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Of Many Things

By AMBROSE HILLS

THE MACHINE AND ME

I've been a farmer for only a few months, but I've learned quickly that a farmer must be a mechanic, or learn to cuss like a demented sailor.

The other day I sold a short story, and before the cheque had even arrived, I'd spent the money not, as usual, on a steak dinner at a fancy restaurant, but for a machine that looked striking and efficient in the literature.

It is called a Brush and Grass Cutter, and I thought it would free me from the scythe. It has a small gasoline motor at one end, a tube with a crankshaft leading to a whirling blade at the other end. What I forgot was that somewhere between those instruments there has to be a man, and I am he.

I spent the first morning putting the darn thing together. Why manufacturers don't hire some good technical writers I can't understand. I'd have managed the job better without any instructions rather than the garbled ones that came with the machine. Finally I got the darn thing together, gassed and oiled it, and hopefully pulled the starting cord. It erupted in a great burst of action, with blue smoke spurting everywhere. It took half an hour to get the mixture adjusted to the point where it was safe to breathe while carrying the instrument. I then hoisted the machine into position, marched to the grass and brush, and was prepared to begin. The motor coughed and quit. The instructions clearly said not to try to adjust the motor when it is operating, so I twiddled with the little screws and started it again. By sheer accident, or through fear (I had cursed it out plenty!) it worked steadily for half an hour and I was mowing down great gobs of landscape. But I was weary and wanted to rest and smoke. The instructions had said to press the clip against the spark plug in order to stop the machine. This I tried to do — and the clip fell off. I cut the gas right down, lowered the machine to the ground but still it refused to stop! This doggone motor that had conked out on me so many times was now determined never to stop again. At long last, in desperation, I turned the shut-off valve and let it run until all the gas in the carburetor was burned.

I left it sitting there in the field and came home disgusted. The good old scythe, leaning against the shed door, looked quiet and tractable and delightful, but I'll swear it was sneering at me.

I'm afraid I was born a hundred years too late. I would have done well in the good old days before some durn fool invented the infernal combustion machine.

PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED

Provincial Secretary G. J. Doucet announces that he has been advised by the Honourable Stephen Pyke, Minister of Highways, that Morrison and McRae Limited have been awarded the repaving and paving contract for the following 5 sections in Richmond County:

(1) South Petit de Grat Road from Little Anse - West Arichat Road to Petit Nez and to Alderney Point, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles.

(2) Rocky Bay Road from Isle Madame Loop at Pondville to the end of the 1960 grading a distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

(3) Port Royal Road and branch a distance of approximately 3.4 miles.

(4) Little Anse - West Arichat Road from Petit de Grat Bridge to Little Anse, a distance of approximately 2 miles.

(5) Route 20 from the junction of Louisdale Road at Lennox Passage to Court House at Arichat via Northside Isle Madame, a distance of approximately 12.3 miles.

Mr. Doucet explained that it is hoped that this work can be begun in the spring.

STOCKING IS JUST LEGEND?

Did a spinster hang up the first Christmas stocking- Legend says yes,, but history says no—or at most, "Baybe."

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop, secretly gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. His method was to toss the gold down a chimney by night, at Christmas.

On one occasion, so legend says, the gift landed in a stocking—not in the fourth century.

Knitted form-fitting hosiery was unknown until the thirteenth century. Earlier, people wrapped cloth or rags around their feet as substitute for modern stockings.

Even after William Lee invented the stocking frame, a more efficient method of production, in the late 1500's, it was some time before the poor could afford to buy stockings.

History makes one concession to the legend tellers. Paintings from Pompeii show that early Romans did wear some form of stockings. even before the birth of Christ.



Greetings

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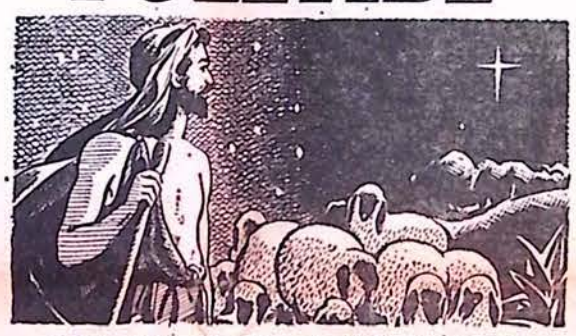


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GREETINGS

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(FUNERAL DIRECTOR

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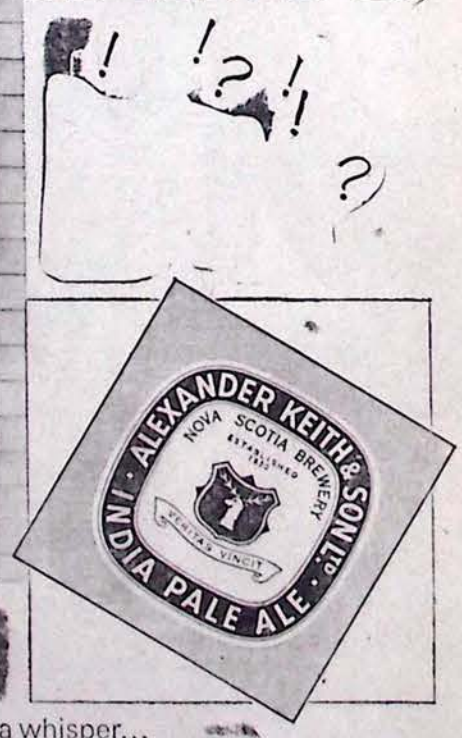
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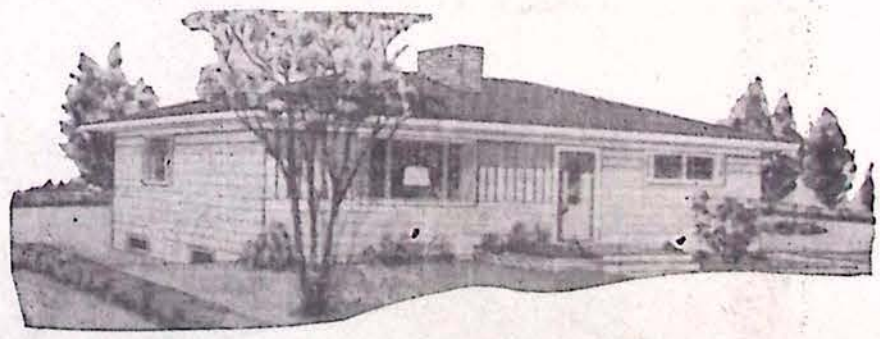
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UNIQUE HOLIDAY MESSAGE BEGIN GREETING CARDS

It was the "Golden age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scroge, Bob Cratchit, and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropiately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally-popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsley, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sis Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsley, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

CARDS HAVE CLUE TO HISTORY OF GIFT GIVER

Greeting card history offers a clue to Santa evolution as a holiday symbol.

The theme of Santa Claus was conspicuously absent from most nineteenth century Christmas cards, points out Miss Esther Monney, curator of the Norcross Historical Collection. Early cards frequently favored children and flowers.

When Santa did appear occasionally on a greeting card, it was generally in the form of a dour, rather sad-faced Father Christmas, robed in a monk's blue garb and long gray beard, or as "Saint Santa," a semi-religious figure developed from St. Nicholas.

These were a far cry from the rotund, red-cheeked Santa depicted on Christmas greeting cards of today.

The modern Santa, fat and friendly, began to emerge at the turn of the century, and about 1909 he appears on a Christmas card. Here he is shown mounted on a hobby horse, rather than a reinder-drawn sleigh.

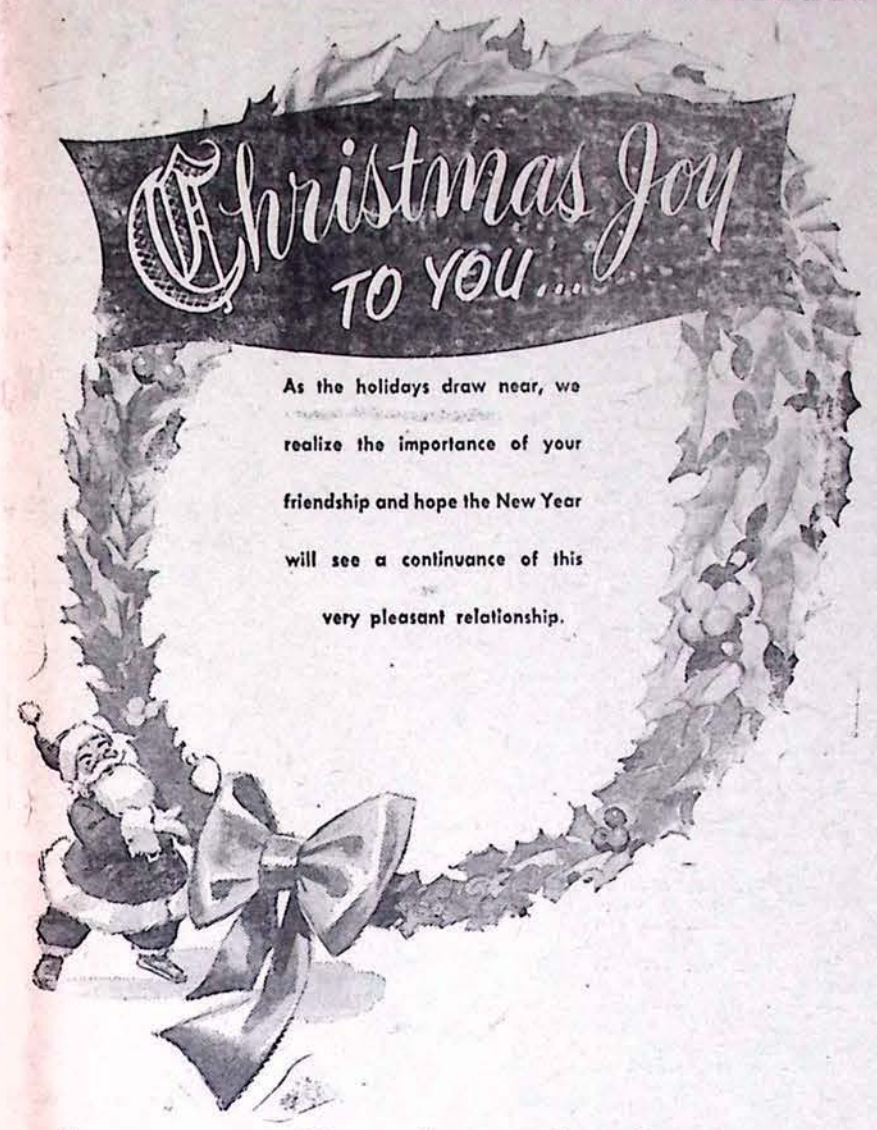
The card shows him wearing the now-familiar red jacket, but his trousers still were blue. His stern expression, however, has given way to a slight whimsical smile, brightening his white-bearded cherub-like face.

The concept of the reindeer sleigh was still later addition in greeting card history. The early Santa walked with a wheelbarrow or carried his toys in a straw basket attached to his back, or rode a horse.

Today, a jolly Santa Claus, his originally blue robe changed to red, and riding his now traditional reindeer sleigh, is a dominating Christmas card theme.

Christmas Joy TO YOU...

As the holidays draw near, we realize the importance of your friendship and hope the New Year will see a continuance of this very pleasant relationship.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

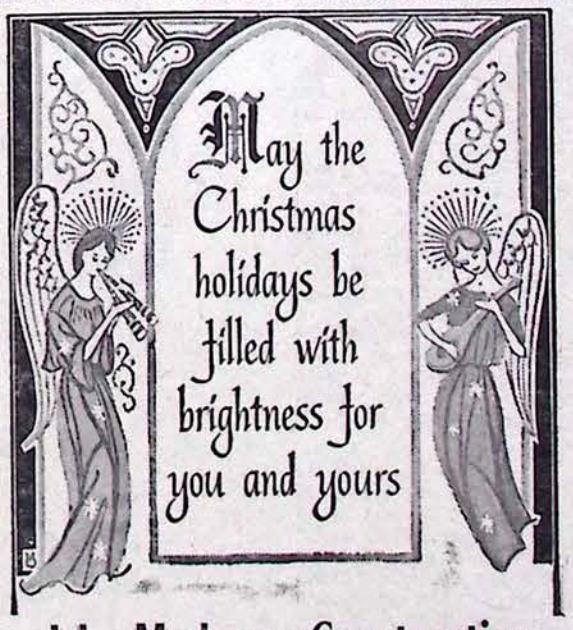
There's the holly and mistletoe and the candles all aglow!
There's the bells gaily ringing and the carolers singing!
There's the trees lit and the wonderful gifts stacked high!
There's the candy and fruit . . . the cake and the punch!
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Wedding

WHITMAN — BAILEY

A wedding of widespread interest in the Province was solemnized in St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday afternoon, November 26, when Evelyn Paula Josephine Bailey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Paul Bailey was united in marriage to Charles Alfred Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Whitman of Tupperville in a double ring ceremony performed by the rector Rev. David Hartry, with the full choir in attendance. The wedding music was played by the church organist Mrs. Harold Lingley. "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven" was sung by the choir and "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register. The service of Holy Communion was held for the bridal couple.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with baskets of white and gold chrysanthemums, the guest pews marked with rosettes of flowers and white streamers. Tall standards of white and gold mums were on either side of the chancel and the altar was banked with flowers in the same shades. Tall golden candelabrum with lighted tapers in white graced each side of the altar.

Given in marriage by her father the lovely bride wore a model gown of pure white silk satin and reimbroidered Guipere lace. The entire bodice and front panel of the skirt were of the Guipere lace while the full skirt, floor length in front and extending into a court train at the back was satin, as was the flat bow at the back of the gown. The sleeves were long and lily pointed. The headdress was of bouffant type floor length and of hand rolled tulle illusion falling from a tiara of diamante. She carried a cascade of crimson roses.

Mrs. Douglas Bailey, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and dressed in a floor length sheath gown of rich gold shade peau de soir with a wedding ring style headdress and matching full length veil in gold shade and her bouquet was of white and gold carnations.

Miss Carol Dargie was maid of honor in a moss green floor length sheath dress of peau de soir, a wedding ring style headdress in moss green with full length veil and accessories to match and she carried a bouquet of green and white carnations. The bride's other attendants were Miss Judy Bailey, Mrs. Sharon Graves, Miss Margaret Strong, Miss Valerie Miller, Miss Mary Jane FitzRandolph and Mrs. Edith Edwards who wore identical floor length gowns of mint green peau de soir with matching wedding ring headdress and full length veil of the same shade. They carried bouquets of white and mint green baby mums.

The bride's nephew, Paul Douglas Bailey was ring bearer and wore long white satin trousers with white satin shirt and vest of gold satin.

The Misses Pamela Williams of Moncton and Susan Ruggles of Bridgetown were flower girls in pale pink peau de soir dresses and they carried baskets of pale pink flowers.

The groom was supported by his brother, Robert Whitman of Tupperville and the ushers were William Dargie of Round Hill and Douglas Bailey of Middleton.

Mrs. Bailey, mother of the bride wore a pale blue crepe and lace dress with a metallic hat in shades of blue and a fur stole. Mrs. Whitman, mother of the groom, wore a sapphire blue dress and hat with accessories to match and a fur cape.

At the reception for 125 guests at the home of the groom, Mrs. Maria Gidney of Mink Cove and Miss Evelyn Campbell, Halifax, aunts of the bride, poured, with the members of the Altar Guild serving and the bride's attendants serving the wedding party.

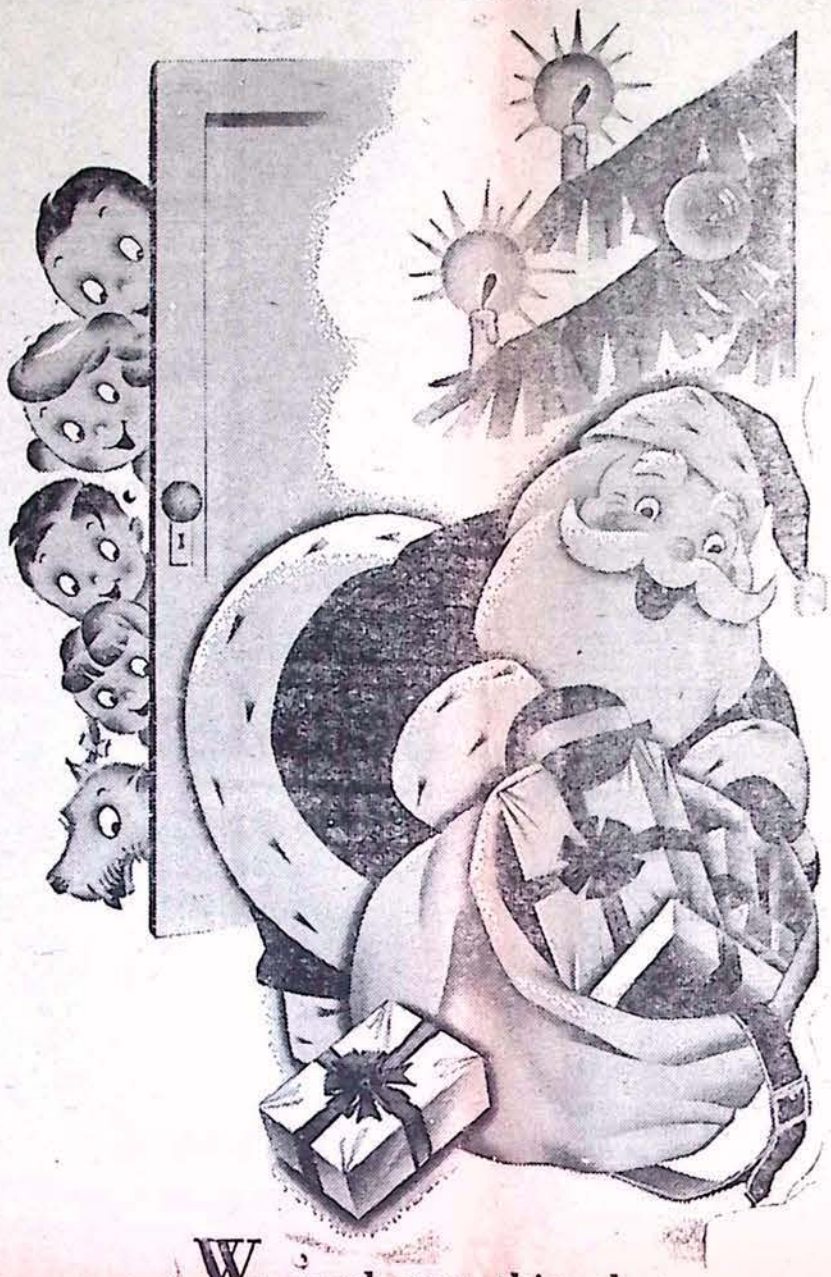
Rev. David Hartry proposed the toast to the bride and Clifford Edwards of Bridgetown proposed the toast to the bridal party. These were responded to by the groom.

For a short honeymoon trip the bride wore a pure wool brown and gold suit with a muskrat jacket and hat to match, brown accessories and a corsage of white and gold flowers. They will reside in Tupperville where the groom is a successful farmer.

Out-of-town guests were from Halifax, Sydney, Truro, Mink Cove Middleton and Cold Lake, Alberta.

We wish the young couple many years of happiness and prosperity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We send you this cheery Holiday Greeting and hope our paths will cross during the coming year.

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May your Blessings for Christmas be as r any as the lights on your tree and may every page on the New Year's calendar bring good luck in good measure.

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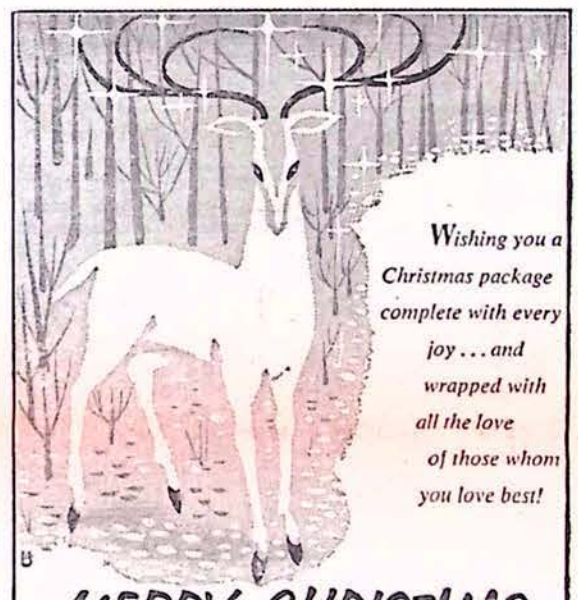
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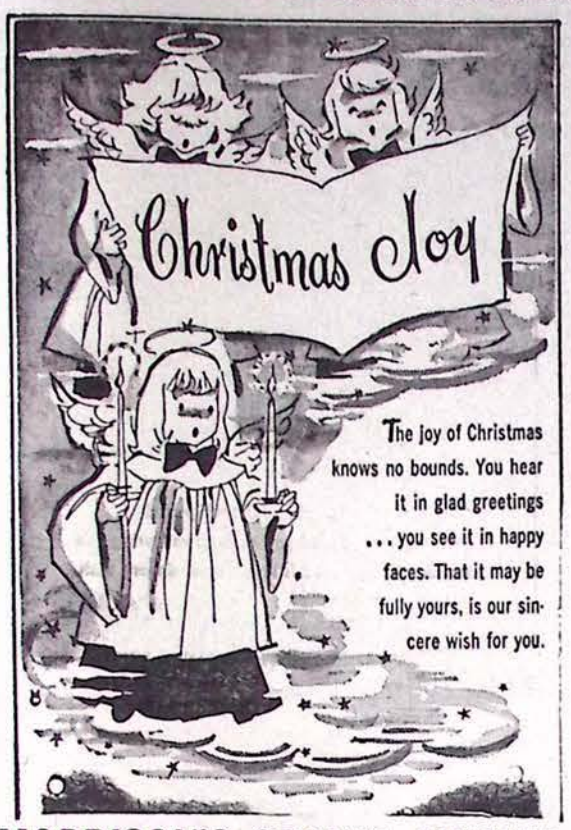


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PROSIT NEU JAHR! *HOGMANAY, TROLLOLAY!*

They Mean 'Happy New Year!'

By LEON KOSSAR

As the Old Man with the hour-glass makes his weary trek around the globe, he's ushered out just a bit differently from nation to nation.

In many countries he makes his exit quietly and gently. In others, he's treated violently — perhaps burned in effigy, then thrown into the river to make way for the youngster of the coming year.

In Holland, for instance, the straw dummies symbolizing the Old Year, which are burned, are called "stropoppen", and still play a part in New Year's celebrations of Dutch families in Canada.

Many of the customs and greetings from other parts of the globe have become part of New Year's in our own country.

MANY WAYS

You can hear all the familiar cries:

"Hogmanay! Trollolay! Gie 's o' your white bread an' nane o' your gray!"

Or you may hear:

"Prosit Neu Jahr!" — or German for a toast to the New Year.

"Nails in your gable and gold on your table!" is the Rumanian version.

"Sijsia! Rodysia! Zhyto, Pshynycia!" is the Ukrainian wish to "sow, grow, grain and wheat!"

Wheat and grain are universal symbols of new life at New Year's.

Although New Year's customs reach back to the days of Babylon and 2,000 B.C., many of the fortune-telling, superstitions and greetings were carried into Christian times and persist to this day.

It's also a day of gift or token giving among some people.

The Scot who waits for midnight to begin his annual Hogmanay celebration might still carry a lump of coal, or something dark, on house to house visits, beginning New Year's Eve.

He'll have to have dark hair to be first into a home. Otherwise he must stand in line until a dark-haired person goes in first. Bad luck, otherwise, on the eve of "first fut in."

BRAIDED STRAW

The Irish on the other hand, may carry a piece of braided straw through a friend's doorway.

The Austrians' "rutschten" (slide) into the New Year with a facsimile of a chimney sweep is another popular New Year's symbol of Europe remembered here.

Ancient Britons used to sweep out chimneys for the entry of good fortune onto their hearths; Austrians, Germans, some of the central Europeans, also believe it's good luck to shake a chimney sweep's hand, or send a chimney-sweep card on New Year's.

If there's Spanish in your background you would feel it's good to eat a grape for each stroke the clock strikes towards midnight on New Year's Eve. Portuguese youngsters ring in the new with handbells, bang on plates and play the pipes, along with their own New Year's songs.

New Year's songs are plentiful in central and eastern Europe.

WISE MEN

When the Slovak pastor visits his parish homes here during the season of Soleda, or Christmas and New Year's carols, he marks the top of each family's door with the letters G-M-B: for the three kings, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

New Year's carols called "Schedrivky" are still sung in Ukrainian homes and community centres throughout Canada. And a pocketful of grains of wheat is carried to scatter on the doorsteps of friends visited over New Year's.

Whether you say Glaedeligt Nyt Aar!; Boldog Ujevet Kivanunk!; or Feliz Ano Novo! the message still reads loud and clear—Happy New Year.



If you meet a Spanish lady at New Year, she may offer you some sweet grapes for luck.

SANTA GETS HIS GARB FROM POEM, CARTOON

Santa first appeared in his now-traditional guise as a plump jovial, white-bearded and pipe-smoking old elf"—in the poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas,'" written by Dr. Clement C. More in 1822.

Earlier, "Santeclaus" had been pictured dressed as a bishop, in a book called "The Children's Friend" and in Washington Irving's "Knickerbocvker History of New York," published in 1809, Santa was said to wear a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches.

Even Dr. More's poem did not, apparently, clothe Santa in a red suit. "He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot," says the poem.

Santa as he looks today was sketched by Cartoonist Thomas Nast, in 1869. The cartoon showed Santa in his familiar red garb, smoking a pipe.

OF WREATHS

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent Season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the com- of evergreen branches interlaced ing of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent. two the next Sunday, three the next be placed on a door, set on a table and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may or hung from the ceiling.

Actors Go A-Caroling

Community caroling in Hanover, Va., for the past 10 years has been provided by a group of actors from Barksdale theatre and friends.

Moving about the town in red costumes and carrying lighted candles, the carolers concentrate on houses with children and elderly people.

They approach the houses singing "Jingle Bells," render two more carols, and move away singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

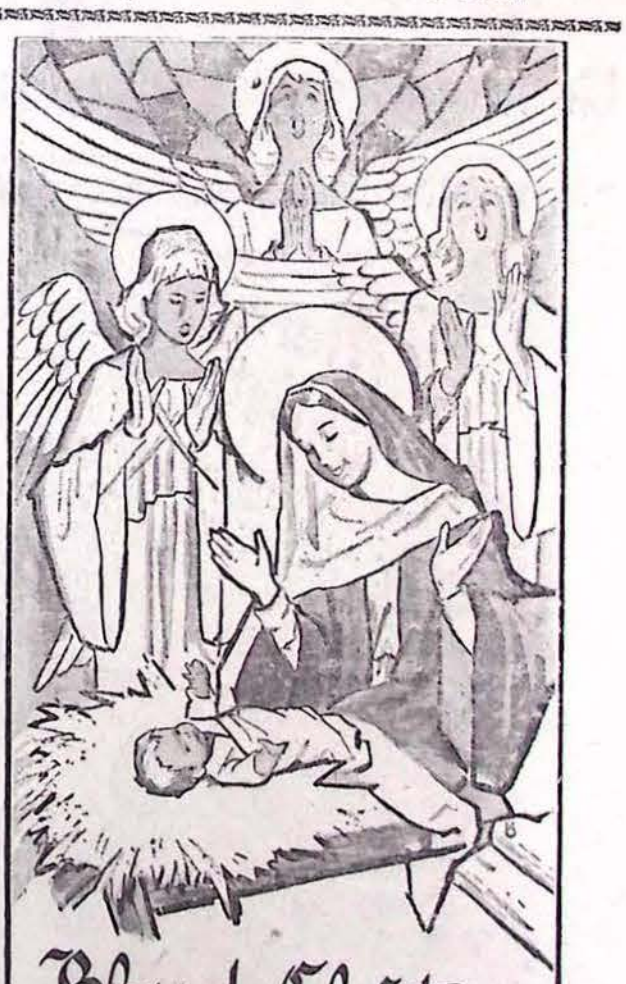


May a wreath of good fellowship and happiness be round you and yours during this Holiday Season... this is our most sincere wish.

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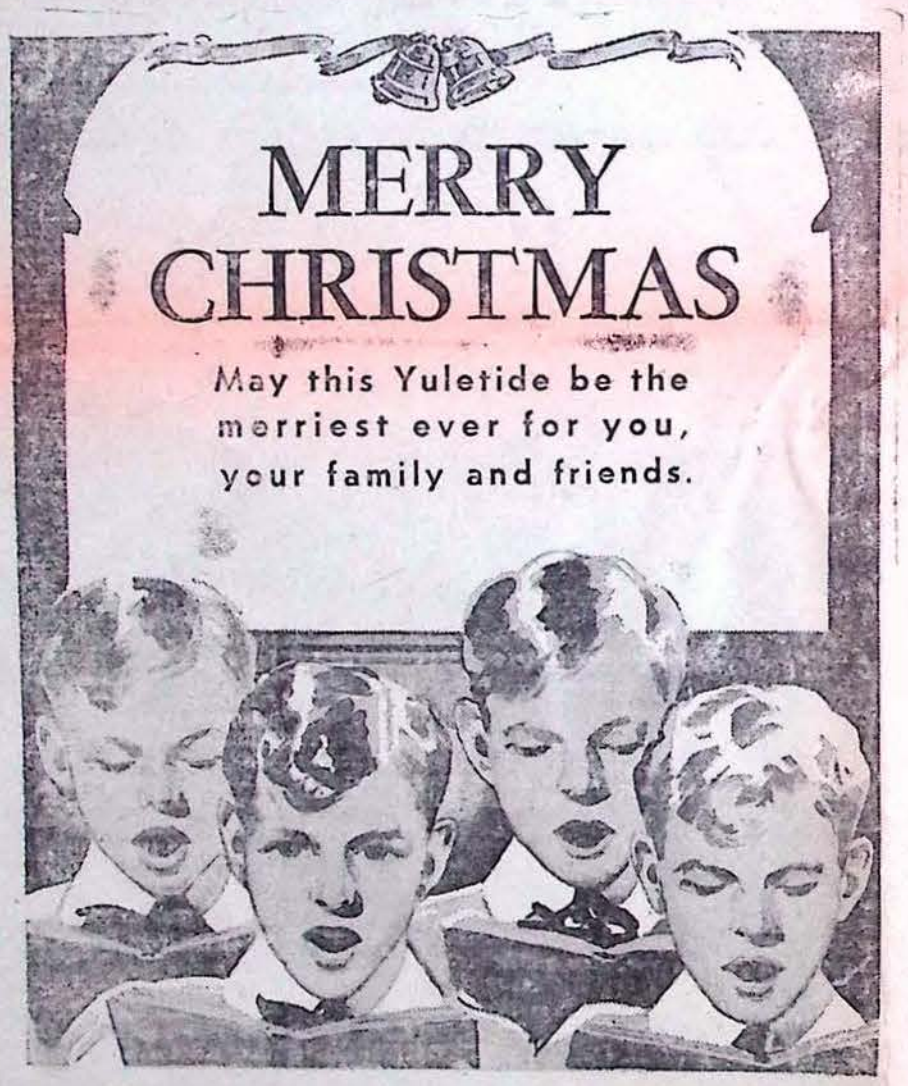
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Blessed Christmas

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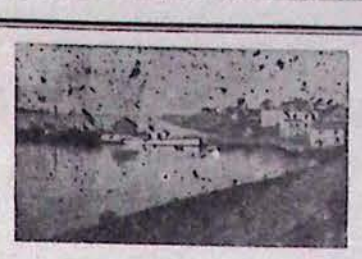
MAY the true spirit of Christmas fill your home at this festive season . . . and may its many benefits linger on throughout the entire year. This is our hope. May a new prosperity and happiness be yours throughout the coming new year. This is our prayer. So we join with everyone in an expectant unity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

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



OBSERVES 97th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Grace Bouchard, of River Bourgeois, one of the oldest residents of Richmond County, celebrated the observance of her 97th birthday, on December 8th.

Mrs. Bouchard, in her younger life was a school teacher and can recall the small salary paid teachers in those early years and is today much impressed with our modern schools and methods of teaching.

A very active lady for her advanced years, she can relate many interesting events of the past and also keeps up with present day happenings. She enjoys reading and doing crochet work. She also enjoys the TV programs.

She has six children: Mrs. Pacien C. Burke, (Angeline), River Bourgeois; Mrs. Jeffrey Landry, (Bertha), River Bourgeois; C. C. Bouchard, Arichat; John Bouchard Halifax; Eddie, Dover Plains, U. S. A.; and Joseph of River Bourgeois. Two of her children died some years ago.

Mrs. Bouchard has 33 grandchildren, 102 great grand-children and 10 Great great grand-children.

Mrs. Bouchard's husband who was a native of the province of Quebec died some years ago.

We congratulate this dear old lady and wish her continued good health and happiness.

ENJOYS OLD STORIES

We received a kind letter from our good friend, Christena (Tena) Boudreau, of Boston, Mass., who informs us that she enjoyed the recent stories in the Record, relating to the early days of Arichat.

Tena for some years resided in Arichat and prior to returning to Boston, was employed as tefler at the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Tena's brothers, Capt. Claude Boudreau and Capt. Stephen Boudreau visited in Arichat two years ago and we looking forward to seeing them again next summer at which time we trust that Tena will join them on the trip.

BIRTH

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Veron Edwards at St. Anne Hospital, on a brother for Darlene Anne. December 12th, a son, John Perry.

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VISITING IN ARICHAT

Mrs. Estelle MacLeod of Westminister Apartments,, Halifax, was a recent visitor here at the home of her sister, Mary and brothers, Ernest and Wilfred.

Mrs. MacLeod was a resident of Arichat some years ago when her late husband, Ian MacLeod, was manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank.

The Boucher family have taken up residence in West Arichat.

FROM MONTREAL

Capt. Clarence Forgeron, arrived from Montreal, where he is employed by the McAllister Towing, at that port. Capt. Forgeron for some years was employed as Superintendent of Shipping at the port of Bagotville, Que.

In September last both Capt. and Mrs. Forgeron attended a christening and reception of a new tug boat the "Daniel McAllister" at Montreal.

Capt. Forgeron reports a busy season the past summer at the port of Montreal and expects a much busier season next summer due to Expo 67.

Capt. Forgeron is at present visiting his wife and family at West Arichat. We wish him a happy holiday.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CANADA)

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STANDARD REVENUE POST OFFICE 66/67 RIVER BOURGEOIS, RICHMOND CO., N. S." will be received until 3.00 P.M. (AST) January 11, 1967.

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MISS M. S. SIME

Office Manager

No. PW 66-170

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this time of year we extend our sincere good wishes to all our readers and friends for a Very Merry Christmas and we also wish to thank the many advertisers in this issue, who are conveying their greetings to their patrons.

At Christmas, it affords us a time to ponder over the many blessings, which have been bestowed upon us and to think of the needs of others, less fortunate.

We wish to congratulate the officers and members of the Laurence Cavanagh Council, of the Knights of Columbus, who so generously treated the kiddies at the West Arichat K.O.C. Hall on Sunday afternoon and we are told that Santa played an exceptional part in the handing out of gifts and treats. Congratulations Ernie

At present it appears that we will enjoy a white Christmas and the thoughts of yesteryear will wonder back to sleigh bells and the prancing of horses hoofs and it is in this spirit that we convey our wishes to former residents whose memory will wander back to their native land on Christmas Day.

EVENING LULL

(of feminine mystique)

(to be sung to the Tune of The Night Before Christmas)

The washer is going
The drier also
The cupboards and shelves
Are getting cleared high and low.
The dusting and mopping
Continue apace
With ma's hair in curlers
Round unfacialed face.
The children and father
T.V. trayed and gone
Are at evening pursuits
While ma vacuums on.
Tomorrow's dinner
In oven she bakes
While phoning her club lists
Midst scant coffee breaks.
What's all the commotion
What's wrong in this dome?
Why simply a career wife
"relaxing" at home.

Ex-Career Woman

TAKES OVER DIANA SWEETS RESTAURANT IN SYDNEY



E. R. (TED) LATIMER, has purchased the well-known and popular Diana Sweets Restaurant, operating on Charlotte Street, in Sydney for over forty years.

Mr. Latimer informed us that the same staff will continue to operate the restaurant and assures the public of the same efficient service under the new management.

Being a native of Arichat, Mr. Latimer, is well pleased with the patronage the restaurant enjoys from the Isle Madame area and invites business visitors from Richmond County to visit the Diana when in Sydney.

Ted moved to Sydney not so many years ago and took over the management of the Halifax Propane Company, better known as "Speedy Propane", and has built up the largest propane customer business in Cape Breton. He operates a bulk plant at Kings Road as well as an appliance store on George Street where many models of Propane Kitchen Ranges and heaters are on display as well as clothes dryers and hot water heaters also washers.

Mr. Latimer is also interested in real estate and owns several apartments in the city.

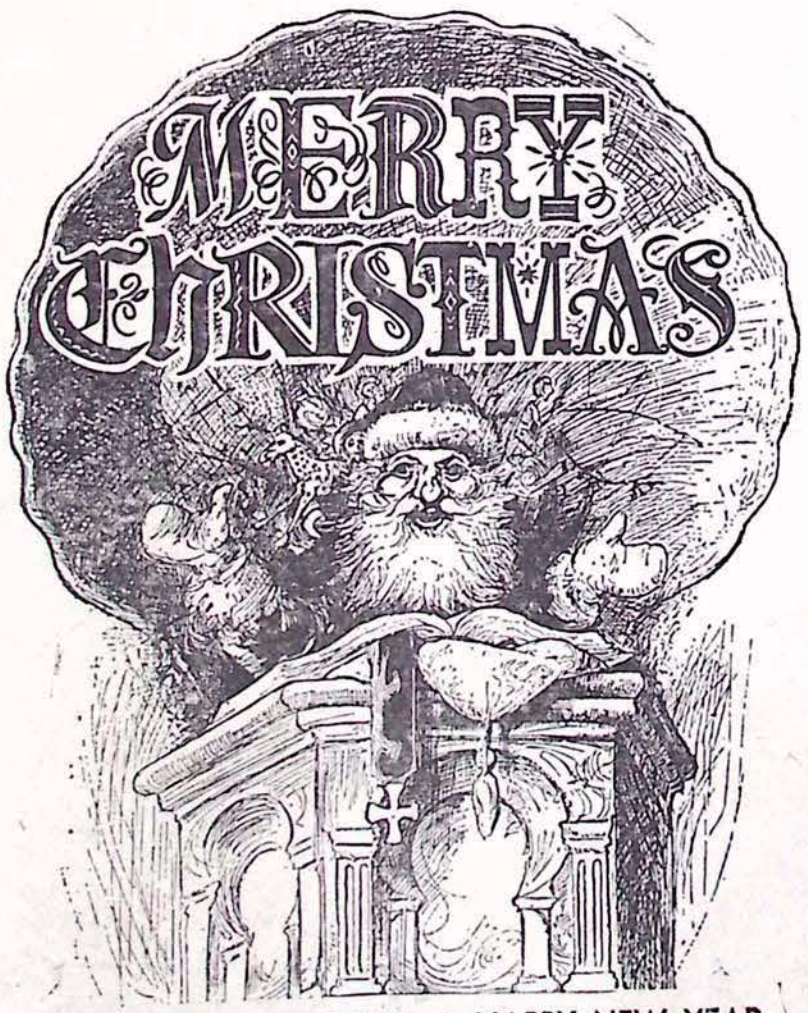
Interested in various organizations in the city, he is also a member of the Sydney Yacht Club and owns and skippers the trim yacht "Tern".

Ted is well and favourably known in Sydney and throughout the industrial area of Cape Breton.

We wish him continued success and prosperity.

$25.00 will be paid by the undersigned to anyone who will furnish me with information as to the disapperance of my male dog—Jo-Jo. M. R. MacKenzie, French Cove, R.R. No. 2, St. Peter's, N. S.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From

Ted Latimer President and Staff

Diana Sweets Limited, Sydney

IT'S Christmas



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ARICHAT, Nova Scotia

Games For A Children's Party

By PETER CROSS

Are you planning a Children's Party this Christmas?

If you are, a little careful thought beforehand and the preparation of a list showing the order in which you intend to do things, is perhaps the best way of insuring that the party goes with a swing.

Before the entertainment starts, it is a good idea to attempt to break down the children's initial shyness, so as soon as the guests arrive, give each a label with their own name printed on it.

Ask them to fix this to their coat or frock and keep it there all the evening. Everyone will get to know everyone else much faster.

To get the party under way a game like **Treasure Hunt** might be played. And for this you should hide several articles beforehand in various parts of the house.

Place with each object a clue for the next object. The winner of this game can be awarded a small prize, perhaps an inexpensive puzzle or box of chocolates.

SPOON GAME

One game which is always popular is the **Spoon Derby.** For this you need three spoons, three evenly-sized pencils and three 6-ft. lengths of string.

Each length of string should be attached to a spoon at one end and to a pencil at the other. Simple knots will do. The three spoons are laid out—about six inches apart—at one end of the room; at the other end the three "jockeys" hold the pencils.

At the word "Go!" the jockeys begin winding their pencils furiously, thus drawing the spoons along the floor, rather like race horses.

It is important to ensure that the pencils be held by both hands—and rotated with the fingers.

The spoon which reaches the feet of the jockey first is the winner of the race.

CLOTHES BOX

Another game designed to raise plenty of laughter and to use up surplus steam is the **Old Clothes Box.** In this two old boxes are packed with all the old clothes—hats, gloves, shorts, socks—you can find.

The guests must be divided into two teams. Each member, at a given signal, must run to the appropriate box, don the garments, run round their team, which is lined up, and back to the box. They then take off the garments and replace them ready for the next member.

The winning team is the one which manages to get all its members through the ordeal first.

At this point it is also a good idea to distribute a selection of those cheap little musical trumpets, drums and whistles—and form an orchestra Children of all ages love a noise. To music played on the piano or the record player, each section of the "orchestra" (i.e. the drums, whistles, trumpets, etc.) would give their own accompaniment.

"Old McDonald's Farm" is an ideal tune for such orchestral accompaniment — with the whistles coming in for the chickens, the trumpets for the pigs and so on.

TREAT TIME

The most important part of any children's party is the refreshments, and these should be served after the games—after the tots have built up healthy appetites.

Color attracts children, so make the table bright with paper party hats and crackers.

Here is a recipe for peanut butter cookies which will bring grins to the children's faces.

1½ cups sifted flour
1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
½ cup white sugar
½ cup brown sugar
Dash of salt
½ cup peanut butter
½ cup butter or margarine
1 egg

Sift flour and bicarbonate of soda together once. Mix together dry ingredients. Add peanut butter, butter and egg.

Make walnut-sized balls, place on greased tray, three inches apart, and press down with fork.

Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) until cookies are light brown color.

To give them a festive look, dab with different colored icings and sprinkle with jelly or candy crystals.

LESS SUGAR

Too much sugar is bad for children's teeth, so why not have chips and popcorn in the place of candies on the table?

Children like a change, too! Instead of soft drinks, delight them with a fruit punch.

Any fruit juice will do as the base, with chopped fruit—a blender would come in handy here—added. Decorate the glass with an orange slice, attach a cherry on a toothpick, and you'll have the young folks clapping their hands with glee.

Ice cream, of course, is a party must, and if you'd like to add a bit of adventure to it, let them spoon the ice cream up with candy canes. Give them spoons as well—they'll want to tackle the ice cream seriously after hilarious attempts of scooping it up with the candy canes.

BRUSH UP

And here's an idea for a real novelty. When you send out the invitations, ask the children to bring their toothbrushes!

After all those sweets, you can have them make a game out of brushing up. Gather them in a circle, and let each take turns showing the proper way to brush. It's bound to send them into giggles—especially if you ask them to sing at the same time they're brushing.

And it'll teach them a good health habit, too!

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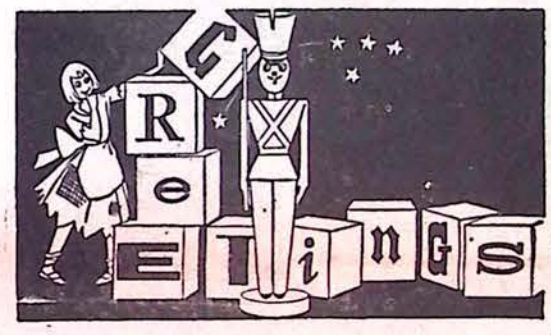
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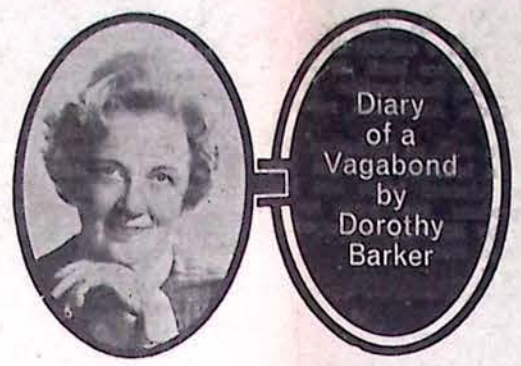
TO JOY AND JOLLITY

CENTURIES ago, Christmas grew from a strictly religious holiday to a day of combined spiritual and festive significance. The ancient Celts attended their ceremonies in robes fashioned from the skins of brindled cows. They wore their hair flowing and entwined with holly. Today we enjoy no end of merry-making. Against a background of red and green, we laugh and sing and dance and play. We shower each other with beautiful tokens. We kiss under the mistletoe. We fill ourselves with roast pig, turkey, pudding and pie. Let us give a thousand thanks, then, that such can be our Christmas in this abundant land. Let us first remember the Christ Child, and say:

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men in whom
He is well pleased."

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TALENTED TEACHER

A tiny wisp of a woman in a round little knitted cap and immaculate apron met me at her front door. Six years younger than Canada as a nation, Alice Hagen is one of the most amazing persons I have met in my travels so far.

I sought an interview with her after I had heard many eulogies about her contribution to the field of art in the Maritimes. I felt I had to confirm them by meeting her and seeing with my own eyes, the creativity of a woman who, at 94 plus, still works every day in her basement workshop throwing a pottery bun on a wheel to give form to an art she taught herself.

Long before this urge to conquer ceramics, Alice Hagen was a distinguished painter. Her story in the field of art began when she was a small child. Instead of running to the corner store to buy candy with her pennies, she bought paper and pencils. She spent hours drawing until her parents realized artistic expression was such a compelling force in her life that she should be properly taught. Her only teacher up until then had been The Aldine Journal of Art. Rather than the fairy tale characters that people the world of most children, the engravings in this 'story book' stirred her imagination.

When she was ten she painted a rose for her mother. Soon after, while she was attending Mount St. Vincent Convent, the Sisters of Charity discovered how talented she was and undertook to teach her as many of the art mediums as they could.

Her large, three storey home is just off the highway in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. She lives there alone and never lets a day go by without accomplishing some form of artistic endeavour. On the walls of every room in the house and climbing the wide stairway are sketches, oils and water colors. I think I was most impressed, however, with another facet of her skill. Alice Hagen became so accomplished in china painting that several of her pieces are now in art galleries.

She relates an interesting experience on this, the eve of Canada's centennial. Lady Aberdeen, wife of the then governor general (1893 to 1898) thought Canadian women were wasting their time and talents and launched a contest challenging them to paint pieces suitable for a dinner set to adorn the table of Government House. The only stipulation was that the subject chosen for entries must be strictly Canadian. Young Alice was urged by her father to choose wild ducks for the dinner plate she planned to submit in the contest. She ended up painting 12 game plates, all of them depicting Canadian wild fowl. I wonder if Lady Aberdeen's set still graces, on occasion, the table at Rideau Hall.

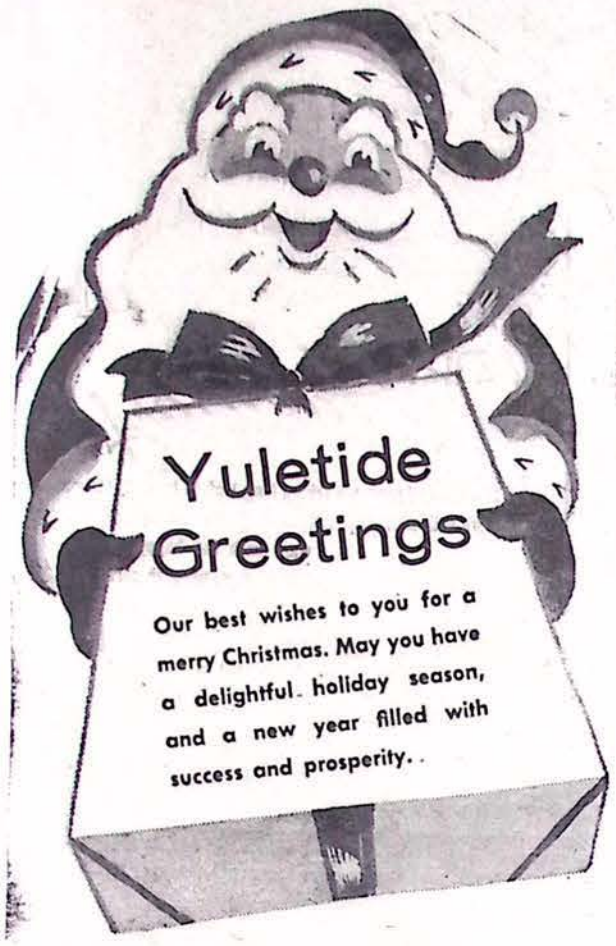
Only One Disappointment

Alice Hagen told me she has only failed in one of the many endeavours she has undertaken, which range from teaching the children of her neighbours to establishing the first art school in Nova Scotia.

"I wanted to have pottery taught in the School for the Deaf, but it has never become a fact," she said.

It was after her sixtieth birthday that she discovered the thrill of mixing glazes. She had acquired the dexterity needed to "raise" a vase on a fast spinning potter's wheel. She wanted to pass this joy on to those handicapped by deafness who must learn by feel rather than sound, so much of the beauty of artistic expression.

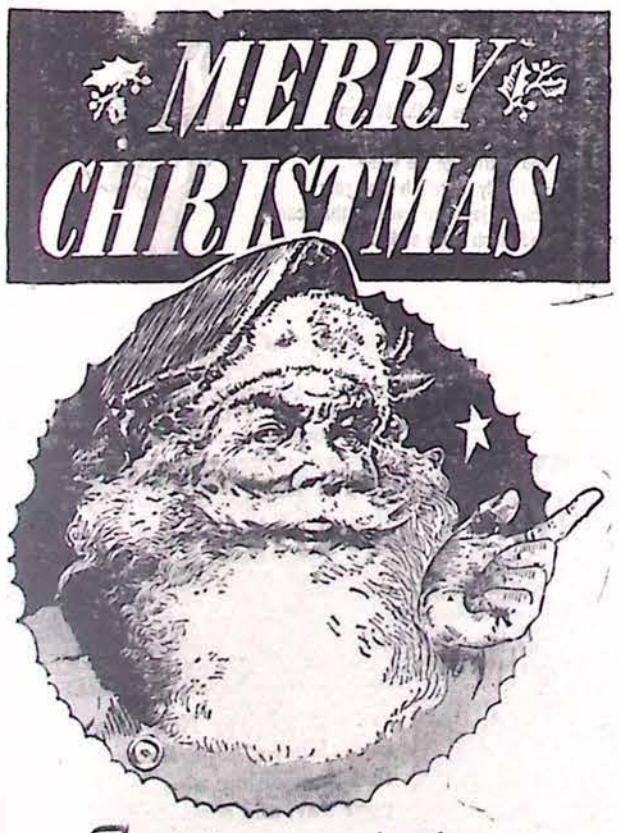
With all she has accomplished in her lifetime there isn't room for that word "fail". I am quite sure she has planted a seed that will sprout when the time is right.



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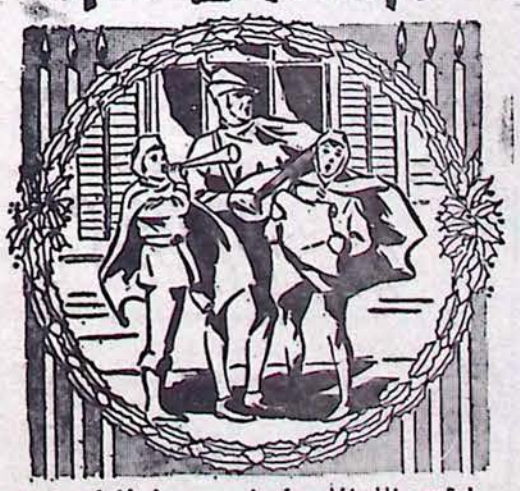
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May your every wish be granted, every hour filled with happiness, and good cheer be yours at Christmas and throughout the new year ahead.

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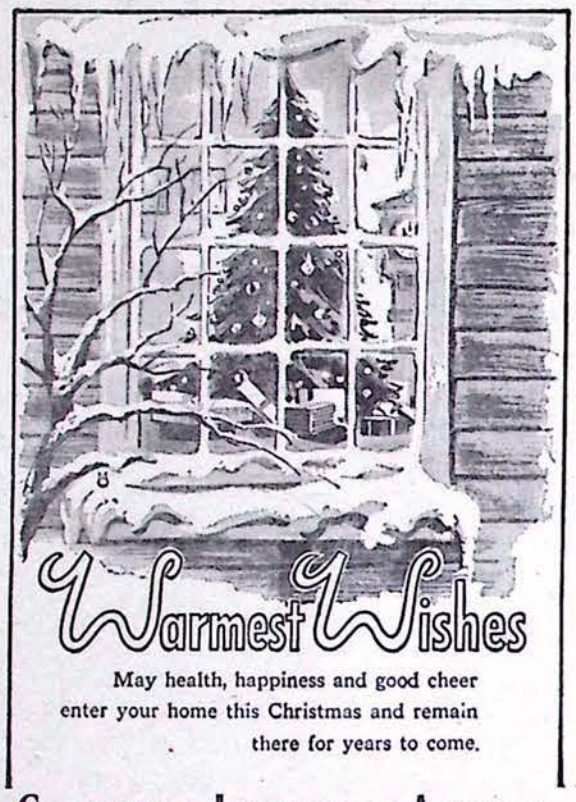


As we look back upon memories of sound friendships, we find countless names of friends and patrons that stir our hearts to this Yuletide greeting . . . may you all enjoy the very best!

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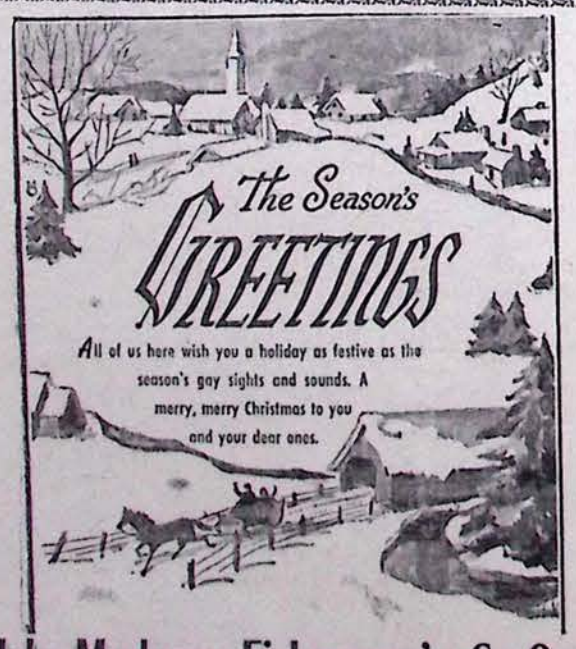
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LIGHTS FOR TREE TRACED TO LUTHER

Decorating the Christmas tree with lights is a custom that some historians trace back to Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, Encylopedia Americana researchers say.

After a walk on Christmas Eve under a brilliant starlight sky, Luther returned home and tried to reproduce the scene for his family by lighting candles on the Christmas tree.

IN NEW ORLEANS

Carol sings are a traditional part of the holiday season in New Orleans. Many of them are held across the street from St. Louis cathedral. This historic cathedral in the French Quarter is a focal point for the community's religious observances of Christmas Here youthful carolers from a private elementary school. La Petite Ecole, convene to sing the familiar songs, in both French and English.

Season's Greetings



The Christmas Season is always a time for expressions of goodwill and the exchange of friendly greetings. It is 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 MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH EVERY HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

Sincerely,

Jerry

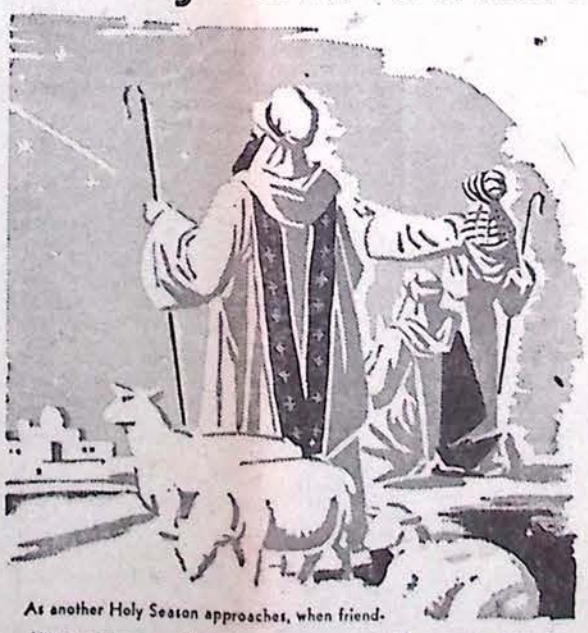
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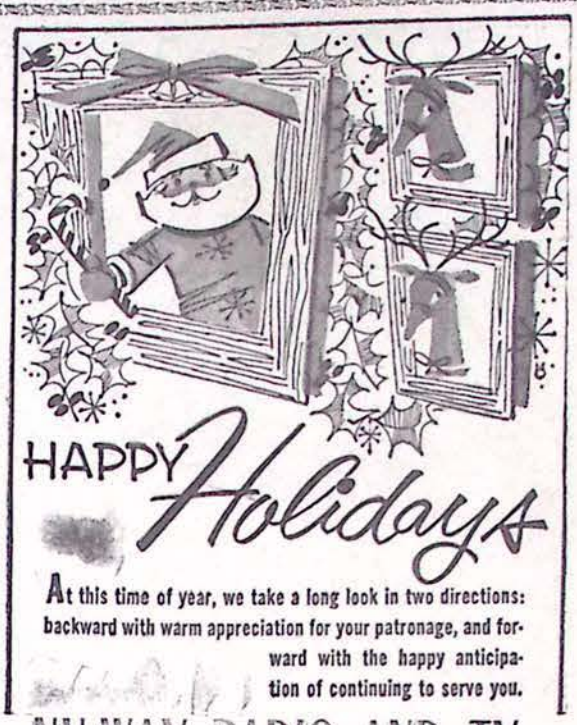
Merry Christmas



As another Holy Season approaches, when friendships are not measured but cherished, we want to wish our family of friends a truly Merry Christmas, a Christmas that will linger endlessly.

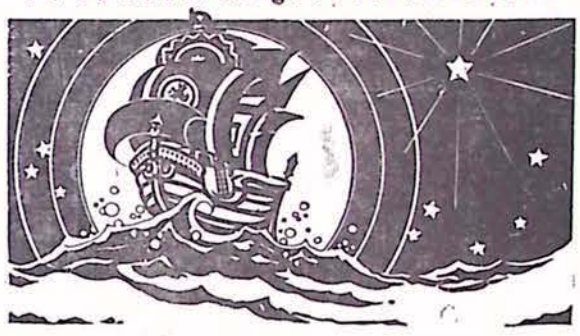
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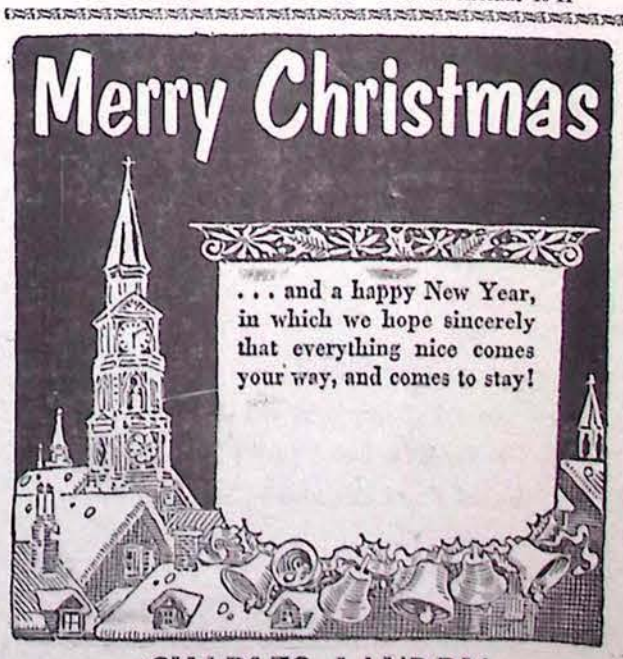


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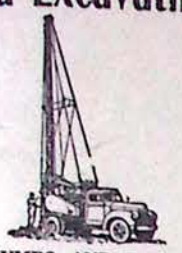


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NOVA SCOTIA NEWSLETTER

We have received the November issue of the "Nova Scotia Newsletter", published by the Nova Scotia Information Service, Provincial Building, Halifax, N. S.

This edition featured the Fishing Industry in the Province and showed the market value of fish caught in 1965 amounted to the large sum of $100,000,000.

In the last five years, $20,000,000 in new construction and modernization was spent.

A photo of the $5,000,000 Lunenburg Sea Products plant, was shown in the Newsletter. This is described as the largest and most modren in the world.

Nova Scotia is classified as a major world producer of fish and fish products.

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Construction of a $4,500,000 processing plant for Acadia Fisheries Limited in Canso is nearing completion and is expected to be in operation by July next year. The new plant replaces one destroyed by fire early this year and will be supplied by a fleet of modern trawlers, four of which are currently under construction at Ferguson Industries Limited, Pictou Nova Scotia.

Acadia's new plant will provide employment for 275 persons and will be capable of processing 30,000,000 pounds of fish a year. The company also has a plant in Mulgrave and a fish meal and oil plant in Canso.

Atlantic Sugar Refineries Limited in their 1965 annual report say that a new company is to be located in the province which will engage in the processing of 60,000,000 pounds of fish a year. Since this report was issued a new subsidiary, Atlantic Fish Processors Limited, has announced the purchase of a fish plant site at Arichat, Richmond County.

FISH BY-PRODUCTS —SOME USES

Cod Liver Oil is collected at a number of fish plants and shipped to refineries which in turn supply it to leather tanners.

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Herring scales are collected and refined into pearl essence used in making artificial pearls and buttons.

Herring roe is salted and shipped to Japan where it is considered a prime delicacy.

Cod bladders are collected and shipped to England where a clearing agent for beer is extracted.

After reading this Newsletter we are convinced that the future of the Nova Scotia Fisheries, is a bright one and we are sure many ports in this provine will profit by future development.—Editor.



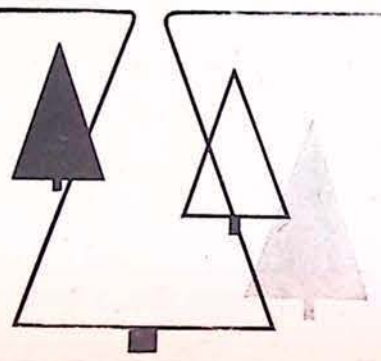
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A NOTICE to those who like to cut their own CHRISTMAS TREES

At this time of the year many persons from towns and cities make a trip to the country to cut their Christmas trees. Quite innocently they cut trees from forest lands other than their own, not realizing they are trespassing.

In fact, these persons are subjecting themselves to legal action for trespass and theft.

On the other hand, untold damage is done to the forests of the province, as well as destroying the beauty of the countryside.

To avoid legal action, obtain permission from the landowner before entering the woods to cut your Christmas tree.

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DR. WELDON PATTON LAID TO REST

Dr. Weldon Patton, highly regarded and veteran medical practioneer of Port Morien, Cape Breton, passed away on November 28, in his 88th year.

The late Dr. Patton, was a kindly gentleman, who devoted his life to his profession, most of which was spent at Port Morien, with the exception of a few years at Glace Bay. At Port Morien he went into semi-retirement not so many years ago and his interest in the welfare of his patients, was always to the forefront.

We can recall visiting the beloved doctor, accompanied by our good friend , Murray Cossitt of Sydney, about three years ago, at the time Dr. Patton was confined to his room with a temporary rheumatic condition, however, this did not hinder him from looking after his office calls, assisted by his devouted wife and we could well understand why Dr. Patton, was held in such high regard by his patients.

The doctor related many interesting stories of his long practise in Cape Breton and told us that his first medical experience after graduation was at St. Peter's in this County, when he took over the practise of the late Dr. Charles Bissett, who had gone to Europe for medical treatment. At the time Dr. Bissett informed Dr. Patton, that several cases of smallpox had broken out in the nearby districts and at Isle Madame. Dr. Patton was a very young man at that time and told us that this epidemic gave him much concern, as the great problem was to keep the patients confined to their homes and as no one had died from the disease, this made isolation more difficult. The doctor gave the people of the districts within his charge much credit for their co-operation which kept the epidemic from spreading as well as giving a youthful doctor his first experience with a difficult medical problem.

Dr. Patton also related another interesting medical event, while at St. Peters, when he was called to the home of the late Warden William C. Chisholm of Loch Lomond, during a heavy snow storm. Warden Chisholm's son had been stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis and the patient could not be moved to hospital.. Dr. Patton called a doctor from Glace Bay, who arrived at the Chisholm home the next morning, making the trip by horse drawn sleigh. On his arrival both doctors set up an emergency operating room in the kitchen of the Chisholm home, where they performed a successful operation on the youthful son of Warden Chisholm.

Some years later doctor Patton, was driving through the Loch Lomond area with his brother on their way to Amherst, where Dr. Patton was born. Approaching the Chisholm farm at Loch Lomond, Dr. Patton, said that Mr. Chisholm was working in the hay field and on meeting him asked if he remembered him. Mr. Chisholm was unable to recognize the genial doctor, however, after Dr. Patton told him of the operation he performed on his son some years previous, Mr. Chisholm was overjoyed and told Dr. Patton, that his son whose life he saved many years ago, was then residing in the province of Ontario and that both he and his wife were leaving the farm at Loch Lomond to take up residence with their son in Ontario.

We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Patton address a District Meeting of the Masonic Order at Richmond Lodge, St. Peter's a few years ago and his address was most interesting, relating early instances of his medical practise in Cape Breton as well as other historical events. Doctor Patton, we understand was an authority on provincial history and we believe he had a book published not so many years ago.

A past District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Order, he was held in high esteem in Masonic circles and it can be truly said that he lived up to the high principles of this ancient order.

He is survived by his wife and a niece, Mrs. Thompson of Oxford, Nova Scotia.



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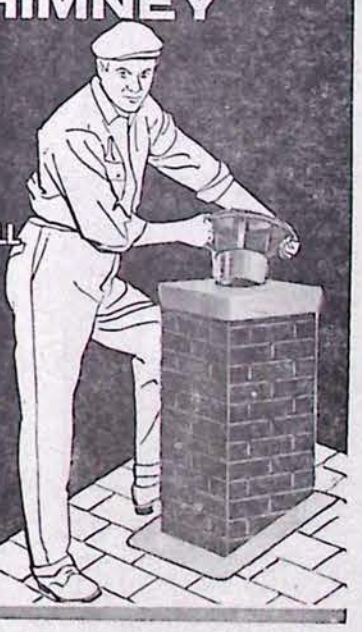
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MARRIAGE: A TOUGH TASK

What is the most difficult thing in the world to do? Climb a mountain? Swim Lake Ontario? Get through to a teenager? Face death with poise? Be a real Christian?

Nope. All of these can be done, if you have trained long enough and hard enough to prepare yourself for them; or if you have certain qualities of character.

Hilary climbed Everest. Marilyn Bell swam the lake. They began by climbing small mountains swimming little lakes.

There are a few recorded cases of adults with great patience and insight getting through to teenagers. But they probably practised on little teenagers, the 13-year olds, not yet battle-hardened.

One can face death with poise, if one has learned to face with poise all the little deaths that make up life.

One can even become a good Christian by starting on the little things like generosity and forgiveness and working up to the big hurdles, like humility and love.

The most difficult thing in the world today? To make and maintain a good marriage.

There's no place to train, for one thing. How do you get in shape? You can't start having little marriages in preparation for the big one. At least not around these parts you can't. Although some people try. I know one bird who says he has been happily married three times. All his wives are alive, not to mention kicking.

And it doesn't matter how many fine qualities you have. A veritable saint, of either sex, can have a rotten marriage; and a veritable bum, of either sex, can have a good marriage.

You might be better to read a good book on it, but after advancing and retreating in that blood-soaked no-man's-land between husband and wife, I think I have a right to be heard.

There's nothing wrong with marriage itself. It's a venerable institution. And some wag will interject here, of course, "So is Kingston Penitentiary." But let's not be cynical.

No, its our modern conception of marriage that's all wrong. We laugh at the Victorians. Prudish stuffed shirts. But they were on the right track. For them, marriage was a serious business, evolved to meet specific needs in their society. For them romantic love was usually tragic. There are no illusions about marriage in Hardy Thackeray, Galsworthy.

We are the ones with the illusions. And delusions. For us, marriage is like that cotton candy you buy on the midway. It's whipped together out of hot air and sugar It's pink and fluffy and you can hardly wait to get your teeth into it. And the first mouthful is sweet, delicious.

But pretty soon it's gone, and you're a little sick, and it's all over your face and in your hair, and you're left with a little roll of gooey paper. That's when marriage really begins.

Well, Mr. Diefenbaker has a favorite saying: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." And that's what marriage is like. Those who just think they're tough get going and keep right on going. But we really tough ones dig in our heels and stay with it.

And stay and stay and stay. According to all the propaganda from movies, television and the Ladies Home Journal, marriage is one big, wonderful miasma of giving and taking, of sharing, of total togetherness.

Oh, those things are there. You give and your wife takes. She's willing to share everything you have, from your bank account to your booze. Not necesarily equal shares, but shares. And togetherness- You'll get total togetherness until you look in the mirror some day, when you're 65, and realize with a shock that you look more like your wife than she does.

But according to us old sweats, marriage is mostly a matter of staying power. Stay out of jail, stay on the job, stay away from other women, stay on the wagon, stay healthy until your pension begins, and stay out of her way when the old lady gets steamed up.

Which I plan to do when mine reads this column.

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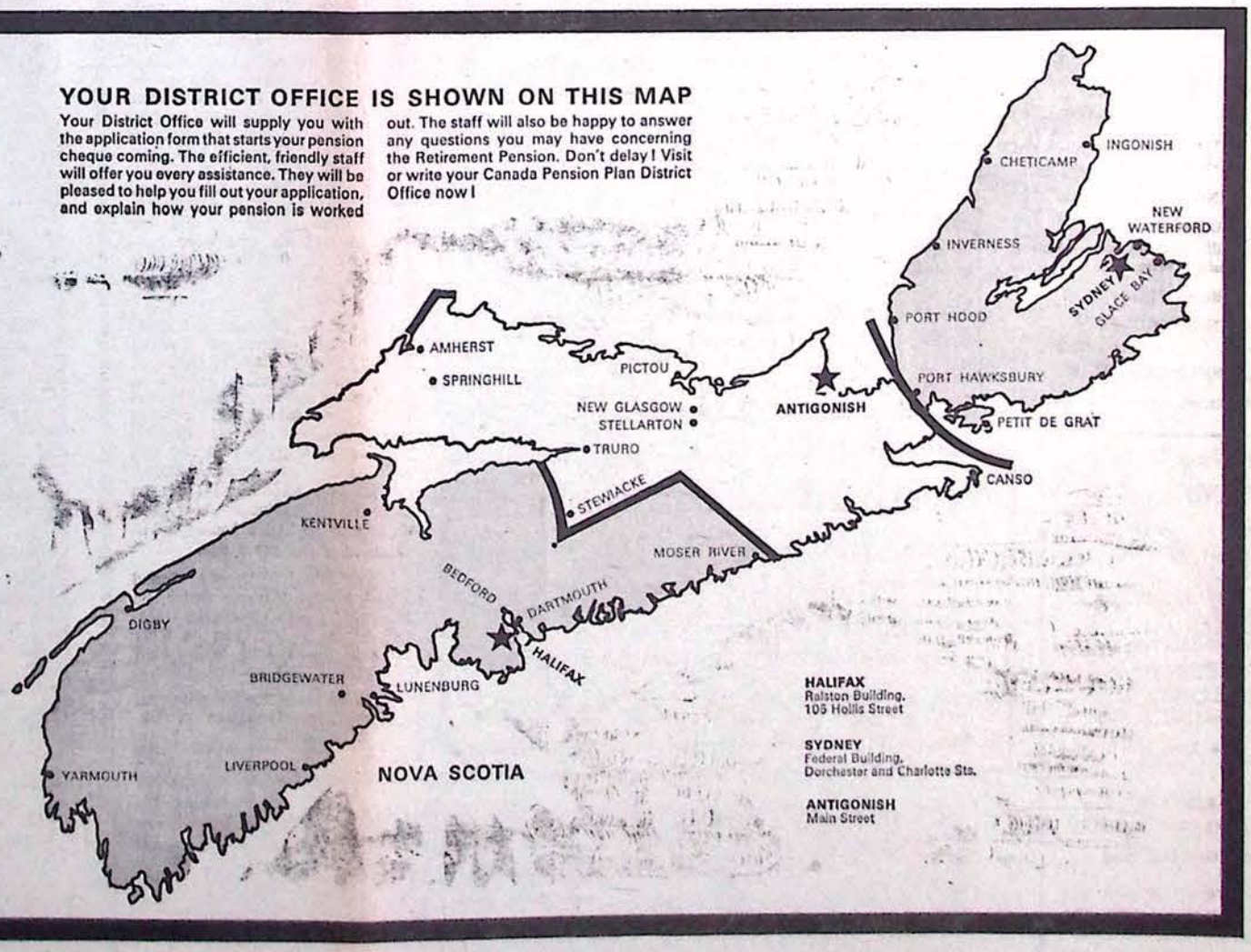
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