nova Scotia Abbatoir Report, Poultry Killing facilities and Vertical Integration. Father J. A. Gillis, Director of St. F. X. Extension Department was the chief speaker and touched on most of the above subjects, besides inspiring the meeting to greater production and efficiency. Nominating Committee, Father Gerrior, D. N. Shaw and A. D. Rankin brought in the following slate of officers: President, Angus MacInnis, St. George's Channel; Vice President, Pat McCarthy; Secretary, Ernest McNeil; Directors: Lubin Boudreau, Petit de Grat; Emile Benoit, Arichat; Rod LeJeune, West Arichat; Phonse Samson, D'Escousse; Abram L. Samson, Louisdale; Pat McCarthy, Lr. River; Bert MacIntosh, Dundee; Allan Tousnard, River Bourgeois; Jos. MacNeil, Barra Head; Rod MacNeil, Soldier's Cove; James J. Campbell, Johnstown; Dennis Britten, L'Ardoise; Douglas Kemp, Grand River; John Alex MacAskill, Framboise; Donald MacLeod, Loch Lomond.

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It Takes Know-How To Burn a Yule Log

THE YULE LOG is a tradition of Christmas, but due to central heating and gas stoves it is becoming a lost tradition in this country. Few city dwellers have open grates or desire a log fire. And those living in the country find coal more efficient and less trouble.

However, for those who have a place to burn the yule log and want one, tradition says it should be oak, ash, olive, apple or pine. Further, the fire on which it is placed should be kindled from a brand saved from last year's log, and that it should not be allowed to go out during the night.

For those determined to have the yule log, the voice of experience says get hold of all the wood you can. Some kinds burn better than others, but reject none these days.

Ash is highly praised by some and can be used without being seasoned. It burns quickly, but throws off great heat. Poplar, on the other hand, should be seasoned or it will spark badly.

Elm is condemned as undesirable, but can be used. It is slow to get burning, but lasts a long time and brightens up when it gets going. A few logs of birch, pine or fir will help it along.

Beech and oak are among the best logs. Beech is especially good, having a pleasant aroma and a steady glow. Oak has the outstanding merit of burning slowly.

If none of these are available, wood from all kinds of fruit trees are prime favorites for the yule log because of their pleasant smell when burning.

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Red and Green Decorations

The use of green at Christmas time is understandable when it is recalled that the idea of decking churches, houses, shops, etc., centers around the use of evergreen. This custom antedates the Christian era and apparently is a survival of the Roman Saturnalia when inhabitants of Rome ornamented their temples and dwellings with green boughs.

Red, which is regarded as the most cheerful of all colors, is said to react most quickly on the optic nerve. Decorations available at the winter solstice include holly, the berries of which are red.



By LYN CONNELLY

THE sharp wind lashed furiously about Larry's head and shoulders, flirting momentarily with the idea of sending his brown fedora spiraling down the street, but he sensed its capricious tendencies and held the brim of his hat tightly between his forefinger and thumb as he ran toward his car parked on the opposite corner.

It would be the last time he'd beat that particular path, he thought grimly. It was Christmas Eve and everybody was in a gay and anticipatory mood. Everybody, that is, except Larry. He had been reasonably happy until that morning when the whole world seemed to have crashed about him. Opening the door of the car, he slid in behind the wheel and started it toward home.

The face of Silas Henning, until fifteen minutes ago his boss, came to his mind and again he heard the words that he dreaded to repeat to Rosine: "I know you're not happy in your work, Larry, and it's not fair to either one of us when you don't put your best efforts into what you're doing. I think, therefore, that you'd better go elsewhere for a job. Today's as good a day as any to sever connections."

Fired on Christmas Eve! Of course, what Henning had said was true. Larry wasn't happy being a bookkeeper at Morrison's appliance shop. He had always yearned to be a writer, and wrote numerous short stories during his spare time.

When Rosine told him of their expected second child he had taken the job at Morrison's through sheer desperation. No longer could they live on their savings. He considered the job as temporary, but it had



He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

lasted seven months with still no prospects of entering the field he desired. Henning had seemed sympathetic, although he had cooled suddenly the past week. Perhaps in his daydreaming he had been inaccurate in his figures. At least Henning spared him any embarrassment if that were the case, but he could have waited until after the holidays to fire him. "And Bob Cratchit thought he worked for Scrooge," he mumbled, pulling up before his house.

HIS feet dragged as he trudged toward the door. He mustn't tell her tonight, he decided. He hoped he was capable of carrying off an act until the day after Christmas. Opening the door, he let himself in as unobtrusively as possible. Rosine was on a step ladder in the living room, decorating the tree, while Chuckie, aged five, sat on the floor, agog at the proceedings.

"Hello, darling," his wife called out gaily. He tried to equal the happiness in her voice as he replied, then kissed Chuckie and started for the kitchen.

"There's a letter for you on the radio," Rosine said.

"From whom?" His heart leaped hopefully at her words and he hurried toward the radio. He picked up the letter at the same time she answered, "Truth magazine."

It was from Truth. His hand trembled as he opened it. "Dear Mr. Shannon," he read aloud. "Our mutual friend, Silas Henning, recently submitted one of your articles for our consideration. We believe it shows promise and since we were given a splendid recommendation by Mr. Henning, we are writing to ask if you would be interested in a job in our editorial department. If so, call for an interview this week."

The telephone was ringing, but for a moment, Larry and Rosine merely stood as though mute, staring at each other. Larry became conscious of the bell first and picked up the receiver. It was Mr. Henning, laughing heartily. "Bet I had you worried, eh, Larry?".

"Mr. Henning! I didn't know . . . how did you. ." Larry was tongue-tied. Rosine walked to his side, putting one arm gently about his shoulder.

"I found that article you wrote on your son and the atomic age and sent it in to Asherton," Henning explained. "He's a good friend of mine and editor of Truth. Well, I won't hold you, Larry. Just wanted to wish you a merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Henning," Larry said as the telephone clicked at the other end. "Merry Christmas—and thanks for the best one I've ever had."

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The variety of salt water angling off Nova Scotia requires 38 specific references scattered through a new book — "Salt Water Game Fishes" — by Edward C. Migdalski of New Haven, Conn.

From Bluefin tuna on page 51 to tautog on page 497, Nova Scotia species come in for generous reference in Migdalski's book,, which also contains a number of photographs of Nova Scotia catches and a chart of Wedgeport waters.

Migdalski, an ichthyologist at Bingham Oceanographic Laboratory at Yale nniversity, is a member of the board of governors of the International Tuna Cup Match and brought the first intercollegiate fishing seminar to Wedgeport three years ago.

In his preface Migdalski thanks the Nova Scotia Travel Bureau for its cooperation during the three years the book was in preparation.

Fishing writers have hailed the volume as one of hte finest ever produced for salt water anglers. Migdalski will soon start work on a new book about fresh water angling.

Full title of his book is "Angler's Guide to the Salt Water Game Fishes, Atlantic and Pacific." Published by the Ronald Fress Co., New York, N. Y., it sells for $7.50.

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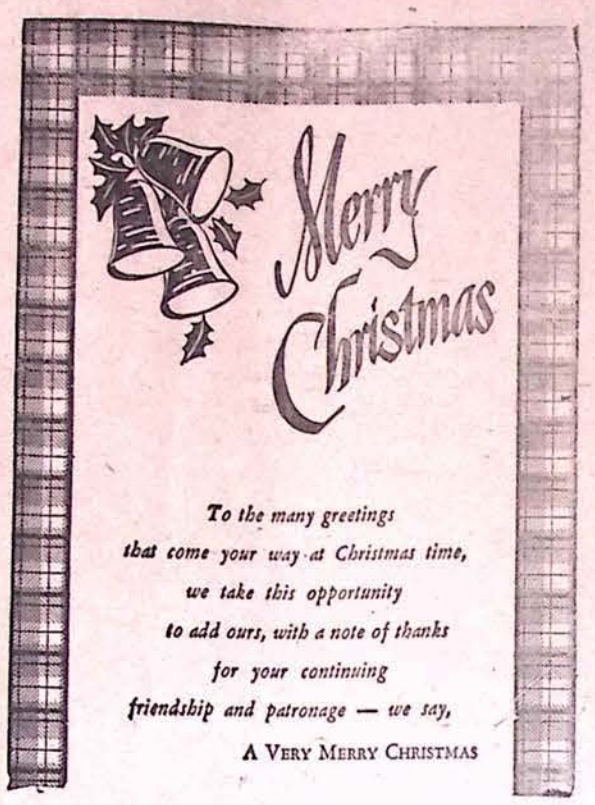
Health Minister R. A. Donahoe, left, accepts from Hon. S. T. Pike, provincial minister of pubworks, keys to the ultra-modren three and a half million dollar new addition to the Nova Scotia Hospital, at Woodside, which was officially opened by Mr. Donahoe last week. The new pavilion will be an admission unit and active-treatment centre, with accommodation for 232 patients.



Wishing you all the happiness of the season

and we take this opportunityof thanking you one and all for your co-operation and friendship and wish you—A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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Almost all our weather is contained in the lowest layer of the atmosphere, which extends only a few miles above the earth. The World Book Encyclopedia says this layer—called the troposphere—is about 10 or 11 miles deep at the equator, but only about four and a half miles deep at the poles.

The island of Java is the most thunderous spot in the world. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, the Indonesian island averages at least 223 storm days a year.

Every line of beauty is the expression of a thought, and shares the immortality of its origin. —Lydia M. Childs

St. Francis Was First To Popularize Custom Of Christmas Carols

St. Francis of Assisi is accredited as having been one of the first to popularize the custom of singing carols at Christmastime. He taught the faithful simple and tuneful melodies, and the saying goes that, overjoyed by the success attending his presentation of the first Christmas Crib in 1223, he burst into joyous vocal recitation of the gospel story.

Hymns in honor of the nativity were written as early as the 4th century, but these monotonous church chants neither properly nor musically ante-date our modern carols. Experimentation with modal and intervallic relationships during the 15th century, together with the folk songs and minstrelsy of the times, made definite contributions to the traditions and popularity of Christmas music.

Puritan England forbade public performance of carols; so for a while they traveled "underground" by word of mouth, and "broard sheets," printed annually, served to preserve the texts with a variance of accuracy.

When the restoration of English royalty voided the Roundhead Parliament's abolition of Christmas festivities, residents of colonial Boston placed lighted candles in their windows to welcome the Waits who, resuming the Old English tradition, went about the city singing carols on Christmas Eve:

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old . . .
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing."

Miracle Plays Still Held

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

HOLY NIGHT

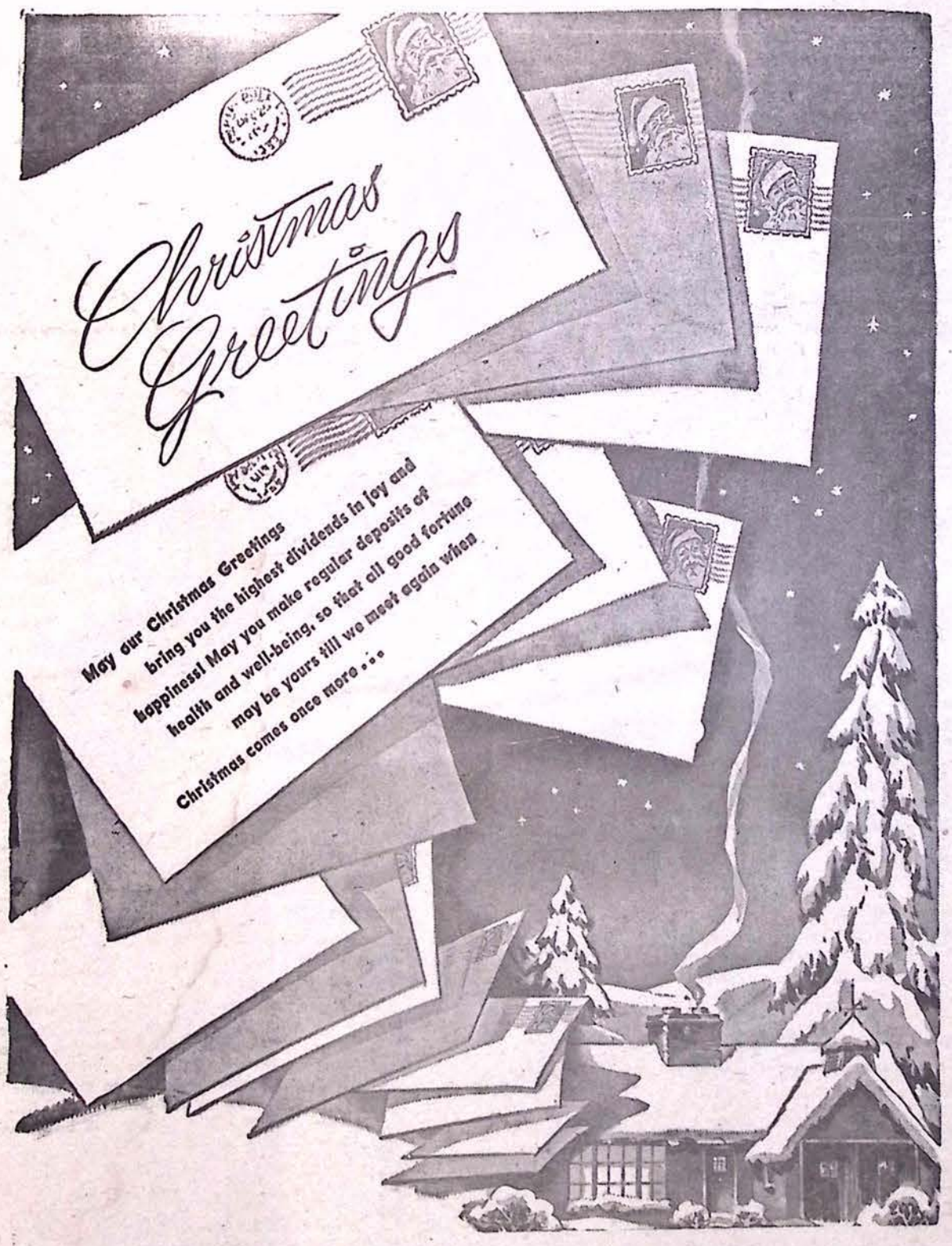


This painting of the first Christmas was done by Fenerstein, an Alsatian who taught at the Munich Academy of Art.

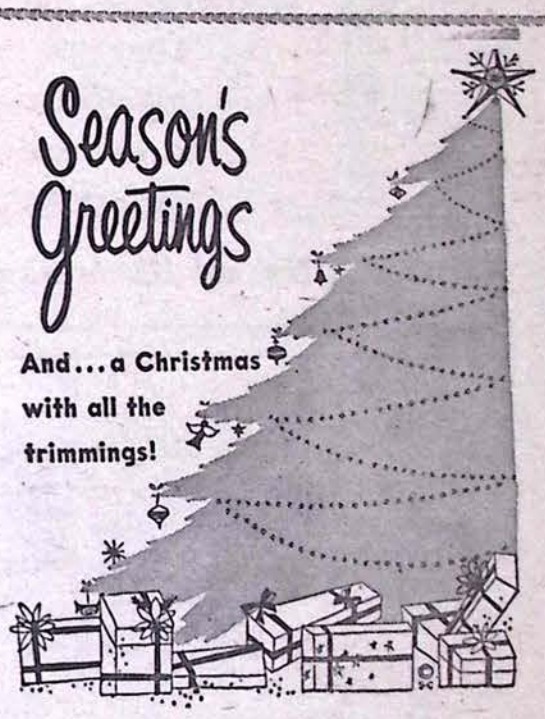
Tradition of Poppy

The poppy loaf, traditionally a part of Christmas Eve supper in Lithuania, is a small loaf made of bread dough and baked hard in a bread pan. When cool, the loaves are dipped in a solution made of water and sugar and ground poppy seed which is also used as a traditional holiday beverage.

Tradition prescribes that the poppy seed should be ground in an iron kettle using an ax handle as a mallet, and no Lithuanian would think of grinding seeds for the Christmas poppy loaves by any other method.



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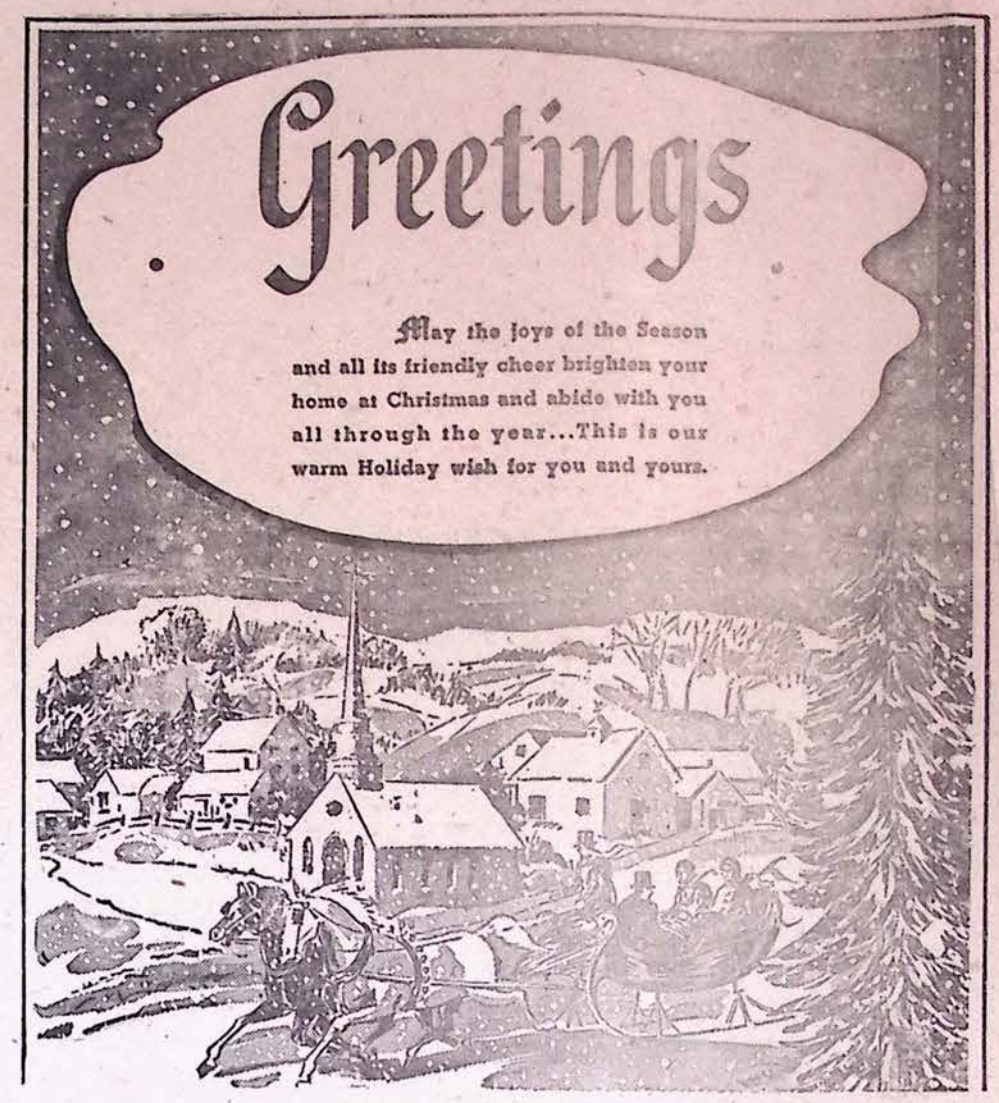
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Greetings



Through the medium of the "Richmond County Record", I wish at this happy season, to extend my best wishes to everyone throughout my Constituency of Inverness-Richmond and Cape Breton West, for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH EVERY HAPPINESS and PROSPERITY.

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THE NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITAL TAX ACT

A MESSAGE TO VENDORS

MR. VENDOR: The Nova Scotia Hospital Tax Act goes into effect January 1, 1959. Under the Act you are considered to be an agent for the crown and are required to collect the Hospital Tax and remit it to the Government

As a vendor you are required to register with the office of the Provincial Tax Commissioner. No fee is required for this registration Applications for registration have gone forward through the mails. If you have not already received yours please write the Hospital Tax Commissioner, P. O. Box 755, Halifax, N S, asking for an application for registration. Upon receipt of the application you are required to complete the form and return it to the Hospital Tax Commissioner A registration certificate bearing your registration number will be forwarded to you The registration certificate must appear in a prominent place in your place of business. Along with the registration certificate the following printed matter will be forwarded:

(1) A copy of the Nova Scotia Hospital Tax Act

(2) A copy of the Regulations pursuant to the Act.

(3) A ready reference card, showing some of the items which are taxable and not taxable This card should be quite adequate as a starting point for any merchant.

(4) A "Schedule of Tax" card indicating the amount of tax to be collected from 16c to $10.16. On all items other than those which are tax exempt (except cigarettes, tobaccos and liquor), tax is applied at the rate of 3% on the purchase price of the article

A vendor return form will be forwarded to you on the 30th of each month You will be asked to show:

(1) Your total sales for the month

(2) Amount of tax collected

(3) Amount of tax remitted You are required to return these with the tax remittance by the 20th of the following month

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By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all?" she said as she went on fixing dinner.

"Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.

"It's just not like Bill," she sighed.

"Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.

"But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven, "tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."

"Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas . . . that boy is still mad."



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."

The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes . . . he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."

"Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners, "I'm his father."

"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice

"I c'n understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"

"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.

"You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."

"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy, "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."

She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.

"You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.

"I'm just not hungry, Pa."

"I see." he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight." His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.

"Snowin', Pa?"

He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped."

She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.

"Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.

"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips, "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."

She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttered, "I know it."

"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked.

She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."

"Now, Ma, what's the use of . . .," he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.

"I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile, "I knew it all the time."

Bear Gifts

Angels, sent by the Christ Child, bring presents to Hungarian children—that is, if they have been good. They believe the angels are listening long before Christmas. If the youngsters happen to find bits of tinsel on the floor they are certain of it, as this is angels' hair.

K. of C. Club Elects New Officers

ST. PETERS.—The St. Peters Knights of Columbus Club held its regular meeting in the New Club Quarters here on Monday, December 15th with Mr. J. Mancini presiding and Mr. A. D. Rankin as secretary.

A committee of volunteers will place the "Crib" in front of the St. Peter's Church while another committee was appointed to work with other agencies in the communities of River Bourgeois, L'Ardoise, Johnstown and St. Peter's in preparing "Christmas Parcels" for the poor and needy.

A new slate of offices was presented by the nominating committee and approved by the meeting. The new officers are: Mr. Paul MacDonnell, president; Urbain LeBlanc, St. Peters; Walter Fougere, River Bourgeois and James Campbell, Johnstown, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice-president respectively; A. D. Rankin, re-elected secretary; R. J. O'Leary, re-elected treasurer and Father Paul MacNeil, Chaplain.

Knights from the parishes of River Bourgeois, St. Peter's, K. of C. Club and members of the Laurence Kavanagh Council, West Arichat.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the retiring officers for the excellent work done under their leadership during the past year. A committee was named to plan a program and a social to take place on New Year's Eve on the occasion of the official opening of the "New Club Quarters."

My Daily Prayer

Author Unknown

"This coming year I'd like to be a friend to everyone;
I'd like to feel each day well spent at setting of the sun;
I'd like to know that I have done at least one kindly deed,
Before I lay me down to sleep that I have given heed—
To some one's cry for sympathy, or friendship or that I
Have made the day seem brighter to some chance passer-by,
And that the world is better still in just some little way,
Because I've tried to live the very best I could each day.

"I'd like to be a ray of light when skies are overcast,
I'd like to help some one who failed to blot out all the past,
To start again despite the storms, and find the skies are blue,
To know that in this good old world there's lots that's fine and true,
I'd like to be the kind of person everyone will love,
And make the world seem just a little more like heaven above;
I'd like in all my dealings to be true and just and fair,
That God will help me do these things shall be my daily prayer."



CHRISTMAS

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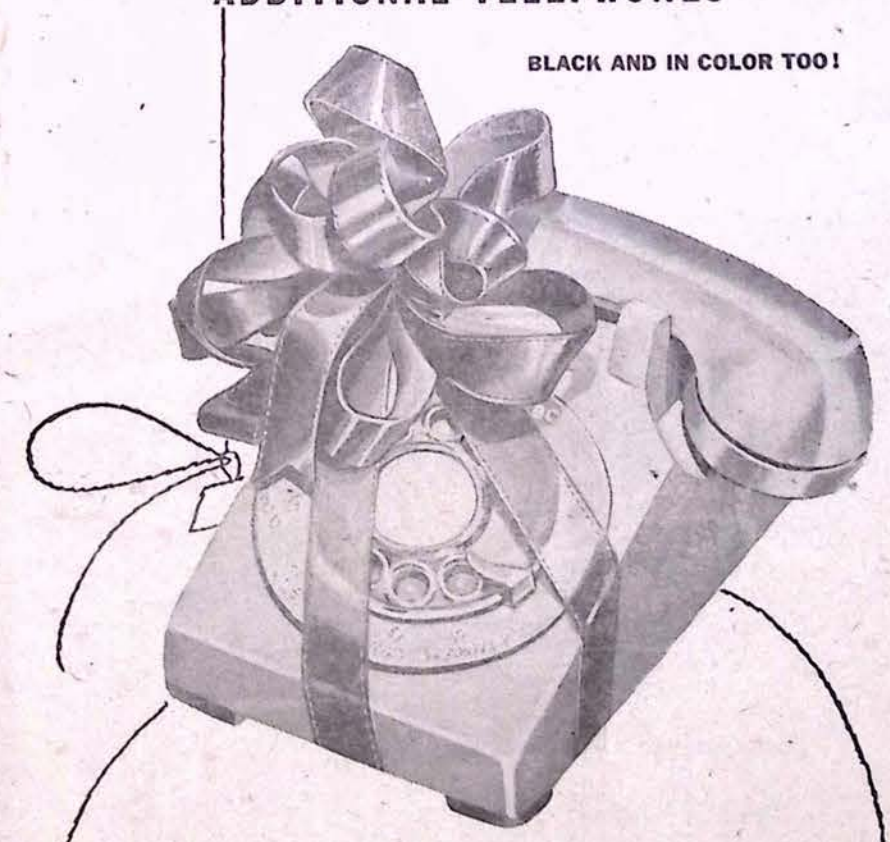
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A True Sea Story



ADRIFT IN A DORY WITH LOSS OF OARS

A Hard Time of it—All night in a Dory with the Oars Gone.—Friday morning, Jan. 27, 1892, schr. Emma S. Osier of Gloucester was about four miles southwest of the Isles of Shoals. Soon after it came up squally, and she picked up her dories,, all but one, which was manned by John W. Gaskell about a mile and a half to the leeward. It was easy for him to see the vssel, but not so for those on board to see him as he pitched up and down on the heavy seas. Capt. Osier did everything in his power to find the missing man, but all efforts to get the buoy marks in the heavy squalls were unavailing. Gaskell concluding that his best chance for getting on board was to row, let go the lee buoy, on which he was holding, and started. When he got about half way to the schooner she kept off, and he made up his mind that there was a hard pull for him ere he could reach the land or be picked up by some vessel. About eleven o'clock a heavy sea struck the dory, breaking the forward thwart, nearly filling her. The oars were washed overboard, and thee he was in a heavy sea with no oars with which to help himself. He at once made a drouge of his nets, adding a dozen bricks, and lay quite comfortable to it until three P. M., when it moderated, and he commenced paddling with the damaged thwart, making very good progress and keeping himself comfortably warm with the exercise, although it was hard work. At 7 P. M., being entirely exhausted he came to anchor abrest Halibut Point. Here he passed the night, which was cold and uncomfortable and the hours seemed long and dreary. At sunrise, Saturday morning, he was glad to see the fishing boat Pinafore come out of Rockport harbor, and paddling toward her was cordially received, and after partaking of a good breakfast he proceeded with them to the fishing grounds, arriving back in season to take the afternoon train home. Gaskell's hands were badly blistered and his fingers frozen, but he soon recovered from the effects of the exposure. His arrival home caused great rejoicing, as it was feared that he was drowned.

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World's Christmas Legends Numerous

Multitudinous legends claim innumerable origins for the Christmas tree. One better-known legend concerns an early Christian missionary, sometimes identified as St. Wilfred, who once came upon a group of Druids preparing to make a human sacrifice under a large oak.

He had the oak cut down and, as it fell, a young fir tree sprang up in its place. The missionary seized the evidence and made the fir tree a symbol of the new faith: henceforth, the tribesmen were to set this symbol of immortality in the halls of their lodges at Christmastime and surround it with feasting and love and the laughter of children.

The legend of the Faithful Pine which sheltered the Holy Family during the flight to Egypt is less well known perhaps, but so very charming and touched by the mysticism appropriate to the Nativity theme.

With Herod's soldiers in pursuit, Mary simply had to rest awhile and sought shelter within the hollow trunk of a huge fir tree. As the soldiers approached, the tree bent its branches to conceal the huddled little group. When the danger had passed, the baby Jesus blessed the old tree. And if you cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you can still see the imprint of His little hand.

Nor has legend overlooked the bright baubles which bedeck our modern Christmas trees. The first Christmas tree was really an apple tree, according to legends collected by Florence B. Robinson And, although the fir tree long since has supplanted its predecessor for Christmas use, the popular tinsel bauble of today is the representative of the fruit which for the early Christians symbolized the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and his reclamation by the birth of the Saviour.



Peace On Earth ... Good Will Toward Men!

Once again it is time to reread the ever-beautiful Christmas story. May the wonder of its meaning be renewed in our minds and hearts during this blessed season and may Peace and Good Will reign at Christmastime.

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SOMETHING TO REPORT



A great moment for Paul Scott, reporter on the Gananoque Reporter and son of the publisher G. A. Scott, came recently when he was introduce to Arthur L. Phelps of CBC's Neighborly News. The occasion was the 1958 C. W. N. A. convention held in Toronto when Paul was the youngest newspaper man present. Reid Forsee (right) who produces Neighborly News did the honors.

Meet Mr. Morrow



Art Morrow, Montreal orchestra leader, is at home among musical instruments — he plays more than a dozen of them, in spite of being a self-taught musician. What's more he boasts the big jazz-band in Canada, with 21 sidemen. He has a half-hour show, Meet Mr. Morrow, each Wednesday afternoon on the Tans Canada network of CBC radio.

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Superstitions Told About New Year's In Many Lands

Good Luck Offered in Many Ways to 'Believers.'

New Year's Day affords everyone the opportunity to bring himself good luck throughout the year. At least that is supposed to be true according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

The "First Foot"--the first person to enter the house on New Year's morning — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes. He must be a dark man to bring good luck, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out," then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gifts as luck-bringers are a lump of coal and a red herring.



Unmarried persons are advised to look out of the window on New Year's morning. If you see a man, it is a sign that you will be wed before the year is out. Should you see a horse, you can have a wish, and it will be realized within the year. To see a dog is lucky, but a cat foretells worry.



A little care will make it possible to bring oneself good luck for the entire year. Wear something new, if possible, on New Year's Day, but the garment must be put on when you first dress in the morning. Receipt of a gift is certain to carry luck. Wish everyone you meet "A Happy New Year," but remember when the greeting is given to cross your fingers for luck. Be sure to say "rabbits" as the first word when you wake before anyone has had a chance to speak to you.



Love's progress will be aided on New Year's Day if you are careful to put on the left stocking before the right. The potency of this charm is supposed to be increased if you do all things as far as possible left-handedly during the day.

To open a bank account on New Year's Day was considered lucky in Old England, the custom growing probably from the belief of many centuries that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen during the months that will follow.

In some parts of England and Scotland it is supposed to be unlucky to leave a house until some outsider has first entered it.

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A man of integrity will never listen to any plea against conscience.

REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.

Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her $100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't w... to deprive you of any happiness a... if you want to work, I'm not goi... to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll ... gue that out later, shall we?"

Arm in arm they climbed up ... stairs

Merry Christmas

This is the season of good will to be shared by new friends and old. It is in this spirit that we extend our sincerest wishes for a very merry Christmas to all.

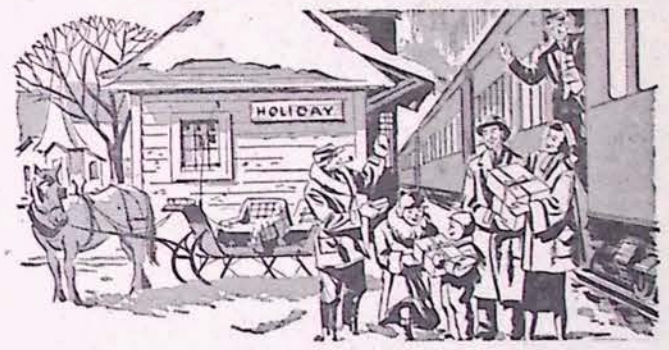
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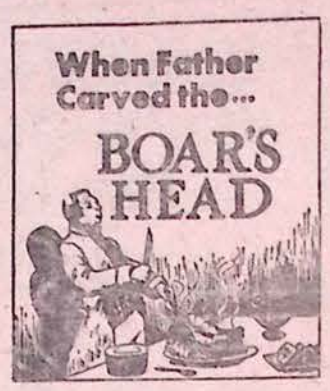
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His ear was his most vulnerable spot, but before the dogs could get a grip on it and pin him down, his sharp teeth often wounded—sometimes even killed—the hunter and his dogs.

Nevertheless, the pluckier the boar, the louder his praises were sung, the merrier the feasting when his head was borne to the Christmas table.

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HERE'S HOW TO SELECT A TREE

"How can we select a Christmas tree that holds its needles?" is a question fathers and mothers ask year after year.

The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it once you set it up.

All trees tend to drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedars.



Spruce are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will prick your hand.

The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN OLDTIME FINLAND



The Christmas Eve bath was quite a tradition in Finland before the advent of modern plumbing.

The oldtime Finnish bath-room was usually a three-room hut: one room was used for steaming and scrubbing, one for rubbing, and one for dressing.

The hut was warmed by a stone oven, heated for hours before the scheduled bath, and the "bath-room" was really steaming. After bathing came the rub-down and the switching of the body with birch twigs to increase the circulation, topped off by a roll in the snow, supposedly to whet the appetite for Christmas Eve supper.

For supper there was usually stockfish and prune tarts to be enjoyed, plus the traditional barley porridge in which cream and sugar and almonds were mixed.

After supper the boys and men matched their strength: while the girls—garbed in the men's work clothes—blackened their faces and stole away to visit other homes incognito and "see Christmas." The girls never spoke nor accepted food, but went from house to house merely to watch the festivities.

And when the evening's festivities were over, the smaller children made their beds in the clean straw spread on the floor in commemoration of the Christ Child.

Indestructible Mistletoe

The flame-thrower and atomic energy — lethal instruments borrowed from modern warfare—are out to kill that ancient symbol of peacemaking and love, the Christmas mistletoe.

The unusual battle front is Australia where too many valuable trees each year have been receiving the kiss of death from the harmless looking shrub. Despite mistletoe's popular reputation as the Yuletide promoter of romance, it is a public-enemy parasite in the woodlands, killing off the trees that play it host.

Australian foresters have finally resorted to the flame-thrower as a quick executioner for the plant and are using radio-active tracers, furnished by the U. S. atomic energy commission, to study how the mistletoe saps the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.



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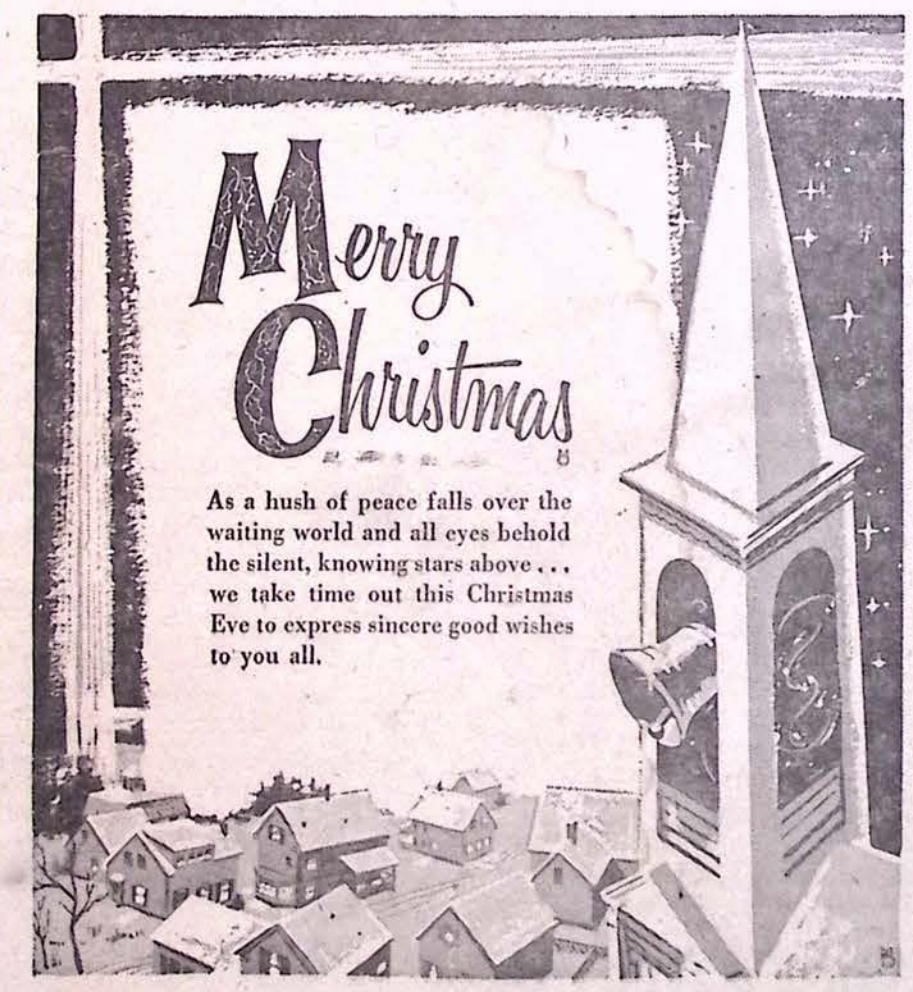
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



CORRESPONDENT WANTED

We want a correspondent for the town of St. Peters and would appreciate hearing from someone who would undertake to report the news from that town.

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Making Repairs To Tower

Extensive repairs are being made to the tower of St. John's Anglican Church here. The work is in charge of Warren Mauger, local carpenter.

The present St. John's Church was built in 1895 by a contractor named Henderson, from Oxford, Cumberland County.

St. John's parish was founded 130 years ago and the first church building was located to the West of the present church.

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Notices of Assessment

Notices of Assessment are now being sent out from the Municipal Office to all ratepayers in the County. This new arrangement affords every ratepayer in the County an opportunity of viewing his assessed valuation without consulting the assessment lists as in the past, however, the assessment lists will also be posted as in other years. This new arrangement was endorsed by an unanimous vote of Council at a Special Session held in the late summer of this year.

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Returns From Lakes

Adolph Doiron, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. R. Doiron of West Arichat has arrived home after spending the past summer on a Great Lakes ship. Before returning home he visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doug O'Neil; also another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie MacNeil, of Shannon Park, Dartmouth. Adolph's many friends are happy to see him.

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Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. R. Doiron, have returned to their home in West Arichat, after visiting their daughters and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie MacNeil, of Shannon Park, Dartmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Neil of Halifax. When in the city Mrs. Doiron underwent her annual medical checkup and her friends will be glad to learn that her health is much improved.

NEW BUS SERVICE TO SYDNEY

G. A. LeBlanc, of Sydney has placed a daily bus service, (with the exception of Sunday) between Arichat and Sydney and made the first trip to Sydney on Monday,

The Gordon Bus Service which operated here for the past several years have withdrawn from the service, which had been operated tri-weekly for some time. The Gordon Service dates back to 1938 and down through the years served Isle Madame and mainland points in a very efficient manner and we know friends will join with us in extending thanks to Eddie Gordon and his courteous drivers for the favors bestowed to their patrons.

The new operator Mr. LeBlanc is well and favourably known throughout the County and more especially on Ile Madame, where his good parents were born. We feel sure Gus will give the travelling public a good efficient bus service and we wish him every success in his venture.

In conjunction with this passenger service a daily freight service will be carried on.

See time table on this page.

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L'ARDOISE C. W. L. HOLD MEETING

The monthly meeting of Guardian Angel C. W. L., sub-division, was held on November 18 with a good attendance with president, Mrs. R. G. Sampson presiding.

Correspondence read included a letter from Sr. Leo Marie of the Little Flower Institute requesting articles for their sale. A box will be packed for them.

Members were reminded of their duties to visit shut-ins and have the rosary recited for the dead.

Education convener reported on the purchase of an Encyclopedia for the school. On Remembrance Day a wreath was placed at the Cenotaph on behalf of the league.

Canvassers were named for a house to house canvass to raise money for the Springhill Disaster Fund. A donation was voted Mother Superior to help the needy.

Members agreed to observe the feast of Our Lady, Dec. 8 with corporate Communion and a continuous rosary.

This being book week a display of books was placed at the disposal of the members.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

From Petit de Grat

Gilbert Boudreau of Petit de Grat, was a business visitor to town on Tuesday.

Gilbert is an employee of Booth Fisheries, in the cold storage department every since this plant has been operating at that port.

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TAX SALE

As provided by the Assessment Act, as to date amended, the following named lands will be sold at Public Auction on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1958, beginning at 2 P. M., St. Peters Municipal Hall—unless taxes, interest and costs be sooner paid. Pursuant to a warrant under the hand of the Warden, James Johnston, Municipality of the County of Richmond and bearing the seal thereof:—

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District No. 2

Lands situated at Samson's Cove, assessed to Andrew Martell.

District No. 4

Lands situated at Evanston, assessed to Leo MacNamara.

Lands situated at Lennox Passage, assessed to Clarence DeLauriers.

Lands situated at Evanston, assessed as the Estate of Douglas Cogswell.

Lands situated at Evanston, assessed to Frank Cogswell.

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District No. 7

Lands situated at St. Peters, assessed to Harry A. Morrison.

Lands assessed as the Estate of Neil Sutherland, situated at St. Peters.

Lands situated at Sampsonville, assessed to Mark G. Sampson.

Lands situated in the Corbet Cove area, assessed to Horatius Smith.

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District No. 10

Lands assessed to James R. Mombourquette, situated at Lower L'Ardoise.

Lands assessed to Miss Maria Burke, situated at Lower L'Ardoise.

Lands situated at Lower L'Ardoise, assessed to John C. Sampson.

Lands situated at L'Ardoise Highlands, assessed as the Estate of Annie Ferguson.

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District No. 13

Lands assessed as the ESTATE of Dan J. MacLeod and later assessed to Charles Fazekas, situated in the Fuller Bridge area.

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District No. 15

Lands assessed as the Estate of James P. Briand, situated at L'Ardoise.

Lands situated at Rockdale, assessed as the Estate of Thomas Briand (son James.)

E. C. DOYLE

Municipal Clerk-Treasurer,

Arichat, N. S.

November 26, 1958.

M. V. BLUENOSE NOT TO OPERATE XMAS EVE AND XMAS DAY

HALIFAX—The Canadian National Railways passenger-auto ferry M. V. Bluenose between Yarmouth, N. S., and Bar Harbor, Me., will not operate on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In making this announcement, H. A. Pickering, superintendent of the Halifax division of the railway said: "In previous years there has been no traffic handled by the M. V. Bluenose on December 24 and 25, and in order to permit the officers and crew to enjoy Christmas at home the CNR has decided to cancel the sailing from Yarmouth on December 24 and from Bar Harbor on December 25.

GENERAL HNTS ON BAKING CHRISTMAS CAKE

Be sure to line cake pans with several thickness of oiled, heavy, brown paper. When baking time is almost up, test with a cake tester near the centre; if it comes away almost dry, increase the heat to moderate and bake until brown on top. If your oven has a tendency to burn foods on the bottom, place the fruit cake on a second pan in which a little sand or kitchen salt has been spread.

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No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

—Calvin Coolidge

The only gift is a potion of thyself.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

BE A SPORT



Whatever four-year-old Bruce Hewitt gets for Christmas, you can bet it will be something to do with sports; it runs in the family! His father is Bill Hewitt, left, who announces he N.H.L. hockey games on the CBC radio and television networks each week. His great-grandfather (back) W. A. Hewitt, is a noted sports official, and his grandfather, when he's not playing Santa Claus, is famed Foster Hewittt, dean of dean of Canadian sports announcing. His progenitors are trying to convince Bruce that men's toys make best presents.

Courtesy of CBC

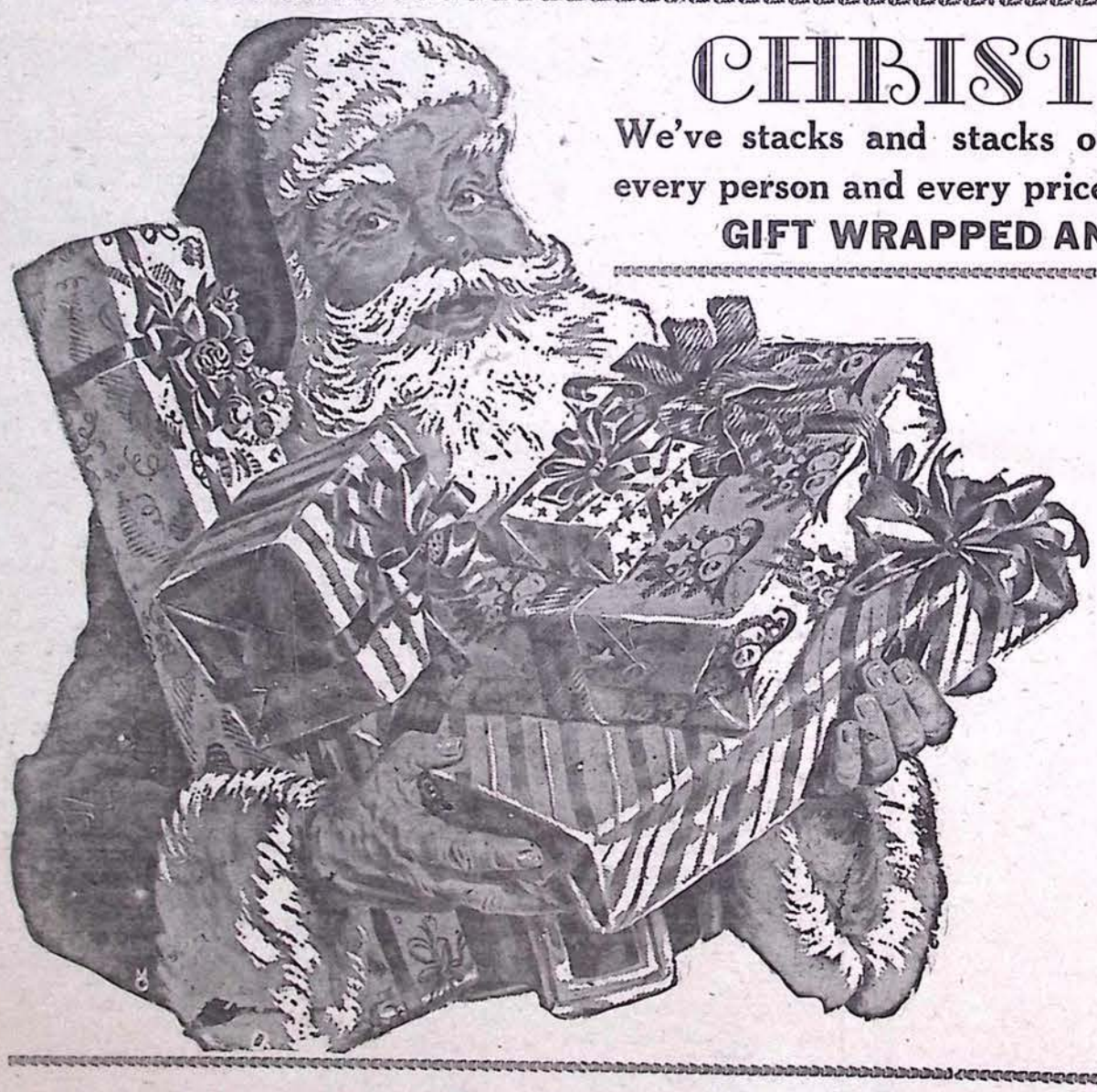
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SLIPPERS	$3.25 4.95
DUSTERS	7.50 10.95
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WINTER COATS	29.95 55.00
HATS	3.50
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NIGHT GOWNS	3.35 4.25
HANDBAGS	2.25
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