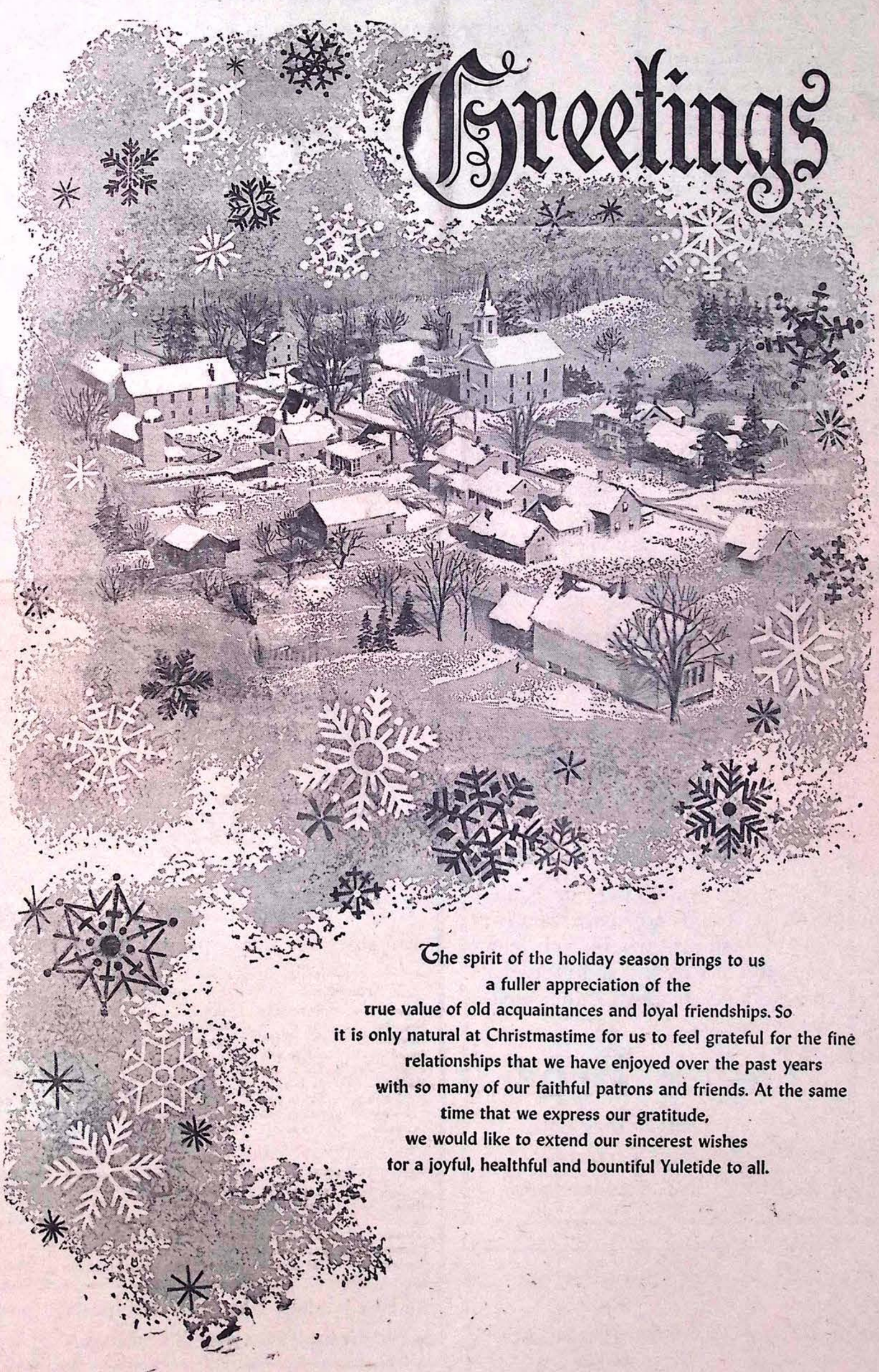
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The spirit of the holiday season brings to us
a fuller appreciation of the
true value of old acquaintances and loyal friendships. So
it is only natural at Christmastime for us to feel grateful for the fine
relationships that we have enjoyed over the past years
with so many of our faithful patrons and friends. At the same
time that we express our gratitude,
we would like to extend our sincerest wishes
for a joyful, healthful and bountiful Yuletide to all.

Christmas 1959

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Editor and Publisher

ARICHAT, Cape Breton. N. S.
DECEMBER 19, 1959

Greetings

We extend our Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas to our readers, patrons and friends.

We also wish to thank the many advertisers who took space in this Christmas number, to express their Greetings. The response of our advertisers has been most encouraging.

In this brief note of appreciation we leave you with the following verse:—

May you know the joy of Christmas,
Its cheer and promise too,
And like a benediction
May its peace abide with you
May the faith that blessed the shepherds
And the hope that came to them
Live in your heart, eternal
As the Star of Bethlehem.

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Three Wise Men Historical Puzzle; Relics at Cologne

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

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

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

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

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GRAND RIVER HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

In spite of inclement weather a record number of members attended the regular monthly meeting of the Grand River Home and School Association which was held in the school on Monday December 7th with Mr. Gillis MacKay presiding.

This was children's night and a large number of children were present. Although the discussion period was short extensive plans were carried out for the Christmas Concert which is to be held on December 22nd.

It is always encouraging to have new members come to the meetings and Monday several names were added to the roll call.

Since the last Home and School meeting a piano was purchased for the school and already has proved to be a great help in preparing for the concert.

Following the meeting a social hour was held when Charstmas Carols were sung by the school children and the members. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas selections played on the piano by Rev. N. J. MacLean.

A delicious lunch was served by the ladies in charge. Rev. N. J. MacLean closed the meeting with prayer.

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Christmas....



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From the store staff

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Strange Customs and their Meaning

The custom of throwing rice may have originated as a bribe. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, rice may have been an offering to the evil spirits to persuade them to stay away from the newly-weds.

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The wedding ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand because of an old belief that a vein runs directly from this finger to the heart.

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Polygamy in Tibet is dictated by economics, not romance. The World Book Encyclopedia says a Tibetan woman frequently marries several men, who work together to support the family.

C. N. R. OFFER FAST SERVICE

During 1958, 38 Canadian National Railways passenger train schedules were reduced by an average of one hour and 35 minutes, largely through the substitution of diesel power and self-propelled diesel Railiners.

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You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

—Abraham Lincoln

MRS. ROSE A. McCARTHY

We have just learned of the passing of Mrs. Rose A. McCarthy, 78, a highly respected and deeply religious lady of River Inhabitants. Noted for her charitable and friendly disposition, her passing will be deeply mourned by her family and the many neighbors and friends.

Born at Margaree, she was a sister of the late Rev. Father Maurice Tompkins.

Fifty-one years ago she married Joseph McCarthy who predeceased her 1936. She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, three sons and five daughters: Patrick and Vincent of Lower River; Maurice, of Halifax; Rev. Sister Joseph nna (Mary), Long Island, N. Y.; Annie, Mrs. Percy Proctor, of Halifax; Theresa of Halifax; Jessie, R. N., who cared for her mother the past year, and Eileen, (Mrs. Kenny MacNeil) of Lower River. One sister, Rebecca, survives, and resides in Brookline, Mass.

After Requiem High Mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Joseph Campbell, her remains were interred in the family plot. Attending the funeral were three former pastors: Rev. A. J. MacDonald, P. P., Mulgrave; Rev. M. F. Stephenson, P. P., Sydney Mines; and Rev. T. J. Power, P.P., Louisbourg, who assisted at the graveside and Rev. John MacDougall, St. Peters, chaplain of the Lawrence Kavanagh Council KOC, and a very large number who came to pay a last respect to the memory of a beloved and worthy lady.

The Record extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.



Home is where the heart is at holiday time, and we hope both your home and your heart are filled with joy as you gather with your dear ones to celebrate in the true spirit of love and good fellowship.

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Season's Greetings



Again 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.

R. S. (BOB) MacLELLAN, M. P.
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Spirit of Christmas



To rejoice in the glad message of the Christmas story . . . to treasure the blessings of home, family and friends . . . to know the rewards of giving . . . often richest when the gift is a smile or a greeting of warmth and cheer. May this spirit be yours this Christmas.

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A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and



"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door. He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none to prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to some one from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

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I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

—John D. Rockerfeller, Jr.

Christmas Humor

Seasonable items to provide a garnish of smiles around the holiday.

A century or so ago, London swarmed with carol "pluggers" during the Christmas season. In order to sell sheets with the words, peddlers went about the streets, singing Yule carols at the top of their lungs. Far from shunning such boisterous salesmanship, the English public bought the carol-sheets like hot cakes. At one time no less than 89 different carols were printed and being sold. Of course, there were certain favorites. Year after year, popular taste ran to a number of old-timers, all illustrated with the same crude, old-fashioned wood cuts since anybody could remember. One day a progressive minded gentleman approached T. Batchelar, the London carol-sheet publisher, and asked him why he didn't introduce better illustrations. The canny Englishman shook his head. "I know they are needed. I could get them too—but they just wouldn't sell. You have no idea how people love those old ones."

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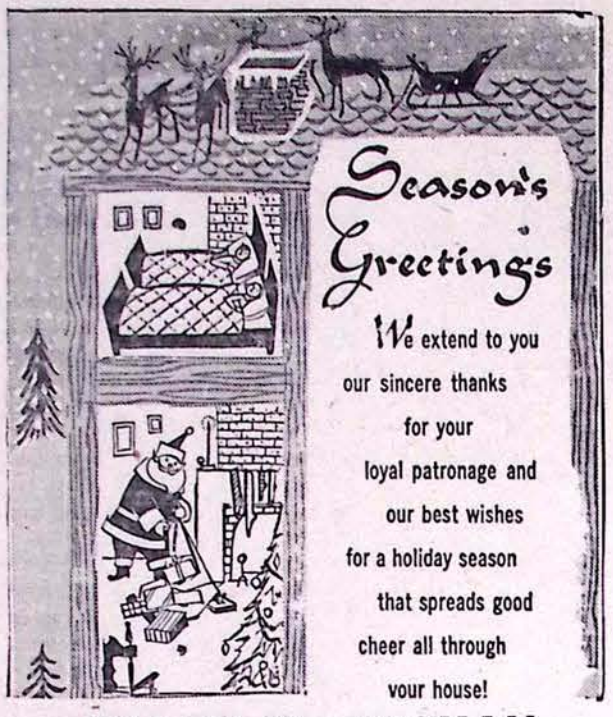
On Christmas Day all the neighbors liked to come to Charles Dickens' big home at Gads Hill, but the experience ones knew enough to turn down another invitation. Some time before dinner, their genial hst would propose that all the gentlemen present join him in a "stroll" about the countryside. Those who accepted were always sorry afterward. They would return, huffing and puffing for dear life, looking fagged and done in, while Dickens, for his part, appeared as "chipper as a daisy."

The novelist was unquestionably one of the greatest walkers of his day. He kept himself in top form by this sort of exercise and could walk the legs off all his friends. It was his custom to write at his desk during the hours of sunlight and then after dark take long walks. He hiked all over London, and knew the city like a book. He followed this routine at the time he was writing "A Christmas Carol," not going out, as he himself admitted, until "all the sober folks had gone to bed," and then walking 15 or 20 miles on a single night through the city's black streets.

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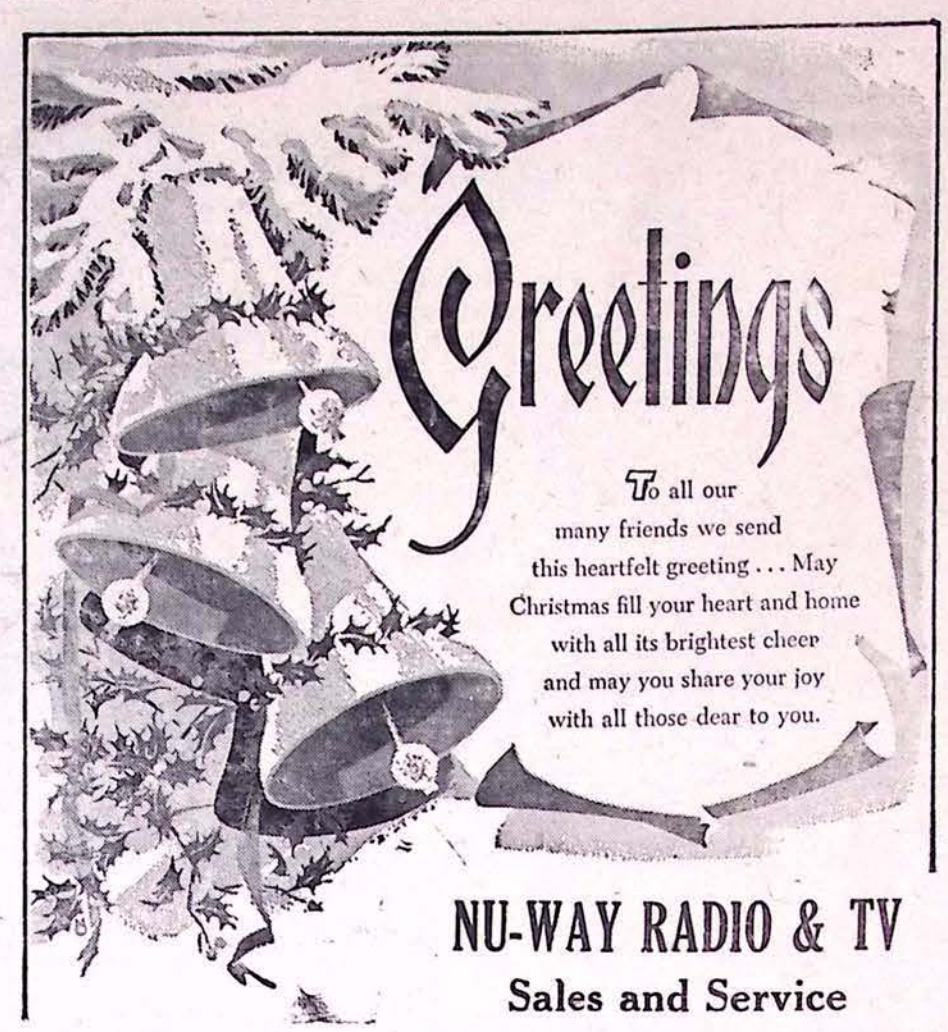
During the Yuletide Season, exercise great care in driving. Everyone looks forward to home during this season and may be inclined to speed to reach their happy abode. Drive with care and avoid accidents and loss of life. Make this a Merry Xmas.



Season's Greetings

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

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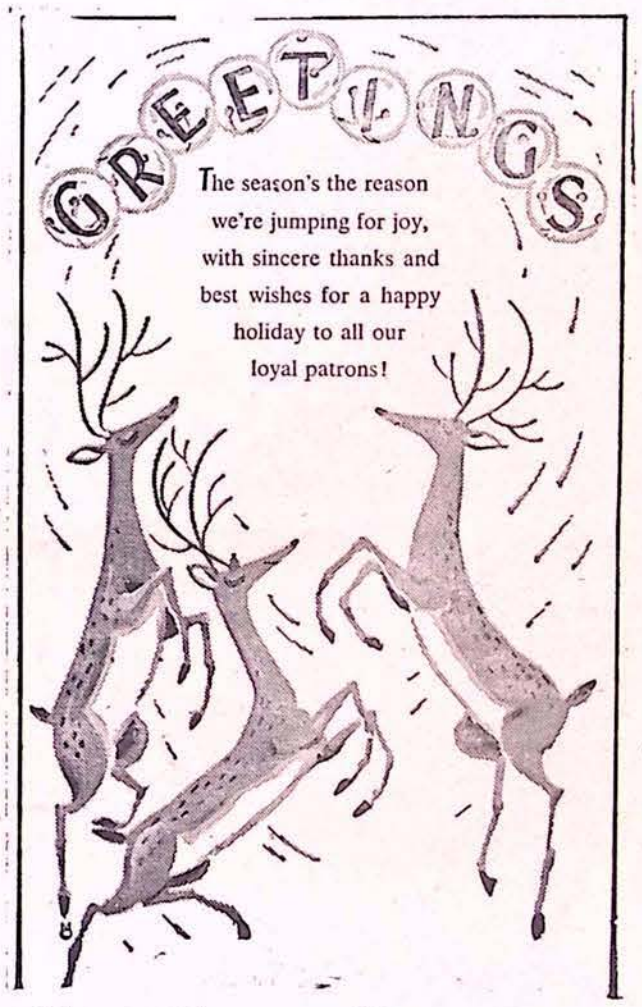
Greetings

To all our many friends we send this heartfelt greeting . . . May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may you share your joy with all those dear to you.

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—Gail Hamilton



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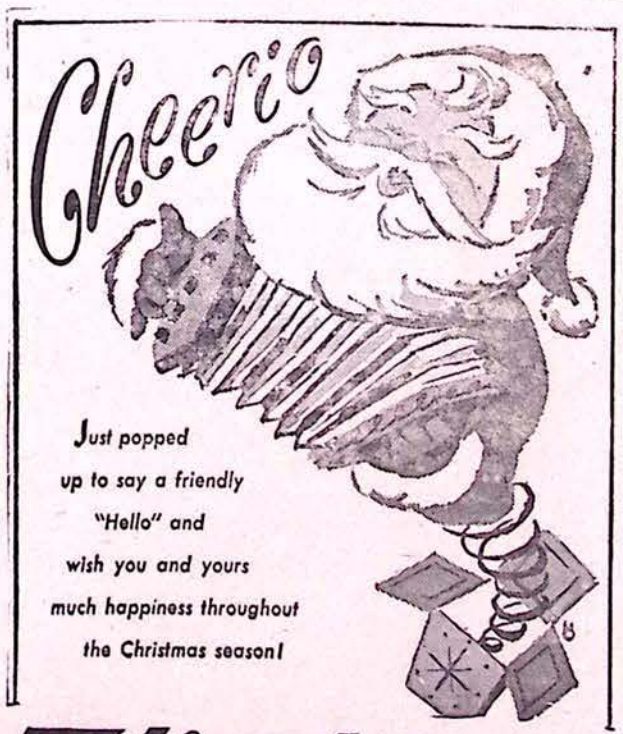
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ST. PETER'S NEWS

The students of St. Peters High School have been busy studying the past week for their first quarter examinations.

The children of St. Peters School are busy preparing their annual Christmas Concert which will be held on Tuesday December 21st.

Among those who motored to Sydney within the past week were: Miss Lillian and Norma Morrison, Fay MacDonnell, Garry Campbell, Smithy Calder, Donnie Dickson, Beverley Sampson, Mary Stone, Lynn Wambolt, Bill Owens, Stan Digout, Joan Bona, Mary Rankin, Ethel and Gert Owens.

Mrs. Earl Gibson has returned home from St. Martha's Hospital, where she underwent a successful operation.

Friends of the town wish to congratuate Mr. and Mrs. Phonse Cote on the birth of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Cote and family will soon be taking up residence in Halifax.

Mrs. Alex MacDonnell and daughter Geraldine, also Mrs. Henry Pottie spent a day recently visiting friends in River Bourgeois.

A Sodality Meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the K. O. C. Hall. Guest speaker at the meeting was Rev. Father McDonald from the Villa Madona Retreat House, Bras D'Or.

Mrs. Gerald O'Toole and son, Gordon of Alder Point, Cape Breton, spent a few days visiting friends here.

The pupils of Grades XI and XII of St. Peters High School, are preparing for their annual chicken banquet, where gifts will be exchanged among those present. A dance will take place later on in the evening. All are looking forward to this this occasion.

Mr. Earl Gibson spent a week family here.

Mr. Willard Pottie, has returned to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax to receive further treatment.

Miss Viola Mancini, student nurse, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, North Sydney, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mancini.

Mr. Tom McLellan motored to Sydney on Monday.

Mrs. Angus Morrison was confned to her home with the flu.

Mr. Alex Morrison was rushed to the City Hospital, in Sydney, with an appendix attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Feith, motored to Sydney last week.

Mrs. Allan D. Morrison and Mrs. R. J. O'Leary were also motor visitors to Sydney last week.

Mrs. Abbie MacDonald is employed at Kaplan's Store for the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Bernie Stone is keeping house for Mrs. Briand who has left for the States where she will spend a short time visiting friends and relatives.

Many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nodge where a surprise party was held in honour of their son, Joey. Those present enjoyed a buffet lunch served by his mother and aunt.

Mrs. Henry J. Pottie received news Tuesday night of the passing of her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank LeCourt of Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Christena Kyte spent a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Russell Morrison.

Mrs. Joseph Maddox was confined to the house for a week with a case of the flu.

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RESPONSIBILITY

Some people grow under responsibility, others merely swell.
—Carl Hubbell



*H*ere's our cheery greeting for a Happy Holiday . . . wishes that great Yule joy may come your way.

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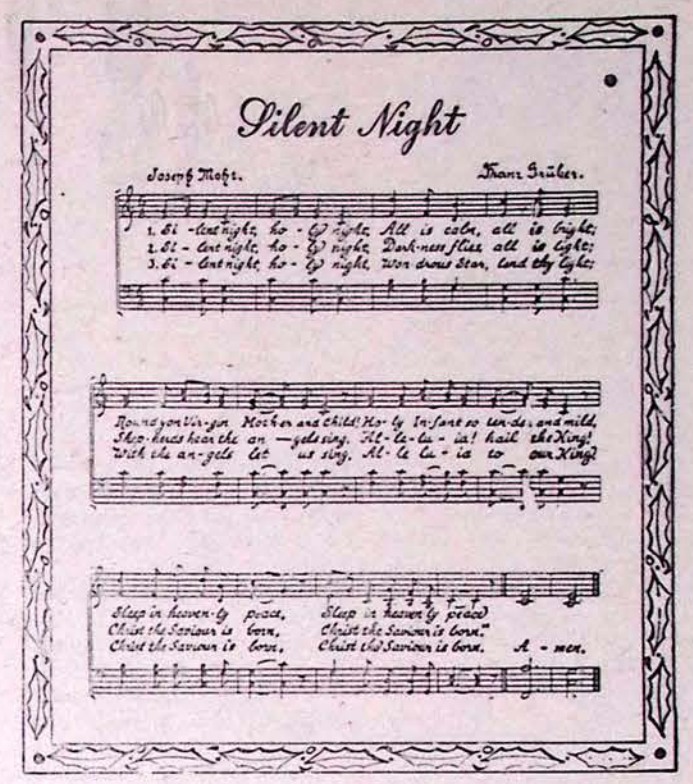
A bit early for Christmas presents, but George Murray, host of CBC Talent Caravan, has already received one — a portable transistor radio — from the people of Cape Breton Island.

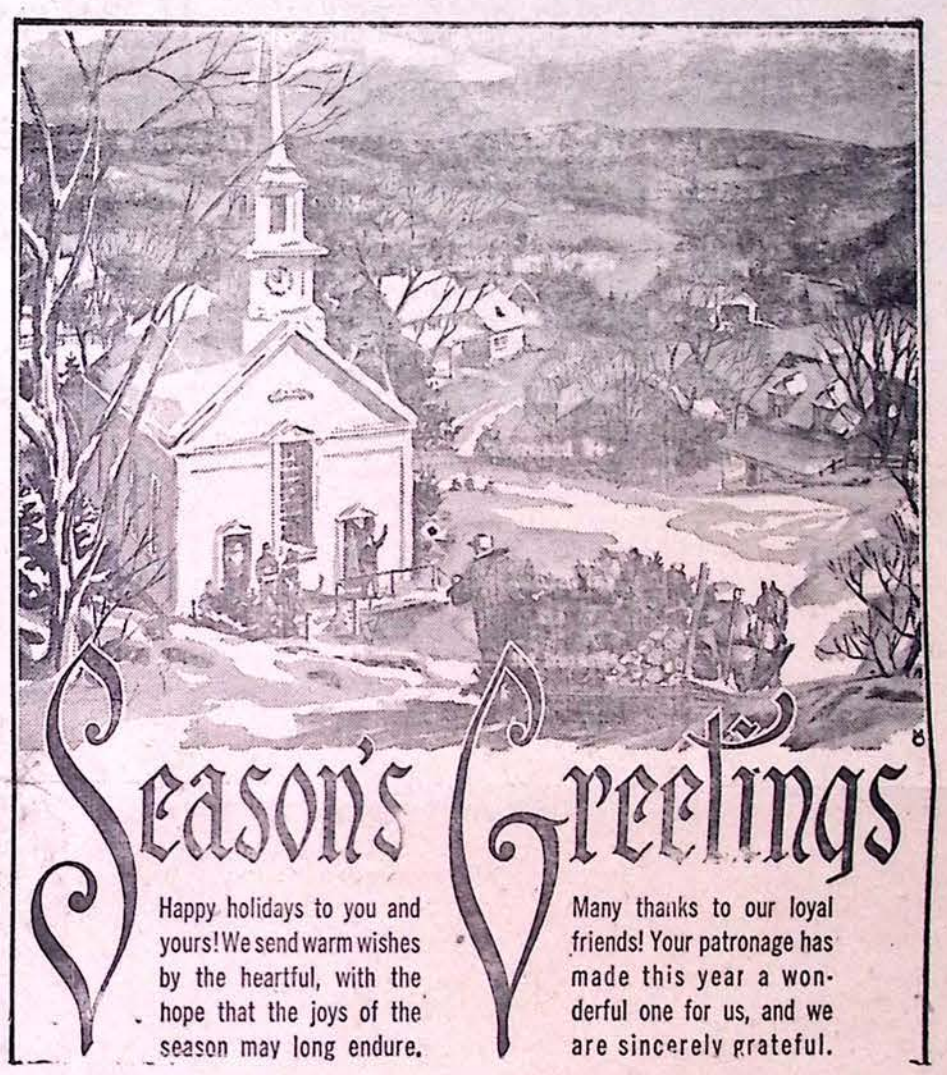
The gift is George's reward for taking part in a television program which raised $32,000 for the Cape Breton United Appeal Campaign. The presentation was made last Thursday night after the Talent Caravan Show from Sydney, N. S. Although microwave trouble forced the cancellation of the show from the Sydney, the people in the Sydney Academy Auditorium were treated to a show which lasted nearly one and one-half hours, with George Murray having the time of his life singing a few requests.

The cancelled "Talent Caravan" show from Sydney has now been scheduled to February 25.

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Each individual is responsible for himself. —Mary Baker Eddy



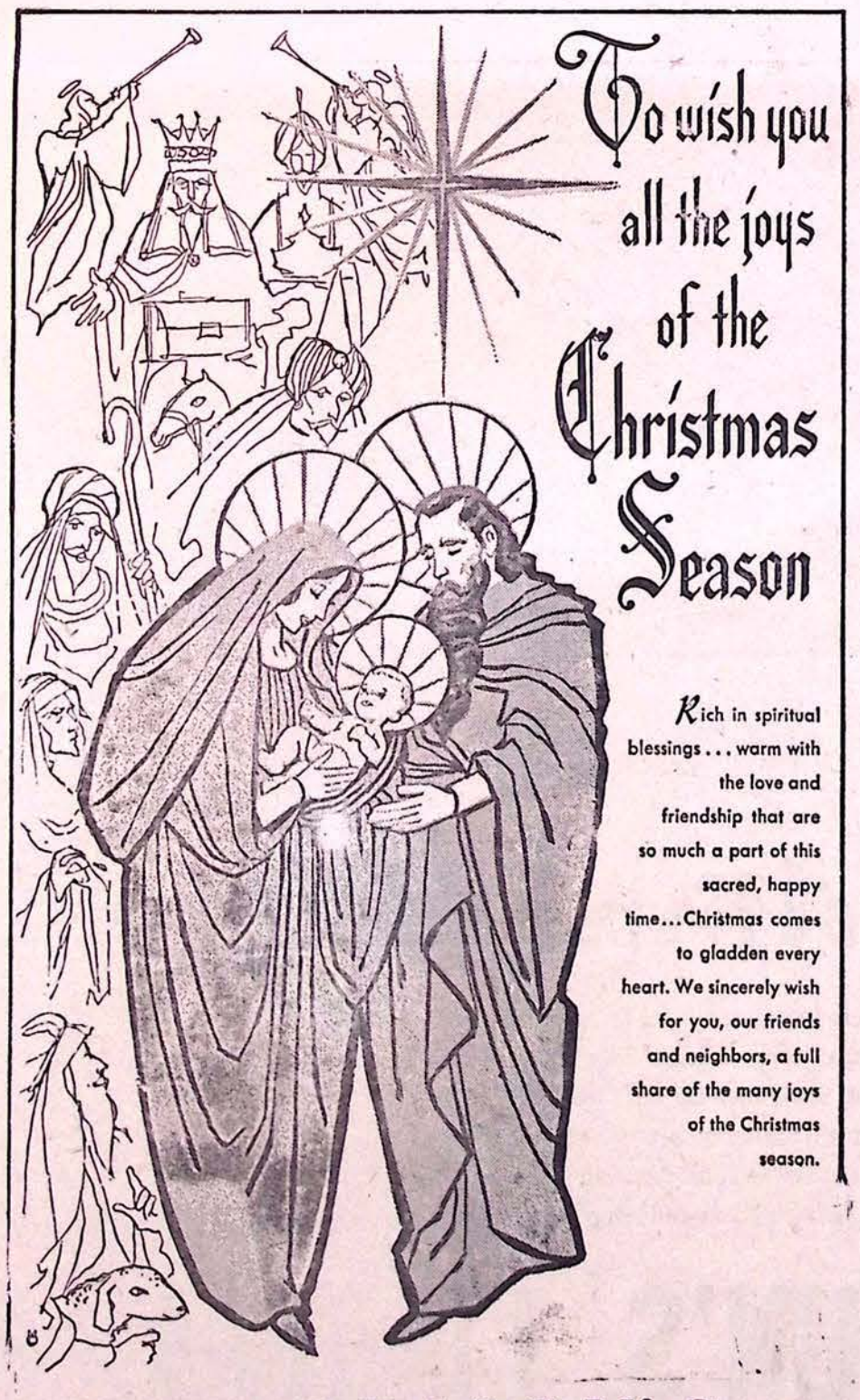


Happy holidays to you and yours! We send warm wishes by the heartful, with the hope that the joys of the season may long endure.

Many thanks to our loyal friends! Your patronage has made this year a wonderful one for us, and we are sincerely grateful.

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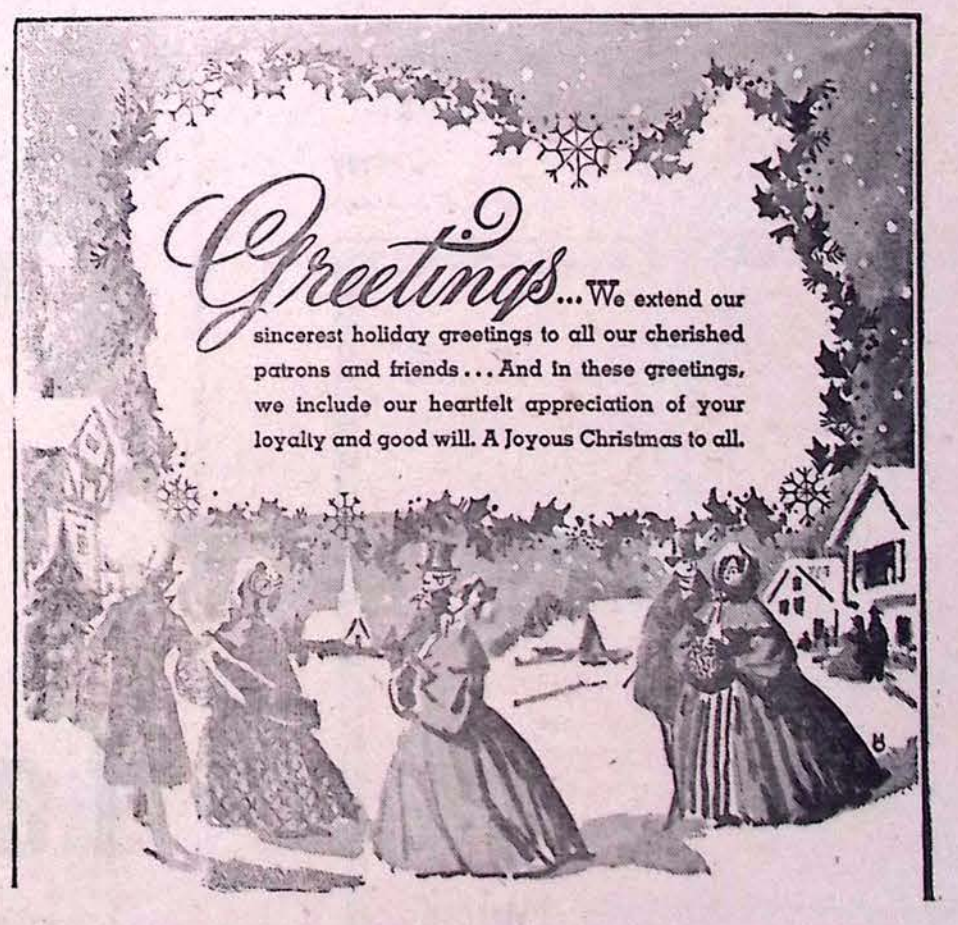
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ST. PETER'S, - - Cape Breton



*R*ich in spiritual blessings . . . warm with the love and friendship that are so much a part of this sacred, happy time . . . Christmas comes to gladden every heart. We sincerely wish for you, our friends and neighbors, a full share of the many joys of the Christmas season.

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Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

My editorial ire sizzled in my brain one day last week until I could fairly taste it. But first I should explain why.

Each year at this season it has been a custom of the Barker household to invite the children of the neighbourhood to our home on Christmas day. Along about noon they are tired of playing with their own toys and look forward excitedly to a visit to our house.I have found that they, and their parents too, welcome this annual change of scenery.

I as shopping for gifts that are a remembrance for each small guest along with a tangerine and a candy cane, when I saw a great crowd of men and women jammed around a nearby counter. This situation usually denotes a sale. Since I am a pushover for anything marked down for clearance, I made my way across the toy department and wiggled through a forest of arms and hard shoulders until I reached the heart of the crowd.

There were no bargains, I can assure you, only literally hundreds of toy guns, knives, missles and tanks of every description. They were not cheap, most of them marked anywhere from one to ten dollars. Parents with grave and worried expressions made their purchases. They looked perfectly sane too and quite intelligent. Nearby counters where construction sets, tool kits, educational games and books were displayed, were for the most part deserted.

So it is true, I thought, that one manufacturer can boast his factory alone turned out 1,500,-000 toy guns for the Christmas market. I felt certain that as the parents of this, or any other nation, buy imitation, lethal toys for their children, Khruschev, Eisenhower, DeGaulle, MacMilan, Gronchi and their successors will talk in vain of disarmament and peace among nations.

These were the thoughts that crowded my mind as I settled into my railroad coach seat for my homeward journey. At my feet was a string shopping bag packed with little innocuous parcels. Huge, soft snowflakes fell against the windowpane beside me, melted and ran in gentle rivulets to the sill. The white world of this Christmas season, 1959, looked so clean, quiet and promising as the train sped northward across the rich Ontario fields and through the prosperous little villages with their long streets of new homes.

Did we ever buy guns for our sons, one might challenge? Yes, for the youngest, and they might have been the early inspiration for a particular kind of torture that was visited on me for ten years.

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How wonderful is Christmas, and the message that it brings, of Peace and Good Will to All! How it warms every heart, brightens every eye and lightens every care! As we joyously celebrate this Holy Day we wish that the glow of happiness that it brings may lastingly abide with you.

From the store staff

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Strange Customs and their Meaning

The custom of throwing rice may have originated as a bribe. According to The World Book Encyclopedia, rice may have been an offering to the evil spirits to persuade them to stay away from the newly-weds.

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The wedding ring is worn on the third finger of the left hand because of an old belief that a vein runs directly from this finger to the heart.

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Polygamy in Tibet is dictated by economics, not romance. The World Book Encyclopedia says a Tibetan woman frequently marries several men, who work together to support the family.

C. N. R. OFFER FAST SERVICE

During 1958, 38 Canadian National Railways passenger train schedules were reduced by an average of one hour and 35 minutes, largely through the substitution of diesel power and self-propelled diesel Railiners.

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You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

—Abraham Lincoln

MRS. ROSE A. McCARTHY

We have just learned of the passing of Mrs. Rose A. McCarthy, 78, a highly respected and deeply religious lady of River Inhabitants. Noted for her charitable and friendly disposition, her passing will be deeply mourned by her family and the many neighbors and friends.

Born at Margaree, she was a sister of the late Rev. Father Maurice Tompkins.

Fifty-one years ago she married Joseph McCarthy who predeceased her 1936. She leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother, three sons and five daughters: Patrick and Vincent of Lower River; Maurice, of Halifax; Rev. Sister Joseph nna (Mary), Long Island, N. Y.; Annie, Mrs. Percy Proctor, of Halifax; Theresa of Halifax; Jessie, R. N., who cared for her mother the past year, and Eileen, (Mrs. Kenny MacNeil) of Lower River. One sister, Rebecca, survives, and resides in Brookline, Mass.

After Requiem High Mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Joseph Campbell, her remains were interred in the family plot. Attending the funeral were three former pastors: Rev. A. J. MacDonald, P. P., Mulgrave; Rev. M. F. Stephenson, P. P., Sydney Mines; and Rev. T. J. Power, P.P., Louisbourg, who assisted at the graveside and Rev. John MacDougall, St. Peters, chaplain of the Lawrence Kavanagh Council KOC, and a very large number who came to pay a last respect to the memory of a beloved and worthy lady.

The Record extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.



Home is where the heart is at holiday time, and we hope both your home and your heart are filled with joy as you gather with your dear ones to celebrate in the true spirit of love and good fellowship.

J. V. BOUDREAU

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Season's Greetings



Again 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.

R. S. (BOB) MacLELLAN, M. P.
Inverness-Richmond
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Spirit of Christmas



To rejoice in the glad message of the Christmas story . . . to treasure the blessings of home, family and friends . . . to know the rewards of giving . . . often richest when the gift is a smile or a greeting of warmth and cheer. May this spirit be yours this Christmas.

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PETIT DeGRAT CAPE BRETON PHONE 103



A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and



"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door. He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none to prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to some one from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

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I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

—John D. Rockerfeller, Jr.

Christmas Humor

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Seasonable items to provide a garnish of smiles around the holiday.

A century or so ago, London swarmed with carol "pluggers" during the Christmas season. In order to sell sheets with the words, peddlers went about the streets, singing Yule carols at the top of their lungs. Far from shunning such boisterous salesmanship, the English public bought the carol-sheets like hot cakes. At one time no less than 89 different carols were printed and being sold. Of course, there were certain favorites. Year after year, popular taste ran to a number of old-timers, all illustrated with the same crude, old-fashioned wood cuts since anybody could remember. One day a progressive minded gentleman approached T. Batchelar, the London carol-sheet publisher, and asked him why he didn't introduce better illustrations. The canny Englishman shook his head. "I know they are needed. I could get them too—but they just wouldn't sell. You have no idea how people love those old ones."

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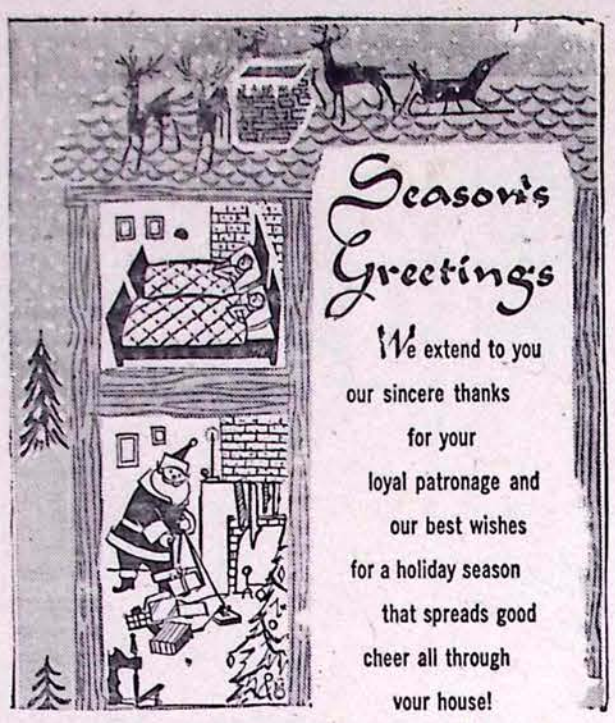
On Christmas Day all the neighbors liked to come to Charles Dickens' big home at Gads Hill, but the experience ones knew enough to turn down another invitation. Some time before dinner, their genial hst would propose that all the gentlemen present join him in a "stroll" about the countryside. Those who accepted were always sorry afterward. They would return, huffing and puffing for dear life, looking fagged and done in, while Dickens, for his part, appeared as "chipper as a daisy."

The novelist was unquestionably one of the greatest walkers of his day. He kept himself in top form by this sort of exercise and could walk the legs off all his friends. It was his custom to write at his desk during the hours of sunlight and then after dark take long walks. He hiked all over London, and knew the city like a book. He followed this routine at the time he was writing "A Christmas Carol," not going out, as he himself admitted, until "all the sober folks had gone to bed," and then walking 15 or 20 miles on a single night through the city's black streets.

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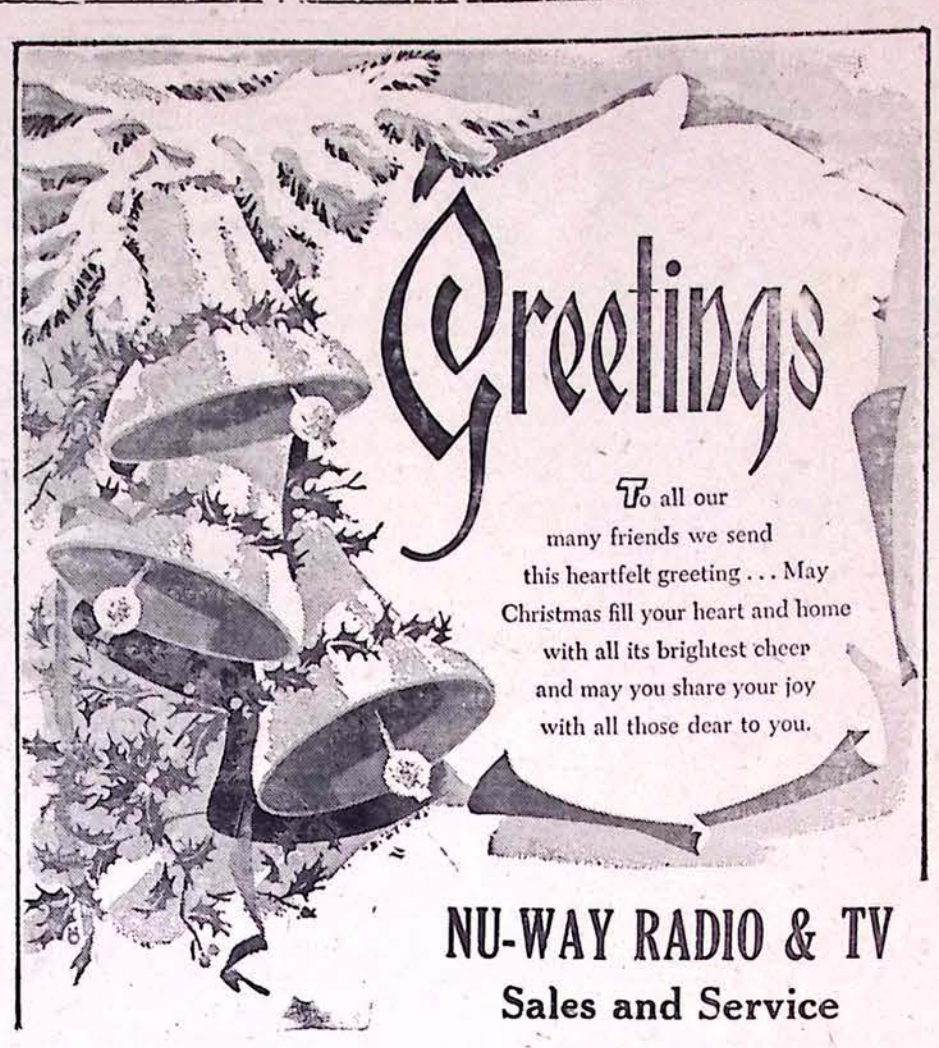
During the Yuletide Season, exercise great care in driving. Everyone looks forward to home during this season and may be inclined to speed to reach their happy abode. Drive with care and avoid accidents and loss of life. Make this a Merry Xmas.



Season's Greetings

We extend to you our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and our best wishes for a holiday season that spreads good cheer all through your house!

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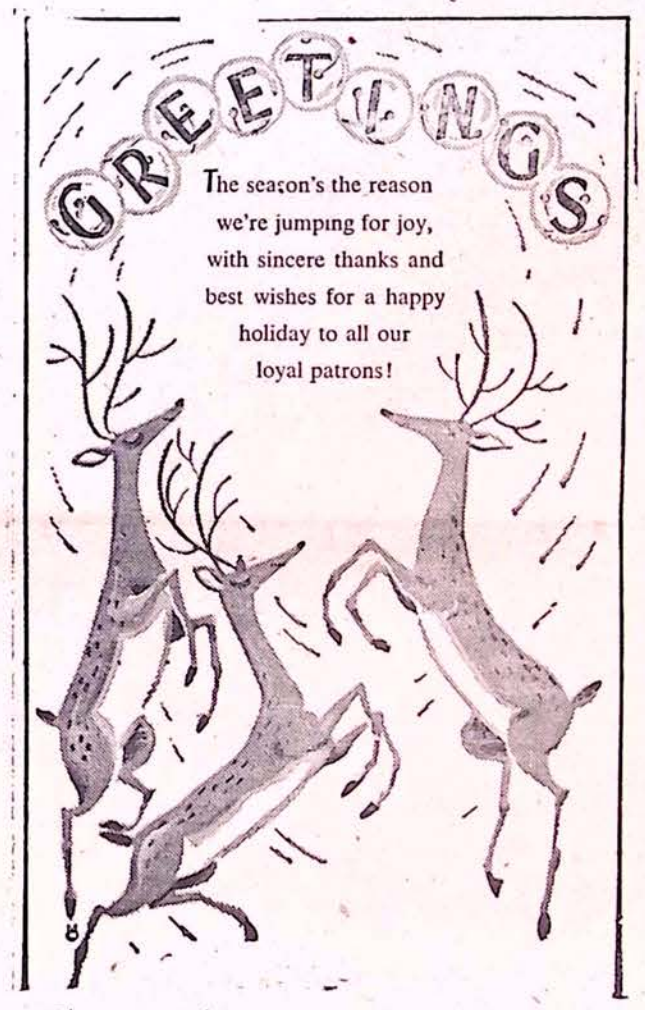
Greetings

To all our many friends we send this heartfelt greeting . . . May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may you share your joy with all those dear to you.

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Every person is responsible for all the good within the scope of his abilities, and for no more, and none can tell whose sphere is the largest.

—Gail Hamilton



GREETINGS

The season's the reason we're jumping for joy, with sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy holiday to all our loyal patrons!

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Just popped up to say a friendly "Hello" and wish you and yours much happiness throughout the Christmas season!

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ST. PETER'S NEWS

The students of St. Peters High School have been busy studying the past week for their first quarter examinations.

The children of St. Peters School are busy preparing their annual Christmas Concert which will be held on Tuesday December 21st.

Among those who motored to Sydney within the past week were: Miss Lillian and Norma Morrison, Fay MacDonnell, Garry Campbell, Smithy Calder, Donnie Dickson, Beverley Sampson, Mary Stone, Lynn Wambolt, Bill Owens, Stan Digout, Joan Bona, Mary Rankin, Ethel and Gert Owens.

Mrs. Earl Gibson has returned home from St. Martha's Hospital, where she underwent a successful operation.

Friends of the town wish to congratuate Mr. and Mrs. Phonse Cote on the birth of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Cote and family will soon be taking up residence in Halifax.

Mrs. Alex MacDonnell and daughter Geraldine, also Mrs. Henry Pottie spent a day recently visiting friends in River Bourgeois.

A Sodality Meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the K. O. C. Hall. Guest speaker at the meeting was Rev. Father McDonald from the Villa Madona Retreat House, Bras D'Or.

Mrs. Gerald O'Toole and son, Gordon of Alder Point, Cape Breton, spent a few days visiting friends here.

The pupils of Grades XI and XII of St. Peters High School, are preparing for their annual chicken banquet, where gifts will be exchanged among those present. A dance will take place later on in the evening. All are looking forward to this this occasion.

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Mr. Willard Pottie, has returned to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax to receive further treatment.

Miss Viola Mancini, student nurse, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, North Sydney, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mancini.

Mr. Tom McLellan motored to Sydney on Monday.

Mrs. Angus Morrison was confned to her home with the flu.

Mr. Alex Morrison was rushed to the City Hospital, in Sydney, with an appendix attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Feith, motored to Sydney last week.

Mrs. Allan D. Morrison and Mrs. R. J. O'Leary were also motor visitors to Sydney last week.

Mrs. Abbie MacDonald is employed at Kaplan's Store for the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Bernie Stone is keeping house for Mrs. Briand who has left for the States where she will spend a short time visiting friends and relatives.

Many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nodge where a surprise party was held in honour of their son, Joey. Those present enjoyed a buffet lunch served by his mother and aunt.

Mrs. Henry J. Pottie received news Tuesday night of the passing of her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank LeCourt of Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. Christena Kyte spent a few days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Russell Morrison.

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RESPONSIBILITY

Some people grow under responsibility, others merely swell.
—Carl Hubbell



Here's our cheery greeting for a Happy Holiday . . . wishes that great Yule joy may come your way.

Richmond Motors

LEO MARTELL, Sales & Service
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Since the first Canadian National Railways employees suggestion plan came into effect in 1949, the company has adopted more than 7,000 money-saving suggestions submitted by CNR personnel.

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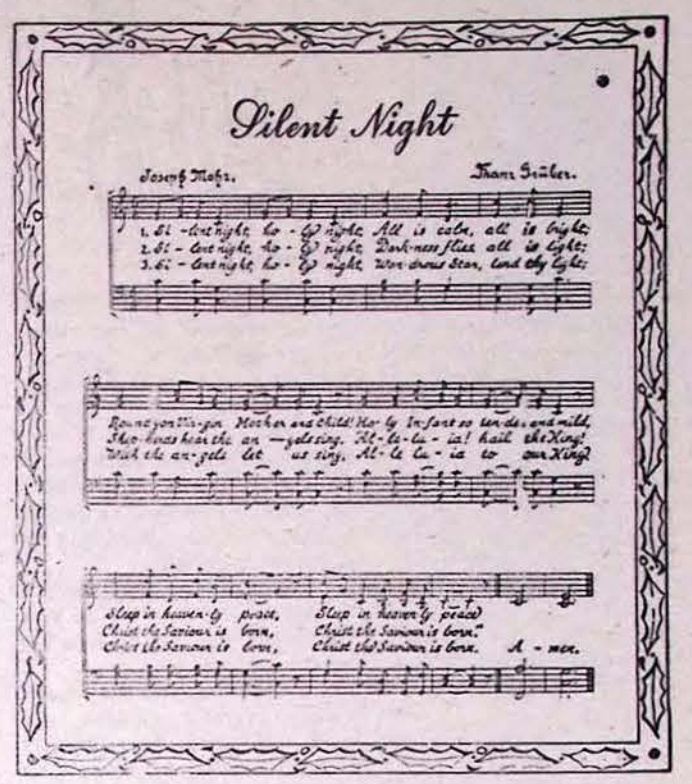
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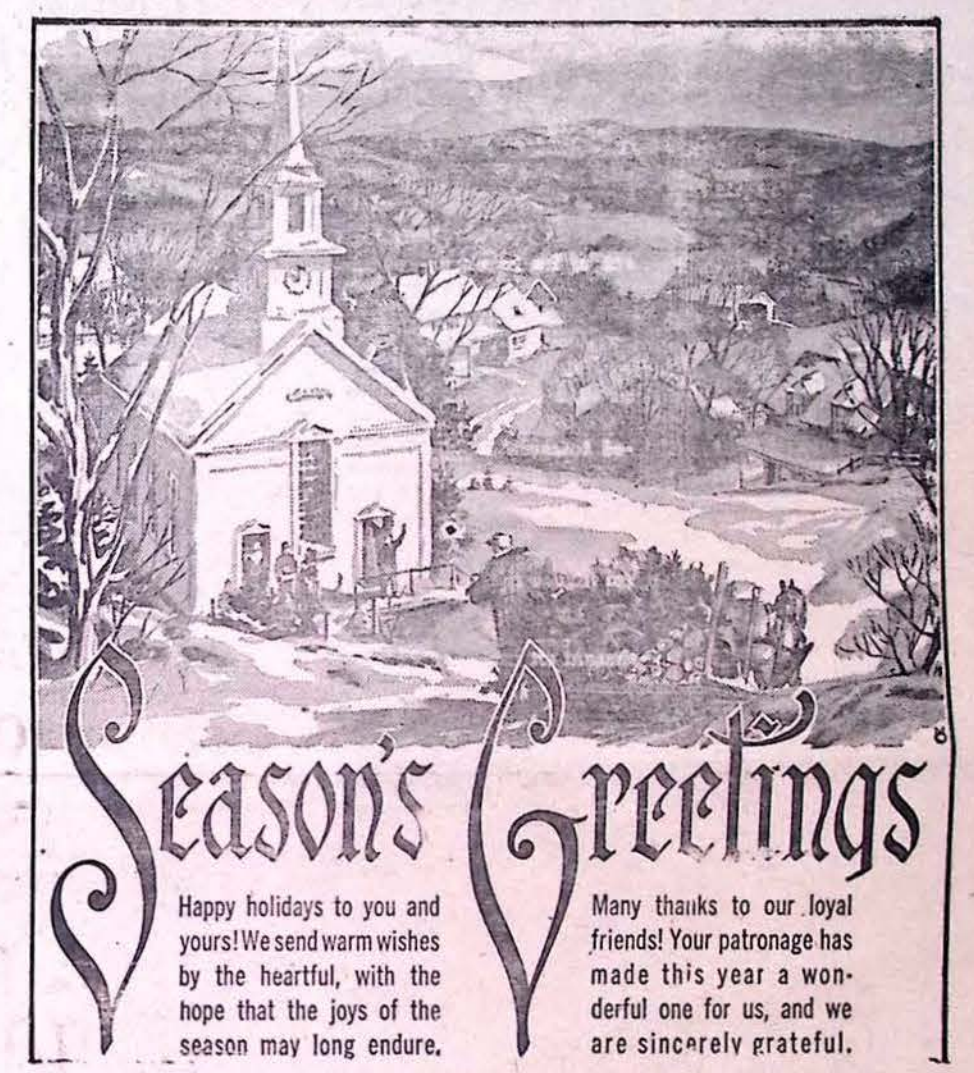
The gift is George's reward for taking part in a television program which raised $32,000 for the Cape Breton United Appeal Campaign. The presentation was made last Thursday night after the Talent Caravan Show from Sydney, N. S. Although microwave trouble forced the cancellation of the show from the Sydney, the people in the Sydney Academy Auditorium were treated to a show which lasted nearly one and one-half hours, with George Murray having the time of his life singing a few requests.

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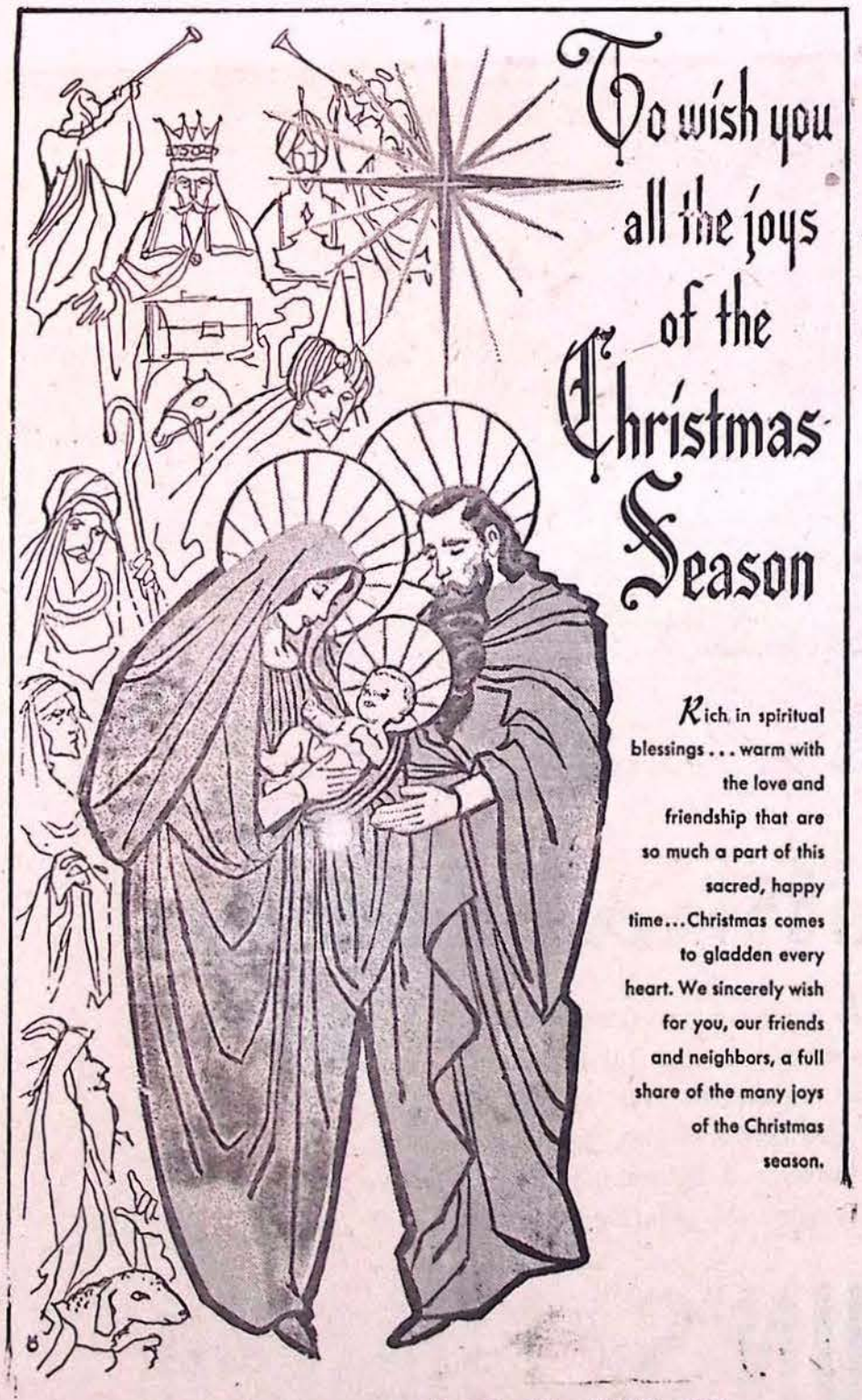
Each individual is responsible for himself. —Mary Baker Eddy





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Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

My editorial ire sizzled in my brain one day last week until I could fairly taste it. But first I should explain why.

Each year at this season it has been a custom of the Barker household to invite the children of the neighbourhood to our home on Christmas day. Along about noon they are tired of playing with their own toys and look forward excitedly to a visit to our house.I have found that they, and their parents too, welcome this annual change of scenery.

I as shopping for gifts that are a remembrance for each small guest along with a tangerine and a candy cane, when I saw a great crowd of men and women jammed around a nearby counter. This situation usually denotes a sale. Since I am a pushover for anything marked down for clearance, I made my way across the toy department and wiggled through a forest of arms and hard shoulders until I reached the heart of the crowd.

There were no bargains, I can assure you, only literally hundreds of toy guns, knives, missles and tanks of every description. They were not cheap, most of them marked anywhere from one to ten dollars. Parents with grave and worried expressions made their purchases. They looked perfectly sane too and quite intelligent. Nearby counters where construction sets, tool kits, educational games and books were displayed, were for the most part deserted.

So it is true, I thought, that one manufacturer can boast his factory alone turned out 1,500,-000 toy guns for the Christmas market. I felt certain that as the parents of this, or any other nation, buy imitation lethal toys for their children, Khruschev, Eisenhower, DeGaulle, MacMillan, Gronchi and their successors will talk in vain of disarmament and peace among nations.

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Do You Remember When?

BY OLD TIMER

The fisherman and his wife whiled away the long winter's evenings making their own nets from the first mesh to the head rope? Any neighbor or friend dropping in for a visit was given a needle full of twine and invited to pitch in. Of course this was before radio and television.

Squid was so plentiful in the harbor that all a fisherman had to do, most mornings was to patrol the shore before daybreak and pick up enugh fresh bait for his day's handlining? I haven't seen a squid on the shore in forty years, have you?

A boat being towed by a swordfish or a "horse mackerel" was a common sight on the harbor? By the way, did one fin showing mean a swordfish and two fins a "horse mackerel", or was it vice versa? I've forgotten to remember. Will some one please enlighten me.

Continuing the shipping registry:—

CHARLES A. H. Reg. 8 April 1910. Built at West Arichat in 1909. Two-masted schr. 10.34 tons, owned by Charles V. Herbin, Arichat. Sold in 1911 to Frank Walsh, North Sydney. No further records.

LUCANIA. Reg. 3 Mar. 1913. Built at LaHave in 1912. Two-masted schr. 99.23 tons, owned by Alfred Boudreau, Arichat. Sold in 1917 to parties in Newfoundland. Vessel was later lost, particulars unknown.

H. POIRIER. Reg. 20 July 1916, Isidore Poirier builder and owner. Two-masted schr. 10.68 tons. Broken up at D'Escousse in 1927.

DORTHY M. B. Reg. 35 July. Built at Poirierville in 1915, Martin Baccardax builder and owner. Two-masted motor screw schr. 11.74 tons. No further records.

RISK. Reg. 6 May 1918. Built at Arichat in 1914. One-masted sloop 10.09 tons, motor screw, owned by Jeantie LeBlanc, Arichat. Sold in 1920 to parties in D'Escousse. No further records.

REFORM. Reg. Feb 14, 1919. Previous registry Lunenburg. Name changed by order in council, 1919, to FLORA F. Two-masted schr. 57.53 tons owned by Jeffrey W. Forgeron, West Arichat. Built in Essex, Mass., in 1857. Sold in 1934 to William E. LeBlanc and Gustave J. Boudreau, Poulamond. Broken up at Poulamond in 1935.

HENRY MILLER. Formerly named the AROSTOOK. Reg 11 April 1919. Previous registry Lunenburg. Built at Essex, Mass., in 1880. Two-masted schr. 66.80 tons, owned by Benjamin Levandier, West Arichat. Sold in 1927 to J. W. White, Murray Harbor, P. E. I. and registry transferred to Charlottetown.

LINA P. Reg. 14 July 1919. Place and date of building unknown. Two-masted schr., motor screw, 17.99 tons, owned by Isidore Poirier, West Arichat. Broken up at West Arichat in 1925.

GEORGE KYTE, formerly the DICTATOR. Reg. 13 Oct. 1922. Previous registry Charlottetown. Built at Lunenburg in 1890. Rebuilt at Guysborough in 1922. Owned by J. P. Reinhardt, Arichat. Broken up at Dayspring in 1935.

FLEUR DE LIS II. Reg. 3 Oct. 1934. Built at River Bourgeois in 1932. Two-masted schr. 14.35 tons, motor screw, owned by Emile Tousnard, River Bourgeois. No other records.

This completes the shipping registry from 1885 to 1934. It does not include numberless small fishing boats from ine ton up which have been registered in the 1900's. Their total tonnage is negligible. Only ships over 10 tons have been considered.

To summarize: From 1885 to 1934, 95 ships were registered with a total tonnage of 4,979 tons. These were the declining years of the port both from the point of view of registration of tonnage and the building of new ships, as will be shown when we start the registry of the "golden years" of Arichat.

Only two ships were built in Arichat after 1885—the Lelia and Maud in 1900 and the Risk in 1918. Total tonnage—48.35 tons.

During the same period five ships were built at West Arichat: the Jubilee in 1887; the Mary Alice in 1898; the Lilly May in 1902; the Clifford May in 1908 and the Charles A. H. in 1810. Total tonnage—152 tons.

During this period four ships registered were over 200 tons, and six over 100 tons. Only one ship over 100 tons was registered from 1895 to 1934.

Next week I shall begin the registry from 1855 to 1884. It will take several months to complete. I hope you will bear with me as I take you through the years when Arichat was the commercial center of eastern Nova Scotia.

More next week. Remember when?



UPDATED MOTHER GOOSE

Fun for the whole family is in store on Christmas night when Wayne and Shuster present their Mother Goose pantomine on CBC-TV. Joan Fairfax plays Jill, Johnny Wayne is Mother Goose, and Frank Shuster takes the part of Jack in a new version of Mother Goose.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 1 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall in the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



C. A. BOUCHER

FUNERAL DIRECTOR, ARICHAT, Cape Breton



JOHNSTON'S GARAGE

F. M. JOHNSTON, Proprietor

ST. PETERS, CAPE BRETON



ST. PETER'S MARKET

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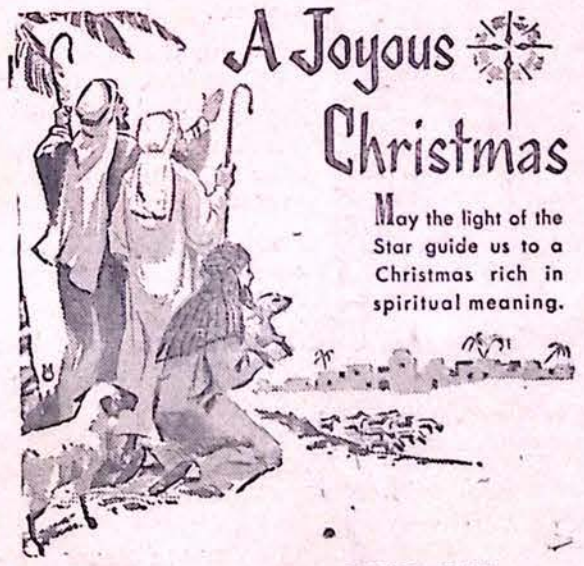
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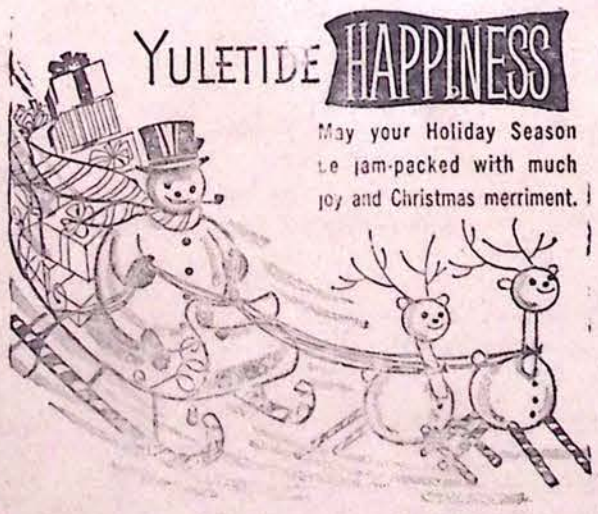
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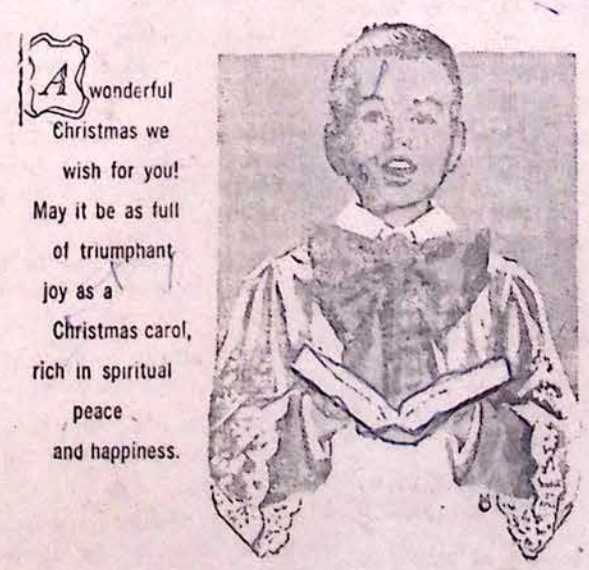
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POULAMOND, CAPE BRETON



DOUGLAS LANDRY

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

ST. PETER'S, CAPE BRETON

Municipal Tax Sale

As provided in the Assessment Act, Revised Statutes 1954 and Amendments thereto, the following lands, all real property, will be sold at Public Auction at the St. Peter's Municipal Hall beginning at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, the 29th day of December A.D. 1959– unless the taxes interest and expenses incidental thereto have been sooner paid:—

DISTRICT No. 1

Land at Arichat, assessed as the Estate of Harry Brousell.

Land situated at rear of Arichat, assessed to Mrs. Arthur DeCoste.

Land and property assessed as the Estate of the late Cassimir LeBlanc, situated at Arichat in the Babin Hill area.

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DISTRICT No. 2

Land situated at Arichat, South Side, assessed to Emile Boucher.

Land and property situated at Pondville, assessed to Ernest Bona and wife.

Property situated at Boudreauville, assessed to Godfrey Boucher.

Property situated at Petit de Grat, assessed to Francis M. Boudreau.

Property situated at Samson's Cove, assessed to Harry F. Boudreau—son Josie.

Property situated at Petit de Grat, assessed to Sanford Boudreau.

Property situated at Rocky Bay, assessed to Theophilus Kehoe.

Property situated at Petit de Grat, assessed to Mrs. Michael LeBlanc.

Property situated at Petit de Grat, assessed to Numa Landry, son Samey.

Property situated at Petit de Grat, assessed to Joseph R. Sampson.

Property situated at Little Anse, assessed to Wilfred Bernard Sampson, son Leo.

Property situated at Arichat, assessed to Benedict Boudreau.

Propery situated at Samson's Cove assessed to Francis Sampson, son Stephen.

Property situated at Petit de Grat assessed to Raymond Landry.

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DISTRICT No. 3

Property situated at Poulamond, assessed to Edward Burke.

Property situated at Martinique, assessed to Mrs. Norman Hussey.

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DISTRICT No. 4

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to Raymond Boudreau.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to Joseph J. Boudreau.

Property situated at Lower River Inhabitants, assessed to the Estate of Patrick Cloake.

Property situated at Lower River Inhabitants, assessed to Terrance Cloake.

Property situated at Cleveland, assessed as the Estate of Roderick Ferguson.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to John Hellier.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to John Jeffrey.

Property situated at Louisdale assessed to Dan W. Marchand, son W. D.

Property situated at Lower River Inhabitants, assessed as the Estate of Austin McNamara.

Property situated at Grantville, assessed to Leo J. MacPhee.

Property situated at Lower River Inhabitants, assessed to Arthur S. McNamara.

Property situated at Cleveland, assessed to Waldo MacMillan.

Property situated at Evanston, assessed to Gordon McNamara.

Property situated at Whiteside, assessed to John A. MacDonald.

Property situated at Lower River, assessed to Lester Joseph Proctor.

Property situated at Evanston, assessed to Michael Jos. Proctor.

Property situated at Walkerville, assessed to John P. Scanlon.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to Joseph Samson—Melina.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to Lawrence Sampson.

Property situated at Louisdale, assessed to Jeffrey Alphonse Samson.

Property situated at Louisdale assessed to Albany J. Samson.

Property situated, at Louisdale, assessed to Joseph A. Vanedeen.

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DISTRICT No. 5

Property situated at Kempt Road, assessed to Arthur P. Carines.

Property situated at Grand Anse, assessed to Harold E. Frost.

Property at Kempt Road, assessed to Arthur Landry and Clarence Marchand.

Property at Grand Anse, assessed to Wallace Matthew.

Property situated at rear West Bay, assessed as the Estate Dougal MacLean.

Property situated at the Points, assessed to Gordon Pringle.

Property situated at Dundee, assessed as the Estate of John A. Smith.

Property situated at Dundee to the heirs of John S. Steel.

Property situated at Dundee, assessed to Richard Smith.

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DISTRICT No. 6

Property situated at Cannes, assessed to William Henry Smith.

Property situated at Cannes, assessed as the Estate of Bastien Bouchie.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Joseph D. Boucher.

Property situated at Seaview, assessed to Samuel Boudreau.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Leonard Boucher—son Charles D.

Property situated at Seaview, assessed to Anthony D. Burke.

Property situated at Seaview, assessed to Thomas Burke.

Property situated in the Grandique area, assessed to Margaret Evans and Albert Kinslow.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed as hte Estate of Capt. Charles Fougere.

Property situated at Cannes, assessed as the Estate of Patrick Fougere.

Property situated at Grand Anse, assessed to Allan C. Frost.

Property situated at read River Bourgeois assessed to the Estate of Patrick Fougere.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Mrs. Lorena Goswell.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Mrs. Frank Ham & Simon P. Landry.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Mrs. J. Keating.

Property situated at Cannes, assessed to Bob LeRue and Anthony Restin.

Property situated at Hawker, assessed to Delphis Landry.

Property situated at Balmoral, assessed to Clarence LeBlanc.

Property situated at River Tillard, assessed to John Landry —son Amie.

Property situated in the Grand Anse area, assessed to Hugh D. Matthews.

Property situated in the Thibeauville area, assessed to the Estate of Deserie MacPhee.

Property situated at Thibeauville, assessed as the Estate of Jerome McPhee and Albert McPhee.

Property situated at Balmoral, assessed as the Estate of Frank MacLnnis and Barbara MacInnis.

Property situated at Thibeauville, assessed to Wilfred MacPhee—son W. F.

Property situated at River Bourgeois, assessed to Mrs. Cecila Pace.

Property situated at Seaview, assessed as the Estate of Joseph H. Ross and Mrs. Lena O'Toole.

Property situated at River Tillard, assessed to Charles Reyberg.

Property situated at Seaview, assessed to Estate Jacob Isaacson.

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DISTRICT No. 7

Property situated at French Cove, assessed as the Estate of Laughlin Coady.

Property situated at St. Peters, assessed to the Estate of Dan Jackson and to Helen Cameron.

Property situated at Barra Head, assessed to Richard Evong.

Property situated at Sampsonville, assessed to Roderick Fougere.

Property situated at Oban assessed to Charles Grant.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed to Clark Kaplan.

Property situated at Barra Head, assessed to John Langley son of Tom.

Property situated at Sampsonville, assessed to Joseph Landry.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed to John Maddox.

Property situated at French Cove, assessed to Harvey Murray.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed as the Estate of Frank Cotton.

Property situated at French Cove, assessed to John Brae.

Property situated at French Cove, assessed to Alex Burke.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed to George Butler.

Property situated at Oban, assessed to Albert Bouchard and to John MacPhail.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed to Francis Murray.

Property situated at St. Peters North assessed as "the Heirs of the late Michael MacNeil.

Property situated in the Canal area, St. Peters, assessed to John A. MacNeil.

Property situated at French Cove assessed to Neil MacNeil.

Property situated at French Cove assessed to Charles MacLean.

Property situated at French Cove assessed to James Michael MacNeil.

Property situated at Roberta assessed to William D. Pringle, son D. J.

Property situated at Lynch River, assessed as the Estate of Jonras P. Stone.

Property situated at St. Peters assessed as the Estate of Joseph B. Stone.

Property situated at French Cove assessed to Freeman Sampson.

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DISTRICT No. 8

Property situated at Soldiers Cove, assessed as the Estate of Angus Campbell.

Property situated at Red Islands, assessed as the Estate of Dan J. Campbell.

Property at Red Islands, assessed to Michael Cameron.

Property situated at Red Islands assessed to Louis Miles.

Property situated at Soldiers Cove, assessed to John F. MacDonald.

Property situated at Hay Cove assessed to George Oram and the Estate of Michael John Campbell.

Property situated at Johnstown, assessed as the Estate of Richard MacDonald.

Property situated at Red Islands assessed to Peter MacMullen.

Property situated at Red Islands assessed to Donald L. MacDonald and Estate of Mrs. Dan A. Campbell.

Property situated at Hay Cove assessed to William S. MacNeil.

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DISTRICT No. 9

Property situated at Grand River assessed as the Estate of Eliza B. Chapman.

Property situated at Grand River assessed as the Estate of D. A. Finlayson.

Property situated at Ferguson's Lake, assessed to John Angus MacLeod.

Property situated at Lower St. Esprit, assessed to Angus MacAskill and William H. MacLeod.

Property situated at Grand River Falls, assessed to Dan Alex MacLeod.

Property situated at Lower St. Esprit assessed to Joseph J. Thiel.

Property situated at Fergusons Lake, assessed to Jack Thompson.

Property situated at St. Esprit assessed to the Estate of Rod J. Morrison Sr.

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District No. 10

Property at Lower L'Ardoise and LArdoise Highlands assessed to Patrick J. Bona..

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed as the Estate of George Brymer.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Peter J. Briand.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise, assessed to Albert Boudreau, occupied by John C. MacDonald.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to John E. Clannon.

Property situated at Point Michaud assessed to Phil Deveraux.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Roy Harper.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Harold Kinslow.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Estate of Charles P. Mombourquette and Walter J. Masters.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Willie Morvan.

Property situated at L'Ardoise assessed to Alfred Martell.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Alphie Sampson.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Justian (Chester) Sampson.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Simon P. Sampson.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Barnaby G. Sampson.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Joseph S. Sampson, son Simon.

Property situated at Lower L'Ardoise assessed to Alex P. Martell.

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DISTRICT No. 11

Property situated at West Arichat, assessed to Raymond Forgeron.

Property situated at West Arichat assessed to Mrs. Fred Muse.

Property situated at Janvrin's Island, assessed to Roderick MacNeil, son Aphonse Vincent.

Property situated at Janvrin's Harbour, assessed to Lawrence and Fulton MacDonald.

Property situated at West Arichat assessed to Clifferd Poirier

Property situated at West Arichat assessed to Joseph R. Terrio.

Property situated at West Arichat (Mury's Bras area) and assessed to Charlotte Vigneau.

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DISTRICT No. 12

Property situated at Drummondville assessed as the Estate of Donald A. Ferguson.

Property situated at Lake Uist, assessed to Mrs. D. E. MacIntyre and Estate of Peter W. MacDougall.

Property situated at Drummondville assessed to George Oram and John LeDrew.

Property situated at Drummondville assessed to John George Patterson.

Property at Mount Auburn assessed to James Dawson.

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DISTRICT No. 13

Property situated at Sterling assessed to James A. Allan.

Property situated at Framboise assessed to Malcolm D. MacIntosh.

Property situated at Framboise assessed to James MacLeod.

Property situated at Framboise assessed to the Estate Kenneth L. MacLeod.

Property situated at North Framboise, assessed to Norman A. MacLeod.

Property situated in the Fuller's Bridge area assessed to Rod D. MacLeod, son Dan J.

Property situated at Framboise assessed as the Estate of Neil W. MacIntosh.

Property situated at Fourchu assessed to Angus M. MacLeod.

Property at Sterling assessed to Neil Hector McAskill.

Property situated at Sterling, assessed to Angus Archie MacLeod.

Property situated at Sterling, assessed to Angus J. MacDonald.

Property situated at Fourchu assessed to Havelock Sheppard.

Property situated at North Fourchu assessed to Mrs. William Sampson.

Property situated at Framboise assessed to Manuel Gillian.

Property situated at North Fourchu assessed to Charles Sheppard.

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DISTRICT No. 14

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Joseph Chisholm.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Giffien Chisholm.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Christopher (Chris) Chisholm.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Charlie Dixon

Property situated at Point Tupper, assessed to Leo Kelly and to William Wallace Campbell.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to John P. Hayes and to Frederick Hearn.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Edward King Jr.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed as the estate of David McNamara.

Property situated at Port Malcolm, assessed as the Estate of Susan Malcolm.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed as the Estate of Malcolm MacLeod.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to John Dan MacVicar.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Angus MacDonald.

Property situated at Point Tupper assessed to Dan A. MacLean.

Property situated at Port Malcolm, assessed to W. R. Raaymakers.

DISTRICT No. 15

Property situated at West L'Ardoise, assessed to John T. Bona, son Tom.

Property situated at West L'Ardoise, assessed to Bona, son Dan.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to James H. Cahall.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Harry Carpenter.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to Ella Clannon.

Property situated at the rear of L'Ardoise, assessed to Felix B. Campbell and Leonard Campbell.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Paul Gagnon.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Samuel P. Mombourquette.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Alice Mombourquette.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to George Andrew Martell—son James.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Joseph J. Martell, formerly Myers.

Property situated at Grand Greve, assessed to H. J. MacNeil.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to Ross Northrope.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to Estate of Edward I. Poters.

Property situated at West L'Ardoise, assessed to William Pendergass.

Property situated at West L'Ardoise, assessed to Mrs. Flora Sampson.

Property at L'Ardoise, assessed to Simon N. Sampson.

Property situated at L'Ardoise, assessed to Mary Jane Sampson.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to Hubert H. Sampson.

Property at West L'Ardoise, assessed to Louis Taylor.

Property at L'Ardoise assessed to Berth Thompkins.

Property assessed to J. Wilfred Pottle.

Property situated at Rockdale, assessed to Raymond Crew.

E. C. DOYLE,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Municipality of the County of Richmond.

November 28, 1959.