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Season's Greetings

The joyous Christmas Season

is here again...to brighten our hearts,

to lighten our cares.



To all our wonderful friends, we hope this

glorious holiday will bring everything that

makes for a life of happiness and contentment.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another Christmas approaches and once more we offer our best wishes to everyone for a Merry and Joyous Festive Season.

We bring our greetings in the form of an annual Christmas edition, made possible by the many business places in the County, sending their greeting through this medium, to their patrons and friends. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who took space in this issue.

We trust the articles, stories and poems we have chosen, will be of interest to our readers.

The following poem entitled:—"BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS," by Grace Matthew Walker, seems to sum up the true meaning of the Christmas story:—

The precious Christmas story
Lives on through all the years,
And mother love is kinder,
Because of Mary's tears.

And earth is still a haven
For men who seek the right,
Life still has its depth of love
Because of Chrifstmas.

If men could meet at Christmas
Around the manger bed
And catch the Christmas spirit
The hungry would be fed,
And little children everywhere
Would know true love and tender
care,
Baceause of Christmas.

NOVEMBER MEETING POINT TUPPER HOME AND SCHOOL

The Point Tupper Home and School met on November 28th in the Church Hall, with 20 members and guests were present.

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada, followed by the Home and School Creed..

Mrs. Harold Oliver presided. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and on motion of Mrs. Lester Swain and seconded by Mrs. A. Malcolm, was approved.

A card play was sponsored by Mrs. Gordon Pyke for the purpose of raising funds to buy school supplies for the primary and grade I. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Pyke on motion of Mrs. Alex Ferguson. This motion was unanimously adopted.

The Students Council offered to buy cod liver capusles for the children and on motion of Mrs. Melvin Forbrigger and seconded by Miss Carmel Oliver. was adopted.

It was decided to purchase the usual Christmas treats for the children as in the past years .

The Home and School donated $40.00 to the teachers to purchase school supplies and on motion of Mrs. Kay Oliver and seconded by Mrs. Allen, was adopted.

Mrs. Jules Aerts was guest speaker and gave a very interesting talk on the Belgian Congo. A vote of thanks was extended by Miss Carmel Oliver on behalf of the Association and was unanimously adopted.

The $2.00 prize money for the highest parent attendance went to Mrs. Alex Ferguson.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Oliver.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Mrs. Lester Swain, with lunch following.



Greetings

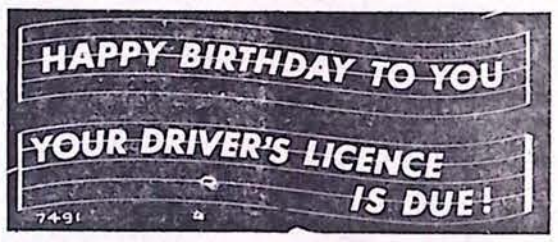
WE WANT TO THANK ALL OUR FRIENDS
FOR THEIR FAVORS AND PATRONAGE

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Season's Greetings

The Yuletide Season is always a time for expressions of goodwill and the exchange of friendly greetings. In this Spirit of Friendship and with genuine appreciation of the pleasant relations I have enjoyed with you, may I extend Season's Greetings and my best wishes for a HOLY and MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY and SUCCESSFUL 1964.

Sincerely,

Gerry Doucet, M.L.A.





Kavanaugh Columbus Club

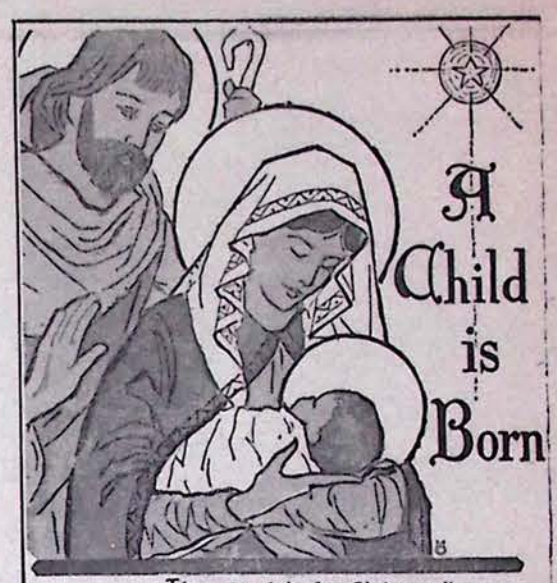
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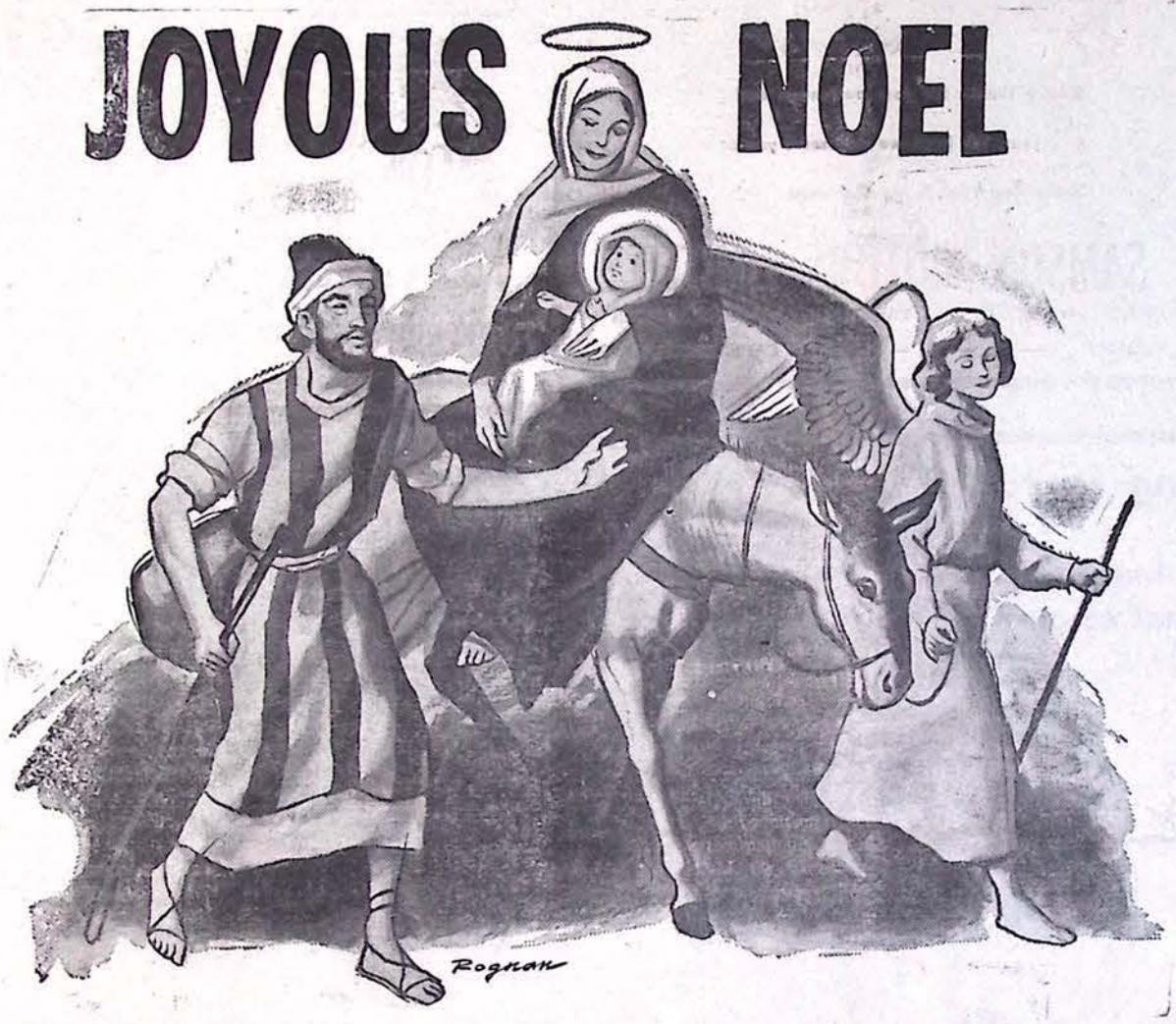


The story of the first Christmas lives on eternally. May the Season bring you great blessings.

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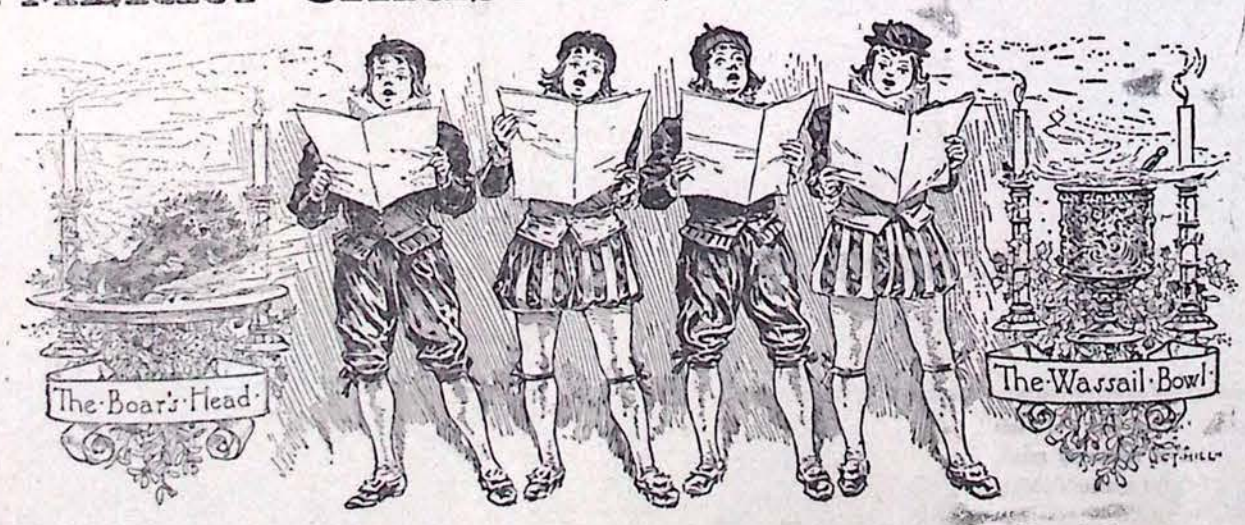


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DIES AT HYANNIS MASS
HYACINTH P. GERRIOR

Mr. Hyacinth P. Gerrior ot Cummaquid, Mass., died in Hyannis on November 25th at the age of 60 years. The son of the late Patsy P. Gerrior and Minnie (LeBlanc), he is survived by his wife, Mary E. (Dugas) Gerrior, a son, Harry J. Gerrior of Barnstable and a daughter, Mrs. John L. Sanford of Alabama and 8 grandchildren. He is survived also by 4 brothers: James and Albert Gerrior of Kirkland, Ont.; Ambrose and Willard Gerrior ot Port Royal, N. S.; 5 sisters: Mrs. Leo Breault of Flordia; Mrs. Edmund Hollar of Halifax; Mrs. Elmada Paon of Port Royal; Mrs. Process Boudreau of West Arichat; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral High Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church on Friday, November 27th.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gerrior and family and to the brothers and sisters in their bereavement.

ANTICIPATION

A boy had said his prayers real fast
Then hopped into his bed,
And tried so hard to get to sleep
But stayed awake instead!
He knew that Santa Claus would come
In just a little while....
And bring him lots of and lots of toys
And this caused him tosmile!
A long time passed and still no sleep
Had come to him that night.
He tip-toed down the winding stairs
And gazed in keen delight!
Soft moonbeams through the window-pane
Showed Santa had been there,
And trimmed a great big Christmas tree
With presents everywhere!
Then Christmas morn...his mom and dad
Were happy as could be
To find the nicest gift of all,
Asleep.. beneath the tree!

SNOW AND WINDSORM
DECEMBER 19, 1963

Nova Scotia Power Commission lines in the westren part of the province, sustained only minor damage during the storm last night, and all known trouble haa been taken care of by early morning.

On the eastern part of the mainland, trouble was more extensive. The main transmission system was not affected; however, the storm put out of service a number of branch lines. Repair crews spent the night trying to reach and repair the damage to the affected areas. If highways can be cleared it is expected that service can be restored in all areas by dusk.

Reports indicate that Cape Breton Island was the hardest hit at daylight, numerous districts were without service. All available men and equipment will continue to work until reparis are completed.

An abnormally high tide at Auld's Cove, Antigonish County, resulted in the flooding of the Commission's Barrie Brook generating station. The loss of this station, which is relatively small, will not affect the system's ability to handle the load.

Immediately the extent of the storm was known, repair crews transferred from the western part of the province to Cape Breton, to speed up the repair program.

Excellent co-operation was received from the Department of Highways' snow plowing units. However, at noon today blocked side roads prevented aa complete survey of lines, particularly those in the Cape Breton area.

GREETINGS

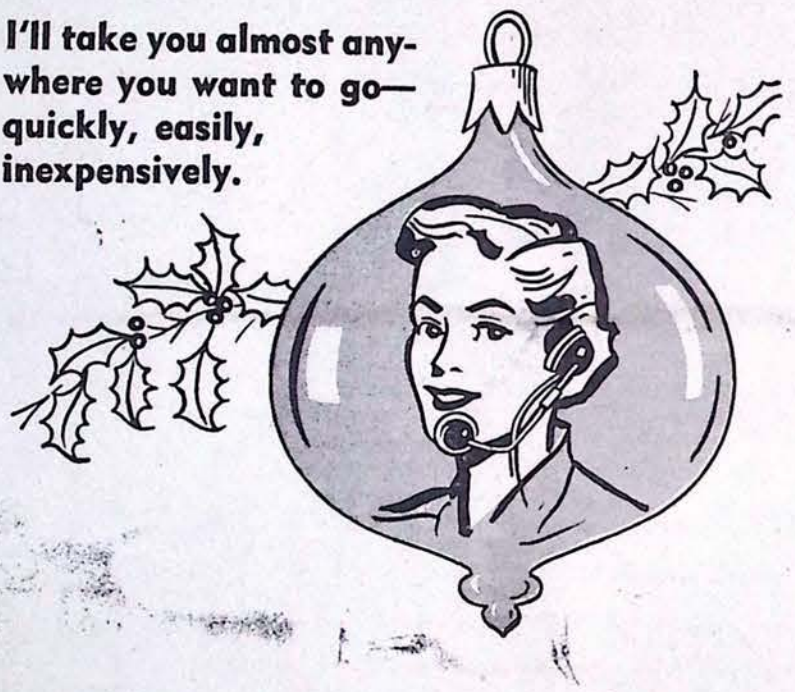


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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(YOUR ARICHAT SHOPPING CENTRE)
ARICHAT — — Cape Breton

LOST IN A PRAIRIE STORM

Family Spent Christmas Praying For A Miracle

By BERTHA HOATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, I think back almost 40 years — to the winter of 1924-25, when my seven children and I waited and tried to maintain a joyous Yuletide spirit in our farmstead home 70 miles southwest of Edmonton, while my husband was missing in a raging blizzard.

He had gone with a neighbor, Gus, to Buck Lake, where the jack and white fish were usually plentiful during the early winter months. They had high hopes of securing a good supply for the winter, which I would keep frozen in our "deep freeze" — a large crate built outdoors.

Gus, a bachelor, had come with his outfit ready for the adventure — Operation "Netted Fish."

With a team of sturdy horses to take them the 20 miles to the lake, lots of woollen blankets and food for several days for both themselves and their horses, they had no misgivings about the trip.

They prepared nets to immerse in the holes they would chop in the ice, and left.

UNEASY FAREWELL

I had prepared a good, hot dinner for them and managed a smile as I waved them off.

I dreaded what I felt sure was ahead of us — a week of blinding snow and wind. My heart rose in a fervent prayer for their safety but sank again as I noticed the gray sky, heavy with the weight of snow which I knew would soon descend on the high drifts already on the roads.

Has any wife ever succeeded in dissuading her husband from embarking on a fishing trip on which he has set his heart? As the saying goes:

"Men are only boys grown tall,
Hearts don't change much, after all."

Shortly after the men had left, a neighbor came in — one of the "Job's comforters" kind. I told him of the fishing expeditions and he found it hard to believe.

"How crazy can they get?" he shouted. "You'll never see your husband alive again. They'll be lost in that storm; they'll freeze before they get five miles from home!"

He paced back and forth, raving and carrying on until I, in desperation, suggested that his wife was probably worrying about him and that he should go home.

STORM'S FURY

By nightfall the storm was upon us in all its fury.

The younger children clung to me, wailing that "poor daddy" was lost and urging me to go out and try to find him under the snow.

We all knelt in prayer.

It was five days before Christmas. None of our mail order parcels had arrived. Even if we could make it to the post office, it was unlikely anything had been received there.

My eldest two tried to plan what we could do to substitute for Santa Claus. That evening we spent hours making decorations from old Christmas cards and colored paper. After the children went to bed the second night I hunted around for colored pictures large enough to paste on cardboard, then carefully cut them into jig-saw puzzle pieces.

The children stayed home from school. There was no use plowing the snow from the roads for it just continued to rise up in drifts.

The boys walked to the barn, to care for the stock, guided by a long rope fastened to the house.

On Christmas Day there was no word from anyone. The storm continued.

But we had a good supply of fuel and food and as cheerfully as possible we prepared for Christmas dinner. We baked, made candy and popcorn, and tried to forget the elements.

But how could we wish each other a Merry Christmas?

SUNKEN SPIRITS

We tried singing carols. The children even attempted the parts they had been preparing for the school concert. But when my voice began to break, my poor darlings could go no further. Our efforts for a merry Christmas had failed miserably.

The two men had been gone more than a week before the storm abated enough for plowing operations to begin. Every able-bodied man was on the road with horses and improvised snow plows to try to reach the stranded pair.

They were successful.

Half a mile from the lake, they saw them—trying to dig their way out with shovels.

Seeing that help had finally come, the two men let out a shout of joy. Their food supply had diminished to half a loaf of frozen bread, a little coffee and — fish — the 104 fish they had caught.

Within minutes the rescue team had made a fire and the aroma of frying bacon and eggs broke through the crispness of the winter air.

COMFORTING WORDS

Our home was charged with hopeful expectation. Many of the neighborhood women came with their men and offered comforting words.

Good pioneers, like my husband, would never let a week's blizzard get them down!

Suddenly the buzz of talking ceased. A silence fell. Was that . . . the sound of music?

Yes! **The sweetest music this side of heaven to us! It was the bells on the horses, announcing the safe return of our loved ones.**

The rafters vibrated and resounded with the tumultuous shouts of women and children.

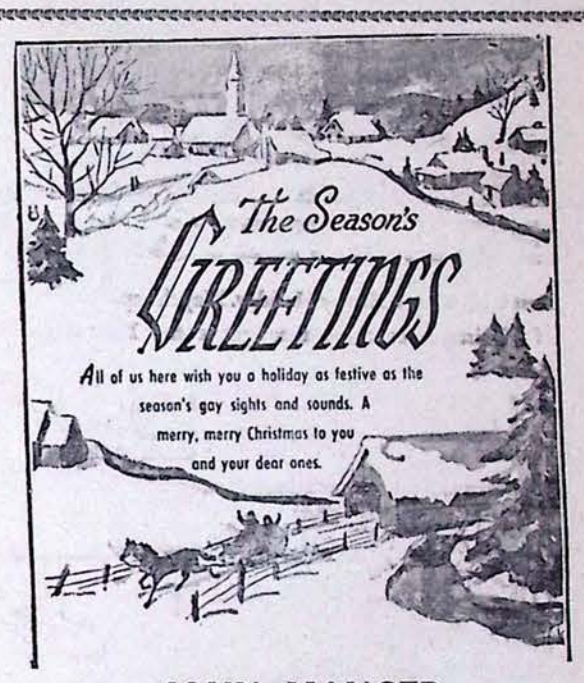
The two men, we learned, had found a well-sheltered place to make their camp, and, except for a few frost bites, had weathered the record blizzard like real prairie pioneers.



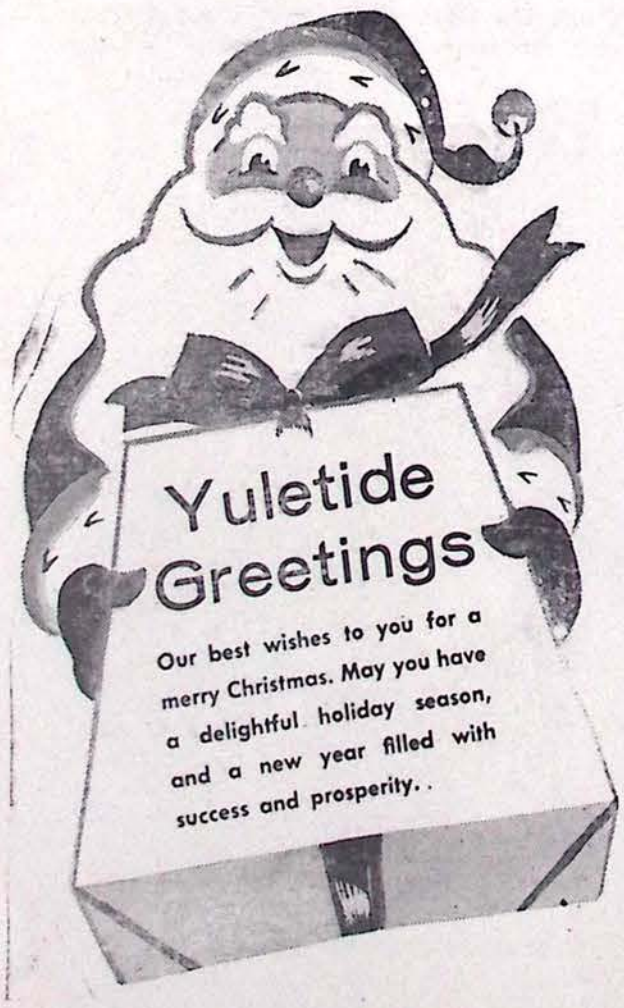
. . . They waved goodbye, then went to get the horses.



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Christmas Greetings



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GREETINGS



As we look back upon memories of sound friendships, we find countless names of friends and patrons that stir our hearts to this Yuletide greeting . . . may you all enjoy the very best!

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YULETIDE



GREETINGS

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday. May the spirit of Christmas continue throughout the New Year!

LANDRY BROS. LTD

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GREETINGS



We want to wish you and your loved ones a Glorious Holiday



WE hail Christmas day most heartily! The year just past has brought us cheer—and we hope that it has been as good to you.

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Christmas

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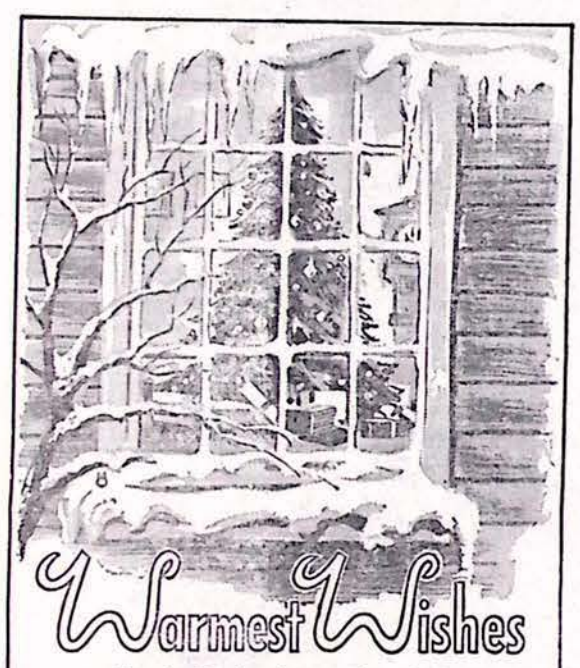


Many thanks for your loyal friendship and patronage. If good wishes were snowflakes, we'd snow you under a blizzard of them! Have a wonderful holiday season!

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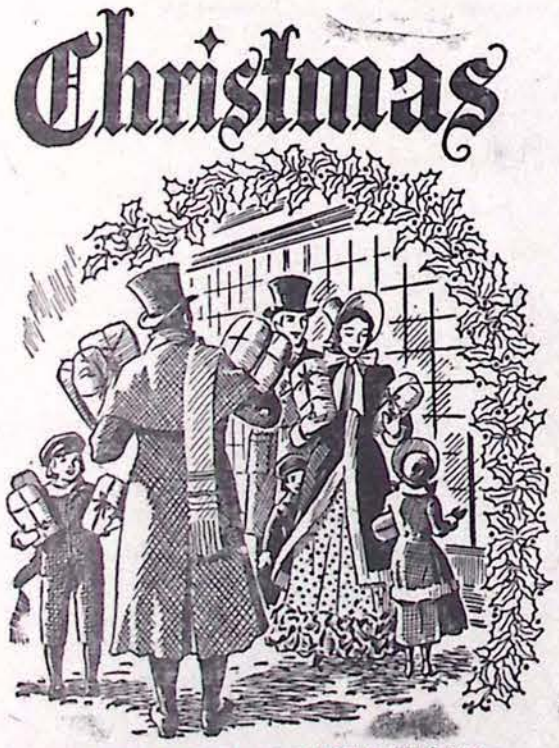
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May health, happiness and good cheer enter your home this Christmas and remain there for years to come.

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Petit De Grat — — Cape Breton



A FRIENDLY GREETING from Us to You!

We hope you're as happy as we, this joyous season! We are glad to escape the drab commercialism of everyday announcements to convey our sincere appreciation for your patronage and wish you a happy Christmas.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

By Bill Smiley

We neurotics of the frantic twentieeth century have a genius of sorts. We can take almost anything that is simple, clean and beautiful, and make it complex, We haven t quite ruined Chnistmas yet. But we have taken a day that was, for our ancestors, a simple observance of the birth of Christ and turned it into a gift-scrambling card exchanging, carol-jangling, tub-thumping several weeks.

In the good old days, the good old families rose early on Christmas day and went to church, where the parson gave them a two-hour appetizer.

Then they went home and took a nip of something to take off the chill. While the servants were sweating in the kitchen, preparing the vast dinner to come, the gentry took a bite of lunch. Then the ladies set off to distribute gifts to the poor, while the gentlemen put their coat-tails to the fire and went after that chill again.

That's your ancestors I'm talking about. Mine were among the people the ladies were taking the food to. I can just see them, kicking the pigs under the bed when her ladyship came in, tugging the forelocks, scraping their feet, and saying, "F'ank yer, Milady, f'ank ye, Mom", as she pulled from her basket one of the geese that had died of disease, and one of last year's bottles of blackberry brandy that had gone vinegary.

This Christmas, of course, my ancestors' descendants will eat turkey until they resemble purple pigs, while the descendants of Milady, who have managed to hang onto the manor house only by taking tourists through at a shilling a shot, will dine, in the only room of the big house they can afford to heat, on a small bit of brisket, and brussel sprouts.

However, that's not what I started out to say. Well, despite all the wailing and throwing of hands in the air at the paganism and commercialism of Christmas today, I feel that we have failed, somehow. We haven't quite managed to ruin Christmas.

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I'll warrant our children know just as much, and maybe more, of the story of Christmas, and the coming of the Christ-Child, as their counter-parts of 100 years ago did. And I'll bet we are not as smug and selfish, despite our much-touted materialism, as our Victorian great-grandfathers were.

Witness service clubs scurrying about town with Christmas baskets for those less fortunate. Witness groups of youngsters singing carols at home for old people. Witness high school kids selling Christmas cards for UNICEF, to feed little, starving children abroad.

So gird up your loins, plunge into your shopping and debt, give for the joy of giving, be happy in the family reunion, go to church on Christmas day, stay away from the hard stuff, and don't be a hog with the turkey, and you won't go too far wrong!

MY CHRISTMAS TREE

ON
Christ-
mas, morn-
ing, when I
sleep-dust from
my eyes I shake, I
see a sight that
makes me start and
causes thumping in my
heart — A Christmas tree—
oh, pretty sight — with can-
dles, bells and balls alight.
With horns and dolls and sugar
plumbs, and skates and trains and
beating drums. And oh, it is a
wonder-tree with heaps of
things for me to see—Rare
gifts hang upon the
side, which tinseled
fairies cannot
hide. A sold-
ier-doll, a doll
house, too,
and strings
of gold come
to my view,
and as I
look I seem
to hear sweet
Christmas music, soft and clear—
A Merry Christmas it seems to say,
A Merry, Happy Holy Day.

VISITING IN TOWN

Mrs. Wilson of Sydney is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Latimer of this town. Mrs. Wilson who is a former resident of Ottawa, moved to Sydney a few years ago where she now makes her home.

She will spend the winter here.

TO ST. JOHN

Raymond Landry of this place left for St. John recently where he will spend the winter with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Valma Landry in that city.

RETURNS HOME

Leon Gaudet who served in the Canadian Army for the past few years is now back home and is making preparations to engage in fishing out of this port next Spring.



It's an old-fashioned custom, 'tis true,
But it's a custom we still think is sublime,
To sing out our good wishes to you
For a simply perfect happy holiday time!

MONIER CHEDIAC

ARICHAT — — Cape Breton



May we just take a moment to express our gratitude for your patronage. The wish of all of us here is that you and yours enjoy the merriest of holidays.

DOUGLAS LANDRY

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St. Peter's, — — Cape Breton

Christmas



We want to extend our sincerest thanks to our patrons and their families for their many favors and kindnesses during the past..
A very Merry Christmas to you!

C. A. BOUCHER

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

ARICHAT — — Cape Breton



We gratefully extend best wishes to all our friends. May this Holiday Season be bright with the smiles of your loved ones. Enjoy this happiness throughout the years to come.

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DIARY OF A VAGABOND

by Dorothy Barker

THE GIFT OF REMEMBRANCE

If Christmas only awakens our spiritual instincts once a year, it could be the one leveller that will keep this old world in orbit, for it has a twofold meaning--giving and forgiving.

Perhaps I am moved to this observation by an emotional experience which was entirely divorced from the thrill I get viewing the tinsel and glitter in all our stores, buying each of the small angels in our family unit extravagant toys or searching for the "just right" gift for a favorite friend.

Only those of us who have been associated with the loneliness of old age, will appreciate this experience. It happened on a sunny afternoon as warm as a spring day. Flowers were still blooming in the gardens that surrounded the old people's home. The Women's Auxiliary was holding its annual Christmas bazaar, a sale of articles made by the senior citizens who are considered lucky to have such an institution provided for their welfare.

There was organ music in the chapel, gay holiday decorations everywhere and the tireless effort of the craft instructress and her wonderful conception of the capability and creative instinct of her elder charges was very much in evidence.

I expect I would have made my purchases, had my tea, greeted others who attended in support of having participated in a seasonal undertaking. But somehow I made the wrong turn when I emerged from the room where the articles were displayed for sale and opened a door into the craft workrooms.

Seated at a long bench were two very elderly gentlemen. One was punching holes in discarded Christmas cards. His effort would eventually create small baskets laced together with gay red ribbons. He smiled cheerfully when I praised his work and contentedly went on punching, punching.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

Next to him sat a stoutish man hunched over a litter of plastic foam petals. Methodically he picked up one after another and wound them into a perfect blossom. "They are lovely", I ventured into his revery. "Yes, they are like the ones I once grew in my garden." I was suddenly struck by the remembrance of an almost identical situation. The person I recalled had been completely alone in the world. No one ever came to see him, wrote to him or cared whether he lived or died. "Him, he's got a niece that comes to see him. It keeps him more cheerful," the man in my memory nodded toward his neighbor.

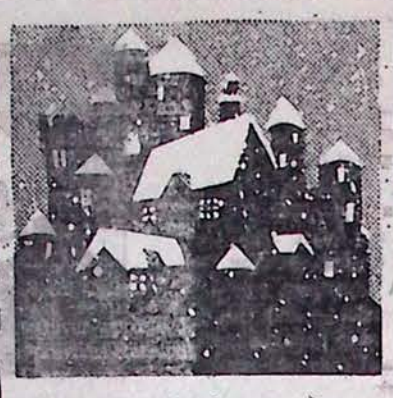
"If you will make me a bouquet it will remind me to write you and perhaps come and see you now and then," I had bargained those several years ago.

,"Lady, if you would do that it might restore my faith in the Almighty. I think perhaps Christmas could then be more like the old days." There was one, I like to believe, "like the old days" for him.

This year, while we are buying toys for our youngsters, perhaps saying a prayer of gratitude for our own state of well-being, let us not forget these elderly folk. They may be warm and well fed in their government run manors, but remember, they are hungry for love and remembrance.

RECENT VISITORS

Mrs. Alex MacDonald of St. Peters, the former (Mamie Latimer), accompanied by her sister, Sadie Latimer, were recent visitors at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Latimer.



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SCIENTISTS CAN'T EXPLAIN IT

Mystery Of The Christmas Star

By DR. PETER MILLMAN

At this Christmas season we are continually reminded of the brief but beautiful accounts in our Bible concerning the arrival of the Christ Child in Bethlehem of Judea, almost 20 centuries ago.

We have the story of the shepherds and the story of the wise men; an astronomer is often asked about the star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem and which figures so prominently in Christmas pageantry and art.

What is the view of scientists concerning this celestial apparition? Can we identify it today in the sky? Is there any other historical record of this star?

Let us look first at the facts as recounted in the second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. The King James version of the Bible tells it as well and as clearly as any.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

TROUBLED KING

When Herod the king had heard these things he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea . . .

Then Herod, when he had called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God, in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way . . .

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

The other well-known English versions differ only in minute details from the above wording. The term "Wise men" is also rendered "Magi" and "astrologers." It should be noted that until the last two or three hundred years most astronomers indulged in a certain amount of astrological prediction, if only to support themselves, and so at the time of Christ the terms astrologer and astronomer may be regarded as synonymous

CAME LATER

In Christmas pageants it is usual to portray the wise men as arriving at the manger shortly after the visit of the shepherds. However, the Bible account, both by inference and wording, indicates that the visit of the Magi occurred some time after the night of the Nativity, probably between a month and a year and a half later.

The wise men entered a "house" not the stable, and Joseph is not mentioned as being present when they paid their homage to the baby Jesus.

Now let us examine the astronomical facts in the story.

It is certain that the star did not always appear in front of them on their journey west to Palestine as no celestial object could remain fixed in that position. It is more likely that they were familiar with some of the old Hebrew prophecies from the days of Daniel (see Daniel 9 and Numbers 24, 17) and, having observed a most unusual celestial object they were guided to Jerusalem by their astrological interpretation of this evert.

EARLY EVENING

After talking to Herod, the wise men evidently saw the star again, this time in the eastern sky at the beginning of the evening. They had been told to go to Bethlehem and, as they traveled south about five miles along the road to the little town, the star rose higher and higher until, as they reached their destination, the star was directly overhead.

This was a position that would be assumed by an object roughly 32 degrees north of the celestial equator when it had reached the meridian. Herod's instruction that from the time the wise men first saw the star, to the time Herod issued his terrible order, was a period of about two years or a little less Whether the Magi observed the star originally at the exact time of the birth of Christ, or earlier, is not known.

The possible astronomical explanations are: That the star was a close conjunction of some of the bright planets in a constellation of royal significance astrologically; that it was a bright comet; or that it was a nova or new star which possibly rose twice to high luminosity as has happened in modern times. The first explanation is not generally favored, as it is doubtful if the wise men would attach such unusual significance to an occurrence involving well-known planets.

A comet might have been seen both before and after a close approach to the sun, but the time interval between the two apparitions would more likely be a month or two rather than the longer period of a year or more. The suggestions of a nova with two maxima then seems to be the best all-round explanation but we have not enough evidence to give a final answer.

It must be remembered that the Bible was not written as a text book of science, and such scientific allusions as we do find are not very detailed. It is not surprising, therefore, that the exact scientific answers to Biblical events cannot always be given.

NEW DISCOVERIES

However, as new archaeological discoveries are being made, it is becoming increasingly evident that the Bible is essentially accurate in its casual references to peoples and events in the historical setting with which it deals.

My own view is that, though the Star of Bethlehem is not mentioned elsewhere as far as we know, the second chapter of Matthew gives us definite evidence of an unusual astronomical event which marked the beginning of the Christian era, and which adds both interest and beauty to the Christmas story.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Petit De Grat

Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Marchand left recently for Moncton, to visit their daughter, Sr. Marie Audette for several days. On the return they plan to stop in Halifax, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fougere and family; also other relatives in the city.

Misses Joan and Pat Boudreau, left for Halifax to spend a few days with close friends.

Mrs. Wilfread Landry, Mrs. Mildred Marchand and Mrs. Margaret Forrest, who reecntly attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Mary Boudreau have returned to their homes in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Amedee Boudreau and daughter, Grace, returned from Rockland Maine, recently where they attended the wedding of Miss Sylvia Raynes to Mr. Alden Couture of New Hampshire. They were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Raynes of Owls Head.

Messrs Bernard and Francis Boudreau and their three children, Paula, John and Arlene; Mrs. Herbie Strasser and her five children, Linda, Dianne, Rita, Janice and Mary Ellen; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Landry and their three children: Tommy, Danny and Paul motored to their homes in Boston, recently after attending the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Mary Boudreau, of this place.

OBITUARY

PATRICK J. COGSWELL

Grantville—There passed away on November 10 at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, Patrick J. Cogswell, son of Patrick D., and the late Mrs. Cogswell, and beloved resident of Grantville, Richmond County, N. S.

Born in Grantville 50 years ago, Patrick was a C.N.R. employee, and a veteran of World War II.

The many people who attended his wake and funeral and the numerous Mass cards and sympathy cards received were a token of the esteem in which he was held.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Richard, his father and three sisters; Theresa, Mrs. William Proctor, Lowe River Inhabitants; Sadie, Mrs. Leo MacPhee, Grantville; and Rita, Mrs. Bert MacNamara; Halifax.

He was predeceased by three brothers: Douglas and Harold, both victims of separate tragic accidents and Henry Andrew who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held at St. Francis De Sales Church, on November 14th with Rev. Edward Tobin, P. P., celebrant of Requiem High Mass and burial took place in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ernest Proctor, Paul Hureau, Alex MacCormack, Howard Cogswell, Walter Proctor and Leo MacPhee.

THE MARVEL

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field

Where the feet of the holiest have trod.

This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed

When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed.

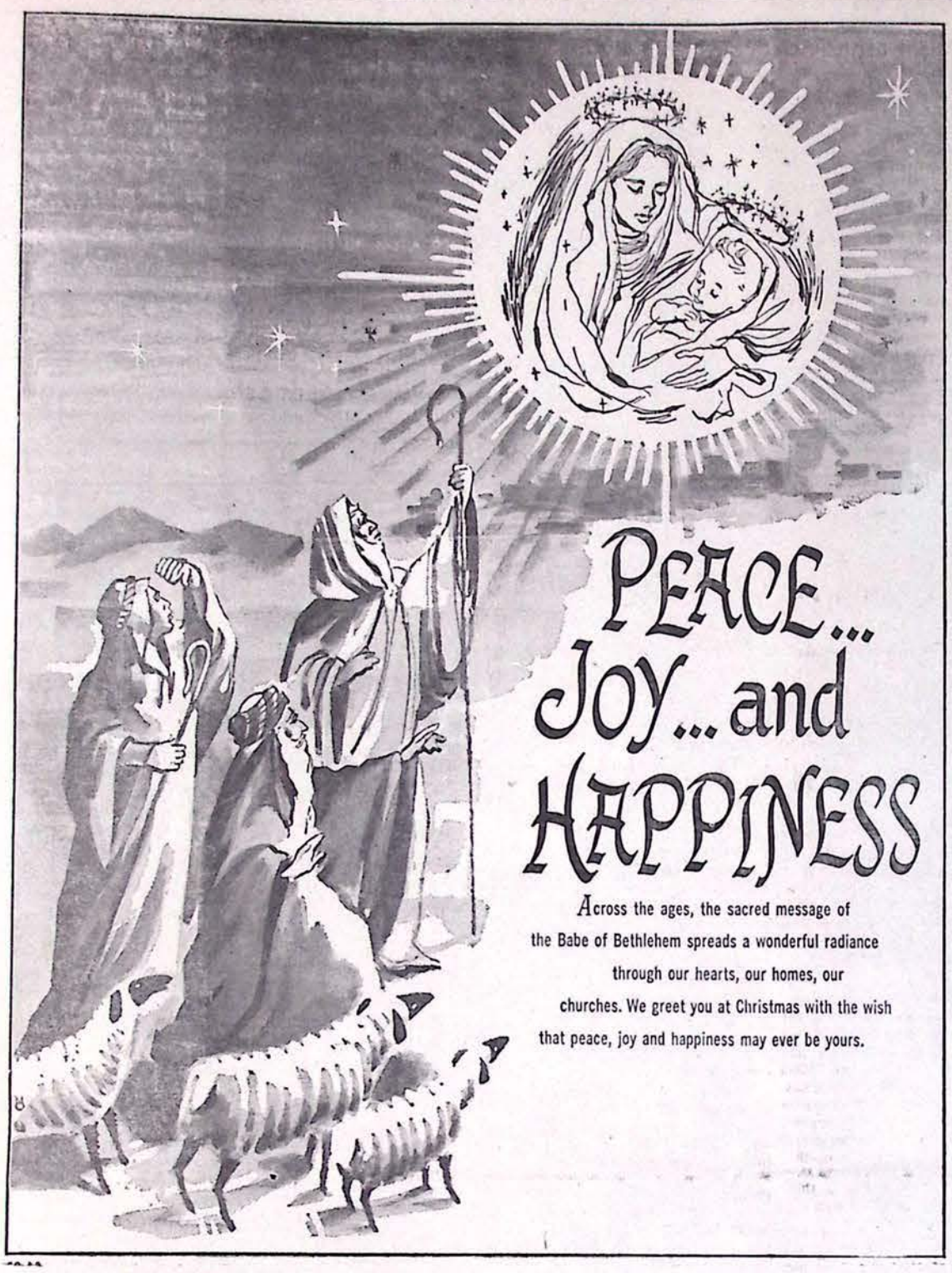
That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks

A MESSAGE THAT WILL LIVE FOREVER

I said to a man, who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown," and he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God—that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."

—Quoted by King George VI in a Christmas message.



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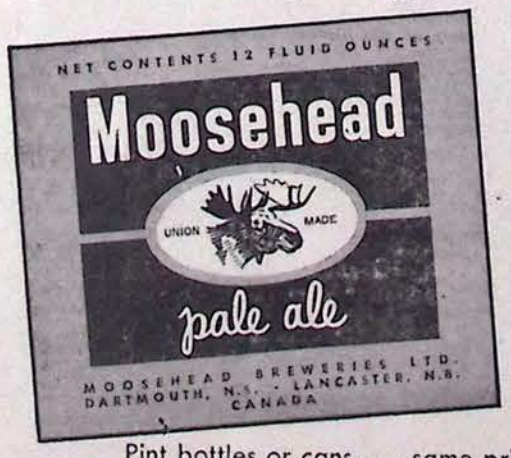
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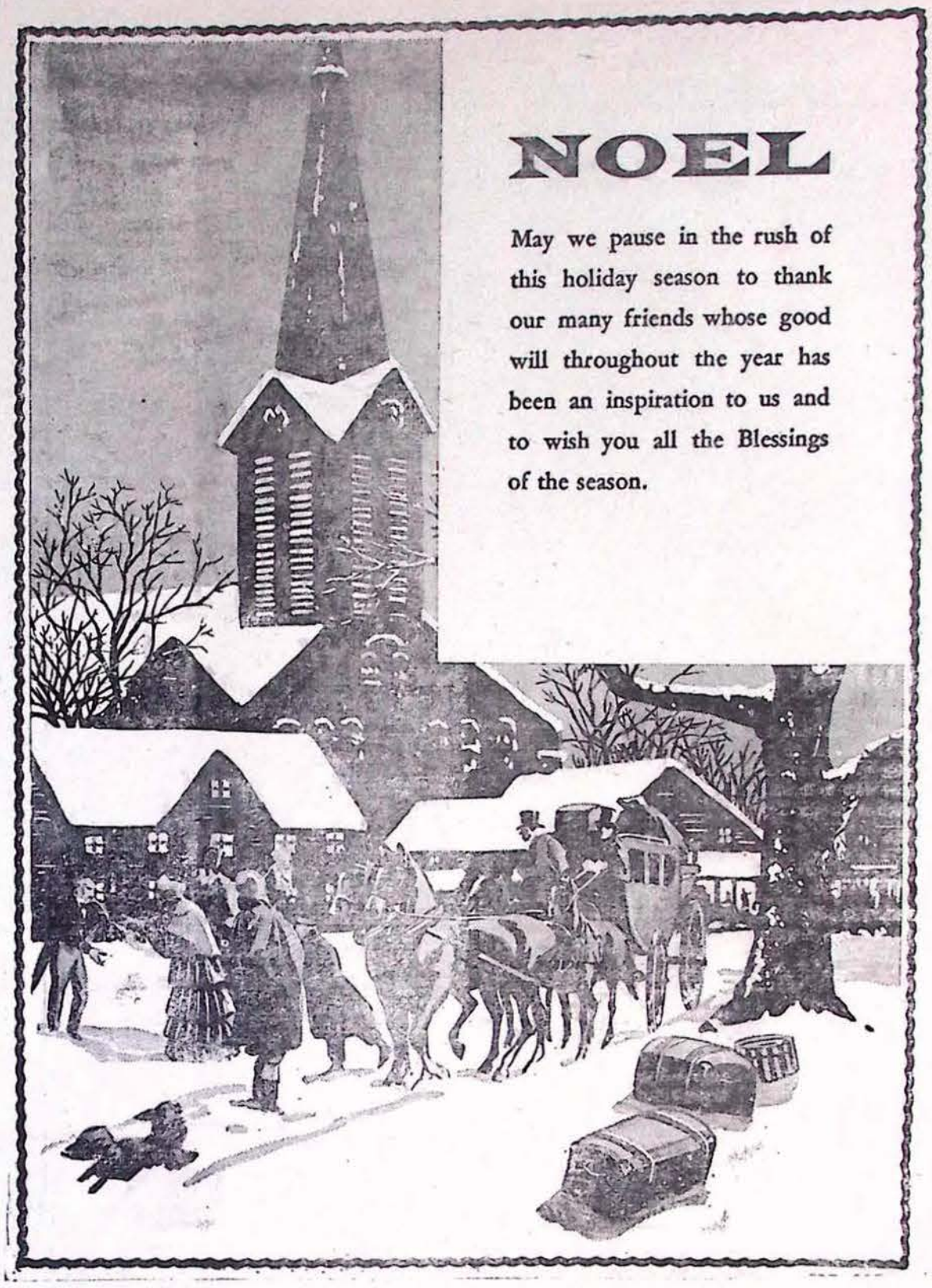
Merry Christmas

When the Christmas bells are tolling, the holly's hung, the presents wrapped, the punch bowl filled . . . 'tis the time to pause and remember the wonderful, the joyful year that's past. Time to hope and pray for a New Year filled with pleasure, prosperity . . . and, most of all, peace!

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



BOXING MATCH TO BE HELD AT LOUISDALE

A boxing match will be held at St. Louis Parish Hall, Louisdale, on January 18th 1964 at 8:00 p.m. This event if well attended will determine whether or not title matches will be held later in the new St. Louis Hall, at this place.

Tyrone "Tiger" Gardiner, Canadian Lightweight champion will give an exhibition of his boxing skill versus another boxer to be chosen by his manager and trainer Mr. John Chechetto of Sydney.... If anyone wishes to take on Tyrone please contact his manager —you may render a service to Mr. Chechetto.

There will be four other bouts along with a "Battle Royal," in which there will be five participants and an ample number ot referees!—This "battle royal" will provide the fun to the match. Don't miss this match on January 18th at Louisdale.

Tyrone "Tiger" Gardiner is scheduled to fight in Boston, Mass., the first part of January—It is hoped he gets along well in order to be in top form for January 18.

CARD OF THANKS

Rev. C. P. Girrior, pastor of St. Louis Parish, Louisdale, wishes to express his sincere thanks on behalf of St. Louis Parish, to the performers who took part in the recent Jamboree, held on the opening of their new hall and to the many who helped in any way to make the performance a success.

MRS. MARY BOUDREAU

PETIT DeGRAT—The death of Mrs. Mary Boudreau, wife of Eugene Boudreau of this place, occurred at her home on November 8th. She was the daughter of the late Michael LeBlanc and Harriet Ann LeBlanc. Born 58 years ago, she had a kind and cheerful disposition and always greeted her family and her many friends with a smile. Although in ill health for a number of years, she never complained. Previous to her death all the members of her family was at her bedside to recite the Rosary.

She leaves to mourn besides her husband one son, Robert; also two sons and two daughters by first marrage: Francis, Bernard, (Ella), Mrs. Herbie Strasser and Irene, Mrs. Alfred Landry, all living in Boston, Mass., also a number of grand-children

She is also survived by five sisters, Catherine, Mrs. Alex Boudreau of this place; Antoinette, Mrs. Charle Benoit; Mildred, wife of the late Thomas Marchand; Eva May, Mrs. Wilfred Landry and Margaret, wife of the late George Forrest all of Boston, Mass. Three brothers predeceased her a few years ago.

Funeral took place from her home to St. Joseph's church at 9 a.m., Monday the 11th of November, where a High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. J. MacDonald, aassisted by Rev. C. Gerrior of Louisdale and Rev. J. Monbourquette, curate.

Pallbearers were: Alex Boudreau, Lenus Landry, Jerry Landry, Godfrey Landry, Alphonse Landry and Clarence Landry. The large attendance at the home and at her funeral attested to the esteem in which the late Mrs. Boudreau was held.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

CELEBRATE FORTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

PETIT DE GRAT — Greetings were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Samson of Petit de Grat, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, when the family all gathered at their home for the celebration of the event.

Mass was celebrated Sunday morning, November 28th by the pastor, Rev. J. J. MacDonald, for their intentions. Their six children and in-laws were present. The children are; Idella, Mrs. Stanley Samson, Kathleen, Mrs. Ralph Roberts, Clarisse, Raymond and Alzear (twins) and George. They have 17 grandchildren. Also present for the occassion was Mr. Samson's father, Mr. William W. Samson age 94 and step sister, Mrs. Fannie Martell and sister (Alma), Mrs. Henry David and Mr. David.

A delicious ham supper was served to some 40 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Samson received many valuable gifts, along with a sum of money.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Samson many more happy anniversaries.

TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 28th day of December 1963, for the purchase of the Poulamond School Building.

Further information may be obtained from the Municipal Office in Arichat.

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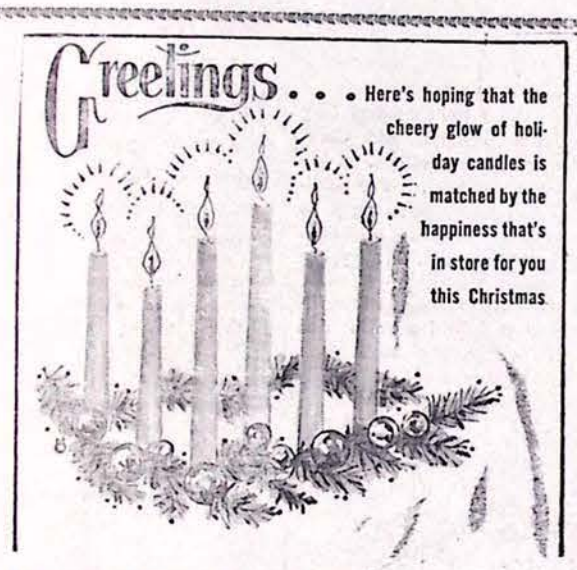
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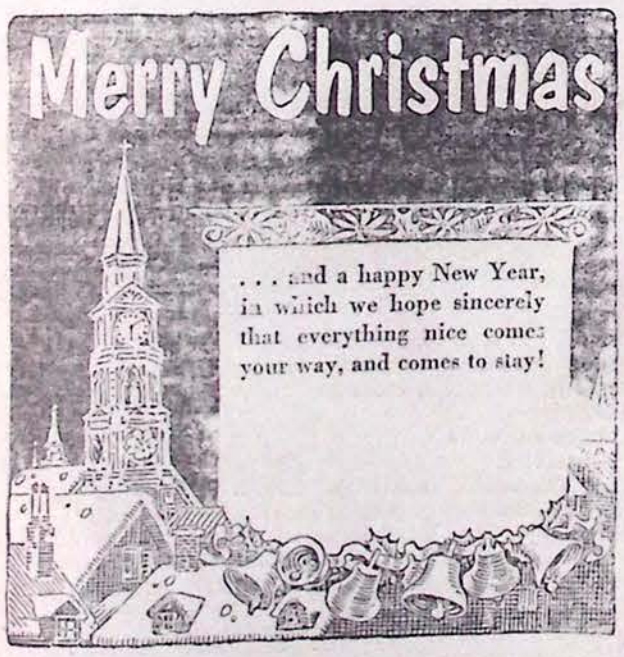


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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

It's late to be commenting on the assassination of President Kennedy. Most of the words associated with the act of violence—tragedy, shock, horror—have already been used.

But as an average Canadian, I cannot refrain from remarking that the people of this country seemed just as deeply affected by this moment in history as their friends across the border.

We learned of the shooting with horrified disbelief. Our reaction was that of a man who learns that the neighbor with whom he has argued over minor things, with with whom he has visited, with whom he has fought against brutality and tyranny, has been killed by a sneak thief.

People are a pretty callous lot, and Canadians are no better than the next in this respect, but there was genuine sympathy, real grief, in this bereavement and death. Across the nation women wept and men looked sad and sober.

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I've said this to tell the many American readers, and remind the host of Canadian readers of this column, that we are neighbors, and we are friends.

We have more things in common, probably, than any two neighboring nations in the world. We have the same basic moral values. We are both young and brash. We are both inclined to be touchy.

Thing of us as brothers. The United States is the big brother, grown up, wealthy, powerful, past rebellious nature of his youth, but still containing the lurking violence which told the old man to go to blazes, and make it stick. The older brother is ready to settle down, raise a family and enjoy what his strength and hard work have created for him.

Canada is the younger brother, a little more cautious, just beginning to feel his man's strength, but just as determined to be rich and successful, just as bound he's going to take nothin' offa nobody. He too has cu t the family ties, and is going it alone, but he is envious of his brother's big spread to hte south, and he is resentful of his big brother'spaternal attitude, and he adameant that people recognize him as a person, not just a kid brother.

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When somebody else picks a fight, the brothers find themselves on the same side, slugging it out with all they've got. When it's peaceful, they squabble with each other, as brothers have since the beginning of time.

And the older brother is astonished at the younger brother's orneriness. And the younger brother is furious at the older brother's patronizing attitude.

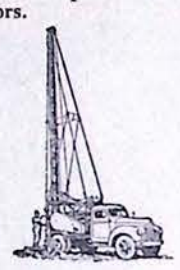
Whatever we are — friends, neighbors, brothers — we have a relationship that is unequalled in the world. We exchange visits, gifts and citizens. We even exchange epithets. But we never exchange blows and cruelties and treachery.

Perhaps that is why Canadians were staggered by the death of a man who represented the strength, decency and idealism of the United States. Perhaps that is why they were so deeply moved by the lonely courage of his wife.

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MEETING OF FOUR COUNTY REGISTERED NURSES HELD

The Registered Nurses of Antigonish, Guysborough, Inverness and Richmond Counties, held their monthly meeting at the Nurses' Residence, St. Martha's Hospital, Monday, December 2nd with a very good attendance. Sister Mary of Calvary, C. S. M., President, chaired the meeting. The major reports submitted were those from Nursing Service, Nursing Education and Legislation and By-Laws. Mrs. Louise Williams, Convenor of Ways and Means Committee reported a very successful Bake Sale financial — wise.

A film entitled A MEETING IN SESSION was shown at the conclusion of the meeting and refreshments were served.

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Dark horror clutches at our hearts,
And wakes us from our sleep,
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And the world has lost a leader,
And Canada a friend.
Turn back the clock, turn back the clock,
Stay the assassin's hand!
Oh Blessed God in heaven wipe out
The evil that was planned.
But vainly, vainly do we cry,
"How could you let this be?"
The evil force that killed God's Son,
Still stalks among us, free.
What shall we tell our children,
Who ask why this was done?
That the good and brave must perish?
That wickedness has won?
Like the martyred Abraham Lincoln
A hundred years ago,
"I fall upon my knees, because
"There's nowhere else to go".
God will provide the answer,
We must learn it if we can.
"Preserve the good he strived for,
"Seek the Brotherhood of Man".
We will not soon forget him,
For his like we rarely see,
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Will live on in history.

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