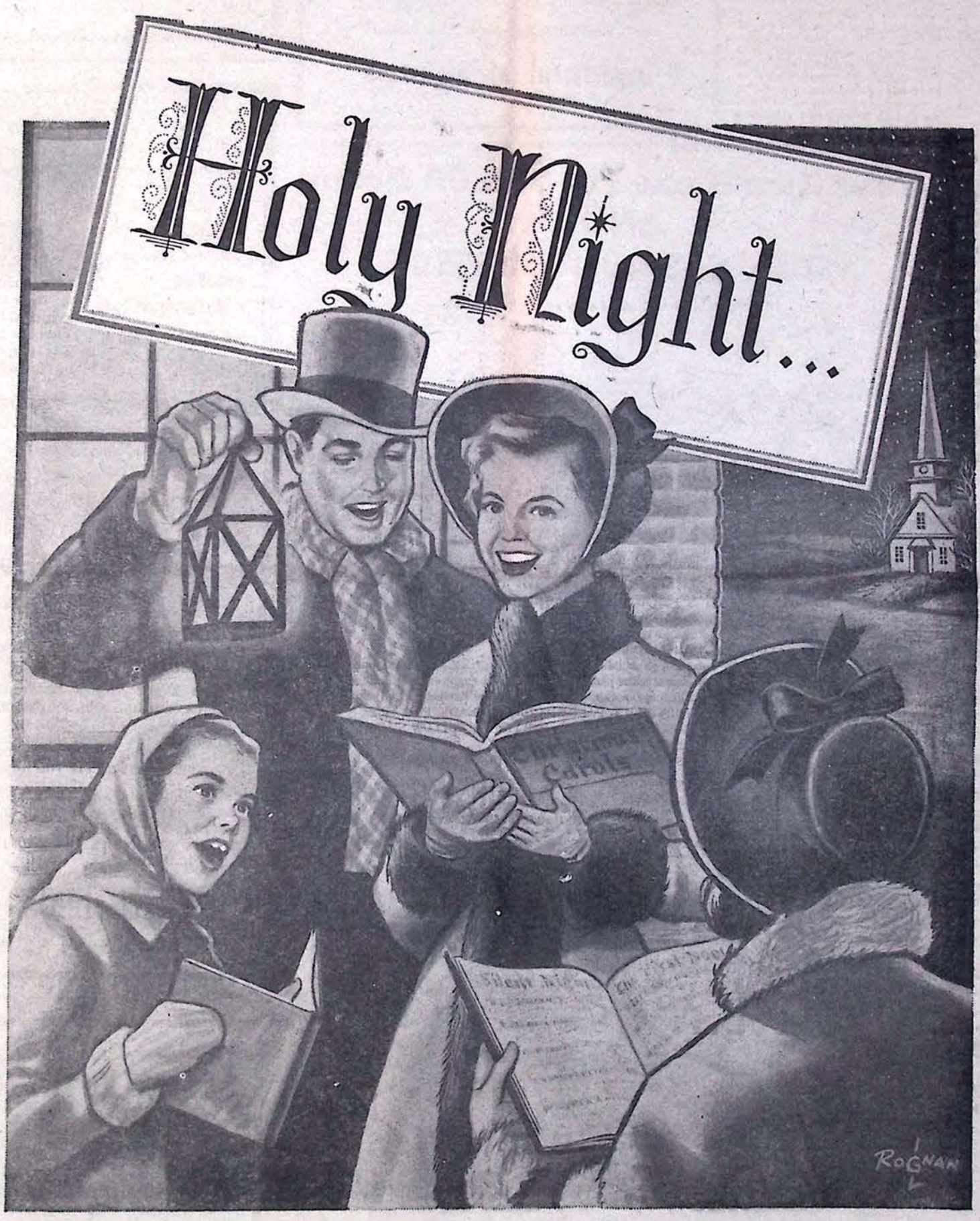
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THE RICHMOND COUNTY RECORD, ARICHAT, NOVA SCOTIA DECEMBER 19, 1961



We hope you awaken tonight to hear the cheery tinkle of Santa's sleighbells! We hope you enjoy that thrilling, suspenseful moment of glimpsing the gifts under the tree just as you did when you were a child. We hope it is a merry, jolly, happy, old-fashioned Christmas in every way.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas speaks of peace and goodwill. That message can have more strength than all the forces that atomic physicists are unleashing, more authenticity than a recorded cracked voice coming from four tons of machinery spinning in the void a couple of hundred miles above the earth. Let us hear the Christmas message, and take thought for humanity fashioned in the image of God.

There is enormity in these times. In the shadow of the frightful, frightening and world-shattering science, mankind still is foolishly at odds with himself.

It is not assurance to say that the troubles of our proud and angry dust are from eternity, that we can bear them, and that we must.

It is not enough to say that there have been other eras of world dislocation and shocking new learning, and that somehow man has survived. Hope must have a firmer foundation.

We must band together as human beings, and let the divine spark that is in us ignite power for good, not for destruction. To turn our feet to the ways of peace, good-will and life, there is no better guide than the tenets of Christianity. Let us then, this season, cherish the simple, civilized story of Christmas and put greater faith in its message than in Sputnik morality.

Hear in your heart Richard Crashaw's carol, written at the time of England's 17th century metaphysical excitement:

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Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man!
Great little One! whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

The Editor and Staff extend Best Wishes to our Readers, Patrons and Friends for a Merry Christmas.

A LETTER FROM AN AMERICAN FRIEND

Some time ago we received a very nice letter from our old friend, John C. Abbott, Jr., of Fort Lee, N. J., and we do wish to thank him and his son, John, for their good wishes.

Mr. Abbott in his letter says—"We often see news about some of the people we met while visiting Mr. Felix Linden of West Arichat. I first met Mr. Linden in my store at Fort Lee N. J., when he was working on the George Washington Bridge. I made 26 trips to your Country. My last trip was in 1956 and each year since I have had a strong urge to come but could not make it, however, I will always cherish the memories of each trip, the great people I met and the wonderful times I had.

Mrs. Abbott made the trip with me in 1930.

Again many thanks for your kindness to us.

Sincerely yours,
John C. Abbott, Jr.,

(Mr. and Mrs. Abbott celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June and we do trust the good couple are in good health and we are sure that Felix and Hattie will join with us in wishing you both every happiness for your future down the lane of life. We also extend our good wishes to their son John, who operates a printing business in Fort Lee and we do look forward to a visit from John in the not too distant future.)

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To Purchasers of Hunting Licenses

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Date of Kill
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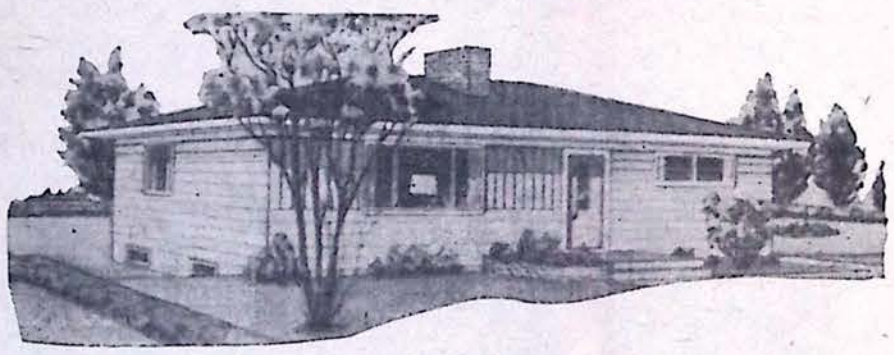
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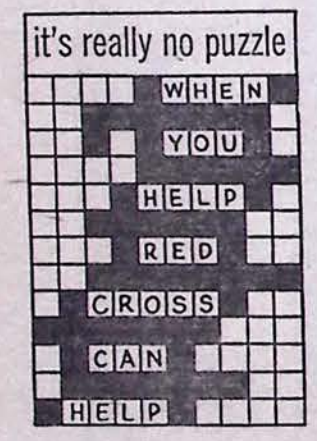
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Fifteen Facts About Christmas

Christmas pudding was originally soup—and eaten as the first course, instead of as a dessert. Later, it became known as plum pottage, and was a concoction of boiled beef or mutton, raisins, plums and other fruits. It was then eaten as a breakfast dish.

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How about this for a Christmas pie? It weighed 168 pounds, and was too heavy to be moved except on wheels, which were fitted to the great dish containing four geese, four turkeys, four wild duck, six snipe, six pigeons, four partridges, two rabbits and two ox-tongues. The pie was made in Berwick, England and sent to London by Sir Henry Grey in 1770.

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The turkey was not always the traditional Christmas bird. For centuries the superb bird of the Christmas table was the peacock and hours were spent in its preparation. The skin was carefully removed with feathers undisturbed. After the bird had been roasted and allowed to cool down, its beak was painted with gold and the feathered skin very carefully sewn into place.

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Why mince pies for Christmas? In the Middle Ages, one of the Yuletide dishes was a pie made of sweet meat and rich spices, and it was baked in a shape to represent the cradle-manger in which the Baby Jesus lay. It was England's Queen Elizabeth I who popularized the dish.

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Kissing under the mistletoe originated in Babylonian times. Mistletoe was considered to be the sacred plant of Mylitta, the goddess of love and beauty, and kissing under the milky-white berries was a religious duty.

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If your guests asked you for a bowl of Punch, would you know how to make this Christmas drink which was so popular in the "good old days?" The name "punch" is said to be derived from the Hindustani word "five" and may have been given to the drink because of its five stable ingredients — spirit, lemon, water, sugar and spice.

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Christmas records tell us of the biggest punchbowl ever seen. It was staged in an orange grove at Alicante at a party given by the Admiral commanding the British Mediterranean fleet, and the "punchbowl" was actually an artificial lake. A boy rowed around the lake filling the glasses for the 6,000 guests. The ingredients for this massive bowl of Punch were: 4 hogsheads of brandy; 1 barrel of Malaga wine; 20 gallons of lime-juice; 8 hogsheads of water; 2,500 lemons; nearly three-quarters of a ton of sugar, and 5 pounds of nutmeg.

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December 25 was a feast day in the calendar of the Romans long before the birth of Christ.

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In parts of Norway, country folk place sheaves of unthreshed wheat outside their doors on Christmas morning so that the birds shall not go hungry — one of the loveliest of all Yuletide customs.

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The ceremony of the Yule log is fast fading from Canada's Christmas festivities, but in Yugoslavia it is still a vital part of the family festival. The tree must be felled before sunrise on December 24, by the head of the house, who must hew it with three strokes of his axe, and the tree must fall to the east.

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Weather forecasts were unknown in days gone by, but perhaps the weather lore of those times proved far more successful than our own forecasts. Here are a few of those old-time weather sayings:

"A moonlit Christmas means a heavy sheaf."

"Sunshine on Christmas Day means a good crop of apples."

'A windy Christmas is a sign of a good year."

"If Christmas Day on a Monday be, a great winter that year you'll see."

"The nearer the new moon to Christmas Day, the harder the winter weather to come."

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Royalty receive some strange Christmas presents. The King of Siam once visited Queen Victoria in Britain and was so impressed with the royal kitchens that his annual gift was always something for the kitchen. Unfortunately, it was always the same gift — a silver frying pan!

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There were tears in Holland towards the end of 1582. In order to reform the calendar, 10 days had to be dropped from the normal 365, and the last 10 days of December were cancelled. Thus, there could be no Christmas that year.

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The village of Sante Fe, in Indiana, might have remained quite unknown but for an accident. Some years ago, the tiny village grew big enough to have its own post office, but the United States postal department refused this innovation unless the name of the village was changed. There was already a Santa Fe, Indiana. As a joke, someone suggested the name Santa Claus. The authorities accepted the name. Now the little village is famous, and every Christmas the postmaster and his staff at Santa Claus are inundated with mail to Santa.

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The Christmas tree is of German origin, but Romans decked their houses with laurels and green branches at the Kalends of January. The Germans substituted their evergreens for the laurels.



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

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Const. R. W. Amey Laid To Rest

The fatal shooting of Constable Robert W. Amey, R.C.M.P., while apprehending four escaped prisoners from the Whitbourne Prison, in Newfoundland, on Thursday morning, has occasioned widespread sorrow here and through-Eastern Canada.

Constable Amey was in his 25th year.

The younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Amey of Pondville, Bobby joined the ranks of the R. C. M. P. in January 1962 and on completion of his training in Regina, Sask., he was stationed in Harbour Breton, Nfld., later he was transferred to Whitbourne, Nfld., where he met death on Thursday.

The late Constable Amey was a young man of high character and his work in the church here and in Newfoundland was outstanding. Prior to joining the R. C. M. P., he was a Sunday School teacher at St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat, from where the funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, followed by the largest number of mourners ever witnessed here. A guard of honor, comprising over thirty members of the R. C. M. P., were in attendance together with Senior Officers of the Force from Halifax and Sydney.

The guard of honor was most impressive and was indeed a mark of honor to the memory of the late Constable Amey whose service in the force was so well recognized.

Before the remains were flown to Sydney from The Carnell Funeral Home at St. John's, Nfld., many Officers of the Force and leading citizens from the surrounding area paid their last respects to the late Constable Amey and the many names recorded in the register is further proof of the esteem and affection held for the youthful Officer.

Constable Lawrence Power, of the R. C. M. P. Detachment Corner Brook and a native of Arichat escorted the remains from St. John's to Constable Amey's home in Pondville.

Constable Robert Brogan, of the R. C. M. P. Arichat Detachment was present at the airport in Sydney to meet and accompany the remains which was conveyed by C. A. Boucher, Funeral Director, to Pondville.

Several hundred residents of Isle Madame and throughout the County, visited the Amey home, to offer condolence to the bereaved parents and family and to view the remains of an heroic Officer who gave his life to help maintain peace and order.

The casket draped with a Union Jack, the late Officer's "Sam Brown" and Stetson hat was mute evidence of the authority vested in Canada's distinguished police force.

The Honorary Bearers listed from Newfoundland Detachment of the R. C. M. P. were: Const. G. Schaver; Constable R. Reid; Const. G. D. Sprachlin; Constable R. P. B. Saulnier.

The pall bearers at the funeral were:Const. Bishop; Const. Bell; Const. Schriber; Const. Ursal; Constable Wilson; Const. Fraser; Constable Lund and Constable Page.

In attendance at the funeral were: Chief Superintendent F. S. Spalding, Commanding H. Division, Halifax; Sgt- Major Faircloth of Halifax; Staff Sgt. William House, of Sydney and Staff Sgt. O. Duncan of Sydney.

Howard Pretty of Sydney sounded the last post, while the Guard of Honour stood at attention and Commanding Officers took the salute.

The Rev. Edward Tuck, of Mulgrave officiated at the Funeral Service, assisted by Rev. Winthrop Fish, deacon, of Halifax.

Two hymns were rendered by the choir, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Abide With Me". Mrs. James A. Dickie presided at the organ.

Surviving besides his parents is one brother, Philip Amey of Halifar and a sister, Mrs. Ronald DeBaie (Gwendolyn) of Dartmouth.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and family whose loss is great, but are consoled by the fact that their beloved son and brother met his untimely death while in the discharge of his duty.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA ATLANTIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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SEALED TENDERS for Atlantic Development Board, addressed to "Office Manager," and endorsed "TENDER FOR INSTALLATION OF A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM CHETICAMP, INVERNESS CO., N. S. will be received until 3:00 P.M. (AST) on JANUARY 6, 1965.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION VOCATIONAL DIVISION

Small business management training courses are blossoming into big business for the Vocational Education Division of the Department of Education.

R. V. Davies, divisional supervisor of small business management training, said today plans are currently underway to have five more provincial centres take part next year.

"It is hoped to have courses established in Yarmouth, Port Hawkesbury, Windsor, Springhill, and Meteghan by February," Mr. Davies said.

Thest new additions would bring the number of participating communities to 10. Centres now taking part include Halifax, Sydney, Bridgewater, Amherst, and Truro.

Mr. Davies also announced that a new course - - marketing for the service business - - would be instituted in Halifax at the time time. This course is for managers of restaurants and motels, gas station operators, dry cleaners, and television repairmen.

More than 130 persons are currently at work in three of the six courses now offered by the division and local boards of trade and service clubs. Each course runs for approximately 10 two-hour sessions.

Forty-three persons are nearing completion of their respective courses in Halifax, 29 in Sydney, 25 in both Amherst and Truro, and 10 in Bridgewater.

The training program was developed, with technical and financial assistance from the Federal Department of Labor, to provide short business courses for owners and managers in their own communities.

Prepared by recognized authorities in the field of small business management, the courses now include management accounting,

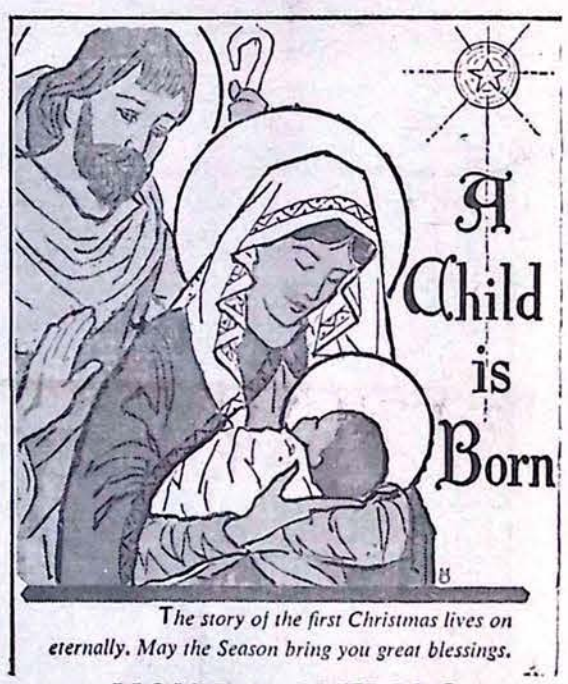
"The management accounting course begins with the fundamentals of financial statements, with emphasis on the information obtainable from these statements rather than emphasis on how they were made up. It stresses how accounting information may be used; not how it was obtained," Mr. Davies said.

"It is not our purpose to train a manager to become an accountant, but to illustrate how retail management, marketing for manufacturers, bookkeeping, and manufacturers, purchasing for marketing for the service business.

Held twice annually in Nova Scotia, they began in 1963 with Halifax, Sydney, and Bridgewater participating. Amherst and Truro joined this fall.



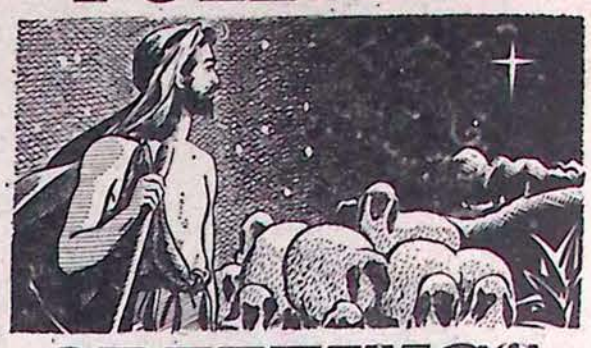
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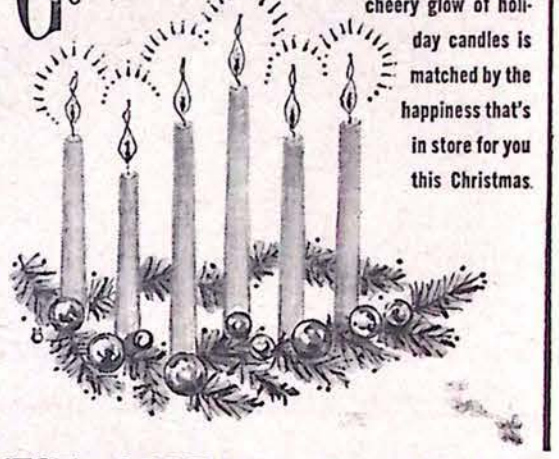


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Best wishes for a Happy Holiday. May the spirit of Christmas continue throughout the New Year!

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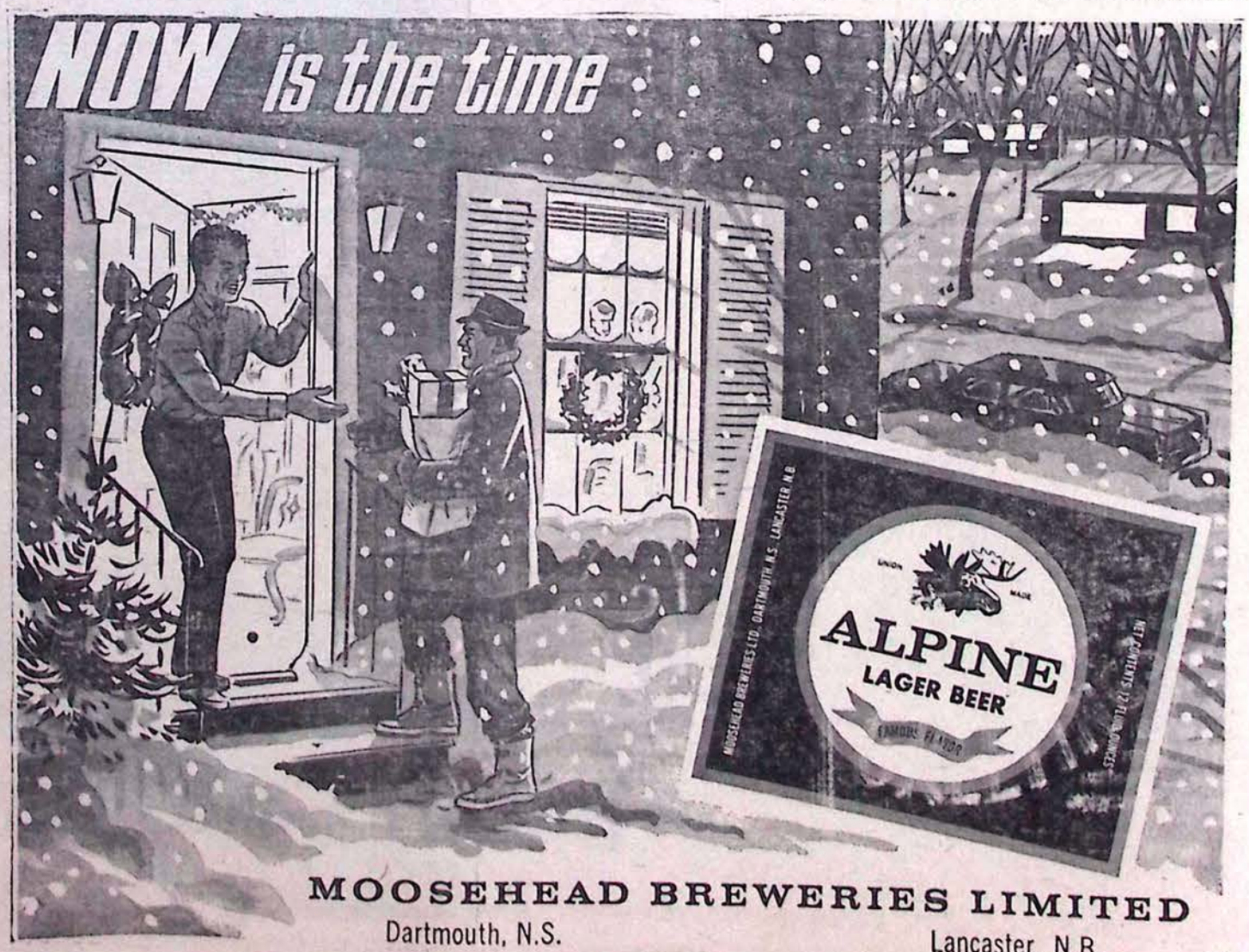


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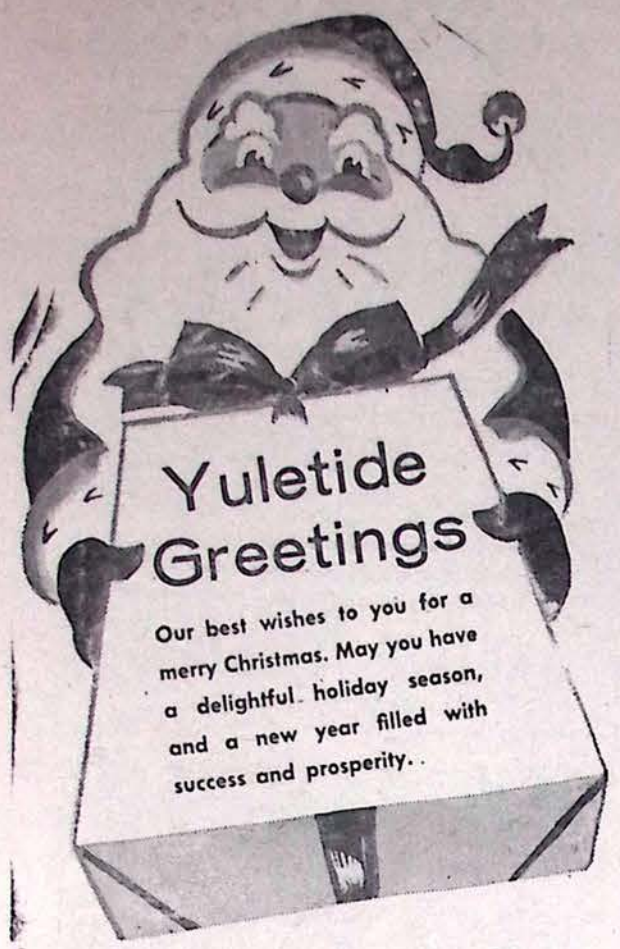


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Test Your Christmas Knowledge

By JANE SINGER

Christmas customs, as we celebrate them, have come to Canada from many countries and from different times in history.

How much do you know about these customs? See how many of these statements you can correctly answer true or false.

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1. Most scholars agree that Christ was born on or about December 25.
(True .... False ....)

2. The yule log, as a part of Christmas, was handed down from the days of medieval England.
(True .... False ....)

3. Santa Claus and his reindeer is a story given to us from Lapland, where many people still wear red suits and own reindeer.
(True .... False ....)

4. The practice of giving Christmas cards was started by Gutenberg, the German inventor of the first movable printing press.
(True .... False ....)

5. The use of fir trees with candles was made popular by Martin Luther.
(True .... False ....)

6. Hanging up the stocking "by the chimney with care" is a custom that came to Canada from France.
(True .... False ....)

7. The drama of the nativity, the use of the creche, was not a part of Christmas until about 1200 years after the birth of Jesus.
(True .... False ....)

8. Mistletoe was first used to symbolize the stars in the sky on the night that Christ was born.
(True .... False ....)

9. We exchange Christmas presents in remembrance of the gifts the Magi brought to the Infant Jesus.
(True .... False ....)

10. The practice of carolling at Christmas developed in eighteenth-century England, and came to Canada only shortly after Wolfe conquered Quebec.
(True .... False ....)

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Now, here are the answers:

1. **False.** Scholars do not agree that December 25 was the day of Christ's birth. The date falls near the winter solstices when the days become longer and the sun stronger in the northern hemisphere. The pagan Romans celebrated the period wildly, and the church, wishing to eliminate the un-Christian rites, decreed the day as being the time to observe the birth of Jesus.

2. **False.** The yule log was burned in the Scandinavian countries for their pagan gods, Odin and Thor.

3. **False.** St. Nicholas, otherwise called Santa Claus, is a legend given by Holland. It is said the white-bearded saint rode in from Asia Minor on his white horse, accompanied by his Moorish servant, Pieter. He left presents for good children and switches for naughty ones.

4. **False.** Christmas cards are relatively new. They were first printed in England in 1846 and made popular by Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria.

5. **True.** Trees had been used as decorations, but it was Martin Luther who put on the first trimmings and gave the connection with Christmas.

6. **False.** The Dutch and the Germans began this practice in the United States in accordance with a legend that a saint had once dropped some golden coins down a chimney which were caught in a stocking (some say shoe) that had been left to dry by the fireplace.

7. **True.** In 1223, St. Francis constructed the nativity scene in his cave above Greccio. Its beauty has made it a sacred part of Christmas.

8. **False.** Mistletoe was first used in pagan rites by the druids in pre-Christian England. Mistletoe symbolized purity, was worshipped with sacrifices and when enemies met under it, they embraced in friendship.

9. **True and False.** We have come to exchange presents in remembrance of the gifts the Wise Men brought the Christ Child, but the original custom came from the pagan Roman's Saturnalia celebration mentioned in answer one. They first exchanged dolls representing their deities, and later gifts of gold

10. **False.** Carolling originated in the 14th century, in Germany. Initially, the people sang and danced around a woman and a babe in a cradle, symbolizing Mother Mary and Infant Jesus. It is believed that Jacques Cartier and his men, wintering at their wind-whipped shelter at Stadacona in 1535, were the first to sing Christmas carols in Canada.



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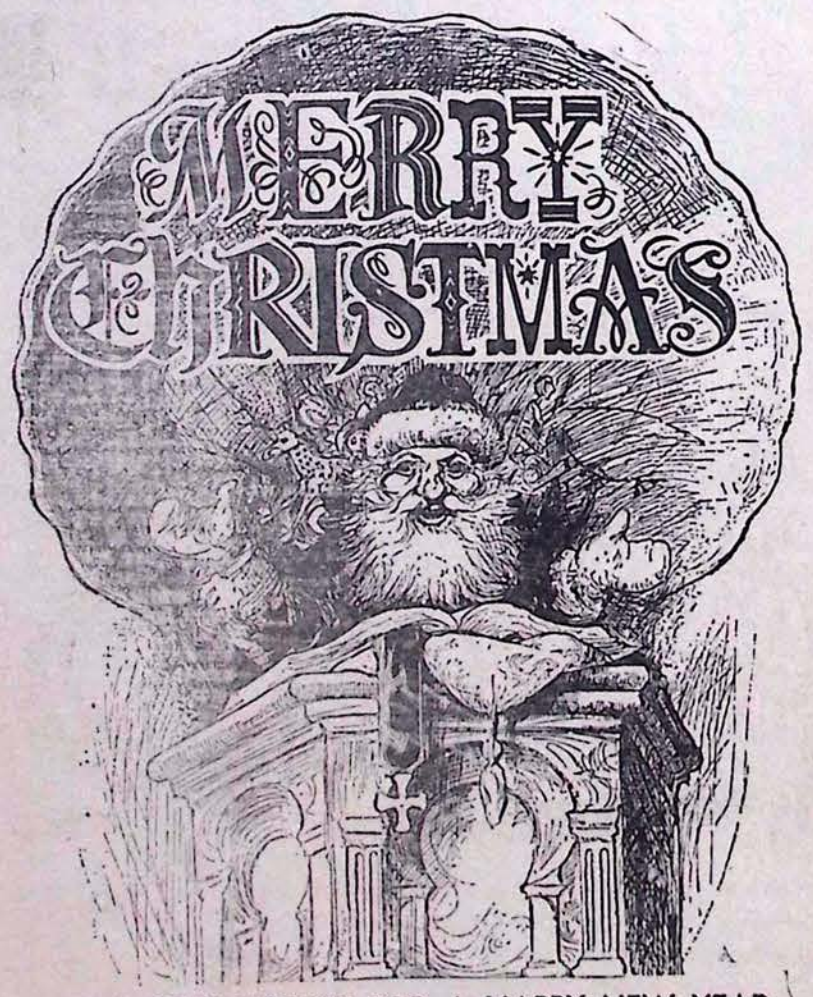


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To you and your family we extend our greetings for a truly wonderful Holiday Season and a most prosperous New Year!

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Notice To All
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The Registration Year is the
CALENDAR YEAR
and all Motor Vehicle Plates
Expire December 31 1964
EXTENSION OF USE ARE AS FOLLOWS

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Operators Licenses At end of Birth Month Fee $1.00

DO NOT APPLY FOR RENEWAL OF YOUR OPERATOR'S LICENSE UNTIL THE MONTH OF BIRTH AS SHOWN ON YOUR PRESENT LICENSE.

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1965 registration will be available after December 21, 1964.

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PLEASE APPLY NOW

while your present plates are valid, and we can give good service

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES
D. D. MacAskill, Registrar

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let your home sing with the spirit of Christmas this year. Decor experts suggest you use all of the accessories of the season to create a seasonal atmosphere throughout your home.

The cards you receive, for instance, all those colorful mementos from friends and relatives, can become part of the Christmas decoration of your home. Hung on ribbon around doorways and in windows, they let the spirit of Christmas shine, inside and out, and the atmosphere of the season will sing around you.

Cards can be used as decorations on the tree. Each type of card can be fitted into a small decor unit of its own. For instance, take all the religious cards and those of an inspirational theme which you receive and build a small creche in the corner of the living room, using the cards as the elements, especially if yoo have a nativity sculpture set which you display in your home during this most beautiful of seasons.

Another corner of the room, possibly near the Christmas tree, could be used as the Santa Claus corner. All the cards bearing Santa's likeness— even the funny ones of animals dressed up in Santa's hat—can be put together in this children's corner.

The traditional snow scenes, gathered together, can transform an area into a small art gallery. The humorous and contemporary Christmas cards from your more comical friends can convert a space into a Rogue's Gallery of Christmas humor.

Intersperse these lively, lovely motifs with ribbons and bows to add to the Christmas flavor. In many cases the scenes can be "tied together" with ribbon. Use cotton wool or tinsel around your Christmas picturamas.

The music and the spirit of Christmas is in the air. Capture it for your homes and your hearts. Use your imagination to create your own personal Christmas spirit to welcome friends and relatives visibly and audibly throughout this magical season.

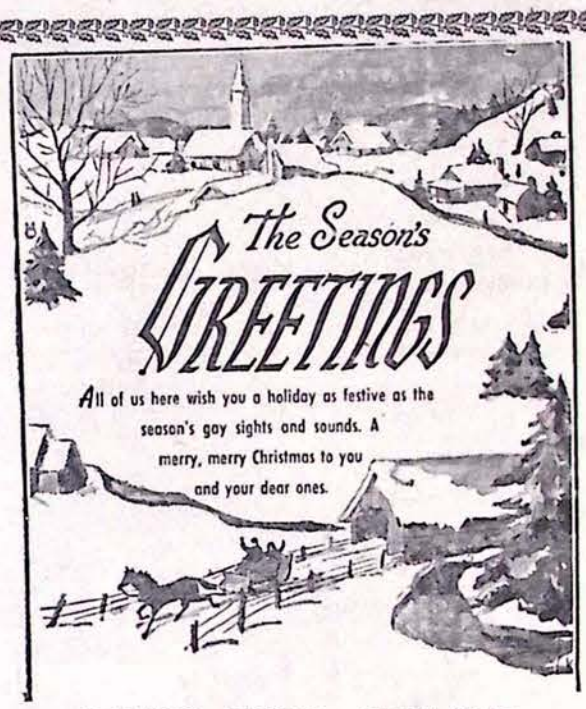
Of Canada's total area of 3,851,809 square miles, nearly 90 per cent is still publicly-owned Crown Land.

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!

WILFRED FORGERON
(ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE)
WEST ARICHAT — — — NOVA SCOTIA



JEAN'S ESSO SERVICE
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May your Blessings for Christmas be as many as the lights on your tree and may every page on the New Year's calendar bring good luck in good measure.

ROCK LOAF DAIRY
and
ISLE MARAMA LANES
ARICHAT, Nova Scotia

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 1965.

Sincerely,

GERRY DOUCET, M.L.A.

Richmond County, N. S.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF JOY AND HAPPINESS— NOT TRAGEDY

It would not be Christmas without the traditional Christmas tree and it is always a delight to see the shining eyes of the youngsters as they view this marvellous spectacle. However, unless proper precautions are taken, the holiday season can be turned into needless tragedy.

If we are to prevent fires at this time of the year, the following information will prove helpful:

1). A tree is highly combustible and filled with pitch and resin it can burn with explosive violence in just 18 seconds. Choose a freshly cut tree and keep it in a cool damp place until ready to use. Then make an angle cut at the base of the tree and keep the base in water or damp sand. The tree can be also made safer by dipping or spraying it with a flame proofing solution, a recommended mixture made with 1¼ lbs. of Boric Acid, 1½ lbs. of Borax and 3 gals. of water. Thoroughly saturate the tree and allow to dry.

2). Do not place the tree too close to heating appliances or do not block exit routes.

3). Use only electric lights on the tree and these MUST bear the CSA approval's stamp. Frayed electrical cords are also a fire hazard.

4). Provide a switch to shut off the current to these lights at some distance from the tree and never leave the lights burning when the room is vacant.

5). Metal ornaments should never be hung over electrical wires nor should electrical lights be placed on artificial metal trees —such practices could cause short circuits — use indirect lighting.

6). An approved fire extinguisher should be handy. Water is the best extinguisher for ordinary combustibles.

7). Christmas wrappings should be disposed of immediately after gifts have been opened.

8). No smoking near the tree and keep matches and lighter from small hands.

9). The holiday season is also a time for many parties. Extreme care should be taken and the house thoroughly checked after a party and your guests have left.

10). Should fire occur, get every one out of the house and call the fire department from a neighbour's home.

Four Customs Of Christmas

THE MAGIC OF MISTLETOE

To Canadians, mistletoe is little more than a decorative plant used for some vague reason at Christmas.

But to some Europeans, mistletoe is considered a thing of mystery, filled with certain supernatural properties. There are still peasants today who attribute to the mistletoe the power to cure diseases by magical means.

Simple country folk believe they can escape epidemics by tying mistletoe around their necks, and that the best protection against poisoning is to swallow a few mistletoe berries.

In some people's minds, mistletoe can work wonders with animals as well as with people. For example, it was once believed that a farmer's herd of cattle would grow fat and healthy if the first calf



born after the New Year was given a branch of mistletoe.

Witchcraft is out of fashion in this modern day, but years ago a cautious mother might have advised her children to carry powdered mistletoe leaves to protect them against evil spirits. The protection would only work if the mistletoe was worn in a pocket on the left side of the body.

It was the ancient Druids of Britain who most intensely worshipped the parasitic mistletoe. They called it sacred because they believed its red berries stored fire.

Mistletoe was also venerated by the ancient Greeks, and it was used in many mysterious ceremonies. The practice spread to other pagan religions in Europe.

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WHY WE CELEBRATE ON DECEMBER 25

Ask anyone to tell you the date of Christ's birth, and chances are the answer will come back quick and confident—December 25.

The fact is, however, that neither scholars nor the church can be sure that this is indeed the true birth date of Christ: No historical record exists giving the exact date.

In the past, other dates have been used for Christmas Day. They included January 6, March 25, September 29, and others. It was only due to custom that by the 5th century, December 25 was finally accepted as the day of celebration.

Prior to Christianity, Romans celebrated their winter feast on December 25. Their revelry honored Saturnalia.

For the Romans, it was a gala holiday, a day of much merry-making, feasting and laughing For 24 hours the slaves became free men and the Roman masters served their every wish.

One of the old days of Christmas, January 6, is still a day of celebration, and we know it as the Twelfth Night, and the Feast of the Epiphany.

Twelfth Night as we know it now is a sedate occasion compared to a few centuries ago. In the past, great country festivals were held on January 6, and there was by far more merriment than on Christmas Day itself.

WHO ORIGINATED CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The exchanging of Christmas cards is undoubtedly the most universally popular of our Yuletide customs—but no one can agree who initiated the custom.

A controversy has surrounded the subject for years Three different Englishmen are given credit for producing the first printed Christmas card, and it is doubtful whether it will ever be decided who was in reality the initiator of the tradition.

Some scholars contend that it was J. S. Horsley, a Royal Academician. According to their story, Horsley designed a card—a simple one without decoration—for a Sir Henry Cole in 1843.

Others dispute this and give the honors to Edward Bradley, who in 1845 is said to have designed a Christmas calling card for his own personal use. Two years later, Bradley's printers reproduced a number of these cards, and they were put on sale.

Some people trace the origin of the printed Christmas card to a London artist Joseph Cundall, who in 1846 printed one by lithography, colored it by hand, and then distributed it for sale.

The practice of buying and exchanging printed cards did not catch on until about 1862.

Even at this date, the cards were unimaginative, boasting only simple inscriptions of greetings.

Gradually, designs of holly, robins and other symbols were added, until the cards finally evolved to show the elaborate landscapes of today.

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CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS FOR THE GIRLS

There's many a young country lass eagerly waiting for Christmas Eve—so that she can go knocking on the nearest pig sty.

Why?

In some parts of the world young girls believe that's the best way to tell whether her future husband will be young or old.

If an old hog grunts after she has knocked on the door of the sty, her husband will



be old. If a little pig squeals in reply, she will be fortunate in winning a young man to her heart.

The miss who wants more information on her husband-to-be will go to her garden late on Christmas Eve and, exactly at midnight, she will pluck 12 sage leaves. It is said that the figure of the future husband will emerge out of the shadows.

Christmas comes to the aid of bachelors as well as spinsters.

In Tyrol, Austria, for example, if a man is too shy to propose to the fraulein of his choice, all he has to do is offer to help carry her Christmas pies home to her family. This is tantamount to a marriage proposal.

Girls in Canada have an easy method to predict how popular they may be in the coming year.

All that is required is to stand under a mistletoe.

The more men who try to steal a kiss while she is standing there, the more dates she can expect to have.



May your every wish be granted, every hour filled with happiness, and good cheer be yours at Christmas and throughout the new year ahead.

GERALD LeBRUN

(ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE)

ARICHAT — — NOVA SCOTIA



Best wishes of the season to all of you whose friendship and patronage we value so highly. Here's hoping your holiday joys are sweeter than candy and much more enduring!

Chez Gordon

— THE FRENCH BAKERY —

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Merry Christmas to All



May the star in the East guide you to a Christmas season of peace and serenity, and may the year ahead be filled with joy and good will for you and yours and all mankind.

Langley Shipping, Limited

A. J. LANGLEY, Jr., Manager

JOHN B. RICHARD, AGENT, ARICHAT, NOVA SCOTIA LOUIS SAMSON, AGENT, PETIT DeGRAT, NOVA SCOTIA



Prospector's Paradise

For 250 years mining has been going on in Nova Scotia. Yet, though its mineral production per square mile of land area exceeds that of any other province of Canada, its resources, except for coal, are virtually untouched.

In 1963 the Canadian National Railways undertook construction of a spur line to serve the Brunswick Mining and Smelting development in the Bathurst, New Brunswick, area.

Why do new generation geologists and a corporation such as Canada's publicly owned railroad expend so much energy these days, and funds as well, on mining in The Maritimes? It isn't gold fever, as once gripped the sourdoughs in their race to the Yukon.

It must be the fact that Nova Scotia alone is so rich in mineral potential in a 21,000 square mile area, relatively unexplored, that the Department of Mines is giving a greater assistance and guidance than ever before in its search for minerals.

And in New Brunswick, besides lead-copper-zinc, coal, wolframite (a tungsten-bearing mineral) low grade iron, manganese, peat, gypsum and cement, there is known to be oil imprisoned beneath the surface in Albert County. I saw them drilling there and though it supplies natural gas and some oil to Moncton and Hillsborough, there is still a limited amount of oil. This region contains oil shales but, according to J. C. Smith, Chief Geologist Mines Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines in Fredericton, though extensive work has been conducted, it has failed to show the shale to be of economic importance.

Many years ago, I watched the disappointment on the face of my father as drill hole after drill hole in Turner Valley, Alberta, proved to be dry. He sold all his interests and within a very few years Turner Valley proved to be one of the richest oil fields in the world. Some day one of these wells I saw being bored in Albert County may gush in and then watch the province light up. Faith and persistence usually pay off. In the meantime this same area has a healthy and steady income from the operation of Canada Gypsum Company, whose production is processed into various types of plaster and wallboard within the province.

Mineral Rich

We are inclined to associate Nova Scotia in our minds with little white lighthouses, red roofed and perched on barren rock, or with quaint wooden churches that greet one around almost every bend in the road. Yet within the last five years more has been spent on exploration and investigation of minerals, (except gold) than in the previous half century.

This province's Mines Department initiative has acted as a spur to exploration and some 20 companies were actively working in the province for various minerals, other than petroleum, in 1963. To further encourage independent prospecting and large scale exploration by outside interests, the Department maintains diamond drills ranging from light prospecting rigs to heavy duty equipment capable of drilling to a depth of 3000 feet. This equipment may be rented, complete with crew, at cost. A mobile mining plant is also maintained by the Department and is available on a rental basis.

About 35 quarries and mines produce gypsum, limestone, various building materials, quartzite and peat moss. One of the Province's two underground mines not producing coal is the barite and silver lead-zinc-mine at Walton, a mine that is unique in Canada.

I am fascinated by the mining industries of this country. In my travels I never miss a chance to explore a mine or open pit development or express envy of the young mining graduates with such exciting prospects and the promise of so much to discover.



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!

SAMSON MOTORS
SYDNEY — — — NOVA SCOTIA



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.

EARL'S MEAT MARKET
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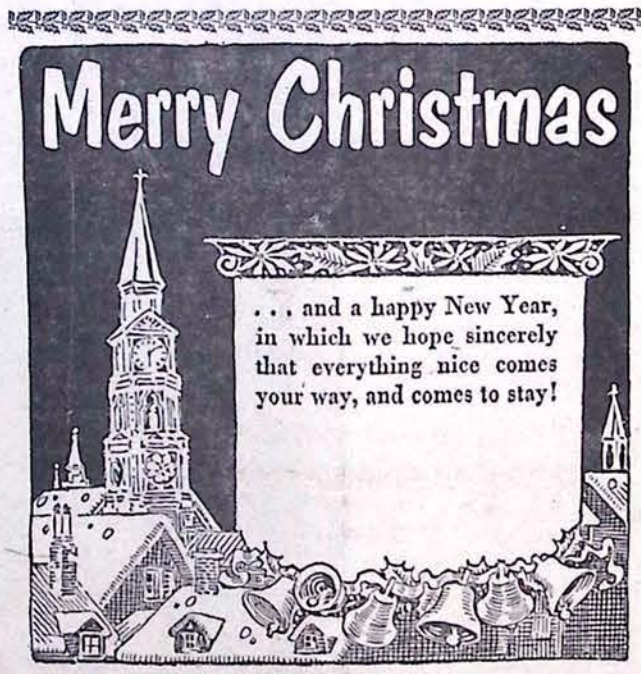
May a wreath of good fellowship and happiness be round you and yours during this Holiday Season... this is our most sincere wish.

C. A. BOUCHER
(FUNERAL DIRECTOR)
ARICHAT — — NOVA SCOTIA



May the gaiety of the season lighten your hearts with hours of pleasure that will endure throughout the coming year!

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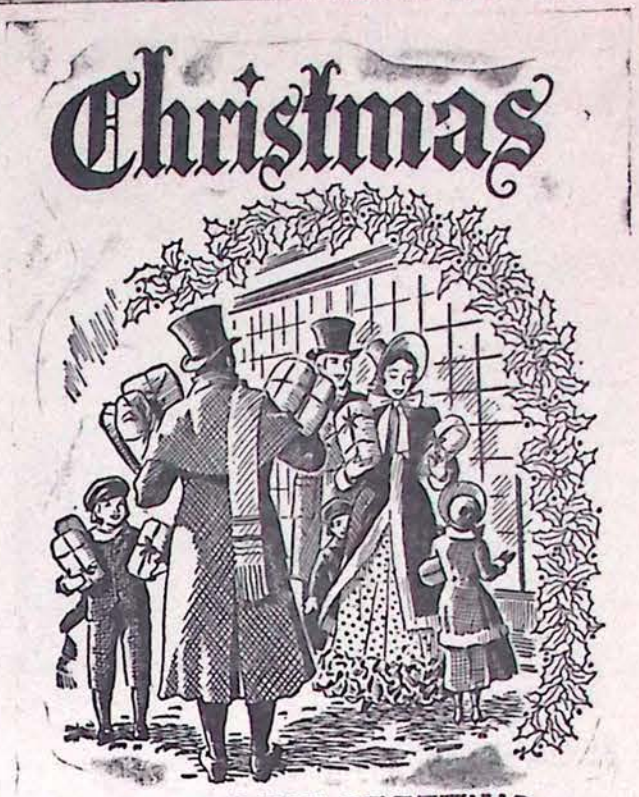


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MAY CHRISTMAS JOY BE YOURS!

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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.

U. J. LeBLANC Ltd.
(YOUR LUCKEY DOLLAR STORE)
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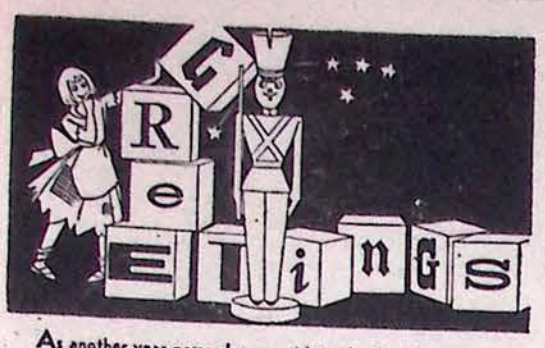


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May you receive into your hearts and homes this year the true spirit of Christmas, and enjoy the fulfillmen of the angels' message... Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

HOLIDAY INN
LOUISDALE — — — NOVA SCOTIA



As another year passes by, we wish to thank each and every one of our friends for their kind favors and patronage! May the spirit of Christmas enrich your lives throughout the coming year! May there be peace and goodwill among all mankind!

G. E. STORE
A. M. HASSIN
ARICHAT — — — NOVA SCOTIA

NOEL



MAY the true spirit of Christmas fill your home at this festive season . . . and may its many benefits linger on throughout the entire year. This is our hope. May a new prosperity and happiness be yours throughout the coming new year. This is our prayer. So we join with everyone in an expectant unity that all this may be true.

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GREETINGS



We want to wish you

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!



The Christmas tree is decked with lights. Hearts are full of joy. Families are united for this festive day. We wish you the happiest of Christmases and continued peace and joy the year to come.

D. D. MacDONALD, Limited
ARICHAT - - - Nova Scotia

MERRY CHRISTMAS



To you and your family we extend our greetings for a truly wonderful Holiday Season and a most prosperous New Year!

DAVE COGSWELL
EASTERN BAKERIES REPRESENTATIVE
LOUISDALE — — — NOVA SCOTIA



FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!

WALTER MARCHAND
(YOUR LUCKEY DOLLAR STORE)
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WE greet you this Christmas day in the same spirit as of other years. The community has been good to us—and we hope that we have been good to this community.

THELMA'S BEAUTY SALON
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Merry Christmas

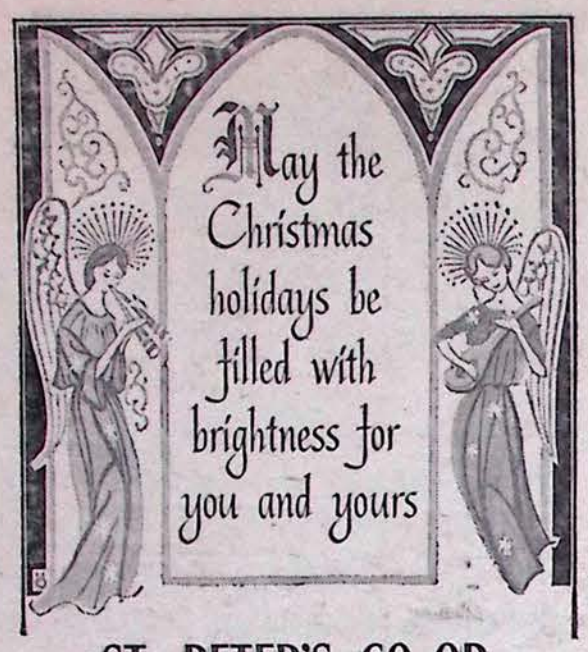


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ST. PETER'S CO-OP

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HAPPY Holidays

At this time of year, we take a long look in two directions: backward with warm appreciation for your patronage, and forward with the happy anticipation of continuing to serve you.

RICHMOND MOTORS

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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

HOW TO LIVE WITH CHRISTMAS

Thirty days hath September, April, June, and Christmas. At least it seems that way.

About the middle of November, the advertising swings into high gear. We are implored to buy "a gift to enchant her" — like a dainty electric shaver. Or something "he really needs" — like a tastefully-wrapped bottle of dandruff remover.

Around the same time, the "Christmas music" begins. We are warned that Santa Claus is coming to town. We are reminded, 18 times a day, to listen, through the thunder of traffic and snarl of aircraft, for those jingle bells. We are told, for 20 days before Christmas that somebody saw mama kissing Santa Claus last night. It makes you feel all sort of sacred and....well, you know, Barfy?

Women start getting that harassed look about the first of December. They spend hundreds of hours at their Christmas chores: ruthlessly hacking off the list of people who didn't send us a card last year: desperately wondering what to get Uncle Dud, who is in an institution; frantically trying to get their husbands interested in trees and trimming and turkey.

Well, cheer up, chaps. It comes every year, but it lasts for only 30 days. Perhaps something to get your mind off the whole thing.

With Christmas in the offing, perhaps you'd be interested in a new party game. Any number can play. It is guaranteed to increase the spirit of goodfellowship and jollity at any Christmas party.

Called "Conjugation of Irregular Verbs", it was invented by Bertrand Russell. It goes like this the player is given an irregular verb; he conjugates it. Example: "I am firm; you are obstinate; he is a pig-headed fool." Get the idea? Let's try another.

Ready? "I am witty and sparkling. You are unusually talkative. He is drunk as a skunk."

One more. "I day dream. You are an escapist. He ought to see a psychiatrist." This sort of thing is certain to get a dull party off the ground.

Now, how about some Christmas definitions, so that you won't be misled by a lot of cliches that have sprung up around the sacred and joyous occasion.

Christmas list — men acquire a heavy list to starboard from reaching into their hip pockets for wallets so frequently. Women acquire a different type list: pelvis thrust out, back tilted badly to the rear from the waist up, acquired from carrying parcels piled to their noses.

Christmas pudding — closely allied to Christmas list. It is more noticeable in men — a type of paralysis that comes from pudding their hand in their pocket so often.

Christmas Carols — girl children born on Christmas Day and named Carol. Far better to call them Mary.

Christmas tree — any coniferous tree which falls over the moment it is placed in a stand.

Christmas cookies — people who think they are going to spend less on Christmas than last year. Sometimes pronounced "kooky".

Christmas spirit — what the kids have and you don't at 6 a.m. December 25.

Family Christmas — you cook the turkey and are stuck with the dishes while the relatives sleep it off.

Christmas punch — the recipe is simple. Take one husband and wife, decorating tree on Christmas Eve. Mix one set of lights that doesn't work. Throw in trip down town for extra set of lights, by husband. Stir in a few short calls on friends on way home. Put husband gently inside door at one a.m. Christmas morning — and you get your Christmas punch, right between the eyes. It is considered only sporting, if you feel like retaliating, to wait until Boxing Day.



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.

JOHNSTON'S GARAGE

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Greetings

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

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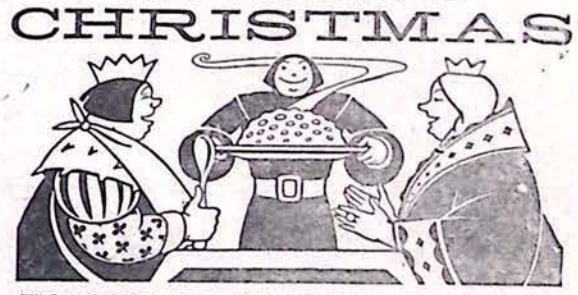
At this season of the year it is our sincere wish that happiness and prosperity find their way into the homes of all our friends, and remain with them throughout the year.

C. David Gordon

Your Imperial Oil Agent

ARICHAT - - - Nova Scotia

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!

RICHMOND WHOLESALE

Z. MANCINI — Proprietor

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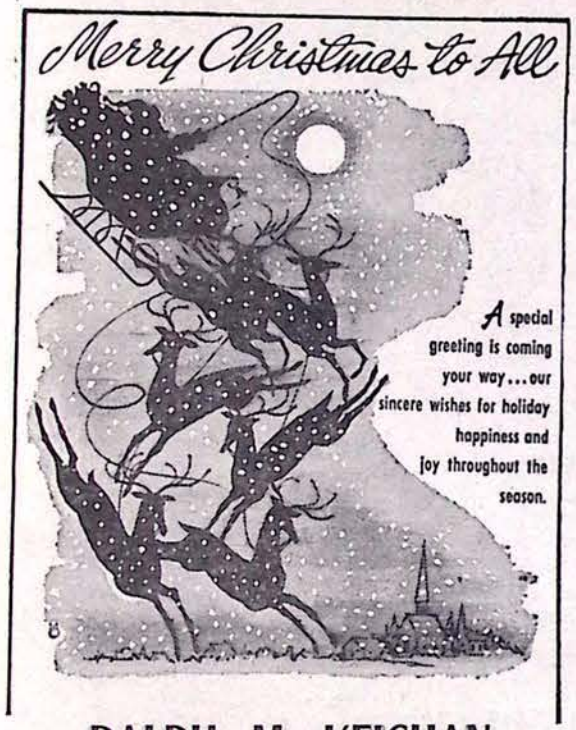
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FOR CHRISTMAS YOU CAN BUY GIFTS HERE THAT WILL PLEASE EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO SHOP AT WESTERN TIRE

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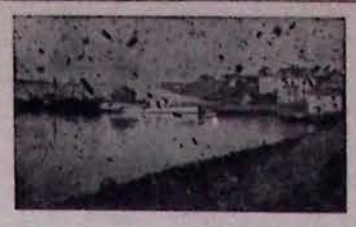
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



Relieving Manager

Kenneth Cosman, Manager of the St. Peter's Liquor Commission Store, was recently relieving Morton McGrath, Manager of the Arichat Store, while he was on holidays.

Kennie is the son of the late E. A. Cosman, a former Manager of the Royal Bank branch here.

Friends were pleased to see Kennie.

Attend Funeral

Stanley Parker and Russell Wilson, both of Sydney attended the funeral of their late cousin, Constable Robert W. Amey of Pondville.

From Antigonish

Charlie MacDougall, Manager of Marsh Adjustment Services of Antigonish, was a business visitor to town during the week.

A native Cape Bretoner, Charlie has many friends throughout the Island.

From St. Peter's

John N. Morrison of St. Peter's was a business visitor to Arichat during the past week. It was nice seeing John when he paid us a friendly visit.

From Oban

William Ferguson, of Oban, was a motor visitor to town during the past week.

From Sydney

E. R. (Teddy) Latimer accompanied by his father, Irving Latimer, both of Sydney, were motor visitors to town, where they attended the funeral of the late Constable Robert Amey.

In Hospital

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaVandier, is a patient at the V. G. Hospital, Halifax.

Mrs. LaVandier and Mrs. Earl Rideout made a plane flight from Sydney, where the baby had been in Hospital in that City, and was removed to Halifax for further observation and treatment.

From Great Lakes

Alvin LeBlanc of Petit de Grat, arrived home from Owen Sound, where he was employed on a Lake ship during the past summer.

He will spend the winter with his mother at Petit de Grat.

From Halifax

Godfrey Boudreau of Halifax, accompanied his son, Renie, of Bagotville, Que., on a motor trip here over the week-end. While here they were guests of relatives and friends.

This was Renie's first visit here since taking up residence in Bagotville, a few years ago.

Friends here were pleased to see them.

On Holidays

Catherine Martell, a student at the Provincial School for the Deaf at Amherst, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents in Little Anse. She was accompanied by Miss Carson, another student at the school, who will spend her holidays with Catherine at Little Anse.

Accompanied Remains From Newfoundland

Constable Lawrence (Buddy) Power of the R. C. M. P., Corner Brook Nfld., Detachment, escorted the remains of the late Const. Robert W. Amey from St. John's, Nfld., on Friday, by air to Sydney.

Constable Robert W. Brogan, R. C. M. P., Arichat Detachment, motored to Sydney to accompany the remains to the home of the parents of the late Constable, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Amey of Pondville.

C. A. Boucher, local funeral director conveyed the remains and was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Constable Power will return to his Detachment on Wednesday.

Constable Power is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. Power of this town.

Office Manager

Fulbert Boudreau, of Petit de Grat, has been appointed Office Manager of the Progressive Heating Ltd., of Louisdale.

We understand that the Company will be moving into the Remie Sampson Store at Louisdale, shortly.

We wish Fulbert every success.

At Poulamon

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Harding and young daughter, Dale, from Wilmington, Mass. were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fougere at Poulamon, for the past three weeks. They also went to Dartmouth to visit Mr. Harding's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boudreau. Mrs. Willard Fougere accompanied the party to Halifax.

They returned home to Wilmington on Monday, the 14th., by plane. We were very pleased to see them with their new baby.

PAGAN FEASTS ARE SOURCE OF CUSTOMS

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B. C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church, ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Saviour to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also provided customs for the Christmas festivities, such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.

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Municipal Tax Sale

The following lands will be sold at Public Auction at the Court House in Arichat, N. S., on Tuesday, January 12, 1965, beginning at 2:00 P.M. UNLESS the taxes, interest and expenses incidental to the Sale are paid in full prior to this time—as provided for in the Assessment Act, Revised Statutes of 1954 and Amendments thereto.

DISTRICT NO. 3

Vacant land assessed to EST. HUBERT POIRIER and located at Poirierville.

DISTRICT NO. 4

Woodland assessed to ALBA BABIN and located in District No. 4.

Woodland assessed to WILLIE CLOREY and located in District No. 4.

Property assessed to JAMES LeLACHEUR and located at Lennox Passage, Louisdale.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Land assessed to ANGUS A. MacINNIS and located at West Bay, N. S.

Property assessed to ERNEST J. MacRAE and located at Dundee, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 6

Land and buildings assessed to EST. PETER A. FOUGERE and located at Cannes, N. S.

Vacant property assessed to EST. DAN ALEX SUTHERLAND and located at Seaview, N. S.

Property assessed to JOSEPH TOUSNARD and located at River Tillard, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 7

Woodland assessed to EST. JOHN MORRISON and located at Oban, Richmond Co., N. S.

Lot and buildings assessed to EST. PETER MacNEIL and located at St. Peter's, N. S.

Land and buildings assessed to CHARLES DANIEL STONE and located at St. Peter's, N. S.

Property assessed to AMBROSE SUTHERLAND and located at Lynches River, N. S.

Vacant property assessed to NORMAN SPURRELL and located at St. Peter's, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 8

Land and buildings assessed to LEO CAMERON and located at Johnstown, N. S.

Land and buildings assessed to EST. ALEX MacKENZIE and located at Red Islands, N. S.

Property assessed to EST. JOHN A. SUTHERLAND and located at MacNabbs Cove, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 9

Property assessed to JAMES GILLIAM and located at Grand River, N. S.

Property assessed to LLOYD MacKILLOP and located at Grand River, West Side.

Property assessed to GILBERT A. MacAULAY and located at Grand River, N. S.

Woodland assessed to EST. MISS MARY PATTERSON and located in District 9.

DISTRICT NO. 10

Vacant property assessed to EST. MATTHEW MADDOX and located at Point Michaud.

DISTRICT NO. 11

Property assessed to PETER BOUDREAU and located at West Arichat, Bras Des Mury.

Property assessed to RODERICK GERARD and located in District No. 11.

DISTRICT NO. 12

Property assessed to JAMES DAWSON and located at Mount Auburn, N. S.

Cottage assessed to DONALD MacLEOD and located at Loch Lomond, N. S.

Property assessed to GEORGE PATTERSON and located at Loch Lomond, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 13

Land assessed to MINDAMAR METAL CORP. LTD. and located at Sterling, N. S.

Property assessed to PETER J. MacLEOD and located at Framboise Intervale, N. S.

Vacant property assessed to DON EDWIN SEVERENCE and located at NO. Fourchu, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 14

Lands assessed to S. P. CHISHOLM and located at Point Tupper, N. S.

Lands assessed to JOSEPH A. MacCORMICK and located at Port Richmond, N. S.

Lot and cottage assessed to EST. RUSSELL MALCOLM and located at Point Tupper, N. S.

DISTRICT NO. 15

Property assessed to THOMAS BRIAND and located at Rockdale, N. S.

Property assessed to JOHN T. BONA and located at West L'Ardoise, N. S.

Vacant land assessed to R. G. CURRIE and located at Rockdale, N. S.

Lands assessed to EST. LEONA POTTIE and located at Rockdale, N. S.

Vacant land assessed to MRS. JOSEPH LEO POTTIE and located between Alex Burkey and Helaire Pottie in District No. 15.

DISTRICT NO. 16

Lot and building assessed to JOSEPH W. BOUDREAU and located at Boudreauville, N. S. (For clarification of title).

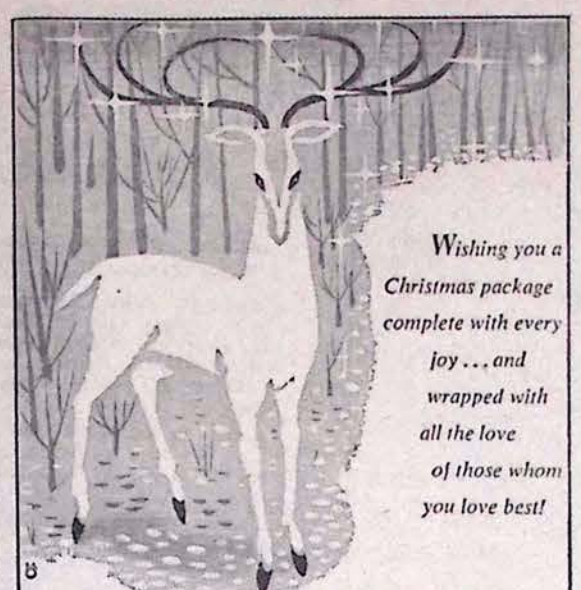
DISTRICT NO. 17

Land and house assessed to MRS. ALPHAS (PRISCILLA) LANDRY and located at Petit de Grat, N. S.

Land and dwelling assessed to ALZEAR W. SAMPSON and located at Petit de Grat South, the Points.

A Fuller Description of these lands may be seen at the Municipal Office, Arichat N. S.

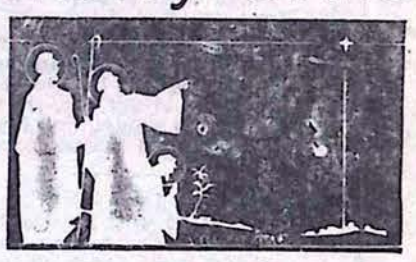
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IN A CHILD'S EYES

Christmas Was Different Then

By FRANK TUMPANE

Away back, far, far back, Christmas began for me, really began for me, when a box arrived by express from our cousins in the country. It was a huge box (that's how it looked to me!) and it always contained four chickens (two for Christmas, two for New Year's) and a quantity of cold, cold apples.

Everything about Christmas was a ritual, large or small. Each ritual was important, each immutable. I did not know how other families prepared for Christmas: I did not even wonder about it. As far back as I could remember, the box from the country had always come, and I supposed that was the way it would always be.

It would arrive (this is what I thought) just before, just after, or just at the moment that my mother was making the Christmas cake.

FILLED WITH FRUIT

My mother made wonderful Christmas cake. It was dark and moist and loaded with fruit and chips of almonds and coated with a thick icing that was as good as candy.

Next to Christmas itself, Christmas Eve was the most exciting day of the year. We put up our tree on Christmas Eve, and it was always a spruce or balsam for nobody used Scotch pine in those days. My father brought the tree home and made the stand himself out of two crossed boards.

Some people still used candles on trees, but we had a string of electric lights, and they were like the ordinary lights in every particular except they were tiny and colored green and blue and red.

Our tree, when it was finished with everything in place, still looked like a tree that had been decorated, and not like a host of decorations supported by a stick. That seemed to me to be the proper way for a Christmas tree to look. It still does.

The people who called to make deliveries seemed to be exuberant on Christmas Eve as if they had caught something of my own happiness and were letting it grow on them. Away back then, the snow often lay on the streets at Christmas, for when it fell it was left there, unsullied by salt and with few automobiles to grind it to slush.

This Christmas (the one I remember best), the milkman came in the morning by sleigh, each of his bottles with a cap of frozen milk a couple of inches high. I can remember him warming himself by the kitchen stove and thinking how grand it must be to drive a horse and sleigh through the neighborhood streets.

Our postman was a lean Irishman from Belfast with a drooping mustache, and he brought cards and letters in the week before Christmas (Not as many as nowadays. Perhaps we didn't have as many friends—but I seem to remember that they were better ones).

HANGING UP THE STOCKINGS

The day passed and the night came and my father fixed the fireplace so my sister and I could hang up our stockings for Santa Claus. We had a gas fireplace, like 10,000 other fireplaces in the city, and my father removed the cover of beaten brass and stood it against the mottled green tiles under the fumed oak mantel so we could hang up our long cotton stockings, mine black, hers white.

And I never wanted to go to bed, but when the time came and I could resist no longer, I always made up my mind that this time I would stay awake all through the night until the very moment that Santa Claus arrived.

What signal awakened me, I do not know, but it was always early, hours before normal waking up time. And on this morning, I yelled at my sister (nobody shushed you on Christmas morning) and we rushed downstairs (nobody lived in bungalows) into the parlor (nobody called it a living room) where under the tree in the dim light we could see two separate piles, and knew that Santa Claus had come and gone.

And I can remember my mother and father standing in the doorway, smiling and savoring the sweetness of the moment, a moment I was to repeat in their stead years afterwards myself; and three things I can remember in the pile that was mine that Christmas.

CHOCOLATE AND CANDIES

I can see a bag of marbles, and the bag was of red mesh; and I can see a box of candy with the picture of a beautiful lady on the cover and a red ribbon in the corner.

But most of all I can see the sword, my lovely sword. It was in a scabbard, this sword, and the guard was wide like a cavalry sabre. The hand grip was of black patent leather, wound in strips, with silver thread in each groove. And hanging from the pommel was a leather tassel.

My own sword!

And that's how it was one Christmas when I was very young.