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SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley



NO EXPO FOR ME

We've been talking about it for a long time. It would mean a major upheavel in the family. But it's two against one, and this is a democracy. Unless, of course your wife happens to constitute the minority.

To-day I applied for an exchange teaching job in the United Kingdom. I must be out of my mind, but I did.

Daughter Kim is all for it. With the adventurous spirit of the young, and their complete lack of participation in all the work involved, she glows at the prospect.

After all, England is the land of the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and the highest mini-shirts.

England, as the song says, swings like a pendulum do. That's for Kimbo.

She'd like nothing better than to spend a year abroad. Not acquiring a broad education. Never! She looks upon education as small boys do upon washing; the squarest and most useless thing foisted on the young by stupid, loving parents.

No, what she'd like to pick up in England is a Carnaby St., wardrobe and a Liverpool accent so that she could knock the local kids dead when she comes home. The "mod" look of Cranaby is bad enough, but the dialect of the Liverpudlian is surely the ugliest in the world outside the pure Hottentot.

What she doesn't picture, and I haven't the heart to tell her, is the truth. If the deal goes through, a year from now she'll be wading through the fog in Little Muddling, or climbing the cliffs on the Isle of Mull, complete with rubber boots, raincoat and sou'wester, approximately 3,000 social miles from the England and London's West End.

My wife blows hot and cold. One week, when things are particularly obnoxious around here she's fairly keen. She sees a snug cottage, with vines and a cozy fireplace, shining brass, and an English garden out back. She envisages a jaunt into London every week end, for piano lessons, concerts, lunch and the theatre.

The next week, she's been talking to someone who has just spent a year there and was half-frozen for 12 months. Or she says flatly, piano students, and all my friends, my comfortable home, treasured "If you think I'm going to leave to go and live in some cold, clammy dump among a lot of strangers, etc., etc.

Sometimes, she wavers, and asks me what England is really like. The trouble is, I haven't been there for over 20 years. About all I can do is describe some first-rate pubs, and tell her how easy it was to lose your girl in the fog or blackout, unless you clung to her. Somehow, these descriptive gems don't fan her ardor for the trip.

As I said, no one in his right mind wants to spend a year in the U. K. I know I'll come home either riddled with rheumatism, or in a wooden box with a sheen of fog on it.

And it isn't sentiment. Admittedly, there are a few old pubs I'd like to re-visit. But they've probably changed into raucous road-houses that serve martins instead of half-and-half and the waitresses are insolent pups instead of buxom barmaids who called you "Luv" or "Ducks."

And there are a few old girlfriends I'd like to re-visit. But a friend of mine did this last year, taking his wife along. Somehow, he said, there was a lack of rapport. And they were all so old. And, even worse, they thought he was old.

And I sure as heck don't want to go and stand on some deserted, dilapidated air-drome and think of the old days. Old runways are for the birds, who make much better landings on them than I did.

No, what sparks my desire to go away for a year is none of these. It is the thought of spending the whole of Centennial Year in Canada.

Now, I love this land. But the idea of an entire year of having Expo rammed down my throat of watching municipalities solemnly snip the ribbon at such sparkling centennial projects as the new public lavatories, or the new parking lot, makes me want to throw up.

And what better place to do that than in the U.K., where I must admit I have done it before, on a number of occasions after an evening of warm pints of bitters.

NOVEL ORNAMENTS ADORN FAR LANDS

It is custimary among the Czechs and Slovak, say the editors of The Encyclopedia Americana, to break a branch off a cherry tree at the beginning of Advent, place it in a pot of water in the kitchen and keep it in the warm air. The twig is then supposed to burst into blossom at Christmas time and make a festive decoration.

The Christmas festival in China in Cheng Dan Jieh, the Holy Birth Festival. Paper decorations and evergreens adorn churches, and homes. The Christmas tree is decorated with paper flowers, and cotton snowflakes.

NAMING SANTA

Santa, the giver of many gifts, is a man of many friends, too. While he is becoming almost universally known as Santa Claus, Santa or St. Nick, many European children still wait for the arrival of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas was the first of Santa's names and came from a real bishop in the fourth century, A. D. He is said to travel not by reindeer but on horseback, and wears bishop's robes. Over the years, Santa has gained still other names. In France he's Pere Noel, in Finland Father Christmas, in Germany Kris Kringle, in Russia Father or Grandfather Fost.

Harry E. McDonald Passes Away

Harry E. McDonald, a highly regarded and well known resident of D'Escousse, passed away at St Rita's Hospital, Sydney after a long illness.

The late Mr. McDonald who was in his 84th year engaged in building contracting and retired from this work, not so many years ago and prior to this was in the employ of the late A. S. MacMillan and being a Civil Engineer by profession, he undertook a large contract at Ste. Pierre-Miquelon for the MacMillan Construction Co., some years ago and at that time the depression was prevelent throughout Canada and residents of Isle Madame, can recall how the late Harry McDonald, took many men from this section to the French colony, where they were employed for several years and to this day, we have heard many of his former employees speaking highly of the late Mr. McDonald.

The late Mr. McDonald served in the Municipal Council, for several terms and during our last term of Council, we served with Mr. McDonald, and found in him a man of strong convictions and carried out his duties in a fearless and outspoken manner. He served on the Finance Committee of the Council for some years and retired as a Councillor about five years ago.

An active member of St. Anne's Hospital Board, he was Chairman of the building committee.

Very active in community affairs, he was a director of the North Isle Madame Credit Union and also a member of the Laurence Cavanagh Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The funeral which was largely attended took place from St. Hyacinth's Church, D'Escousse of which the late Mr. McDonald, was a devout member. Very Rev. A P. Poirier, of Arichat, was the celebrant at the Requiem Mass assisted by Rev. Father John MacDonald, of Petit de Grat and Rev Father Albert Doucet, of West Arichat. The pastor Rev. Father James Mombourquette, delivered a very inspiring sermon.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Poirier, daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Leona Poirier; three daughters: Leona, D'Escousse; Eleanor (Mrs. J Emile Benoit), Arichat; Mrs. W. J. Lawrence, Windsor, Ont.; two sons, Clement H., Spryfield, Halifax and Harry B. Ottawa.

Prior to the funeral the remains rested at the Boucher Funeral Home, Arichat and all arrangements were in charge of C. A. Boucher, Funeral Director.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem MacDonald, of Spryfield; Mrs. Lawrence of Windsor, Ont., and Harry McDonald of Ottawa, were in attendance at the funeral.

To Mrs. MacDonald and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Of Many Things

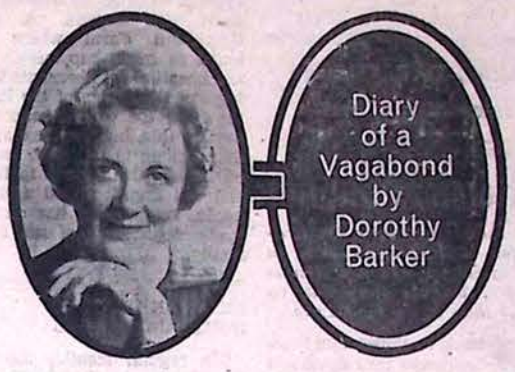
By AMBROSE HILLS

This will be our first Christmas on Greenhorn Farm. Here in our particular part of B.C.'s Fraser Valley, it appeared that we were going to have a green Christmas, but finally, in answer to the prayers of the children I guess, the snow came, in big, fat, fluffy flakes to decorate our trees and turn our meadows white.

I've never known a green Christmas and could have enjoyed it, but the kids were happy as larks when the snow came. The animals seemed to enjoy it too; even little Wooly-Bully insisted on being let out of his warm stable to sniff around and kick up his heels in that blanket of white stuff. Wooly-Bully's stall is decorated with Christmas cards, too, sent to him by kind readers of this column, most of whom added a note expressing the hope that we'd never eat him no matter how big and fat he gets. We won't either, so I can look him in the face now and scratch under his jaws without twinge of conscience. Wooly-Bully is going to be our farm mascot, and we hope he'll be an inspiration to the other animals which we will raise for more commercial purposes.

Topper, our dog, who has started to answer to his new name, BINKY, or another one we've tried on him "Two", is enjoying the holiday season. The kids strapped a bell to his collar and he seems proud as punch of the jingle he makes when he dances around. Sam, our cat, is getting much too fat, and lives to sneak into the kitchen where all the savoury smells are. The horses too, gets treats at Christmas, and very special attention to see that

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EXPO 67 REAPING PROMOTION HARVESTS

A dollar in the till is worth several in someone's pocket. Expo 67 officials realized this as they announced the sale of Expo passports already have rung up over $15,000,000 in cash. This advanced sales promotion for "Man and His World" has not only proved a mark of genius and originality but also one of confidence on the part of the public in Canada's ability to host this great centenary celebration.

Announcement that total sales are away in advance of the original program was made recently by Andre Mercier, deputy director of visitor services. Returns from the 9,982 sales outlets set up in the United States are only just beginning to come in. These amount to about $500,000 of the total in Expo's coffers now.

Distribution of sales has been interesting, ranging from 11 seven day passports sold in Whitehorse N.W.T., to five through the Phoenix National Bank, in Phoenix, Arizona. Canadian distributors have reported sales in all of the 1,100 national outlets. Season passports surprisingly enough are popular in British Columbia where during the summer month of July alone 5,425 seven-day passes were sold through bank branches in that most westerly province. The Atlantic provinces as well as Quebec and Ontario have provincial sales figures in the thousands to date.

COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE

Among pavillions that have been completed is that of the Canadian National Railways, which is devoted to the theme illustrating time and motion. This is done by the effective use of animated story-telling devices, sound effects lighting and a theatre where a special film on montion will be shown.

This particular pavilion consists of a cluster of polyhedrons, or geometric cells, raised above the ground and connected to each other. From the outside, in daytime, they appear to be made of a reflecting black glass. Inside it is possible to see through the glass clearly.

The nine individual cells, resembing large cut gems are 24 feet across at their widest and are ranged at various heights up to 50 feet from the ground. Its keys have already been turned over to N. J. MacMillan, who becomes president of the railway on January 1.

FIREPLACE CLAIMS EARLY ROLE IN YULE FESTIVITY

When Santa comes sliding down the chimney on Christmas Eve where will he land?

Right in the fireplace, an area that has been a traditional part of Christmas for more years than Santa has worn a red suit!

Before the turn of the century, Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, frequently wore a blue robe, although Clement Clarke More, in "A Visit from St. Nicholas," pictured him as "clad all in fur, from his head to his foot."

But for centuries, the fireplace has been a treasured and often vital part of the home.

The fireplace as it exists to-day —that is, the firebox along the wall, with a chimney instead of an open fire in the middle of the room— dates from about 1066.

Built of Wood

Early fireplaces were built of wood or wicked, but they proved so dangerous that in the year 1419 the City of London declared that hence forth fireplaces be made of tiles, stone or plaster, under the penalty of being demolished.

A greatly improved system of making tiles was adopted by the Dutch from the Spaniards following the Treaty of Breda in 1609, and paved the way for more elaborately decorated ceramics on fireplace facings, walls and mantels.

The use of such tiles for fireplaces soon spread to England, and then to the Colonies.

Skilled Dutch craftsmen decorated ceramic tiles with designs of oranges, grapes, tulips, vases of flowers, ships, sea monsters, landscapes, horsemen and royal portraits.

The English used similar pictures and added many charming scenes designed by renowed artists, including Kate Greenaway, famed for her Christmas card designs.

Set a Precedent

These tiles were used both to line the fireplace and on mantels and other surfacings, setting a precedent for modern fireplaces.

In America, the Pilgrims built crude stone fireplaces, then constructed their log huts around them.

Today, as in those earlier years, ceramic tile remains a practical and decorative surfacing material for fireplaces, and the home owner has a far wider choice to work with than did early home builders.

More than 250 different ceramic tile sizes, shapes and textures are supplied by American manufacturers, says the Tile Council of America.

Just as in the early days, special decorative tiles give the fireplace a distinctive touch of elegance to greet Santa when he arrives, via the traditional route.

AN OUTDOOR TALE

The Fox That Spoke At Christmas

By PETE McGILLEN

Christmas Eve. Snow was falling as gently as feathers. The author-turned-trapper had one more set to check before he headed for his partner's cosy cabin.

As he brushed through the spruce and alders, he spotted something in the trap. It was a red fox. The pelt had little value. He was about to finish the animal with a bullet from his rifle, when he noticed it was caught by one front paw. The fox was so weak, it scarcely noticed him. He took off a snowshoe, held the animal down by kneeling on the edge of the shoe, and opened the trap.

The fox opened his eyes, but didn't move, and the trapper muttered, "You poor old gaffer, you've just about had it." Why he showed this compassion, he'll never know, but maybe it was the spirit of Christmas.

As he slipped his foot back in to the shoe harness, the fox started to talk. It must have been the fox, there wasn't anyone else within miles.

"Thanks for sparing me, but save your sympathy for your own kind."

ONCE BEFORE

The trapper was bewildered and frightened, and was about to speak, but the fox interrupted, "Don't talk, I haven't long to live and I'd like to return the favor by helping you. Don't be too surprised that I talk because after all dumb animals knelt in mute worship on another Christmas almost 2,000 years ago, and I believe some of them talked.

"I'm not afraid to die, I've done what I was put in this world to do. I am a link in a food chain, and as such I am a servant of man. I have but one desire and that is to survive as long as possible.

"Like all animals, I live by instinct. I do no wrong. I never offend my Creator, because all my actions are governed by instinct. I am not like man, because I wasn't born with a free will or the burden of a conscience or an immortal soul, or with an intellect slightly less than the angels. Unlike man, I've lived a perfect life.

"But what of you? What will you have to offer your Maker when it's time for you to go?"

The trapper stood like a man in a trance, too frightened to be angry.

IN BALANCE

The fox started to talk again. "In nature everything is in balance. When that balance gets out of kilter, and man usually is to blame, we have plagues, disease, poor crops, starvation. Man is not only out of tune with his God, but he's out of tune with Nature.

"Man knows that the fruit of redemption are available to all men down through the ages to the end of time. He also knows that he was given the ten commandments to live by, a standard of morality, and will power to resist temptation.

"But what has man done? He has abused his free will. He's so mixed up he has no true sense of values. Many say the ten commandments are out of date. They have no reasonable application to modern-day life. Some of you have degraded your intellect to the point where you're lower than I am. You have fabricated your own gods of sex, power and money. You believe now that these are all that matter and you die. You have adopted the philosophy of the pagan, 'Eat, drink and make merry, for tomorrow you die.'

"You started off with a philosophy of love, the essence of Christmas. It showed a bit tonight when you spared me. But you've discarded it for hate — domestic, national and international.

ONLY A MEANS

"You fail to realize that money, fame and social prestige are important only as a means to a virtuous life. You abuse and exaggerate them.

"No longer have you a fixed set of principles. Rather do you adjust them to meet conditions and situations as they arise. That's what was meant in the Biblical saying 'A reed shaken by the wind.'

"In your present state of mind, you have two choices: either you adopt the optimistic philosophy of life, with a dream, an ambition, that man can rise to the heights of God and be a substitute for Him, or else you become so pessimistic that you become a beast.

"You lead an empty life without virtue, and reach death with empty hands in despair and possibly by suicide.

"The heart of the Christian should be revived by the Christmas story. It gives him a true vision of things. For a short while he's the man he should be. He quiets his restlessness by realizing that he'll be restless until he rests in God.

AN ANGRY GOD

"But I'm talking too long and getting very weak. So here's my return favor: This world is in a dangerous state of balance with good just tipping the scales a bit. Today you have an angry God, you have seen signs of his anger in recent tragedies. The only reason He hasn't destroyed the world is because of the prayers, sacrifices, acts of charity, acts of love of the thousands of quiet virtuous people who never make the headlines.

"You haven't much time left to make your contribution."

Just then a skift of snow slipped off the spruce bough and plopped down on the trapper's cap. He brushed it away, removing his cap to do so. When he looked back at the fox, there was nothing — except a crimson stain darkening the virgin-white snow.



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No Room in the Inn

"And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke

At Christmas, in church and home devotions, Christians turn again and again to the Biblical story of that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago.

From the words of two of his disciples, Luke and Matthew, they learn of humble shepherds watching in a field, of herald angles singing, of a Star that shone in the East to guide the Wise Men on their way.

In every word of the sacred story, the first Christmas lives anew. And most cherished of all are the words that tell of the simple manger scene, of Mary, and Joseph, and the Christ Child.

"And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

The words, as simple as the scene, inspire awe and wonder, for the glory of the moment, for the miracle that was wrought. Yet the same words bring a homely comfort, too. It is a miracle that even a child may comprehend, for there, living again in the words, is the Baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"Because there was no room for them in the inn."

The words echo across the ages, and rejoicing is tinged with bittersweet. That — as in the words of the famous carol, "Away In A Manger," — "the litle Lord Jesus" had "no crib for His bed" weighs on the heart of Christianty.

Even here at the manger there is the shadow of suffering in store for the Son of God, of trials soon to begin with the flight into Egypt, and to end on the Cross.

But the glory prevails, in the miracle of the humble manger, and ahead, through the shadows of the future, through anguish and agony, shines the radiance of Easter.

At Christmas time Christians everywhere rejoice at the words of the angel and only love can prevail at this time of the year and if we are the Christians we profess to be this love should be everlasting.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke.

OF MANY THINGS

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their stalls are clean and dry and thick with fresh bedding.

I don't think Nora or I have ever looked forward to Christmas as much as we do this year on our own little farm. And our only regret is that we didn't manage to raise our own things for eating, but we have our own holly and our own Christmas trees aplenty. Fact is, I feel so darn good about the whole thing, I'm likely to go Indian, and spread a little tobacco down the creek and under the cypress trees as an offering to the Gods who brought us here to Greenhorn Farm where we've found so much happiness. There are beautiful fat pheasants wandering along the edge of the bush not far from the window where I am writing this, but they are safe, for they belong to us, since we started feeding them early in the Fall and will keep it up all winter. It's ironic, but farming has darn near made vegetarians of me and my family.

PETIT DE GRAT HOME AND SCHOOL

The regular monthly meeting of the Petit de Grat Home and School Association, was held in the Consolidated School on Tuesday evening, December13th.

The meeting was called to order by the Presidene, Mr. A. A. MacNeil and Father D. Doucett led the members in the opening prayer.

The minutes of the last meetwere read and approved after which the various committees gave their reports.

The President stated that the special committee set up to look into the matter of improving the school playgrounds had contacted a contractir and his estimate for improving same was $2,000. This matter now rests with the Municipality, however, it was suggested that a brief be drawn up and sent to the Local School Board concerning this improvement.

A motion was made that the selection of members of the Home and School and Trustees of the School be left to hte discretion of Mr. W. Boudreau to meet with Mr. Gerald Doucet to discuss the possibility of a new road to the school.

Mr. Nazaire Samson, Principal, told the meeting that the two TV sets had been received at the school and that after the Christmas vacation, students would be viewing the programs designed for their education.

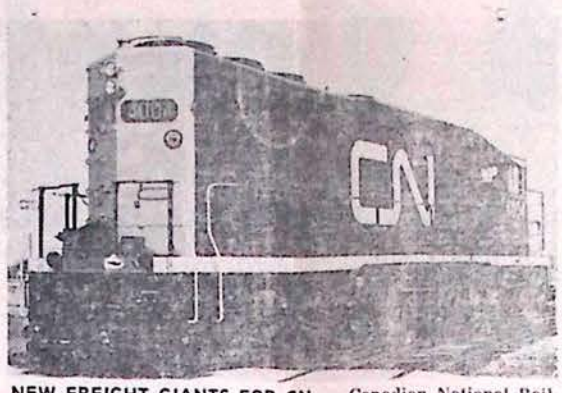
The parents of children attending the Isle Madame Dstrict High were extended a welcome to visit hte High School.

The sum of $50.00 was donated to purchase Christmas treats for the school children.

Rev. D. Doucett wished the members present a Merry Christmas and Prosperity in the New Year.

The meeting adjourned and gifts were distributed among the members after which a delicious lunch was served.

On behtalf of the Petit de Grat Home and School best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year is extended to the Editor and staff of the Record.



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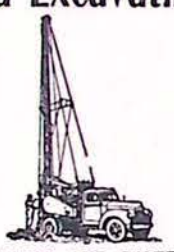
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ARTHUR CORDEAU DIES SUDDENLY AT POIRIERVILLE

Arthur Cordeau the youthful son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leon Cordeau of Poirierville, passed away suddenly at his home on Poirierville on Thursday, December the 22nd. Arthur who was only 18 years and 6 months, will be greatly misssed by his bereaved parents, brothers, sisters and relatives. He was held in high regard by neighbors and friends.

Besides his parents, he is survived by four brothers and sisters; Alphonse and William in Halifax; Raymond and James at home; (Annie,), Mrs. Harold Loretter, New Brunswick; (Cecilia), Mrs. Phonse Shannon, Halifax; Halifax and Madeline of D'Es-Margarette and Josephine both of cousse.

The funeral took place at 2 p.m., on Saturday afternoon at St. Hyacinth Church, D'Escousse with Interment in the Parish Cemetary.

We extend oud sympathy to the berevaed parents and family.

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ROLLAND POIRIER

Rolland Poirier of Poirierville, passed away suddenly after a brief illness at St. Ann's Hospital, Arichat, on December 22nd.

The late Mr. Poirier, was a resident of Boston, Mass., for many years and both he and Mrs. Poirier returned to Poirierville a few years ago where they took up permanent residence, on his retirement.

The deceased was a son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Frederick Poirier of D'Escousse.

A highly regarded citizen of the North Side, Rolland Poirier, was much interested in community affairs and was a member of the Arichat-Isle Madame Board of Trade.

The late Mr. Poirier was in his 78th year and is survived by his wife, the former Bella Joyce of D'Escousse and one daughter, Mrs. Matthew Russo of New Hampshire, who was in attendance at the fuoeral.

Very Rev. Father A. P. Porier of Arichat was celebrant at the Requiem Mass and was assisted by Rev. Father John MacDonald, of Petit de Grat and Rev. Albert Doucet of West Arichat.

Rev. Father James Mombourpuette, pastor of St. Hyacinth's delivered a very fitting sermon on the occasion.

We exend our sympahty to the breaved wife and daughter.

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BULK PLANT MANAGER FOR SPEEDY PROPANE

E. R. (Ted) Latimer, Manager of "Speedy Propane", Sydney has announced the appointment of Cline Bourinot, of Arichat, as Bulk Plant Manager of their plant on Kings Road in Sydney.

"Speedy Propane" Showrooms are located at 592 George Street, Sydney.

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FROM HALIFAX

Lionel Boudreau of Halifax, accompanied by a friend, Russell Babineau also of Halifax were holiday visitors here at home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeCoste, reau, Petit de Grat, where Lionel Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Boud-Arichat and also at the home of visited his grandmother, Mrs. DeCoste.

Before returning to Halifax on Christmas Day they visited Fred G. Gagnon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone.,

In French Canada

In French-Canadian homes, one of the highlights of Chrishmas is the "Reveillon," a middle of the night family feast, for adults. The meal is served after the return from midnight mass but the preparations start many weeks ahead.

Much of the food for the feast, nowadays, centers around turkey and trimmingsf. But the traditional dishes, including goose with nut stuffing, and such specialties as "tourtieres," or spicy pork pies, are still prepared for the Reveillon.

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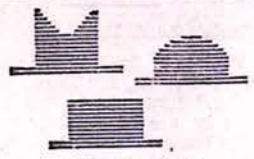
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FROM TRURO

Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Samson (Lil Acton), were motor visitors from Truro and spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mary Acton and family. While here they also visited Mr. Samson's father, Jas D. Samson, of Petit de Grat.

They are both on the staff of Truro Schools and returned home during the week.



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TAKES UP COURSE

Gerald Stone, now serving in the R. C. A. F., at Northport, Ont., will be leaving for Flordia the latter part o fthe month to take a three-month course in electronics. Gerald is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone of this place.

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TO TORONTO

Murdock P. MacRae, formerly of Kempt Road, but now employed in Halifax, spent the Christmas Holidays, visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George MacRae, Toronto.

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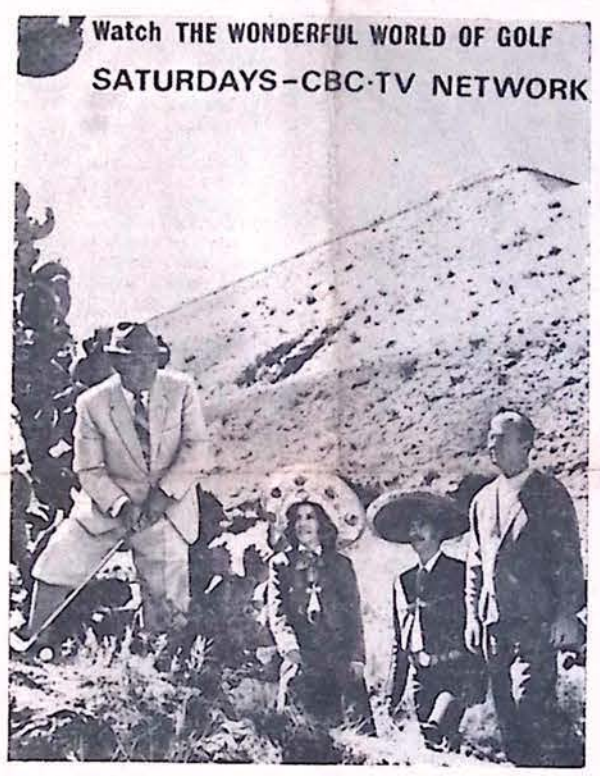
FROM TRURO

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Robertson, of Truro, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Robertson's sister and brother, Ralph and Laura Cutler. They returned to their home during the week.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF



Commentators Gene Sarazen (left) and Jimmy Demaret (right), seen here in Mexico, visits lands far and near Saturday afternoons starting December 31, on The Wonderful World of Golf to be seen, in color, on the CBC-TV network. The popular international golf series features outstanding players from many nations competing on some of the world's most beautiful and difficult courses.

BUSY WATERFRONT

The Petit de Grat waterfront was busy prior to Christmas with the unloading of fish catches at the Booth plant. All the draggers laid up at the Booth dock to allow the Captains, Engineers and crews to enjoy Christmas with their respecetive families.

Several smaller draggers from New Brunswick, landed catches at the Booth plant and tied up at hte Government wharf at Petit de Grat and several crew members ilies in various parts of New spent Christmas with theih fam-Brunswick. Some of these draggers will fish out of Petit de Grat during the winter months.

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FROM SYDNEY

Mrs. E. R. Latimer and children of Sydney are visiting at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Gilbert Girrior at West Arichat. Friends were pleased to see Cecil and the girls.

RETURNS HOME

Mr. E. C. Doyle, a veteran citizen of the town, has returned from the V. G. Hospital, Halifax, where he underwent a successful operation and is once more looking after the chores about his home. Mr. Doyle who has always been interested in farming puts in a small crop of vegetables every fall and keeps a few head of cattle. Mr. Doyle has been interested in Agriculture in this county for many years and at one time was the President of the Richmond County Farmers Association.

During his long term of office as Clerk-Treasurer of this County, he always upheld the interests of our prime industries, farming and fishing and felt that the younger generation should take a greater part in the development of these industries.

We are looking forward to qublishing an autobiography oo his life, which has been well spent in the pursuits of the various occupations he so well filled during the long working years of his life.

We wish Mr. Doyle many more years of happiness.

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Extensions of Use Are As Follows

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Operator's Licenses	End of Birth Month	$1.00

Do not apply for renewal of your Operator's License until the month of birth, as shown on your present license.

Commercial Plates, including Trailer, Farm and Road Equipment	January 31, 1967
Passenger Plates and Motorcycles	March 31, 1967

1967 registrations will be available after December 20, 1966.

1966 passenger vehicle plates will be used for 1967 revalidated by two scotchlite reflective stickers in black and white affixed to the 1966 number plates — one to the front number plate and one to the rear number plate — in the centre of the number plates immediately below the words "Nova Scotia".

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1. Thoroughly clean license plates. Remove wax, tar, and other foreign matter. 2. Remove backing by bending and peeling off at scoreline. 3. Position sticker directly below Nova Scotia and centre between bolt holes. 4. Firmly rub sticker and edges down with thumb.

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Shape Of Santa Around The World

By MARK ALAN

Nothing is so sacred that it can escape change in this world of ours — not even the shape of Santa Claus.

If the original St. Nicholas, who was Bishop of Myra in the 4th century, could see the way we in Canada picture him today, he would likely be anything but flattered.

St. Nicholas of Myra is believed to have been a gentle and quiet man, who wore proudly the stately garb of his church. He was far different from the big-bellied, loud-laughing, red-robed elf we have made him into today.



IN FRANCE

The Santa Claus we know is unique to North America, although our image of him is rapidly becoming popular in the rest of the world. And although the tradition of St. Nicholas dates back many centuries, our type of Santa Claus is less than 100 years old.

WISE OLD MAN

Before this time, in both Canada and the United States, people saw the saint of Christmas as Holland's San Nicolaas. He appeared as a kindly, wise old man, thin and graceful, dressed in a flowing bishop robe, a bishop's mitre, and carrying a crozier.

His appearance began to change, however, as people from other nations immigrated to North America and enriched our Christmas customs.

England introduced the idea that St. Nicholas should make his rounds on Christmas Eve, rather than on the eve of December 5.

From Scandinavia came the idea that reindeer should pull Santa's sleigh, rather than retain the old Dutch tradition of a great white horse pulling a wagon.

TOYS, TOO!

Germans taught us that Kris Kringle brings toys to well-behaved children, supplementing the load of candies and sweets brought by the Dutch San Nicolaas.

Gradually other immigrants added their influence as well, until the result was the ho-hoing, jolly, jelly-paunched Santa Claus of today.

The acceptance of this type of Santa Claus with the general public was greatly due to the efforts of two Americans: Clement Moore and Thomas Nast.

Clement Moore was a minister in New York who in 1822 wrote a poem called "A Visit From St. Nicholas." In this poem he describes St. Nicholas as a "jolly old elf" who is pulled on "a miniature sleigh" by "eight tiny reindeer."

St. Nicholas was now a mischievous though generous imp, rather than the old-style kindly bishop.

STANDARD SANTA

Cartoonist Thomas Nast about 50 years later did with pictures to Santa Claus what Moore did with words.

He standardized Santa Claus with magazine drawings, showing him as a jolly old man with a snowy white beard, and wearing bright red breeches with big fur-lined boots and fur-trimmed jacket and hat.

This is the way North Americans still imagine Santa Claus to look like, although Europeans have their own concept of his appearance and personality.



IN HOLLAND

And for each concept, there is a different name: In France he is known as Pere Noel, or Bonhomme Noel; in Hungary he is Father Christmas; in Italy he's known as Bobbo Natale; and in Russia he is called Grandfather Frost.

But no matter what his name, and regardless of his appearance, one thing remains universal and unchanged about Santa Claus: He is the symbol of goodness and kindness in human nature, and the promise of reward for well-behaved children.

Gerald J. Doucet

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ONE HOLIDAY HAS MANY RITUALS

Though Christmas comes but once a year, there is certainly no one and only way to celebrate it. In addition to the many customs that are generally shared— lights, bells, trees, gifts, Santa, prayer and feasting— the special ways of observing the holiday are as varied and numerous as the communities and families involved.

Often the history and culture of a community is the inspiration for the way it celebrates Christmas. In other cases the "customs" are consciously developed, in an effort to express the spirit of the season. It doesn't take long for these community projects to become well-loved, even "old-fashioned" traditions.

Volumes could be filled with an account of interesting community Christmases, each of them different. A few are summarized below.

"Santa's Land, U. S. A."

Feature of the Christmas season at Putney, Vt., is "Santa's Land. U.S.A." Santa greets his friends here in one of his homes-away-from-home— since the North Pole must be considered his official residence.

The building is set against a background of pine trees, in the foothills of Vermont's Green mountains. The large letters "S.C." on the chimney identify it as Santa's residence.

"Christmas Tree Lane"

Important part of the holiday season in California is the famous ceremony of "Christmas Tree Lane" at Altadena.

Huge deodar cedars border a public thoroughfare in this city, and at Christmas it is transformed into "Christmas Tree Lane." The trees are lit with thousands of bulbs, turned on at duck on Christmas Eve, and motorists celebrate the spectacle by driving slowly along the lane.

The tall, graceful cedars were brought to California by Captain Frederick J. Woodbury who, while visiting in India, saw them growing on the slopes of the Himalayas. He returned with deodar seeds, which he planted on his ranch.

"City of Candlelight"

"Richmond— City of Candlelight" has been the Christmas theme for Richmond, Va., for the past years.

Taking the cue from Colonial Williamsburg, Richmond sought to initiate the rebirth of an old-fashioned Christmas tradition by urging residents and organizations to "place an electric candle in every window."

The shopping area presents triple candles in evergreen bases set in the median strip; from the windows of the governor's mansion and the capital, glow electric candles; incoming planes are greeted with candles at the airport; virtually every building in the city co-operates.

In NewMexico

Indian, Spanish and American cultures all contribute to the ways of celebrating Christmas in New Mexico.

"Prayer dances" performed by the Indians unite their ancient ceremonials with their present Christianity. Following midnight mass on Christmas Eve they hold four days of prayer dances. At Taos Pueblo, Indians conduct a "procession of torches" during Christmas week.

The candles known as luminaries are a Spanish contribution. Put up early in December, they are used to outline walls of houses and stores, as well as curbs and driveways.

Then there is the ceremony of the posada. For nine days, the story of the Nativity and the holy family's search for shelter is acted out by churches, hatels, social groups and families.

And, along with all the festive and religious observations of Christmas in New Mexico, it's certain that the American contribution jolly old Santa Claus, is well remembered.

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